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GOVERNOR RETURNS FROM EUROPEAN MISSION

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, RETURNED TO HONG KONG THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING AFTER AN EXTENSIVE TOUR OF EUROPE PROMOTING TRADE AND INVESTMENT AND PUTTING ACROSS THE PROBLEMS HONG KONG FACED IN DEALING WITH THE INCREASING NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE LANDING IN THE TERRITORY.

BRIEFING THE PRESS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS MISSION IN WESTERN EUROPE, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH BRITISH MINISTERS AND WITH OFFICIALS IN BONN, BRUSSELS AND PARIS.

HE WAS PUTTING ACROSS THE POINT IN THESE COUNTRIES THAT IN EACH PLACE THERE ARE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WHO HAVE CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH THOSE PARTICULAR COUNTRIES.

THE GOVERNOR URGED THE COUNTRIES TO LOOK PARTICULARLY AT THOSE CASES AND HE SAID THAT ALL UNDERTOOK TO DO SO.

"BUT THERE IS ALSO THE QUESTION OF A CONTINUING OVERALL RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME AND THAT IN PARTICULAR WAS A POINT PUT ACROSS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM," HE ADDED.

ASKED TO WHAT EXTENT HE WOULD BLAME THE RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES FOR THE DILEMMA WHICH HONG KONG NOW FOUND ITSELF, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS A LARGE PART OF OUR PROBLEM.

"THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMING HERE HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ABLE TO GO THROUGH RESETTLEMENT, WHICH IS WHAT THEY WANT TO DO, HAS GONE DOWN DRAMATICALLY, SO THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF RESETTLEMENT PLACES IS A VERY LARGE PART OF THE PROBLEM WE HAVE TO FACE," HE SAID.

ON HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO CHINA, SIR DAVID SAID IT WOULD BE ANOTHER ONE OF HIS REGULAR VISITS TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH CHINESE LEADERS ABOUT MATTERS WHICH ARE OF COMMON INTEREST BETWEEN PEKING AND HONG KONG.

HE SAID HE WOULD WANT TO BE BRIEFED ON WHAT WAS GOING ON ABOUT THE RE-DRAFTING OF THE BASIC LAW, THE WAY IN WHICH THE CHINESE LEADERS WOULD EXPECT TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF COMMENTS MADE IN HONG KONG ON THE FIRST DRAFT.

SPEAKING OF HIS EUROPEAN TOUR, SIR DAVID SAID HE FOUND A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN WHAT WAS GOING ON IN HONG KONG.

"BUT I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE SHOULD MAKE A CONSISTENT EFFORT TO GO OUT AND ACTUALLY TELL PEOPLE WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE AND ALSO WHAT THE PROSPECTS ARE FOR THE FUTURE," HE SAID.

"THAT'S THE WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT TRADE BUILDS UP AND THAT WE HAVE CONTINUING INVESTMENT," HE ADDED.

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COMMENTING ON THE TRADE PROSPECT IN 1992 WHEN THE INTERNAL TRADE BARRIERS GO DOWN IN EUROPE, SIR DAVID SAID: "WE HAVE TO LOOK TO THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT MIGHT PROVIDE FOR US AND WE HAVE TO LOOK TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY POTENTIAL DANGERS AND, IF NECESSARY, TAKE PRE-EMPTIVE ACTION TO DEAL WITH THEM."

RETURNING WITH THE GOVERNOR WERE LADY WILSON AND HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR RICHARD HOARE. THEY WERE GREETED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD; ACTING SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MISS MARIA TAM; AND THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE.

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MAINTAINING HK'S STATUS AS MAJOR FINANCIAL CENTRE

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FURTHER SAFEGUARDS ARE TO BE INTRODUCED TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG MAINTAINS STANDARDS CONSISTENT WITH ITS ROLE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MONEY 88 EXHIBITION, MR NENDICK SAID THAT OVER THE PAST YEAR, HONG KONG HAD BUILT ON THE EXPERIENCE GAINED LAST OCTOBER AND THE PROCESS CONTINUED.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL WE CAN TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE MARKETS AND THE INTERESTS OF INVESTORS, BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS," HE SAID.

MR NENDICK SAID THE EVENTS OF LAST OCTOBER ALSO REMINDED US THAT RISK AND RETURN WERE INSEPARABLE ELEMENTS IN ANY INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT WAS BECOMING MORE COMPLEX AND SOPHISTICATED.

"IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE INVESTING PUBLIC TO IDENTIFY THEIR OBJECTIVES AND UNDERSTAND THE RANGE OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO THEM BEFORE THEY MAKE THEIR CHOICE," HE SAID.

MR NENDICK SAID THAT FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE'S REPORT IN JUNE, PLANS WERE WELL IN HAND TO ESTABLISH A NEW REGULATORY AUTHORITY, THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION, TO REPLACE THE EXISTING REGULATORY STRUCTURE.

HE SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT LEGISLATION WOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

MR NENDICK SAID THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED A FUNDAMENTAL REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND INTERNAL MANAGEMENT OF BOTH THE STOCK AND FUTURES EXCHANGES.

"THE STOCK EXCHANGE ACCEPTED THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND, THANKS TO THEIR INITIATIVE, A NEW STRUCTURE IS ALREADY IN PLACE.

"THE FUTURES EXCHANGE IS ALSO AT AN ADVANCED STAGE IN IMPLEMENTING A NEW CLEARING AND RISK MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE," HE SAID.

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CONTINUOUS EFFORTS NEEDED TO PROMOTE LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

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HARMONIOUS LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS IS THE BASIS FOR ANY SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE AS WELL AS FOR THE STABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF A COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY LIKE HONG KONG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS '88 ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN SUI-KAU, SAID.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING DETAILS ABOUT THE EVENT TODAY (THURSDAY), MR CHAN SAID: "THE FREQUENT OCCURRENCE OF LABOUR-MANAGEMENT STRIFE IN INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES SERVES AS A REMINDER THAT CONTINUOUS ATTENTION AND EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO PROMOTE GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS.

"THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD THEREFORE DECIDES TO ORGANISE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, A LARGE-SCALE PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMME CALLED LABOUR RELATIONS '88.

"THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS TERRITORY-WIDE EVENT IS TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS, TO SHARE THE SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE OF ENLIGHTENED PEOPLE MANAGEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEANINGFUL DIALOGUES AND CO-OPERATION AMONG EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES, ACADEMICS AND LABOUR OFFICIALS."

MR CHAN NOTED THAT LR '88 WHICH WILL BE LAUNCHED WITH THE OPENING OF A LABOUR RELATIONS CONFERENCE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON NOVEMBER 3, FEATURES A SERIES OF DIVERSIFIED EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

IT IS ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$1 MILLION, SOLELY CONTRIBUTED BY SOME 200 MAJOR EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS, TRADE UNION FEDERATIONS, COMMERCIAL FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS.

"IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE EVENT IS VERY KEEN," MR CHAN POINTED OUT.

"FURTHERMORE, AN EXPERT ON LABOUR RELATIONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, MR MICHIO HAMADA, WILL ALSO FLY IN FROM THE ILO REGIONAL OFFICE IN BANGKOK TO DELIVER A TALK ON THE OPENING DAY."

MR CHAN CALLED ON ALL EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN THE PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMMES IN THE COMING MONTHS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, MR CHENG YIU-TONG, AND THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS '88 ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR TOMMY CHEUNG.

MR CHENG SPOKE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING GOOD LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS.

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HE SAID THAT LABOUR DISPUTES, IF NOT SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED, WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE BENEFIT OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED AS WELL AS THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

HE HOPED THAT THROUGH THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF LR '88, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CLOSER CO-OPERATION AND COMMUNICATION WOULD BE ACHIEVED BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

MR TOMMY CHEUNG GAVE A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE PROGRAMME WHICH STARTS OFF WITH A LABOUR RELATIONS CONFERENCE FOR SOME 460 PARTICIPANTS AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

HE NOTED THAT 26 PROMINENT SPEAKERS - INCLUDING TWO LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, FOUR MANAGING DIRECTORS, FIVE DIRECTORS AND FOUR CHAIRMEN OF UNIONS - WILL SPEAK AT THE OPENING CONFERENCE.

"OTHER PROGRAMMES INCLUDE A SEMINAR FOR TOP LEVEL EXECUTIVES ON QUALITY CIRCLES, TEN DISTRICT SEMINARS, NINE MOBILE EXHIBITIONS, FOUR INTER-COMPANY COMPETITIONS IN CHESS, PHOTOGRAPHY, TABLE TENNIS AND HANDICRAFT, TWO QUIZZES AND A GALA NIGHT ON HK-TVB TO WIND UP THE EVENT ON DECEMBER 16," MR CHEUNG SAID.

THE WINNERS IN THE TABLE-TENNIS AND CHESS COMPETITIONS WILL EACH RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE OF \$5,000.

ARRANGEMENT WILL ALSO BE MADE FOR THE WINNER OF THE CHESS COMPETITION TO TAKE PART IN A FRIENDLY MATCH WITH CHINA'S NATIONAL CHAMPION WHO WILL COME TO HONG KONG SPECIALLY FOR LR '88, MR CHEUNG ADDED.

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FAREWELL TO MEDICAL DIRECTOR  
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THE DIRECTOR OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR K.L. THONG, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON ATTENDED A FAREWELL LUNCH HELD IN HIS HONOUR BY THE DEPARTMENT STAFF.

ABOUT 200 OFFICERS, INCLUDING DIRECTORATE STAFF, CONSULTANTS, DOCTORS, NURSES AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY GOODBYE TO THE OUT-GOING DIRECTOR.

DR THONG WILL BE GOING ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE ON NOVEMBER 1 AFTER 18 YEARS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE. HE IS THE LONGEST SERVING DIRECTOR OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HE FIRST JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS A PRINCIPAL MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER IN 1970.

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TWO YEARS LATER, HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AND HE BECAME DIRECTOR ON JANUARY 1, 1977. HE WAS APPOINTED COMMISSIONER OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE SAME YEAR.

IN HIS FAREWELL SPEECH TO DR THONG, DR S.H. LEE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DIRECTOR FOR HIS IMMENSE CONTRIBUTIONS DURING HIS TENURE OF OFFICE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD GREATLY EXPANDED IN THE PAST 12 YEARS, WITH MORE THAN 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN HOSPITAL BEDS AND MORE THAN 150 PERCENT INCREASE IN STAFF.

"THIS IS TRULY A PERIOD OF UNPARALLELED EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT," HE SAID.

THERE HAD ALSO BEEN A DEFINITE IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF SERVICE WITH NEW EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED AND NEW AND SOPHISTICATED SERVICE INTRODUCED, HE ADDED.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE DEPARTMENT FACED TREMENDOUS PRESSURE ARISING FROM RAPID POPULATION INCREASE AND RISING PUBLIC EXPECTATION COUPLED WITH RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS.

DESPITE THESE DIFFICULTIES, DR LEE SAID THERE WERE CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION AND CHANGES IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANISATION AND A DEFINITE FACELIFT IN THE MEDICAL SCENE.

"HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR DR THONG'S STRONG LEADERSHIP AND UNFAILING GUIDANCE, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ATTAIN SUCH ACCOMPLISHMENT AS WE SEE IT TODAY," HE STRESSED.

DR THONG WAS AWARDED THE COMMANDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (CBE) IN 1980. HE WAS RECENTLY AWARDED A MEDAL FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC HEALTH IN HONG KONG.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, DR LEE PRESENTED TO DR THONG ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT A BRONZE DEER SYMBOLISING FORTUNE, WEALTH AND HEALTH.

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HYF TO OPERATE CENTRAL TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST SERVICE  
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO GRANT THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LTD (HYF) THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO OPERATE A FRANCHISED PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN CENTRAL (EDINBURGH PLACE) AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HOVERFERRIES WILL BE USED ON THE SERVICE. THE FARES WILL BE \$3.00 FOR PEAK HOUR JOURNEYS AND \$2.00 FOR OFF-PEAK HOUR JOURNEYS.

SINCE 1986, HYF HAS BEEN OPERATING A TEMPORARY HOVERFERRY SERVICE BETWEEN BLAKE PIER IN CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

AS THE SERVICE PROVIDES A CONVENIENT PUBLIC TRANSPORT LINK, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, ON THE ADVICE OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD BE OPERATED AS A PERMANENT FULL-DAY SERVICE.

DETAILS ABOUT PIER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SERVICE, DATE OF COMMENCEMENT AND EXTENSION OF OPERATING HOURS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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TRAVELLING FROM MA ON SHAN TO SAI KUNG IN 15 MINUTES  
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, TODAY (THURSDAY) OFFICIATED AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE FINAL STAGE OF SAI SHA ROAD.

WITH THE OPENING OF THIS SECTION OF SAI SHA ROAD FROM THIS MORNING, MOTORISTS ARE NOW ABLE TO TRAVEL FROM MA ON SHAN, SHA TIN TO SAI KUNG TOWN IN 15 MINUTES.

BEFORE, THERE WAS NO DIRECT ROAD LINKING THE TWO PLACES. VEHICLES HAD TO TRAVEL VIA KOWLOON.

SAI SHA ROAD ALSO PROVIDES AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF ACCESS TO MA ON SHAN AND TO SAI KUNG WHICH BEFORE COULD ONLY BE REACHED BY MA ON SHAN ROAD AND HIRAM'S HIGHWAY.

THE SAI SHA ROAD PROJECT INVOLVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 3.5-KILOMETRE EXTENSION ROAD FROM THE EXISTING SAI SHA ROAD AT THE NAI CHUNG VILLAGE, SAI KUNG TO MA ON SHAN ROAD, MA ON SHAN.

CONSTRUCTION STARTED IN MID-1987 AND TOOK 17 MONTHS TO COMPLETE AT A COST OF \$43 MILLION.

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IT WAS A JOINT EFFORT BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AND THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN OF THE SECTION WITHIN MA ON SHAN WHILE THE REMAINING SECTION WAS THE JOB OF HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

THE NEW ROAD CONSISTS OF A 7.3-METRE-WIDE CARRIAGEWAY WITH PROVISION FOR A FOOTPATH AND CYCLE TRACK TOGETHER WITH LANDSCAPED AREAS.

THE ORIGINAL SMALL CARPARK AT NAI CHUNG HAS BEEN ENLARGED TO ACCOMMODATE NEW BUS BAYS, COACH AND CARPARKING SPACES AND OTHER NEW FACILITIES.

A 300-METRE ACCESS ROAD TO THE BEACH NEAR LOK WO SHA, TOGETHER WITH COACH AND CARPARKING FACILITIES AND A TURNING CIRCLE, HAVE ALSO BEEN CONSTRUCTED.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON; ACTING DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, MR TANG KWOK-KEE; CHAIRMAN OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, MR WAN HON-CHEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR NG CHAN-LAM; CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO YUNG-SANG; SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAU HON-KIT; AND SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR TANG KWONG-WING.

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#### NEW ESF SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG

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APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CLEARWATER BAY TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR PLACES IN SAI KUNG.

THE NEW ESF PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT ON A 3,300-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN TAI PO TSAI NEAR THE SHAW BROTHERS STUDIO AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN DECEMBER 1990.

IT WILL HAVE 18 CLASSROOMS, A HALL, A COVERED PLAYGROUND, AND SPECIAL ROOMS.

WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL, THE NEW SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE 540 ADDITIONAL PRIMARY PLACES FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING CHILDREN.

PROGRESS ON THE PROJECT, WHICH WAS FIRST APPROVED IN MARCH THIS YEAR, WAS HELD UP OVER THE SUMMER BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO THE FUTURE BUILDINGS.

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IN ADDITION, PROJECTIONS BY THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF ITS EXPATRIATE RECRUITMENT MADE IT NECESSARY TO REASSESS THE DEMAND FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING SCHOOL PLACES IN SAI KUNG.

"THE HKUST EXPECTS TO RECRUIT A VERY HIGH PROPORTION OF ITS STAFF FROM OVERSEAS," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS IS LIKELY TO LEAD TO INCREASED DEMAND FOR ESF PLACES IN THE DISTRICT. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE PREVIOUS DELAYS IN PROVIDING A SITE FOR THE ESF IN SAI KUNG WE DECIDED THAT THE PROPOSED SCHOOL SHOULD GO AHEAD AS PLANNED, RATHER THAN TRYING AT THIS LATE STAGE TO EXPAND IT," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEMAND FOR ESF PLACES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CAREFULLY MONITORED TO ENSURE THAT NO SHORTFALL IN SUPPLY WOULD ARISE IN SAI KUNG OR ANY OTHER AREA IN HONG KONG.

"IT IS INTENDED THAT THE PREMISES NOW OCCUPIED BY BOUNDARY JUNIOR SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE ESF, AT LEAST IN PART, FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW SCHOOL AT CLEARWATER BAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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#### AIRPORT GROUND NOISE STUDY ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE TOLD AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON OF THE FINDING OF A STUDY ON NOISE GENERATED BY GROUND-BASED ACTIVITIES AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE CONSULTANCY STUDY WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS OF RICHLAND GARDENS.

A REPORT ON THE STUDY, COMPLETED IN MAY, RECOMMENDS A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO TACKLE THE NOISE PROBLEM AT SOURCE AND ON OPERATIONAL ASPECTS.

MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROGRESS MADE IN THEIR IMPLEMENTATION.

A CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, MR JOSEPH TANG, AND AN ACTING SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR RICHARD KWAN, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO ANSWER MEMBERS' QUESTIONS.

/THE MEETING .....

THE MEETING WILL ALSO REVIEW THE OPERATIONS OF THE JORDAN VALLEY LANDFILL AND THE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS WORKS PROJECTS AND MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BEING CARRIED OUT IN KWUN TONG.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF A NOTICE BOARD AT YAU TONG LOWER VILLAGE AND CONSTRUCTION OF A WELCOMING SIGN AT THE JUNCTION OF NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION SHOW FOR LAMMA ISLANDERS

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AN EXHIBITION AND A VARIETY SHOW TO PROMOTE THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION MESSAGE WILL BE HELD ON LAMMA ISLAND THIS SATURDAY (OCTOBER 29) AFTERNOON AT THE SOK KWU WAN BASKETBALL COURT.

"THE EXHIBITION WILL START AT 4 PM WHEN MATERIALS CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WINNING ENTRIES OF A PHOTO CONTEST WILL BE DISPLAYED," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

"THE PHOTO CONTEST WAS HELD LAST MONTH WITH THE THEME OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND PARTICIPANTS HAD TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS FEATURING THE ENVIRONMENTAL BLACK SPOTS IN THE DISTRICT THAT CALL FOR IMPROVEMENT," HE SAID.

"A VARIETY SHOW WITH POP SONG SINGING WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT AND TO PUT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION MESSAGE ACROSS TO THE ISLANDERS," HE SAID.

"ALL RESIDENTS ON LAMMA ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND ADMISSION IS FREE," HE ADDED.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD AS PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THIS KIND OF ACTIVITIES ISLANDERS WILL BE AWARE OF THE ISSUE AND TAKE PART IN THE CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FACELIFT FOR BUILDINGS IN WAN CHAI LANES  
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BUILDINGS IN A NUMBER OF REAR LANES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE WHITEWASHED ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 29) MORNING WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF VOLUNTEERS FROM THE SOCIETY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS.

THE EVENT HAS BEEN PLANNED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AND CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN IN WAN CHAI UNDER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

IT IS SUPPORTED BY THE SOCIETY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS.

OFFICIATING AT A STARTING CEREMONY WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR NORMAN LO; CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, MR RAYMOND CHOW; AND MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDER, JUDGE CHISM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE STARTING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 29) AT 10.30 AM AT THE REAR LANE OF 121-131 THOMSON ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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2ND QUARTER SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS  
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IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988, 4,021 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 23.7 MILLION NET REGISTERED TONS (NRT) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 234 (OR 6PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 1.1 MILLION NRT (OR 5 PER CENT) IN CAPACITY OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987.

THIS IS SHOWN IN THE "HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT APRIL - JUNE 1988" PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT.

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WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER VESSELS (+153) AND OIL TANKERS (+96), WHILE A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONVENTIONAL CARGO VESSELS (-35).

ANALYSED BY FLAG OF VESSELS, MAJOR INCREASES IN NUMBER WERE RECORDED FOR SHIPS REGISTERED IN CHINA (+109), PANAMA (+50) AND RUSSIA (+23), WHILE MAJOR DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THOSE REGISTERED IN DENMARK (-46), JAPAN (-29) AND SOUTH KOREA (-17).

THE NUMBER OF INCOMING SHIPS WITH A CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 10,000 DEADWEIGHT TONS INCREASED BY 132 WHILE THE NUMBER OF THOSE WITH A LARGER CAPACITY INCREASED BY 102.

IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988, THERE WERE 4,007 OUTGOING SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 23.7 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 236 (OR 6 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 1.1 MILLION NRT (OR 5 PER CENT) IN CAPACITY OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) ROSE BY 18 PER CENT. ABOUT 68 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING SHIPS STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR UNDER TWO DAYS.

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, 84 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS IMPORTS AND 16 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO.

OF THE CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, 58 PER CENT WAS EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) AND 42 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO.

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS IN TONNAGE TERMS WERE SOUTH AFRICA (16 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (14 PER CENT), JAPAN (12 PER CENT), CHINA (11 PER CENT), TAIWAN (9 PER CENT) AND AUSTRALIA (8 PER CENT).

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE THE U.S.A. (20 PER CENT), CHINA (13 PER CENT), TAIWAN (12 PER CENT), JAPAN (7 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (5 PER CENT).

TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED IN CHINA (27 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (15 PER CENT), AND WAS MAINLY DISCHARGED IN CHINA (21 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (12 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988 WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987, MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA (+84 PER CENT), INDONESIA (+61 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+30 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+21 PER CENT).

MAJOR DECREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM SOUTH KOREA (-33 PER CENT) AND CHINA (-10 PER CENT).

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AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, MAJOR INCREASES IN CARGO TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (+65 PER CENT), COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES (+31 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (+30 PER CENT), ORGANIC CHEMICALS (+22 PER CENT) AND PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (+18 PER CENT).

A DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF CORK AND WOOD MANUFACTURES (EXCLUDING FURNITURE) (-12 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988 WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS) INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT.

MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO CHINA (+78 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+50 PER CENT), WEST GERMANY (+39 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+34 PER CENT), INDONESIA (+18 PER CENT) AND THAILAND (+16 PER CENT).

A DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO SOUTH KOREA (-7 PER CENT).

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF NON-FERROUS METALS (+112 PER CENT), PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (+104 PER CENT), ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (+102 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (+61 PER CENT) AND VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (+54 PER CENT).

A DECREASE IN TONNAGE WAS NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF INORGANIC CHEMICALS (-18 PER CENT).

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE IMPORTS AND INWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 31 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO.

OF THAT LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE EXPORTS AND OUTWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 77 PER CENT WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO.

IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 26 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS.

IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR A LARGE PROPORTION OF SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. (83 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (82 PER CENT), ITALY (67 PER CENT) AND SOUTH KOREA (59 PER CENT).

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE IMPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988 ROSE BY 18 PER CENT OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987.

AMONG SEABORNE IMPORTS OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR, IN TONNAGE TERMS, 92 PER CENT OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, 91 PER CENT OF OTHER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC APPLIANCES AND PARTS, 88 PER CENT OF PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPER BOARD, 85 PER CENT OF CHEMICAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED AND 83 PER CENT OF TEXTILE FIBRES.

OF SEABORNE EXPORTS, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 72 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE.

IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR ALL OR ALMOST ALL OF THE SEABORNE EXPORTS TO WEST GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA, THE U.S.A. AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE EXPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988 ROSE BY 24 PER CENT OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987.

SEABORNE EXPORTS OF SOME PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES WERE NEARLY ALL CONTAINERISED. THESE INCLUDED FOOTWEAR; CANNED FOOD; COTTON GARMENTS; GARMENTS OF MIXED MATERIALS OR OTHER MATERIALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED; TOYS; MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED AND COTTON TEXTILES.

SHIPPING STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIPMASTERS OR AUTHORISED SHIPPING AGENTS AND COVER ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT.

PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS ARE COMPILED FROM OCEAN MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A SAMPLE OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE MANIFESTS IS USED FOR COMPILING THE STATISTICS. THE SAMPLING METHOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE REPORT.

MORE DETAILS ON SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988 ARE CONTAINED IN THE "HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT" FOR APRIL TO JUNE 1988, WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT CENTRE, CENTRAL, AT \$22 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON STATISTICS PROVIDED IN THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SHIPPING STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234887.

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TWO RESIDENTIAL LOTS TO BE AUCTIONED

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TWO RESIDENTIAL LOTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE BY AUCTION TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

ONE OF THE LOTS IS IN TUEN MUN AND COVERS ABOUT 12,390 SQUARE METRES.

THE OTHER LOT IS AT RAZOR HILL, SAI KUNG, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 6,743 SQUARE METRES.

BOTH LOTS ARE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE AUCTION WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE JADE BALLROOM OF HOTEL FURAMA, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ID CARD APPLICATIONS AT YUEN LONG

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT OWING TO A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY, THE YUEN LONG NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICE SITUATED AT HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD, YUEN LONG, WILL NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BETWEEN 2 PM AND 5 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

"HOWEVER, APPLICANTS COULD STILL COLLECT THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS AND OBTAIN APPOINTMENTS DURING THE OFFICE HOURS OF THIS OFFICE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

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RIGHT-TURN BAN AT DES VOEUX ROAD WEST  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT NO VEHICLES EXCEPT TRAMS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST TO EASTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST NEAR THE WHITTY STREET TRAM TERMINUS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 29).

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE TRAM TRACK ALTERATIONS.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN CHOI HUNG  
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CHOI HUNG ESTATE WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM TONIGHT (THURSDAY) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR WATER WORKS.

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