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WATER RESTRICTIONS FROM OCTOBER 8

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IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAD APPROVED THAT WATER RESTRICTIONS WOULD COME INTO FORCE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8.

THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WILLIAM TUCKER, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES.

+DURING THE FIRST PHASE, THE TERRITORY WILL HAVE A 16-HOUR SUPPLY DAILY -- FROM 6 AM TO 10 PM,+ HE SAID.

+THE SECOND PHASE WILL BEGIN ON OCTOBER 26 WHEN WE WILL HAVE A 10-HOUR SUPPLY DAILY, I.E. FROM 6 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 10 PM.+

THE 10-HOUR SUPPLY PERIOD AIMS FOR A 20 PER CENT REDUCTION IN CONSUMPTION.

HE URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CO-OPERATE IN ACHIEVING THIS REDUCTION.

MR TUCKER SAID THAT THE DECISION TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN AFTER MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE WATER STORAGE SITUATION.

DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THE DECISION HAD BEEN REPEATEDLY POSTPONED AS A RESULT OF RAIN.

+HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOW REACHED A STAGE WHERE IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO POSTPONE RESTRICTIONS,+ HE SAID.

+THE REASON FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF RESTRICTIONS IS THAT TOTAL RESOURCES INCLUDING STORAGE IN RESERVOIRS, WATER FROM CHINA AND THE OUTPUT FROM THE DESALTER ARE INADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN A FULL SUPPLY THROUGHOUT THE COMING DRY SEASON WITHOUT REDUCING STORAGE TO A DANGEROUSLY LOW LEVEL BY THE END OF THE DRY SEASON.+

MR TUCKER SAID THAT RESERVOIR STORAGE WAS LOW BECAUSE OF THE LOW RAINFALL OF 1 580.3 MM EXPERIENCED SINCE OCTOBER 1, 1980, WHICH IS ONLY 72 PER CENT OF THE LONG-TERM AVERAGE.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE SAID, THE YIELD ASSOCIATED WITH THIS RAINFALL AMOUNTED TO 193.9 MILLION CUBIC METRES, WHICH IS ONLY 50 PER CENT OF THE LONG-TERM AVERAGE FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

AT 9 AM TODAY, THE TOTAL STORAGE IN THE RESERVOIRS WAS 254.3 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 44 PER CENT OF THE FULL STORAGE CAPACITY - FAR BELOW THE 383.2 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 66 PER CENT RECORDED AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR.

VIEWS HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED THAT RESTRICTIONS ARE UNNECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE STORAGE AND THE FACT THAT WATER FROM CHINA WILL RESUME ON OCTOBER 1.

MR TUCKER SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE A MOST UNWISE STEP AND THE SITUATION COULD BE EXPLAINED BY CONSIDERING WHAT THE POSITION WOULD BE ON MAY 1, 1982 IF A FULL SUPPLY WERE MAINTAINED.

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+FROM OCTOBER 1 TO MAY, 1982, THE TOTAL RESOURCES FROM THE RESERVOIRS, WATER FROM CHINA AND THE DESALTER WOULD COME TO ABOUT 390 MILLION CUBIC METRES,+ HE SAID.

+THE CONSUMPTION DURING THIS PERIOD WOULD BE ABOUT 340 MILLION CUBIC METRES BASED ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT INCREASE IN DEMAND OF ABOUT SIX PER CENT.

+THIS MEANS THAT ON MAY 1 THERE WOULD BE ONLY 50 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER LEFT IN OUR RESERVOIRS.+

MR TUCKER SAID THAT WITH A COMBINED CONTRIBUTION FROM THE DESALTER AND WATER FROM CHINA OF ABOUT 0.78 MILLION CUBIC METRES A DAY FROM MAY 1 ONWARD, THE RESERVOIRS WOULD BE COMPLETELY EMPTY WITHIN ANOTHER TWO MONTHS, I.E. AT THE END OF JUNE.

+IN THE ABSENCE OF RAINFALL IN THE EARLY PART OF THE SUMMER OF 1982, THIS WOULD RESULT IN A DISASTROUS SITUATION, AS A MINIMUM SUPPLY OF AS LOW AS FOUR HOURS DAILY COULD NOT BE SUSTAINED AFTER JUNE WITH THE RESOURCES FROM CHINA AND THE CONTRIBUTION FROM THE DESALTER,+ HE WENT ON.

+IF THE DESALTER WERE NOT TO BE OPERATED AND A FULL SUPPLY WAS MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE DRY SEASON, THE SITUATION WOULD BECOME CRITICAL MUCH EARLIER, WITH THE RESERVOIRS BECOMING COMPLETELY EMPTY BY THE MIDDLE OF MAY 1982.+

MR TUCKER SPOKE BRIEFLY ABOUT TWO OTHER SOURCES OF WATER -- CHINA WATER AND WATER FROM THE DESALTING PLANT.

ON CHINA WATER, HE SAID, SUPPLY WOULD RESUME ON OCTOBER 1 AFTER THE SHUTDOWN OF ONE MONTH REQUIRED FOR MAINTENANCE WORK.

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HONG KONG WOULD RECEIVE 100 MILLION CUBIC METRES BETWEEN OCTOBER 1 AND THE END OF FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND 182 MILLION CUBIC METRES BETWEEN MAY NEXT YEAR AND FEBRUARY 1983.

MR TUCKER SAID THAT THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAD ALREADY MADE AVAILABLE AN ADDITIONAL 30 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER DURING THE LAST SUPPLY PERIOD.

IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION, HE ADDED, ANOTHER APPROACH HAD BEEN MADE TO THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES FOR THE SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES OF WATER. A REPLY IS AWAITED.

REFERRING TO THE DESALTING PLANT, MR TUCKER SAID THAT IT WOULD COME INTO FULL OPERATION AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT MONTH, PRODUCING 182 000 CUBIC METRES OF FRESH WATER A DAY, THAT IS, ABOUT 12 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S CURRENT CONSUMPTION.

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MR TUCKER RE-EMPHASISED THAT THE OPERATING COST WOULD NOT BE PASSED ON TO CONSUMERS.

MR TUCKER SAID THAT AS IN THE PAST, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE TO MAINTAIN A 24-HOUR SUPPLY TO INDUSTRIAL ZONES SUCH AS WONG CHUK HANG, QUARRY BAY AND CHAI WAN ON HONG KONG ISLAND- KWUN TONG, CHEUNG SHA WAN AND SAN PO KONG IN KOWLOON AND CHAI WAN KOK, TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TUEN MUN AND TAI PO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR TUCKER SAID THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THE RESTRICTIONS WOULD HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON INDIVIDUAL FACTORIES OUTSIDE THE MAIN INDUSTRIAL ZONES, BECAUSE NEARLY ALL OF THEM HAD CONSIDERABLE WATER STORAGE FACILITIES TO TIDE THEM OVER THE NIGHT-TIME CUT.

+HOWEVER, IF ANY INDUSTRY EXPERIENCES ANY DIFFICULTY IT SHOULD CONTACT THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE WORKED OUT,+ HE SAID.

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COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE
DEATH OF INSPECTOR JOHN MACLENNAN

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY CONDUCTED BY THE HON MR JUSTICE YANG INTO THE MACLENNAN CASE. THE FULL REPORT IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE AND, SEPARATELY, SUMMARIES IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, ARE NOW ON SALE IN THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

THE REPORT IS A SELF-EXPLANATORY DOCUMENT, AND THE COMMISSION HAS RECORDED ITS CONCLUSIONS IN RESPECT OF EACH OF ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE REPORT CONTAINED NO SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS, IT HAD BEEN CAREFULLY SCRUTINISED BY GOVERNMENT AND THOSE PARTS WHICH REQUIRED PARTICULAR CONSIDERATION AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

HE SAID THAT FOR EXAMPLE, THE COMMENTS ON CERTAIN POLICE PROCEDURES INCLUDING THE MANNER OF INVESTIGATIONS, THE HANDLING OF INFORMERS, THE INVESTIGATION OF SUICIDES OR SUDDEN DEATHS AND THE PROCEDURE FOR ARREST, HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE. CERTAIN MATTERS HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE OFFICE. OTHER MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED INCLUDED WHETHER IN THE LIGHT OF THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS, DISCIPLINARY OR OTHER PROCEEDINGS WERE REQUIRED INTO THE CONDUCT OF ANY PUBLIC OFFICER.

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SPECIAL FESTIVAL TRAIN SERVICES

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL RUN ADDITIONAL TRAIN SERVICES ON OCTOBER 4, 6 AND 11, FOR THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

HOWEVER A SPOKESMAN FOR KCR SAID TODAY THAT FEWER SPECIAL SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY ENGINEERING WORKS CONNECTED WITH THE MODERNISATION-ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME AT TAI PO KAU AND SHEUNG SHUI.

TIMETABLES FOR THE SPECIAL SERVICES ARE POSTED AT ALL STATIONS.

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DECISION ON POSTAL RATES PETITION

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REVISED POSTAL RATES FOR SURFACE PRINTED PAPERS AND INLAND PARCELS, THE INTRODUCTION OF WHICH WAS DEFERRED FROM JULY 1, WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 1 AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.

THE DECISION WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION BY A GROUP OF PUBLISHING AND DIRECT MAIL ORGANISATIONS. THE PETITIONERS HAVE BEEN INFORMED TODAY THAT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SURFACE PRINTED PAPER AND INLAND PARCEL SERVICES HAD BEEN RUNNING AT A LOSS FOR SOME TIME, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE SUBSIDISED BY OTHER POSTAL USERS EVEN AFTER THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW RATES.

IN RESPECT OF THE INCREASES FOR SURFACE PRINTED PAPERS, THE MAIN REASON FOR THE SERVICE RUNNING AT A LOSS WAS THAT THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION HAD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED THE PAYMENTS DUE TO OTHER POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS BY ADMINISTRATIONS THAT SEND MORE MAIL ABROAD THAN THEY RECEIVE FROM OVERSEAS.

THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE DESPATCHES MUCH MORE SURFACE PRINTED MAIL THAN IT RECEIVES FROM ABROAD.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE RATES HAD NOT BEEN INCREASED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT HAD ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE PERIOD OF NOTICE ORIGINALLY GIVEN WAS SHORT AND BECAUSE OF THIS, THE INTRODUCTION OF THE RATES IN QUESTION HAD BEEN DEFERRED BY THREE MONTHS.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL WILL CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH HE CAN GIVE LONGER NOTICE IN RESPECT OF ANY FUTURE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES.

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COMMENTING ON THE PETITIONERS' REQUEST FOR 'MEANINGFUL DATA' ON THE POSTAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN HONG KONG AND OTHER POSTAL AUTHORITIES, THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION CONVENTION, ALL COUNTRIES WERE CONSIDERED TO FORM ONE POSTAL ADMINISTRATION. THE NORMAL PRACTICE WAS THAT POSTAL AUTHORITIES DID NOT ADOPT A MULTITUDE OF DIFFERENT RATES FOR SURFACE LETTER MAIL TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. THE DATA WERE THEREFORE NOT RELEVANT TO THE ACTUAL DETERMINATION OF POSTAL RATES.

COMMENTING ON THE PETITIONERS' CLAIM THAT OTHER POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE REGION HAD NOT RAISED THEIR RATES TO SIMILAR LEVELS TO HONG KONG, HE SAID THERE WAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE MAIL TRAFFIC IMBALANCE OF ANY OF THEM WAS THE SAME AS HONG KONG'S.

ON THE PETITIONERS' SUGGESTION THAT AN IMPACT STUDY BE CONDUCTED, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL HAD INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THE ORGANISATIONS WHICH WERE LIKELY TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY THE NEW RATES AND NO FURTHER STUDY WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WHILE THE GOVERNMENT APPRECIATED THE EFFECTS OF THE INCREASES ON VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS, THE POST OFFICE, LIKE THESE ORGANISATIONS, WAS RUN ON COMMERCIAL LINES AND COULD JUSTIFIABLY EXPECT ITS CUSTOMERS TO PAY AN ECONOMIC PRICE FOR THE SERVICES IT OFFERED.

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INTERNATIONAL MUSIC DAY CONCERT
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TEACHERS AND TRAINEES FROM THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION'S MUSIC OFFICE WILL PERFORM CLASSICAL MUSIC AT THE LANDMARK IN CENTRAL TO COMMEMORATE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC DAY ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 1).

THE ONE HOUR SHOW STARTING AT 12.45 PM WILL FEATURE MUSIC BY MOZART, HINDEMITH, SAINT-SAENS, TSANG WING-CHING AND YUE SUEN-FAT.

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC DAY IS CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ON OCTOBER 1 WITH CONCERTS, OPERAS, AND RADIO AND TELEVISION SHOWS BROADCAST BY SATELLITE TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN MANY CORNERS OF THE WORLD.

IT IS ALSO ON THIS DAY THAT MANY AWARDS ARE PRESENTED TO PEOPLE FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO MUSIC.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MUSIC CONCERT AT THE LANDMARK STARTING AT 12.45 PM ON THURSDAY.

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VILLAGERS SHOW MORE INTEREST IN FIRE PREVENTION

MORE RESIDENTS OF SQUATTER AREAS AND VILLAGES NOW REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION.

AS A RESULT OF THIS AWARENESS, A FURTHER 25 VOLUNTARY FIRE-WATCH PATROLS WILL OFFICIALLY BE FORMED ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 2) TO ASSIST REGULAR FIREMEN IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE FIRE MENACE.

THE NEW PATROLS WILL BE INAUGURATED BY MR FRED JACKSON, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT SHA TIN FIRE STATION, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

THEY MAKE UP THE FIFTH GROUP OF FIRE-WATCH TEAMS TO BE FORMED AND WILL BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUCH TEAMS TO 108 SINCE THE SCHEME WAS STARTED IN FEBRUARY 1979.

ORGANISED BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TOGETHER WITH THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE SCHEME AIMS TO GET VILLAGERS AND RESIDENTS OF SQUATTER AREAS MORE INVOLVED IN FIRE PREVENTION.

THEY WILL BE TRAINED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

OF THE NEW TEAMS, 13 ARE IN THE URBAN AREAS AND 12 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AT THE CEREMONY, THE NEW TEAMS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH SOUVENIR PENNANTS BY MR JACKSON- AS WELL AS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT- THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR KEITH KWOK- AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MRS SHELLEY LAU.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION OF MODERN FIRE FIGHTING TECHNIQUES PRESENTED JOINTLY BY THE TAI WAI FIRE-WATCH TEAM AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE NEW FIRE-WATCH TEAMS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SHA TIN FIRE STATION, SHA TIN NEW TOWN, NEW TERRITORIES AT 2.30 PM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 2). A COACH FOR THE PRESS WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER AT 1.30 PM SHARP.

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\$17.8 MILLION CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR TAI PO
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A \$17.8 MILLION CARE AND ATTENTION HOME IS TO BE BUILT AT SHUEN WAN, TAI PO.

THE HOME, FOR 188 OLD PEOPLE, WILL BE ON A 2.4 HECTARE SITE ALLOCATED TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IN 1976.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, TODAY (TUESDAY) OFFICIATED AT THE PROJECT'S GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY.

THE HOME WILL BE A TWO-STOREY BUILDING WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF ABOUT 3 000 SQUARE METRES.

FACILITIES IN STAGE I WILL INCLUDE 24 BEDROOMS WITH SELF-CONTAINED BATH FACILITIES, TWO DINING ROOMS, STAFF QUARTERS, NURSES' DUTY ROOMS, A KITCHEN, LAUNDRY, MEDICAL CONSULTATION ROOM AND A PHYSIOTHERAPY ROOM.

IT WILL BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER NEXT YEAR.

STAGES II AND III OF THE PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER CARE AND ATTENTION HOME AND A HOME FOR THE AGED, ARE BEING PLANNED.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE WHOLE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE SERVICES FOR 600 PEOPLE AGED OVER 60.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR CHUI SAID REALISATION OF THE PROJECT WAS GOOD NEWS, AS CARE AND ATTENTION SERVICES TO OLD PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT WOULD BE STRENGTHENED, MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO MEET SATISFACTORILY THE URGENT NEEDS ARISING FROM RAPID INCREASES OF POPULATION AND FAST DEVELOPMENT.

THE HOME WAS WELL PLANNED AND ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED, AND WITH EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP THE STANDARD OF SERVICES PROVIDED WOULD BE EXCELLENT, MR CHUI SAID.

+THE SCALE AND PACE OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE UNPRECEDENTED, AND THE VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICES SHOULD BE INCREASED SIMULTANEOUSLY AT HIGH SPEED SO AS TO ACHIEVE SYNCHRONISATION,+ HE SAID.

MR CHUI SAID AT THE PLANNING STAGE OF NEW TOWNS THE GOVERNMENT HAD INCLUDED VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES SO AS TO ENSURE SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF NEW TOWNS AND NEW COMMUNITIES ON A REGIONAL BASIS.

+HOWEVER, THE EXPANSION OF SERVICES - THE CONSTRUCTION OF SPECIALISED INSTITUTIONS IN PARTICULAR - NEEDS TIME TO BE ACHIEVED.

+THEREFORE, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HAS DRAFTED A CONSOLIDATED SERVICES EXPANSION SCHEME, TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY STAGES.

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+THIS SCHEME REQUIRES HUGE RESOURCES. APART FROM LAND AND BUILDING EXPENSES, EXPERIENCED WELFARE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WITH POTENTIAL ARE NEEDED TO HANDLE DIFFERENT SERVICES.

+THE EARTH-BREAKING CEREMONY HERE TODAY IS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS EXPANSION SCHEME,+ MR CHUI SAID.

+IN THE COMING DECADE OR SO, WE WILL WANT MORE SUCH PROJECTS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS- WE ALSO HOPE THAT SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATIONS WILL FURTHER SHOULDER THIS DIFFICULT AND LONG-TERM RESPONSIBILITY OF GREAT IMPORTANCE,+ HE SAID.

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HONG KONG GALA EVENING IN LONDON

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HONG KONG'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN RECENT YEARS WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED AT A +HONG KONG GALA EVENING+ AT THE BARBICAN CENTRE IN LONDON NEXT MONTH.

THE PRESENTATION FOLLOWS LAST YEAR'S HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL HONG KONG FESTIVAL HELD IN BATTERSEA PARK WHICH ATTRACTED MORE THAN HALF A MILLION VISITORS.

THE ANNUAL PROMOTION EVENT IN BRITAIN THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD ON TWO EVENINGS, ON OCTOBER 5 AND 6.

THE 3 000 GUESTS, HEADED BY HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, WILL INCLUDE KEY FIGURES FROM PARLIAMENT, WHITEHALL, AND THE CITY, TOGETHER WITH LEADING PEOPLE FROM COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, THE PRESS AND MEDIA, PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS, ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE 60-MINUTE PRESENTATION WILL DEMONSTRATE HOW HONG KONG IS PROGRESSING AT WORK AND AT PLAY.

THERE WILL BE THREE PARTS : A MULTI-SCREEN AUDIO VISUAL SHOW, PORTRAYING THE STORY OF HONG KONG'S PROGRESS- A FASHION SHOW ADAPTED FROM THIS YEAR'S PRET-A-PORTER PRESENTATION IN PARIS- AND A LIVE PERFORMANCE BY A SELECTION OF YOUNG MUSICIANS AND DANCERS FROM HONG KONG, TO DEMONSTRATE HONG KONG'S CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY WILL BE MOUNTED IN THE FOYER OF THE BARBICAN CENTRE, AS A GRAPHIC RECORD OF HONG KONG'S LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

THE HONG KONG PRESENTATION WILL BE THE FIRST MAJOR EVENT TO BE STAGED AT THE BARBICAN CENTRE, WHICH IS BRITAIN'S NEWEST CULTURAL COMPLEX, CONCEIVED AS THE LONDON COUNTERPART TO THE POMPIDOU CENTRE IN PARIS AND THE LINCOLN CENTRE IN NEW YORK.

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IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION STRESSED
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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IS A PREVENTIVE SERVICE AIMED AT STRENGTHENING FAMILY TIES, IMPROVING INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND PROMOTING SOCIAL STABILITY AND PROGRESS, THE CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (OPERATIONS), MR KWOK NAI-SIK, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST, MR KWOK SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED A PROPOSAL TO PROMOTE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IN HONG KONG IN 1977.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SERVICE WAS STATED CLEARLY IN THE 1979 WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE.

+IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, OUR EFFORTS HAVE CONCENTRATED ON INTRODUCING TO THE PUBLIC THE OBJECTIVES AND MEANING OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND ON DRIVING HOME THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FAMILY,+ HE SAID.

THE METHODS USED INCLUDE THE HOLDING OF EXHIBITIONS AND COMPETITIONS AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS THROUGH THE MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA.

FIELD WORK ALSO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE PROVISION OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SERVICES, MR KWOK NOTED.

IN 1979, THERE WERE 35 FIELD WORKERS PROVIDING THIS TYPE OF SERVICE. THIS YEAR, THERE ARE 49, HE SAID.

+THEY WORK CLOSELY WITH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS FROM VARIOUS AGENCIES.+

REFERRING TO THIS YEAR'S FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, MR KWOK SAID +THE ADOLESCENT AND THE FAMILY+ HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS THE THEME BECAUSE OF PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT YOUTH PROBLEMS IN RECENT YEARS.

YOUNG PEOPLE NEED GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE SCHOOL AND THE FAMILY, AND THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE FAMILY AND PARENTS HAVE A STRONG INFLUENCE ON ADOLESCENTS IN THEIR GROWING UP PROCESS, HE SAID.

THIS YEAR'S PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED LAST SUNDAY AT A YOUTH CARNIVAL AT THE OCEAN PARK. VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICTS WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER TO COMPLEMENT EVENTS ORGANISED ON A TERRITORY-WIDE BASIS.

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TWO-WAY TRAFFIC ON NEW FLYOVER
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THE WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD-STUBBS ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM NOON ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 30).

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ISLAND ROAD TO CLOSE FOR THREE NIGHTS
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ABOUT 200 METRES OF ISLAND ROAD, EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH DEEP WATER BAY ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 12.01 AM AND 5 AM DAILY FROM OCTOBER 1 TO 3 TO FACILITATE CULVERT REPLACEMENT, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

TRAFFIC MOVING BETWEEN WONG CHUK HANG AND REPULSE BAY SHOULD USE NAM FUNG ROAD, DEEP WATER BAY ROAD AND REPULSE BAY ROAD.

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QUARRY BAY STREET TO BE RE-ROUTED FOR 12 WEEKS
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TRAFFIC TRAVELLING ALONG HOI KWONG STREET, BETWEEN TONG CHONG AND HOI TAI STREETS, QUARRY BAY, WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND INSTEAD OF NORTHBOUND FROM 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 1) FOR ABOUT 12 WEEKS.

THE CHANGE IN THE DIRECTIONAL FLOW WILL ALLOW FOR ROAD WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT THE JUNCTION OF TONG CHONG AND HOI KWONG STREETS.

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