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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION REPORT PUBLISHED
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THE REPORT BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION, WHICH INCLUDES A NUMBER OF WIDE-RANGING RECOMMENDATIONS, WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH.

THE DETAILED REPORT IS THE CULMINATION OF TWO YEARS STUDY BY THE COMMITTEE WHICH WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN OCTOBER 1977.

CHAIRLED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP WHICH COMPRISES SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, WAS DRAWN FROM INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL AND ACADEMIC CIRCLES, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE REQUIRED IT TO ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON WHETHER THE PROCESS OF DIVERSIFICATION OF THE ECONOMY, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, CAN BE FACILITATED BY THE MODIFICATION OF EXISTING POLICIES OR THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICIES.+

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED : +THE COMMITTEE WAS CONCERNED WITH WHETHER EXISTING GOVERNMENT POLICIES SHOULD BE MODIFIED, OR NEW ONES DEvised TO FACILITATE AND STIMULATE THE PROCESS OF DIVERSIFICATION WITHIN THE ECONOMY.+

HE SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS NOT CONCERNED WITH HOW THE ECONOMY SHOULD BE DIVERSIFIED, AND THEREFORE WAS NOT CONCERNED WITH SELECTING ANY PARTICULAR INDUSTRY OR PRODUCT FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE MAJOR PROCEDURAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT ARE :

- (A) THAT A STANDING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO PLAN, TO MONITOR AND TO ADVISE ON VARIOUS PROGRAMMES IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO THE PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES, TECHNICAL BACK-UP SERVICES AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH-
- (B) THAT THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD ADVISE ON OVERALL STRATEGY IN RELATION TO INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION, IN PLACE OF THE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, AND THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE CO-ORDINATED BY THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, WHICH SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE A +ONE-STOP+ FACILITY FOR DEALING IN HONG KONG WITH POTENTIAL INVESTORS.
- (C) A STATUTORY INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AUTHORITY SHOULD BE CREATED TO ORGANISE INDIVIDUAL AREAS OF MANPOWER TRAINING, AND THAT SUCH TRAINING SHOULD BE FINANCED FROM GENERAL REVENUE-

- (D) THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD TRANSFER POLICY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES FROM THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, AND THAT THE LATTER SHOULD INVESTIGATE WHETHER THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WOULD RESPOND MORE FLEXIBLY TO THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY IF THEY WERE MOVED FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND PLACED UNDER THE CONTROL OF EITHER THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL OR THE POLYTECHNIC-
- (E) THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ESTABLISH AN OFFICE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA-
- (F) THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE ACTIVE STEPS TO ESTABLISH A FORUM TO IMPROVE THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ITSELF AND THE DIFFERENT SUB-SECTORS OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT, APART FROM RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN PROCEDURAL NATURE, THE COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD SEEK FURTHER TO STRENGTHEN HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC INFRA-STRUCTURE IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS :

- (A) AIM TO INCREASE FURTHER THE PLANNED SUPPLY OF INDUSTRIAL LAND-
- (B) ENSURE THAT THE DEMANDS OF INDUSTRY FOR VARIOUS LEVELS OF EDUCATED AND TRAINED MANPOWER WILL BE ADEQUATELY SATISFIED-
- (C) SEEK TO IMPROVE THE PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES, IMPROVE THE RANGE OF QUALITY CERTIFICATION SERVICES AND ESTABLISH A PRIMARY STANDARDS LABORATORY, TOGETHER WITH A SYSTEM FOR ACCREDITING SECONDARY LEVEL CALIBRATION LABORATORIES-
- (D) INTENSIFY INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION ACTIVITIES AND IMPROVE THEIR ORGANISATION-
- (E) INCREASE THE INFORMATION GATHERING AND REPRESENTATIONAL CAPABILITY OF THE OVERSEAS OFFICES OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT-
- (F) IMPROVE ITS CAPABILITY FOR ANALYSING THE ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF LEGISLATION AND IMPROVE ITS UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY ON ISSUES INVOLVING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY-
- (G) AIM TO IMPROVE HONG KONG'S TRANSPORTATION LINKS WITH CHINA-
- (H) SEEK AN EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE INHIBITING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SECONDARY MARKET IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DENOMINATED CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD NOW BE EXAMINED WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, IN CONSULTATION WITH DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED AND THE ADVICE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WOULD BE SOUGHT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

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INCREASED EFFORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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THE GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT WHICH PLAYS A CENTRAL ROLE IN THE FORMULATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICY IN HONG KONG IS BEING STRENGTHENED TO ENABLE IT TO CONTINUE COLLECTING DATA NEEDED TO FORM AN OBJECTIVE BASIS FOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT.

SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING STAFF ARE CURRENTLY BEING SOUGHT THROUGH ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE LOCAL PRESS TO FILL A NUMBER OF NEWLY CREATED POSTS AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF SENIORITY WITHIN EACH OF THE FOUR PRINCIPAL GROUPS IN THE UNIT. THESE GROUPS COVER AIR POLLUTION, WATER POLLUTION, NOISE AND VIBRATION AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.

EACH GROUP WILL BE INVOLVED IN POLLUTION SURVEY WORK USING ADVANCED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT TO ESTABLISH EXISTING LEVELS OF POLLUTION IN HONG KONG, AND TRENDS IN POLLUTION LEVELS, AS WELL AS ASSESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

OTHER GROUP ACTIVITIES WILL INVOLVE ANALYSING THE DATA FROM THE SURVEYS IN HONG KONG TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION FROM ABROAD TO FORMULATE POLICIES AND LEGISLATION APPROPRIATE TO THE PARTICULAR CONDITIONS HERE.

THE NEW STAFF WILL NEED TO POSSESS A UNIVERSITY OR POLYTECHNIC QUALIFICATION. EXPERIENCE IN A RELEVANT FIELD WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE MORE SENIOR POSTS.

THE GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISER, DR. STUART REED, WHO HEADS THE UNIT COMMENTED: +THIS IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS IN HONG KONG TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY.+

+ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IS A RELATIVELY NEW FIELD. IT IS MULTI-DISCIPLINARY IN NATURE AND WE SHALL BE LOOKING FOR STAFF ACROSS A WIDE SPECTRUM OF SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES WHO CAN APPLY THEIR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE TO FINDING THE RIGHT SOLUTIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS FACING US IN HONG KONG.+

+WHAT WE HOPE TO GET+, DR. REED SAID, +ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT AFRAID TO LEAVE ASIDE THE TEXT BOOK SOLUTION AND TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT THE JOB WE HAVE TO TACKLE. CHEMISTS, PHYSICISTS, BIOLOGISTS, MATHEMATICIANS, AND ELECTRONIC, MECHANICAL AND CIVIL ENGINEERS AND OTHERS IN RELATED DISCIPLINES, COULD FORM PART OF THE SMALL VIGOROUS TEAM WE PLAN TO SET UP.+

THE POSTS, WHICH ARE ALL CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS TO THE PERMANENT AND PENSIONABLE ESTABLISHMENT AFTER PROBATION PERIODS WILL BE ADVERTISED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON DECEMBER 29. APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON THE JANUARY 12, 1980.

EMPLOYMENT IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES
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THE NUMBER OF MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES ROSE TO 80 082 IN SEPTEMBER 1979, ACCORDING TO A RECENT EMPLOYMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 4 531 WORKERS OR SIX PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1979. AS AGAINST SEPTEMBER 1978, EMPLOYMENT ROSE BY 12 111 WORKERS OR 17.8 PER CENT.

OF THE 1 205 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES IN OPERATION IN SEPTEMBER 1979, 319 WERE SITES CONTRACTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT. THEY ACCOUNTED FOR 33 285 WORKERS — AN INCREASE OF 2 229 WORKERS OR 7.2 PER CENT OVER JUNE 1979.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION SITES SHOWED A DECREASE OVER JUNE 1979 OF 12.6 PER CENT TO 5 811 WORKERS IN SEPTEMBER 1979. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS ENGAGED IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR INCREASED BY 8.3 PER CENT TO 40 986.

THE COMPARATIVE EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

CONTRACTING PARTY	SEPTEMBER 1978		JUNE 1979		SEPTEMBER 1979	
	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	310	20 065	268	17 552	244	16 742
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	51	7 468	59	13 504	75	16 543
MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY*	29	7 275	35	6 647	29	5 811
PRIVATE SECTOR	820	33 163	838	37 848	857	40 986
TOTAL	1 210	67 971	1 200	75 551	1 205	80 082

(THE ASTERISK DENOTES MTRC CONSTRUCTION SITES IN WHICH WORK WAS IN PROGRESS DURING SEPTEMBER 1979.)

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE STATISTICS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

KCR/MTR INTERCHANGE IN KOWLOON TONG

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WILL BE LINKED WHEN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT COMPLETES THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTERCHANGE STATION IN KOWLOON TONG.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED.

+THE WORK WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STATION BUILDING, A RAILWAY PLATFORM AND CANOPIES AT THE GROUND LEVEL,+ HE SAID.

+ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WILL BE AN AIR-CONDITIONED KCR UNDERGROUND CONCOURSE BENEATH THE TRACKS TO LINK UP WITH THE ADJACENT MTR UNDERGROUND CONCOURSE+.

+THE ENTRANCE TO THE KCR CONCOURSE WILL TAKE THE FORM OF A LANDSCAPED PLAZA AT THE JUNCTION OF KENT ROAD AND SUFFOLK ROAD.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WHEN COMPLETED IN 1982, THE STATION WOULD FORM A VITAL LINK FOR THE NEW MODERN ELECTRIC TRAINS OF THE KCR AND THE MTR AND PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES FOR THE PASSENGERS.

+IN ADDITION, IT WILL REDUCE THE TRAVELLING TIME FOR THE PASSENGERS,+ HE ADDED.

THE WORKS FOR THE PROJECT HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE TRANSMARK, CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THEIR SUB-CONSULTANT, YUNCKEN FREEMAN HONG KONG, UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE'S CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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SUCCESS IN FAMILY PLANNING

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HONG KONG'S OUTSTANDING SUCCESS IN FAMILY PLANNING HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION TODAY (FRIDAY).

COMMENDING THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, DR. THONG SAID SINCE ITS FIRST PIONEERING DAYS, THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE FAMILY PLANNING MOVEMENT.

+BY ITS TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT OVER THE YEARS, IT HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS THE FOREMOST AGENCY IN FAMILY PLANNING AND HAS BROUGHT GREAT HAPPINESS AND SERVICE TO THOSE WHO NEED IT.+

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HE RECALLED THAT IN 1973, AT THE INVITATION OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT BECAME DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE PROVISION OF FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES THROUGH ITS MANY MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CLINICS.

THE ASSOCIATION HAS SINCE THEN BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN THE FIELDS OF RESEARCH AND HEALTH EDUCATION, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL CLINICS SUCH AS FERTILITY CLINICS.

DR. THONG POINTED OUT THAT THE GENUINE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION WAS +ONE VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR WHICH WE IN HONG KONG CAN CLAIM TO HAVE A RARE DISTINCTION OF ACHIEVING IN THE FIELD OF FAMILY PLANNING.+

IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL SUPPORT, WHICH AMOUNTED TO \$2 MILLION IN SUBVENTION LAST YEAR, HE SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION IN ALL POSSIBLE FIELDS AND SPHERES AS THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE DEFINED AND YET GROWN CLOSER DUE TO EXPERIENCE OF THE LAST FEW YEARS,+ HE ADDED.

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WORK ON RAILWAY DEPOT TO BEGIN SOON

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS CALLING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILWAY DEPOT AT HO TUNG LAU, SHA TIN.

THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE SITE FORMATION, TRACK-LAYING AND OTHER ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ANCILLARY WORKS.

INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT ARE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGE MAINTENANCE SHED AND OFFICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE PROJECT FORMED PART OF THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

UPON COMPLETION THE DEPOT WOULD PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF THE NEW ELECTRIC ROLLING STOCK, HE SAID.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY TRANSMARK, THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTING ENGINEERS, UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE PROJECT, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CLOSE A SHORT SECTION OF FO TAN ROAD AND RE-ALIGN A SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD.

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+IN ADDITION, PEDESTRIAN ACCESS HAS BEEN REPROVIDED PARALLEL TO THE RAILWAY LINKING TO THE RE-ALIGNED TAI PO ROAD. BUS STOPS AND A VEHICULAR ACCESS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON COMPLETION OF A ROAD NOW UNDER PLANNING AND ANOTHER ROAD NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION,+ HE SAID.

THE PLANS FOR THIS PROJECT ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTER, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES- THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD.

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PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS
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MORE THAN 75 PER CENT OF GOVERNMENT, AIDED AND CAPUT SCHOOLS HAVE PRACTICAL OR TECHNICAL SUBJECTS IN THE CURRICULUM, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS. ALL THE RECIPIENTS ARE EITHER ATTENDING TECHNICAL COURSES OR STUDYING IN TECHNICAL OR PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

+OF THE 277 GOVERNMENT, AIDED (INCLUDING PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS) AND CAPUT SCHOOLS, 208 NOW TEACH ONE OR MORE PRACTICAL/ TECHNICAL SUBJECT,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

THE FIRST CENTRAL WORKSHOP OR PRACTICAL EDUCATION CENTRE IS SCHEDULED TO COME ON-STREAM IN SEPTEMBER, 1981, HE SAID.

THE STRESS ON THESE SUBJECTS WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE HONG KONG HAS BECOME A LEADING MANUFACTURING AND COMMERCIAL CENTRE, +AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL SUBJECTS SHOULD FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM NOT ONLY AT POST-SECONDARY LEVEL BUT ALSO IN OUR SCHOOLS.+

ALSO, MR. TOPLEY POINTED OUT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM BE LOCALLY +GROWN+ AND NOT TRANSPLANTED FROM SOME OVERSEAS INCOMPATIBLE CULTURE.

+AT THE SAME TIME, IT SHOULD RETAIN SOME OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR TRADITIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM WHICH NEED TO BE CARRIED OVER FROM YESTERYEAR TO THE PRESENT DAY,+ HE SAID.

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FUTURE LOOK OF FIRE PREVENTION DEVICES

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A FUTURE LOOK OF FIRE PREVENTION AND WARNING DEVICES WAS OUTLINED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR. M.K. LANE.

HE SAID: +I CAN FORESEE THE DAY WHEN WHAT WE NOW REGARD AS HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED PROTECTION DEVICES, LASER HEAT SCANNERS, REFUGE FLOORS AND THE LIKE WILL BE AS ACCEPTABLE WITHIN THE COST ENVELOPE OF A BUILDING AS SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, MULTIPLE EXITS AND INTERNAL HYDRANTS.+

MR. LANE WAS SPEAKING AT A MEETING ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTION OF BUILDING SERVICES (CIBS) IN UK.

MR. LANE'S PAPER ENTITLED: +RESPECTIVE ROLES OF BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERS AND FIRE SERVICES OFFICERS IN THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE-SAFE BUILDINGS+, HAVE PROVIDED THE MEETING WITH AN INSIGHT INTO THE PHILOSOPHY AS WELL AS THE WORKING OF THE FIRE SERVICES.

HE STRESSED THAT THE PASSIVE SIDE OF THE DEPARTMENT WAS BY NO MEANS A NEGATIVE SIDE AND THAT ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE SERVICES WHICH THEY HAD TO OFFER WAS TO ADVISE THOSE CONCERN WITH CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS ABOUT WAYS AND MEANS OF PROTECTING LIFE AND PROPERTY.

+I LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN MY DEPARTMENT AND THE CIBS BRANCH IN THE JOINT INTEREST WHICH WE HAVE OF ACHIEVING THIS GOAL.

+WE ARE ALL HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE AND IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT THOSE WHOSE DUTY IS TO PROTECT THOSE LIVES WHICH DEPEND IN PART UPON THE PROPER INSTALLATION AND FUNCTIONING OF PROTECTION SYSTEMS SHOULD RELATE VERY CLOSELY TO THOSE WHO DESIGN AND INSTALL THEM.+

THE CIBS BRANCH WAS FORMED ALMOST A YEAR AGO AND TODAY'S MEETING WAS ONE OF A SERIES DURING WHICH A WIDE RANGE OF PAPERS COVERING ALL ASPECTS OF BUILDING SERVICES WOULD BE PRESENTED.

+MR. LANE'S COMMENT SERVED TO EMPHASISE THE ROLE WHICH WE PLAYED IN REPRESENTING THE VIEWS AND THE SKILLS OF THE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING SERVICE ENGINEERS IN HONG KONG,+ SAID THE BRANCH CHAIRMAN, MR. EDWIN TAO.

MR. TAO WAS MOST IMPRESSED BY THE ENTHUSIASM OF LOCAL MEMBERS AND, IN PARTICULAR, STUDENT MEMBERS. +WE HAVE 40 MEMBERS IN HONG KONG AND TO GET ATTENDANCE OF AROUND 150 AT TODAY'S MEETING IS A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE INTEREST WHICH WE ARE GENERATING,+ HE SAID.

+HONG KONG HAD BEEN WITHOUT A FORUM FOR ENGINEERS IN OUR DISCIPLINE FOR FAR TOO LONG, AND THE DECISION OF OUR COUNCIL IN LONDON TO SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF THE BRANCH HAS BEEN WELCOMED BY ALL,+ MR. TAO ADDED.

FOOTBRIDGE IN KWUN TONG
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED TO CONSTRUCT A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS KWUN TONG ROAD AT TSUN YIP LANE.

THE FOOTBRIDGE, ABOUT 90 METRES LONG AND 2.5 METRES WIDE, IS PLANNED TO PROVIDE A SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OVER THE BUSY KWUN TONG ROAD AND TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC FLOW.

THE PROPOSAL IS CONTAINED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO SUCH PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS SO AS TO REACH HIS OFFICE NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 14, 1980, AND ANY CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION MUST REACH HIM NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 14, 1980.

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NEW EMPLOYMENT OFFICE IN TSUEN WAN
OPENS NEXT MONDAY
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THE NEW TSUEN WAN BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WILL OPEN ON MONDAY.

THE NEW OFFICE AT 67-69 TAI HO ROAD, OPPOSITE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL REPLACE THE OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CHARTERED BANK BUILDING IN TSUEN WAN.

IT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT 3 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 17) BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. J.N. HENDERSON AND TWO LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, MR. LAM KIN-MING, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD- AND MR. TANG YUEN-PUI, CHAIRMAN OF THE TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE OPENING OF THE NEW OFFICE WILL FURTHER IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT AS THE MOVE OF THE OFFICE FROM AN UPPER FLOOR TO THE GROUND FLOOR WOULD MAKE IT MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE NEW OFFICE ARE 12-420154, 12-420155 AND 12-420156.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE NEW TSUEN WAN BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT 3 PM NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 17) BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. J.N. HENDERSON; MR. LAM KIN-MING, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND MR. TANG YUEN-PUI, CHAIRMAN OF THE TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE.

/THE OPENING

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW OFFICE AT 67-69 TAI HO ROAD.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE AT 1.45 PM ON MONDAY.

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FIREMEN INSPECT FACTORIES IN SAN PO KONG
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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OFFICERS TODAY (FRIDAY) ISSUED ON THE SPOT 124 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES TO FACTORIES DURING AN UNSCHEDULED INSPECTION IN SAN PO KONG.

SUMMONSES WILL BE SERVED ON EIGHT OTHER FACTORIES FOR IGNORING FIRE HAZARD WARNINGS. THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ISSUED WITH FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES.

A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT 104 FACTORIES WERE ISSUED WITH NOTICES FOR CAUSING MINOR OBSTRUCTIONS TO MEANS OF ESCAPE.

+THE FACTORIES ARE REQUIRED TO REMOVE THE FIRE HAZARDS WITHIN 72 HOURS OR ELSE BE SUMMONSED,+ HE SAID.

+THEY ARE SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2 000 PLUS A DAILY FINE OF \$40 IF THE NOTICES ARE NOT OBSERVED,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

HE SAID THE REMAINING 20 NOTICES ISSUED WERE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SWINGING TYPE METAL GATE WHICH WOULD CAUSE AN OBSTRUCTION TO MEANS OF ESCAPE.

THE OFFICERS ALSO DISCOVERED 14 CASES OF UNAUTHORISED ROOFTOP STRUCTURES USED FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES. THE CASES WILL BE REFERRED TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR ACTION.

DURING THE THREE-AND-A-HALF HOUR INSPECTION SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS PAID TO OBSTRUCTIONS IN LIFT LOBBIES, STAIRCASES AND ROOFTOP EXITS.

A TOTAL OF 362 FACTORIES WERE INSPECTED BY THE FIRE SERVICES TEAMS HEADED BY DIVISIONAL OFFICER, MR. KWAN SAI-YIU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SECOND TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL

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THE SECOND TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AND THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HOSTED BY MR. J.W. HAYES, PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SECOND TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL IN THE CHING ROOM OF THE SHERATON HOTEL, FOURTH FLOOR, NEXT TUESDAY (DECEMBER 18) AT 3 PM. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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ANTI-DRUG WALK IN KWAI CHUNG ON SUNDAY

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MORE THAN 5 000 RESIDENTS OF TSUEN WAN WILL PARTICIPATE IN AN HOUR-LONG ROUND KWAI CHUNG WALK THIS SUNDAY (DECEMBER 16) AS PART OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN.

THE WALK, WHICH IS THE LAST EVENT OF THE CAMPAIGN, WILL START AT 9 AM FROM KWAI CHUNG STADIUM. AMONG THOSE TAKING PART IN THE FUNCTION WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN, MR. HO CHI-PING- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), MR. KARL STUMPF AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. PETER LEE.

ABOUT 100 ANTI-DRUG EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED THROUGHOUT TSUEN WAN DURING THE MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN WHICH WAS LAUNCHED BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, LAST MONTH.

TO ADD COLOUR AND GAIETY DURING THE WALK, THERE WILL BE BRASS BANDS AND AN ANTI-DRUG FLOAT ACCOMPANYING THE PARTICIPANTS.

THE ROUTE OF THE WALK WILL COVER KO FONG STREET, HING SHING ROAD, KWAI SHING CIRCUIT AND TAI WOR HAU ROAD. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE WALK WILL TAKE ABOUT AN HOUR TO COMPLETE.

AFTER THE WALK, A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE KWAI CHUNG STADIUM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE ROUND KWAI CHUNG ANTI-DRUG WALK WHICH WILL START AT KWAI CHUNG STADIUM AT HING FONG ROAD AT 9 AM THIS SUNDAY (DECEMBER 16).

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BIG CLEAN-UP ON CHEUNG CHAU

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A 'CLEAN CHEUNG CHAU DAY' WILL BE HELD ON THE ISLAND TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AS PART OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

ABOUT 220 SCHOOL CHILDREN DIVIDED INTO 10 GROUPS FROM BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ON CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND WILL CLEAN UP ALL THE RUBBISH AT 10 REFUSE BLACK SPOTS SELECTED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S CLEANSING STAFF DURING THEIR INSPECTIONS.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE DISTRICT OFFICE (ISLANDS) AND THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, WHICH STARTED LAST MONTH AND WILL END ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 16), NTSD CLEANSING STAFF CARRY OUT THOROUGH INSPECTIONS THROUGHOUT CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND AND REMIND THE RESIDENTS TO KEEP THEIR PLACES CLEAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) MOST OF THE REFUSE COMPRISED DISCARDED BUILDING MATERIALS AND OLD FURNITURE.

+AS A RESULT OF MORE PEOPLE COMING FROM THE CITY TO LIVE ON CHEUNG CHAU, MORE FURNITURE AND SURPLUS BUILDING MATERIALS ARE BEING DUMPED BY NON-CIVIC-MINDED PEOPLE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO SPREAD THE CLEAN MESSAGE FURTHER, THE ORGANISATION COMMITTEE OF THE CAMPAIGN HAS HELD DRAWING AND ESSAY COMPETITIONS, WITH 'CLEAN CHEUNG CHAU' AS THE THEME, FOR STUDENTS ON THE ISLAND.

THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT CHEUNG CHAU YOUTH RECREATION CENTRE UNTIL SUNDAY AND THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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FAREWELL CONCERT OF MUSIC CAMP

THE FAREWELL CONCERT OF THE 1979 ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL TAKE PLACE AT 8 PM AT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT STADIUM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE 1979 ASIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA= THE BAND AND BUGLES OF THE FIRST BATTALION, THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS= THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND AND THE COMBINED YOUTH BAND WILL TAKE PART IN THE PERFORMANCE.

MANY POPULAR TUNES WILL BE PLAYED INCLUDING THE 1812 OVERTURE BY TCHAIKOVSKY, WHICH WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE BOOMING OF ARMY CANNONS.

FREE TICKETS FOR THE CONCERT HAVE ALL BEEN DISTRIBUTED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FINAL CONCERT OF THE ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP AT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT STADIUM AT 8 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY). MISS PAULINE NG OF THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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LECTURE ON THREE-DIMENSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

A SCIENCE LECTURE ON 'HOLOGRAPHY AND ITS APPLICATION' WILL BE HELD IN THE KWAI CHUNG PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 17) AT 3.30 PM.

HOLOGRAPHY IS THE PROCESS OF CREATING A THREE-DIMENSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE BY LASER WITH OR WITHOUT A CAMERA.

THE LECTURE, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWAI CHUNG PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE HONG KONG COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC CO-ORDINATION, WILL BE GIVEN IN CANTONESE BY DR. WONG CHUNG-MING OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

ORDINARY PHOTOGRAPHY RECORDS THE INTENSITY OF REFLECTED LIGHT FROM AN OBJECT WHEREAS IN HOLOGRAPHY THE PHASE INFORMATION AS WELL AS THE INTENSITY OF THE REFLECTED LIGHT WAVES ARE RECORDED.

SLIDES AND SAMPLES OF HOLOGRAMS WILL BE SHOWN DURING THE LECTURE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE EXTENSION ACTIVITIES OF KWAI CHUNG PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ADMISSION IS FREE OF CHARGE.

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