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THREE IMPORTANT POINTS STRESSED IN TALKS WITH EEC
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FOLLOWING A REPORT TO THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD ON SATURDAY MORNING (JUNE 19) BY MR LAWRENCE MILLS, COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, FURTHER DETAILS WERE RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY), REGARDING THE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO THE EEC WHEN THE CURRENT AGREEMENT EXPIRES AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN WITH AN OPENING STATEMENT BY HONG KONG IN WHICH HONG KONG EMPHASISED THREE MATTERS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE HONG KONG POSITION BEFORE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NEGOTIATION COULD BE TACKLED.

THESE WERE, FIRSTLY, THE GROUND RULES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS= SECONDLY, THE IMPORTANCE WHICH HONG KONG ATTACHED TO THE PROTOCOL EXTENDING THE MFA, AND THIRDLY, THE INTERPRETATION OF THE LETTERS EXCHANGED BETWEEN DR KRENZLER, THE EEC'S CHIEF TEXTILES NEGOTIATOR, AND MR MILLS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MFA NEGOTIATIONS LAST YEAR.

ON THE FIRST POINT, THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE HELD UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF THE MFA AS EXTENDED BY THE PROTOCOL, HAVING REGARD TO THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN DR KRENZLER AND MR MILLS.

ON THE SECOND POINT, THE HONG KONG DELEGATION RECALLED THAT THE PROTOCOL OF EXTENSION DID NOT CONFER A RIGHT ON AN IMPORTING COUNTRY TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION WHERE TWO PARTIES FAILED TO AGREE ON ANY PARTICULAR ISSUE. HONG KONG MADE CLEAR THAT IT WAS NOT PREPARED TO AGREE THAT THE EEC SHOULD SECURE IN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH HONG KONG WHAT IT HAD FAILED TO SECURE IN THE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION OF THE MFA.

THE EEC SIDE ARGUED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING TO PREVENT HONG KONG FOREGOING ITS RIGHTS UNDER THE PROTOCOL AND AGREEING THAT THE EEC COULD EXERCISE UNILATERAL RIGHTS WHERE THE TWO SIDES FAILED TO AGREE.

HONG KONG DREW A DISTINCTION BETWEEN WHAT THE PROTOCOL MIGHT ALLOW AND WHAT HONG KONG WAS PREPARED TO DO.

HONG KONG WAS PREPARED TO CONFER UNILATERAL RIGHTS IN ONE AREA ONLY, WHERE SUFFICIENT SAFEGUARDS EXISTED AGAINST CAPRICIOUS EXERCISE OF THE UNILATERAL POWERS OF THE EEC. THIS WAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE WELL-ESTABLISHED EXPORT AUTHORISATION SYSTEM WHICH HONG KONG HAS OPERATED FOR MANY YEARS WITH THE EEC, WITH THE UNITED STATES AND MANY OTHER IMPORTING COUNTRIES.

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THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN WHAT THE PROTOCOL MIGHT ALLOW AND WHAT HONG KONG WAS PREPARED TO DO WAS FURTHER HIGHLIGHTED IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE INTERPRETATION OF THE LETTERS EXCHANGED BETWEEN DR KRENZLER AND MR MILLS.

THE EEC ATTEMPTED TO ARGUE THAT, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE LETTERS, HONG KONG HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT CUTBACKS ON ITS QUOTAS AS A MEANS OF SOLVING THE +UNIQUE PROBLEMS+ WHICH THE COMMUNITY CLAIMS IT HAS. THE HONG KONG DELEGATION SAID THAT ITS COMMITMENT WAS LIMITED TO HELPING TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE EEC'S UNIQUE PROBLEMS, ONCE THESE PROBLEMS HAD BEEN DEMONSTRATED AND ONCE IT HAD BEEN SHOWN THAT HONG KONG WAS A CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR.

UNLESS THE PROBLEMS COULD BE DEMONSTRATED AND HONG KONG COULD BE SHOWN TO BE A CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR, THE SACRIFICES WHICH HONG KONG MIGHT MAKE WOULD BE MEANINGLESS AND THE PROBLEMS OF THE EEC WOULD NOT BE EASED. HONG KONG WAS NOT COMMITTED TO THE SINGLE SOLUTION CONTAINED IN THE EEC'S INSTRUCTIONS NAMELY CUTBACKS ON BASE LEVELS.

THE DISCUSSION OF THESE QUESTIONS TOOK UP A GREAT DEAL OF THE TIME AND IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO REACH ANY AGREED POSITION ON THEM AT THIS STAGE.

THE TALKS THEN TURNED TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NEGOTIATION AND THE ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION FOR THE EEC'S REQUESTS FOR RESTRAINT.

THE EEC PUT FORWARD, IN SOME DETAIL, STATISTICAL INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF ITS CLAIM OF REAL RISK OF MARKET DISRUPTION IN RESPECT OF 45 CATEGORIES OF PRODUCTS.

THE EEC GROUPED THESE CATEGORIES INTO VARIOUS DEGREES OF +SENSITIVITY+ PLACING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE FIRST EIGHT CATEGORIES WHERE, THE COMMUNITY CLAIMED, IT HAD PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES AND WHERE IT WAS SEEKING CUTBACKS OF 12 PER CENT ON HONG KONG'S 1982 QUOTAS.

AFTER EXAMINING THE STATISTICAL JUSTIFICATION, HONG KONG SAID IT WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE CONTINUATION OF RESTRAINTS ON 34 CATEGORIES.

OF THESE 34, FIVE CATEGORIES WERE IN THE +VERY SENSITIVE+ GROUPING WHICH THE COMMUNITY HAD ESTABLISHED. HOWEVER, HONG KONG REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE 12 PER CENT CUTBACKS PROPOSED FOR THESE CATEGORIES, POINTING OUT THAT IN SOME OF THEM, HONG KONG WAS NOT THE PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER, AND THAT HONG KONG PRICES WERE HIGHER THAN THOSE OF SOME OTHER SIGNIFICANT SUPPLIERS.

IN TWO OR THREE CASES, UNRESTRAINED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAD EXPORTED GREATER QUANTITIES THAN HONG KONG WAS ALLOWED TO SHIP UNDER THE TERMS OF ITS QUOTAS AND AT PRICES ONE HALF OF THOSE OF HONG KONG. FURTHERMORE, OVER THE LIFE OF THE CURRENT AGREEMENT, THE EEC'S IMPORTS IN THE SO-CALLED +SENSITIVE+ CATEGORIES FROM HONG KONG HAD GENERALLY DECLINED ON AVERAGE BY ABOUT 14 PER CENT. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, THE HONG KONG DELEGATION COULD SEE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY CUTBACKS ON BASE LEVELS= THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE CONTINUATION FOR RESTRAINTS EVEN ON NORMAL TERMS WAS NOT VERY STRONG.

DESPITE THE HONG KONG RESPONSE, THE COMMUNITY COMPLETED ITS PRESENTATION TO HONG KONG AS TO THE TYPE OF RESTRAINTS THAT IT WAS SEEKING. THIS INCLUDED NOMINAL GROWTH RATES - 0.1 PER CENT IN SOME CASES -, THE SUSPENSION OF FLEXIBILITY PROVISIONS FOR SOME CATEGORIES AND VERY LOW PERCENTAGES IN OTHERS. THE FLEXIBILITY PROVISIONS WOULD BE TIGHTLY CONTROLLED AND COULD ONLY BE USED FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE EEC.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION MADE CLEAR THAT THESE TERMS WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO HONG KONG ALSO.

AS SOMETHING OF AN IMPASSE HAD BEEN REACHED THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO LOOK AT SOME OTHER ISSUES WHICH WERE OF JOINT OR INDIVIDUAL CONCERN TO THE TWO SIDES.

THE EEC PROPOSED AN ANTI-SURGE MECHANISM. THIS HONG KONG REJECTED ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT RESULTED IN CUTBACKS ON BASE LEVELS WHICH WERE CONTRARY TO THE MFA AND WAS IRRELEVANT, GIVEN THE HIGH UTILISATION RATES OF HONG KONG'S QUOTAS. FURTHERMORE, THE COMMUNITY PROPOSALS ENVISAGED THE EEC HAVING THE UNILATERAL RIGHT TO IMPOSE A LOWER LIMIT IF HONG KONG FAILED, IN CONSULTATIONS, TO AGREE THAT SUCH A MECHANISM SHOULD BE INVOKED. HONG KONG COULD NOT ACCEPT THIS.

THE EEC ALSO PROPOSED A STRICT CLAUSE DEALING WITH FRAUDULENT IMPORTS WHICH CIRCUMVENTED THE HONG KONG EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM. THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE IDENTITY OF VIEW ON THIS CLAUSE, THE ONLY DIFFICULTY BEING THAT THE EEC WAS INSISTING ON A UNILATERAL POWER TO DEBIT HONG KONG QUOTAS WITH ANY FRAUDULENT SHIPMENTS IT DISCOVERED.

HONG KONG REJECTED THIS ON THE GROUNDS THAT FRAUDULENT SHIPMENTS WERE NOT ONLY A CONSEQUENCE OF THE WRONG DOINGS OF EXPORTERS/MANUFACTURERS IN HONG KONG BUT FREQUENTLY INSTIGATED BY TRADERS AT THE IMPORT END OF THE TRADE AND SOMETIMES BY TRADERS IN THIRD COUNTRIES. FURTHERMORE UNILATERAL ADJUSTMENT OF QUOTAS WOULD PUNISH THE INNOCENT AND DID NOTHING TO GET AT THE REAL HEART OF THE MATTER WHICH WAS TO MAKE THE CONTROL SYSTEM AS FOOL-PROOF AS POSSIBLE AND BRING WRONG-DOERS TO JUSTICE.

THERE WAS ALSO SOME DISCUSSION OF AND A MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ON SOME OF THE MORE TECHNICAL DETAILS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN ANY NEW AGREEMENT. THE EXISTENCE OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WAS RECOGNISED HOWEVER, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT THE CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE ADJOURNED TO ALLOW BOTH SIDES TO RE-EXAMINE THEIR INSTRUCTIONS.

THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO RESUME CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS ON SEPTEMBER 13. THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON PURELY TECHNICAL POINTS BEFORE THEN WAS NOT RULED OUT.

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NEW ALLOCATION SYSTEM IN PRIMARY ONE PLACES

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL INTRODUCE A NEW SYSTEM OF CENTRALISED ALLOCATION OF GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY ONE PLACES ON A DISTRICT BASIS IN SEPTEMBER 1983.

AS IN THE PAST, PARENTS WHO WISH THEIR CHILDREN TO ATTEND THESE SCHOOLS SHOULD APPLY DIRECTLY TO THEM.

THE NEW SYSTEM, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT AFFECT PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND THOSE OF THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PLANNING AND BUILDING), MR Y.T. LI, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE NEW ALLOCATION SYSTEM AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, MR LI SAID ITS PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE WAS TO ELIMINATE THE PRESSURE IMPOSED ON YOUNG CHILDREN BY THE INTENSE COMPETITION FOR ENTRY INTO POPULAR PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND THE ADVERSE EFFECT SUCH PRESSURE HAD ON EDUCATION AT THE KINDERGARTEN LEVEL.

MR LI NOTED THAT ALL CHILDREN WHO WOULD REACH THE AGE OF FIVE YEARS AND EIGHT MONTHS OR ABOVE BY SEPTEMBER 1983 SHOULD ATTEND PRIMARY SCHOOLS BY THAT TIME. HE SAID ALL PARENTS WHO WISHED THEIR CHILDREN TO ATTEND PRIMARY ONE IN A GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR SHOULD OBTAIN AND COMPLETE A +PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION APPLICATION FORM+ IN MID-SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, ONE YEAR AHEAD.

THESE FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT OFFICE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS OR SUB-OFFICES, OR THE KINDERGARTENS THEIR CHILDREN ARE ATTENDING.

IF PARENTS DO NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC SCHOOL IN MIND, THEY SHOULD RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO ONE OF THE COLLECTION CENTRES FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION.

EACH PRIMARY SCHOOL WOULD RESERVE 35 PER CENT OF ITS PRIMARY ONE PLACES FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION TO BE FILLED BY CHILDREN LIVING IN THE SAME DISTRICT, MR LI SAID.

PARENTS WISHING TO APPLY TO A PARTICULAR GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOL, SHOULD RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE SCHOOL DIRECT. THE SCHOOL MIGHT BE EITHER IN OR OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THEY LIVE.

MR LI EMPHASISED THAT EACH CHILD COULD APPLY TO ONLY ONE SCHOOL OR HE WOULD FORFEIT THE RIGHT OF BEING GIVEN A DISCRETIONARY PLACE.

DISCRETIONARY PLACES ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES: UNRESTRICTED DISCRETIONARY PLACES AND RESTRICTED DISCRETIONARY PLACES.

/UNRESTRICTED DISCRETIONARY

UNRESTRICTED DISCRETIONARY PLACES MAKE UP 35 PER CENT OF PRIMARY ONE PLACES IN EACH SCHOOL. THEY WILL BE FILLED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOL AND ARE NOT RESTRICTED TO CHILDREN LIVING IN THE DISTRICT.

RESTRICTED DISCRETIONARY PLACES MAKE UP 30 PER CENT OF PRIMARY ONE PLACES IN EACH SCHOOL. THEY WILL ALSO BE FILLED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOL BUT ARE RESTRICTED TO CHILDREN LIVING IN THE DISTRICT, MR LI SAID.

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TV HOME VIEWING GROUPS TO BE SET UP
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EIGHTEEN DISTRICT TELEVISION HOME VIEWING GROUPS WILL BE SET UP IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES BY THE TELEVISION AUTHORITY.

THE FIRST THREE GROUPS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN EASTERN, MONG KOK AND TSUEN WAN BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, MR NIGEL WATT, TELEVISION AUTHORITY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD, SAID THAT THE MAIN FUNCTION OF THESE GROUPS WILL BE TO HELP THE BOARD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARDS TELEVISION PROGRAMME AND ADVERTISING STANDARDS.

EACH DISTRICT HOME VIEWING GROUP WILL CONSIST OF ABOUT 20 MEMBERS, SELECTED FROM VARYING AGE AND INCOME BRACKETS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

GROUP MEMBERS WILL SERVE INITIALLY FOR ONE YEAR ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, AND WILL BE ASKED TO COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRES IN A DAILY-DIARY FORM OVER A SET PERIOD OF TIME, REFLECTING THEIR VIEWS ON PROGRAMME AND ADVERTISING STANDARDS.

TO CO-ORDINATE THE SCHEME, THE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD (UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5(4) OF THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE) WILL APPOINT THREE TELEVISION ADVISORY PANELS, ONE EACH FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE ADVISORY PANELS, DESIGNED TO SERVE AS A LINK BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE HOME VIEWING GROUPS, WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOME VIEWING GROUPS AND CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IN THEIR MEMBERSHIP AND WILL BE CHAIRED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD.

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MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY

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A MAJOR MANPOWER SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY WILL BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN JULY 5 AND 17 TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

THE SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, DR ANDREW CHUANG, SAID, +THIS SURVEY IS NEEDED IN VIEW OF THE RAPID GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY AND THE MANY CHANGES SINCE THE ONE CONDUCTED TWO YEARS AGO. THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

+AS THE INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED FROM THIS SURVEY IS IMPORTANT FOR FORMULATING MEANINGFUL TRAINING PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDUSTRY, CO-OPERATION OF THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY IS SINCERELY SOLICITED.+

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE WERE SENT TODAY TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED BY STRATIFIED RANDOM SAMPLING.

EMPLOYERS ARE ASKED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION INCLUDING :

- (I) THE NUMBER OF WORKERS EMPLOYED,
- (II) THE NUMBER OF WORKERS UNDER TRAINING,
- (III) THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VANCANCIES, AND
- (IV) A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL WORKERS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

THE SURVEY INTERVIEWING OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO HELP WITH THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 56.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 323.540 MILLION CUBIC METRES, EQUIVALENT TO 221 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 222.298 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 38.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR FIRE COMMAND

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THE NEW HONG KONG FIRE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS AND SHEUNG WAN DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION COMPLEX WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF NEW TERRITORIES FIRE COMMAND, MR FRED JACKSON ON THURSDAY (JUNE 24) AT 10.30 AM.

THE \$10-MILLION COMPLEX SITUATED AT THE SHEUNG WAN RECLAMATION AREA NEAR QUEEN'S STREET, WILL REPLACE THE OLD COMMAND HEADQUARTERS AT FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING WHICH WAS BUILT IN THE EARLY 1920S.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY. THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

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GOLD AWARD WINNER

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A SECOND-YEAR FULL-TIME DIPLOMA STUDENT STUDYING MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, MR CHAN TAK-CHEE, HAS BECOME THE FIRST STUDENT FROM A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO RECEIVE A GOLD AWARD IN THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME.

THE PRIZE WAS AMONG OTHER AWARDS UNDER THE SCHEME PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR SIR EDWARD YOUDE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE TODAY (MONDAY).

MR CHAN JOINED THE SCHEME IN 1975 WHEN HE WAS STUDYING AT THE S.K.H. BISHOP MOK SAU TSENG SECONDARY SCHOOL. HE GAINED THE BRONZE AWARD IN 1977, THE SILVER AWARD IN 1978, AND THE BRONZE INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION IN 1979.

TO WIN THE GOLD AWARD, HE WAS REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE HIS ABILITY TO LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS, PASS A PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST, COMPLETE A PROJECT ON A SUBJECT OF HIS CHOICE, COMPLETE AN EXPEDITION SUCCESSFULLY AND DISPLAY COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.

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TURNING MOVEMENT BANNED ON TIN CHIU STREET

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FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 24), VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG TIN CHIU STREET IN NORTH POINT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN INTO THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF KING'S ROAD.

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FRESH WATER CUTS IN NT AREAS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING AND KWAI CHUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 23).

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN SHA TAU KOK ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, SHA TAU KOK MARKET, LUEN WO MARKET, FU TEI PAI, KWAN TEI, PING CHE, TAN CHUK HANG, TA KWU LING AND PING CHE ROAD IN SHEUNG SHUI AND FANLING WILL BE CUT OFF FOR 10 HOURS FROM 9 PM ON WEDNESDAY TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY (JUNE 24) TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORK.

MEANWHILE, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO THE AREA BOUNDED BY TAI WO HAU ROAD, WO TONG TSUI STREET, KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, INCLUDING MAN FONG STREET, KWONG FAI CIRCUIT, KWONG FAI LANE, YIU WING STREET, YIU WING LANE AND KIN HONG STREET IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE CUT OFF FOR SIX-AND-A-HALF HOURS FROM 11.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY TO 6 AM ON THURSDAY TO FACILITATE A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

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CLARINET MASTER-CLASS BY JOHN DENMAN
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CLARINETTIST JOHN DENMAN NOW PERFORMING AND CONDUCTING MASTER-CLASSES IN CHINA AT THE INVITATION OF ITS MINISTRY OF CULTURE WILL STOP OVER IN HONG KONG ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, HE WILL CONDUCT A CLARINET MASTER-CLASS AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 24) AT THE MUSIC OFFICE, 9TH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

HE WILL ALSO GIVE A SEMINAR ON THE TRAINING OF YOUTH BANDS ON MONDAY (JUNE 28) AT THE EAST KOWLOON MUSIC CENTRE, 100 TING FU ST., 2/F., YAN HAU MANSION, NGAU TAU KOK, KOWLOON.

THE MASTER-CLASS AND THE SEMINAR ARE OPEN FREE OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC.

JOHN DENMAN HAS PLAYED WITH MANY RENOWNED CONDUCTORS IN MOST OF BRITAIN'S GREAT ORCHESTRAS.

HE HAS APPEARED FREQUENTLY AS SOLOIST WITH VARIOUS ORCHESTRAS, BOTH LIVE AND ON THE B.B.C., AND HAS GIVEN MANY RECITALS IN LONDON'S PRESTIGIOUS WIGMORE HALL AND THE PURCELL ROOM.

IN 1981, HE WAS THE GUEST OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT FOR A MONTH-LONG RESIDENCY DURING WHICH HE PREMIERED A NUMBER OF WORKS UNKNOWN TO CHINESE AUDIENCES.

JOHN DENMAN IS PROFESSOR OF CLARINET AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA.

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URBAN CLEARWAY ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD
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THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN KOWLOON ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 24).

WITHIN THE CLEARWAY, ALL VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THE SAME PROHIBITION WILL APPLY TO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES BETWEEN 7 AM AND 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

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