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REPORTS EXPECTED FROM JOINT LIAISON GROUP -- GOVERNOR

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THERE MUST BE REPORTS FROM TIME TO TIME ON WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING THE EASTERN DISTRICT, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP HAD A PARTICULAR AGENDA AND THE FIRST PART OF IT CONCERNED THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS OF HONG KONG.

+ALTHOUGH THE MEETINGS ARE SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT TO BE CONFIDENTIAL, OBVIOUSLY THERE MUST BE REPORTS FROM TIME TO TIME ON WHAT IS GOING ON,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD BE MEETING MEMBERS OF THE GROUP DURING HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO THE UK, THE GOVERNOR SAID: +SOME OF THEM OF COURSE ARE HERE AND OTHERS WILL BE IN LONDON.+

+I DON'T HAVE A PARTICULAR PLAN TO MEET THEM EXCEPT IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF MEETING OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

+BUT I SHALL, NO DOUBT, MEET MR KE AND ANY OF THE OTHERS WHO ARE THERE IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF THE VISIT,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT THE FORTHCOMING VISIT BY THE CHINESE PREMIER TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WAS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE WHICH SYMBOLISED GOOD RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

HONG KONG COULD ONLY BENEFIT FROM SUCH A GOOD RELATIONSHIP, HE SAID.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE +POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE+ OF HIS TRIP TO LONDON DURING THE CHINESE PREMIER'S VISIT, SIR EDWARD SAID: +THERE IS ALWAYS A LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE, I SUPPOSE, WHEN I TRAVEL -- AT LEAST YOU ALWAYS READ A LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE INTO IT WHEN I TRAVEL.+

HE SAID HE WOULD BE ATTENDING SOME OF THE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTERS AND BETWEEN OTHER MINISTERS WHO WOULD BE THERE DURING HIS VISIT.

+IF THE SUBJECT OF HONG KONG IS ON THE AGENDA -- THERE ARE NO MAJOR PROBLEMS -- BUT IF THE SUBJECT OF HONG KONG IS ON THE AGENDA, I AM SURE THEY WILL WANT ME TO BE THERE,+ HE SAID.

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+SOME OF THEM OF COURSE WILL NOT CONCERN ME BECAUSE THEY WILL BE ON MATTERS OF ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED WHETHER HE EXPECTED TO BE +TREATED LIKE THE THIRD LEG OF A THREE-LEGGED STOOL+ DURING HIS TRIP TO LONDON, SIR EDWARD SAID: +NO, I DON'T INTEND TO TAKE A STOOL WITH ME AT ALL. I INTEND TO SIT ON A CATHAY PACIFIC CHAIR WHICH IS ALWAYS EXCEEDINGLY COMFORTABLE.

+IT HAS FOUR LEGS AND NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE AT ALL.+

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON A NEWSPAPER REPORT THAT HE HAD WRITTEN +THANK YOU LETTERS+ TO SOME APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, HE SAID: +WHEN THERE IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE ON THE FUTURE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, YOU CAN BE SURE I WILL MAKE IT.+

ON THE OPENING OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ISLAND LINE TODAY, SIR EDWARD SAID IT WOULD HAVE A MAJOR EFFECT ON THE EASTERN DISTRICT AND WOULD ADD TO THE EFFECT ALREADY CREATED BY THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

+I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE QUITE A GOOD IDEA TO COMBINE TODAY THE OPENING OF THE MTR AND THEN TO COME UP AND HAVE A TALK WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD ABOUT HOW THEY SEE THE DEVELOPMENT, AND TO SEE WHETHER NOW THAT THEY HAVE A RAILWAY, A ROAD, AND A HOSPITAL IN PROSPECT, WOULD THEY HAVE ANYTHING ELSE THAT THEY FELT WAS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE,+ HE SAID.

+BUT I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT THEY ALL RECOGNISE THAT A VERY GREAT DEAL HAS BEEN DONE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND SO I DIDN'T GET TOO MUCH IN THE WAY OF COMPLAINTS. I HAD A VERY NICE LUNCH,+ HE SAID.

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'MTR -- VITAL LONG-TERM ASSET'

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URBAN HONG KONG, AS IT IS TODAY WOULD BE UNTHINKABLE WITHOUT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE SAID TODAY.

THE MTR, SIR EDWARD SAID, MIGHT HAVE ITS PROBLEMS, BUT IT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY AN IMPORTANT LONG-TERM ASSET FOR THE COMMUNITY.

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+IT CONTRIBUTES BOTH TO THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN HONG KONG. I AM SURE THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR MANY GENERATIONS TO COME,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING JUST BEFORE DECLARING OPEN THE MTR ISLAND LINE AT TAI KOO STATION TODAY.

THE COMPLETION OF THE MAJOR PART OF THE ISLAND LINE TODAY WAS ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MTR, HE SAID.

+IT BRINGS ABOUT A MUCH-NEEDED UNDERGROUND TRANSPORT LINK, NOT ONLY BETWEEN THE URBAN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND, BUT ALSO BETWEEN HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THE SUCCESS OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY PROJECT WAS WIDELY KNOWN.

DESPITE DIFFICULT GROUND CONDITIONS AND THE DENSE URBAN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH IT HAD TO BE BUILT, SIR EDWARD SAID, THE ISLAND LINE HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED, AS HAD BEEN THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM AND THE MASS TRANSIT EXTENSION, AHEAD OF TIME AND WITHIN BUDGET.

ALL MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS HAD TO COME TO AN END, SIR EDWARD SAID.

+THIS REGRETTABLY MEANS THAT THE ENGINEERING AND PROJECT DIVISION OF THE CORPORATION WILL NOW BE CONTRACTED.

+THIS TEAM CAN BE PROUD OF ITS ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENTS. IT IS SAD THAT MANY OF THEM WILL NOW HAVE TO MOVE ON TO NEW PROJECTS ELSEWHERE.

+BUT THEY CAN LOOK BACK WITH PRIDE ON WHAT THEY HAVE CREATED HERE, AND WE WISH THEM EVERY SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

ON BEHALF OF HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD THANKED AND CONGRATULATED THEM +FOR THE TREMENDOUS EFFORT WHICH THEY HAVE PUT INTO COMPLETING THE PROJECT IN SUCH A HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL AND EFFICIENT MANNER+.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO CONGRATULATED THE MANY CONTRACTORS, CONSULTANT ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WHO HAD ALSO BEEN UNSTINTING IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROJECT.

TOGETHER, SIR EDWARD SAID, THEY HAD CREATED FOR HONG KONG ONE OF THE MOST MODERN, HIGH-CAPACITY UNDERGROUND RAILWAY SYSTEMS IN THE WORLD.

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GOVERNOR SEES EASTERN DISTRICT PROGRESS
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EASTERN WILL EVOLVE FROM A DISTRICT WITH CHRONIC TRAFFIC PROBLEMS INTO ONE WITH EXCELLENT TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE, WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TRAFFIC MEASURES ALONG KING'S ROAD, AND THE OPENING OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND MTR ISLAND LINE.

AND THIS IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND VARIOUS ADVISORY BODIES, INCLUDING THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT SHOULD BE WELL ABLE TO COPE WITH THE INCREASE OF POPULATION UP TO ABOUT 750 000 BY THE END OF THE CENTURY.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WAS TOLD THIS TODAY DURING A VISIT TO THE DISTRICT, AFTER HE OPENED THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

FROM THE ROOFS OF TWO BUILDINGS, SIR EDWARD HAD PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND LAND USE IN SAI WAN HO, SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEFED BY OFFICIALS FROM DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS ON MATTERS CONCERNING TRANSPORT, PUBLIC HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT HOSPITAL IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1991, PROVIDING 1 550 BEDS AND A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF TREATMENT, 24-HOUR ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND SPECIALIST OUT-PATIENT CLINICS.

WELL IN PROGRESS ON THE SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION IS THE ELEVATED SECTION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, WHICH WILL OPEN TO TRAFFIC IN JULY. OTHER PROJECTS ON THE RECLAMATION INCLUDE A MAGISTRACY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, RECREATION SITES INCLUDING AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, AND FOUR COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL SITES.

IN CHAI WAN, 90 PER CENT OF THE 120 000 PEOPLE LIVE IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS OR HOME OWNERSHIP ESTATES.

CHAI WAN IS ONE OF THE MAIN INDUSTRIAL AREAS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, WITH SOME 1 100 INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS EMPLOYING OVER 25 000 PEOPLE.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE AND THE PLANNED EXTENSION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR FROM SHAU KEI WAN, MORE INDUSTRIALISTS AND DEVELOPERS ARE EXPECTED TO INVEST IN CHAI WAN.

MR CHAN YING-LUN, AN ELECTED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER AND A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, ALSO BRIEFED SIR EDWARD ON COMMUNITY FEATURES AND PROBLEMS IN SHAU KEI WAN.

PRIOR TO THE DISTRICT TOUR, THE GOVERNOR HAD LUNCH WITH MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THEIR CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG.

TRIAL OF COMMERCIAL CRIME STUDY GROUP NAMED
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THE GOVERNOR AS PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS NOMINATED MR PETER C. WONG AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL ON MAY 1 TO CONSIDER AND REPORT ON THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE PROSECUTION AND TRIAL OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES, INCLUDING CHANGES IN THE PROCEDURES BEFORE AND DURING TRIAL AND THE MODE OF TRIAL.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE UNOFFICIAL COUNCILLORS DR HO KAM-FAI, MR ALLEN LEE PENG-FEI, MR ANDREW SO, MR HU FA-KUANG, MR WONG PO-YAN, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, MR JOHN SWAINE, MRS SELINA CHOW, MISS MARIA TAM WAI-CHU, DR HENRIETTA IP, MR CHAN YING-LUN, MRS RITA FAN, AND MR PETER POON, AND THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR PIERS JACOBS.

ALL THE UNOFFICIALS PREVIOUSLY SERVED ON THE UMELCO AD-HOC GROUP CONVENED BY MR PETER C. WONG TO HEAR REPRESENTATION FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE TRIAL OF COMMERCIAL CRIMES BILL 1985.

THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 4.

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'JOURNALISTIC STANDARDS IMPROVING'
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THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN JOURNALISTIC STANDARDS IN HONG KONG DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS, THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A JOURNALISM SYMPOSIUM ORGANISED BY THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, MR TSAO SAID THE PRINTED MEDIA IS NOW ABLE TO ATTRACT WELL-EDUCATED YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN ITS RANKS.

+MANY OF THEM HAVE PROVED THEIR WORTH AND HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN THEIR TRADE,+ HE SAID.

MR TSAO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE COUNCIL FOR ORGANISING, ON A REGULAR BASIS, VARIOUS TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR JOURNALISTS IN HONG KONG. HE ALSO CONGRATULATED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND STAFF OF THE COUNCIL ON HAVING SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE JOURNALISM SYMPOSIUM FOR THE SECOND YEAR.

+I AM SURE THAT THIS WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS FURTHER UPGRADING THE STANDARD OF JOURNALISM IN HONG KONG. TO THE EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE RELEASED AND SPONSORED THEIR STAFF MEMBERS TO ATTEND THIS SYMPOSIUM, I WISH TO ASSURE THEM THAT THEIR INVESTMENT WILL REAP DIVIDENDS IN THE YEARS TO COME,+ HE SAID.

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LO WU FOOTBRIDGE TO BE OPENED

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THE NEW LO WU DOUBLE DECK FOOTBRIDGE, BUILT JOINTLY BY THE GUANGZHOU RAILWAY AUTHORITIES AND THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR JOHN BOYD, AND THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF SHENZHEN, MR ZHEN XIPEI, AT 10.30 AM ON JUNE 13.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A SPECIAL KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY COACH FOR THE PRESS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT HUNG HOM AT 9.20 AM. ON ARRIVAL THE PRESS WILL BE ESCORTED TO THE FOOTBRIDGE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE LOBBY OF THE STATION NOT LATER THAN 9 AM.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE CEREMONY ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE THEIR NAMES AND ID CARD NUMBERS BY TELEPHONE TO MISS JEAN CHAN AT 5-26702701 OR MISS YVONNE CHIN AT 5-262527 OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT BY 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5.

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DRAFT POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS GAZETTED

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REGULATIONS IN DRAFT FORM FOR CONTROLLING POLLUTION IN WATER CONTROL ZONES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE GAZETTE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION.

THESE DRAFT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (GENERAL) REGULATIONS WERE CONSIDERED RECENTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND, IN VIEW OF THEIR LENGTH AND COMPLEXITY, IT WAS FELT THAT THEY SHOULD BE PUBLISHED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION SO THAT THE PUBLIC COULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THEM BEFORE THEY WERE MADE.

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VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS MAY BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE REGULATIONS WERE TO BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH POWERS CONTAINED IN THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE UNDER WHICH WATER CONTROL ZONES COULD BE DECLARED. AT PRESENT THERE IS ONLY ONE SUCH ZONE, NAMELY THE TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WATER CONTROL ZONE WHICH WAS DECLARED IN 1982.

THE DRAFT REGULATIONS ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURES WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED IN ORDER TO BRING UNDER CONTROL TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGES INSIDE A WATER CONTROL ZONE. THE CONTROLS WILL APPLY ONLY TO A LIST OF TRADES AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL BE PRESCRIBED.

FOR THE TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WATER CONTROL ZONE, IT IS INTENDED THAT DISCHARGES FROM THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONTROL:

FOOD MANUFACTURING	LEATHER MANUFACTURE
TEXTILE INDUSTRIES	PAPER INDUSTRIES
BEVERAGE INDUSTRIES	CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
BASIC METAL INDUSTRIES	MOTOR REPAIR SERVICES
LAUNDRIES	PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIOS
MANUFACTURE OF METAL PRODUCTS	MANUFACTURE OF NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS
SEWAGE TREATMENT	

+FROM AN ANNOUNCED DATE ALL EXISTING DISCHARGES WILL, ON NOTIFICATION, BE EXEMPT FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS WHILE ANY OTHER DISCHARGES, THAT IS, THOSE WHICH WILL BE 'NEW' AFTER THE ANNOUNCED DATE, WILL HAVE TO BE LICENSED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT HOWEVER THAT EXISTING DISCHARGES WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM LICENSING CONTROLS PROVIDED THAT THEY WERE NOTIFIED TO THE GOVERNMENT WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD.

+THEY WILL REMAIN EXEMPT SO LONG AS THEY DO NOT CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY. NO FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR EXEMPTION BUT EXISTING OPERATORS WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE FORMS WHICH DESCRIBE THEIR PRESENT DISCHARGES; THESE DESCRIPTIONS WILL THEN FORM A REFERENCE POINT FOR SUBSEQUENT INSPECTION AND MONITORING,+ HE SAID.

/THE REGULATIONS

THE REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR CANCELLATION OF EXEMPTIONS WHERE FALSE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED OR WHERE THE LEVEL OR NATURE OF THE DISCHARGE HAS SUBSEQUENTLY INCREASED BEYOND THE ALLOWED LIMIT OR WHERE THE DISCHARGE ITSELF REPRESENTS A THREAT EITHER TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR TO THE PUBLIC SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

UNDER THE DRAFT REGULATIONS, ALL NEW DISCHARGES FROM THE ACTIVITIES ON THE PRESCRIBED LIST WILL HAVE TO BE LICENSED AND APPLICANTS FOR LICENCES WILL BE REQUIRED TO DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED DISCHARGES IN THEIR APPLICATIONS.

THE REGULATIONS LAY DOWN PROCEDURES FOR SUBSEQUENT INSPECTION AND MONITORING OF DISCHARGES. THERE IS PROVISION FOR PUBLICATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PROPOSED DISCHARGES TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO NOTE THEM AND TO OBJECT TO THEM.

WHERE PUBLICATION OF THE NATURE OF A DISCHARGE WOULD VIOLATE INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL SECRECY, APPLICANTS WILL BE ABLE TO SEEK APPROVAL TO WITHHOLD CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM PUBLICATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THERE WOULD BE APPEAL PROCEDURES AND PROVISION FOR COMPENSATION TO BE PAID IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO RESTRICT OR CURTAIL EITHER EXEMPTIONS OR LICENCES.

+RESTRICTION OR CURTAILMENT WOULD ONLY BECOME NECESSARY IF THE STATE OF THE WATERS IN A WATER CONTROL ZONE MADE IT NECESSARY.

+IN ANY WATER CONTROL ZONE THE QUALITY OF THE WATERS IS MONITORED CONTINUOUSLY AGAINST QUALITY OBJECTIVES WHICH ARE PUBLISHED FOR THAT ZONE AT THE TIME OF ITS DECLARATION,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE REGULATIONS WERE BEING PROPOSED AFTER EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH INDUSTRY. +BUSINESSES ALREADY IN OPERATION WILL NOT BE MUCH AFFECTED ALTHOUGH THEY WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF THEIR EFFLUENTS SO THAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN ASSESS THE TOTAL POLLUTION LOAD FROM ALL SOURCES.

+THE DETAILED INFORMATION PROVIDED BY EXISTING OPERATORS WILL ENABLE CONTROL TO BE EXERCISED IN A SENSITIVE AND FLEXIBLE WAY.

+IT IS INTENDED THAT SEMINARS WILL BE ORGANISED TO EXPLAIN THE PROVISIONS OF THE REGULATIONS. GUIDANCE NOTES, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, ON THE COMPLETION OF THE PRESCRIBED FORMS AS WELL AS ASSISTANCE IN THE COMPLETION OF THOSE FORMS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT AFTER THE ANNOUNCED DATE, PERSONS INTENDING TO LOCATE A BUSINESS WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE PRESCRIBED LIST OF ACTIVITIES IN A WATER CONTROL ZONE MAY NEED TO EQUIP THEIR PREMISES WITH ADEQUATE DISCHARGE TREATMENT PLANTS.

ADVICE ON SUCH FACILITIES IS AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG FROM A NUMBER OF SOURCES INCLUDING THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

+GENERALLY, THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, ALL APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BUILDING PERMITS ARE CHECKED ANYWAY TO ENSURE THAT ACCEPTABLE PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR THE TREATMENT OF WASTES BEFORE THEY ARE DISCHARGED,+ HE SAID.

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BILL DEALING WITH OIL DISCHARGE GAZETTED
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PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY ARE A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 12, AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (APPEAL BOARD) REGULATIONS 1985 WHICH WILL COME INTO FORCE ON A DATE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE BILL SEEKS TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE ANY DISCHARGE OF OIL OR A MIXTURE CONTAINING OIL INTO THE WATERS OF HONG KONG.

IT ALSO PROPOSES TO EXEMPT DISCHARGES LICENSED UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE FROM THE OIL POLLUTION CONTROLS IN THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL ORDINANCE.

ON MATTERS OF COMPENSATION, THE BILL SPECIFIES WHICH PERSONS WOULD BE ABLE TO CLAIM COMPENSATION FOLLOWING THE CANCELLATION OR VARIATION OF A LICENCE OR OF AN EXEMPTION IN RESPECT OF A DISCHARGE OR DEPOSIT OF MATTER INTO A WATER CONTROL ZONE.

+IT PROVIDES THAT, IN THE EVENT OF DISAGREEMENT OVER THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION, THE DISPUTE WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL FOR DETERMINATION,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

ON THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (APPEAL BOARD) REGULATIONS 1985, HE EXPLAINED THAT THE APPEAL BOARD TO BE SET UP WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO HEAR AND DETERMINE AN APPEAL AGAINST THE AUTHORITY'S DECISIONS, FOR EXAMPLE IN SUCH MATTERS AS REFUSAL TO GRANT OR RENEW A LICENCE, CANCELLATION OF A LICENCE, OR IMPOSING NEW OR AMENDED TERMS OR CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUANCE OF A LICENCE.

+THE APPEAL BOARD MAY ALSO HEAR AN APPEAL FROM A PERSON WHO IS AGGRIEVED BY THE DECISION OF THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE TO REFUSE HIS APPLICATION TO WITHHOLD FROM PUBLIC INFORMATION ANY SPECIFIED INFORMATION CONCERNING A DISCHARGE OR DEPOSIT.

+THESE REGULATIONS, MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED AND THE FORMS TO BE USED IN THE COMMENCEMENT AND CONDUCT OF APPEALS TO AN APPEAL BOARD,+ HE SAID.

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BILL TO ENSURE SAFE TRANSPORT BY AIR OF DANGEROUS GOODS
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A DANGEROUS GOODS (CONSIGNMENT BY AIR)(SAFETY) BILL 1985 WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) SEEKING TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION WITH POWERS TO ENSURE THE SAFE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY AIR.

THE BILL WILL ALSO EMPOWER THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TO MAKE REGULATIONS FOR THE PREPARATION AND PACKAGING OF SUCH DANGEROUS GOODS. THESE WILL INCLUDE GOODS WHICH PRESENT ANY KIND OF HAZARD TO AN AIRCRAFT, ITS OCCUPANTS OR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO HANDLE THE GOODS.

THE SUBSTANCES TO BE COVERED INCLUDE EXPLOSIVES, COMPRESSED GASES, FLAMMABLE MATERIALS, POISONS, INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCES, RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS AND CORROSIVES.

THE BILL, TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 12 BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, AIMS TO REFLECT RECENT INTERNATIONAL CONCERN ABOUT SAFETY STANDARDS FOR THE CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS IN AIRCRAFT.

AS A RESULT OF THIS CONCERN, THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION RECENTLY INTRODUCED +TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SAFE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY AIR+.

THESE +TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS+ INTRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS WHICH SPECIFY THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET IF DANGEROUS GOODS ARE TO BE CARRIED IN AN AIRCRAFT.

MAXIMUM QUANTITIES, THE MANNER IN WHICH DANGEROUS GOODS ARE TO BE PACKED AND THE REQUIRED PACKAGE LABELS ARE ALL SPECIFIED INDIVIDUALLY FOR THOUSANDS OF SUBSTANCES.

THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WILL REQUIRE THAT ALL DANGEROUS GOODS IN HONG KONG INTENDED FOR CARRIAGE BY AIR BE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS.

OFFENCES UNDER THE NEW LEGISLATION WOULD INCUR A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$500 000 AND-OR UP TO TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

IT IS INTENDED THAT IF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL APPROVES THE BILL, THE LEGISLATION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON AUGUST 1, 1985.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE BILL MAY BE SENT TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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SAUDI PRINCE PRAISES HK POLICE

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A SAUDI ARABIAN PRINCE WAS SO IMPRESSED BY HONG KONG POLICE EFFICIENCY DURING A RECENT VISIT, THAT HE HAS DONATED \$25,000 TO THE POLICE WELFARE FUND.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE SAUD BIN NAIF BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD AND HIS ENTOURAGE OF 20, INCLUDING TWO MORE PRINCES, APPARENTLY ENJOYED HIS FIRST VISIT TO HONG KONG SO MUCH THAT HE STAYED ON MUCH LONGER THAN HE HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED.

ON BEHALF OF THE PRINCE, THE DONATION WAS PRESENTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, MR KEITH LOMAS, BY THE GENERAL MANAGER OF ARABIAN GULF INVESTMENTS (FAR EAST) LIMITED, MR D.F.J. PATERSON.

MR PATERSON SAID THAT THE 30-YEAR-OLD PRINCE, WHO IS A NEPHEW OF SAUDI ARABIA'S KING FAISAL, HAD BEEN MAKING A TOUR OF THE FAR EAST WITH HIS ENTOURAGE WHEN HE WAS PERSUADED TO COME TO HONG KONG BY ONE OF THE DIRECTORS OF HIS COMPANY.

"AT FIRST HE ONLY INTENDED TO STAY THREE DAYS. BUT THIS WAS EXTENDED, AND EXTENDED, AND EXTENDED, TO EIGHT DAYS," SAID MR PATERSON.

THE VISITORS HAD LIKED THEIR HOTEL, THE METICULOUS ATTENTION GIVEN TO THEIR SECURITY, AND ALL OF THE ARRANGEMENTS THE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE FOR THEM.

THEY WENT TO THE RACES AT SHA TIN AND TO MACAU, AND DID LOTS OF SHOPPING.

"THE PRINCE THOROUGHLY APPRECIATED THE EFFICIENCY OF THE POLICE FORCE AND THE WAY THE POLICE HANDLED EVERYTHING DURING HIS STAY," SAID MR PATERSON.

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DRUG PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION STRESSED

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STRENGTHENING PREVENTIVE DRUG EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS COULD DETER YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GETTING INVOLVED IN DRUGS AFTER THEY LEFT SCHOOL WHEN THEY WOULD BE MORE VULNERABLE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+FOLLOWING THE SETTING UP OF THE SCHOOL TALKS TEAM IN THE NARCOTICS DIVISION EARLY LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 367 DRUG EDUCATION TALKS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO OVER 106 000 STUDENTS IN 201 SECONDARY SCHOOLS,+ HE SAID.

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+BY THIS MEANS MORE AND MORE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE BEING ARMED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO RESIST DRUGS.+

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, MR MORTIMER STRESSED THAT HEROIN CONTINUED TO BE THE MAIN DRUG ABUSED IN HONG KONG.

+HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT NEGLECTING THE PROBLEM OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE EVEN THOUGH THIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A SERIOUS SOCIAL PROBLEM IN HONG KONG AT PRESENT,+ HE SAID.

+WE HAVE BEEN MONITORING THE SITUATION CLOSELY,+ HE ADDED.

MR MORTIMER POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS NO PERCEPTIBLE DRUG-RELATED DETERIORATION IN ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN SCHOOLS, NO DRUG-RELATED UPSURGE IN ABSENTEEISM AT SCHOOL OR WORK PLACE, AND NO MARKED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ADMISSIONS TO PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS FOR THE TREATMENT OF HABITUAL PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSERS.

HE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE TAKING THESE DRUGS OCCASIONALLY AND WHO HAD NOT YET FELT THE NEED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

+WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION BY MEANS OF SPECIAL SURVEYS, MEDICAL STATISTICS AND SEIZURES OF ILLICIT PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS,+ HE SAID.

THE SEMINAR, ENTITLED +THE DRUG PROBLEM AND PREVENTIVE EDUCATION+, WAS ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND IS THE SECOND OF ITS KIND.

IT IS AIMED AT GIVING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DRUG PROBLEM IN HONG KONG AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON PREVENTIVE DRUG EDUCATION.

PRESENT AT THE SEMINAR WERE ABOUT 100 ADMINISTRATORS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KWUN TONG, TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, NORTH AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS, WHERE DRUG EDUCATION TALKS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED SINCE OCTOBER, 1984.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WAS MR ISAAC CHOW, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, NARCOTICS DIVISION, WHO PRESENTED SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS WITH THE GENERAL PICTURE OF THE DRUG PROBLEM IN HONG KONG AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTIVE EDUCATION.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.L. CHAN ALSO EXPLAINED THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE, AND SUPERINTENDENT C.K. KWOK OF THE POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU, ADVISED SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ON HOW THE POLICE COULD ASSIST IF A PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE SHOULD DEVELOP IN THEIR SCHOOLS.

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NEW DESIGN COMPANY TO MAKE DEBUT THIS YEAR
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THE NEW PRODUCT INNOVATION AND DESIGN COMPANY LIMITED (PIDC) SHOULD BE OFFICIALLY REGISTERED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS IN THE 1985 NEW PRODUCT COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (CMA), MR HO SAID THE COMPANY WOULD BE INVOLVED INITIALLY IN ASSESSING CATEGORIES OF PRODUCTS IN TERMS OF THEIR POTENTIAL FOR DESIGN AND INNOVATION.

+PROPOSALS WILL THEN BE PREPARED FOR CONSIDERATION BY MANUFACTURERS IN THESE AREAS. SPECIFIC PROJECTS WILL ALSO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES ON A CONSULTANCY BASIS.+

BESIDE PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE ORGANISERS OF THE COMPETITION, MR HO ALSO CONGRATULATED THE CMA ON ITS INITIATIVE IN SPONSORING A PRODUCT CONSULTANCY SERVICE.

HE REMINDED MANUFACTURERS OF THE INCREASINGLY KEEN COMPETITION IN OVERSEAS MARKETS AND THE SHORTENING LIFE CYCLES OF THE AVERAGE PRODUCT DUE TO RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS.

IT WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY FOR MORE RESOURCES TO BE DEVOTED TO PRODUCT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER THAT NEW AND BETTER PRODUCTS COULD BE CREATED AND NEW MARKET DEMANDS GENERATED, HE SAID.

+I HAVE NOT THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT THAT OUR MANUFACTURERS WILL RISE TO THIS CHALLENGE.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE COMBINED SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE PIDC AND THE CONSULTANCY SERVICE SPONSORED BY THE CMA WILL GREATLY ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF OUR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZE FIRMS TO DEVELOP THEIR PRODUCTS AT A MUCH FASTER PACE TO MEET CHANGING MARKET NEEDS,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW PRODUCTS COMPETITION HAS BEEN ORGANISED ANNUALLY BY THE CMA SINCE 1970.

THERE WERE 39 ENTRIES IN THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION, THREE OF WHICH WON THE HK NEW PRODUCTS AWARD AND FOUR WERE AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF MERIT. THE WINNING PRODUCTS INCLUDED ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, ELECTRONICS GOODS, AND MACHINERY AND ENGINEERING PRODUCTS.

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WARNING ON IMPORT OF ENDANGERED SPECIES
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) WARNED HOLIDAY MAKERS AND TRADERS THAT THEY FACED HEAVY PENALTIES FOR ILLEGALLY IMPORTING INTO HONG KONG ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS.

THE WARNING WAS ISSUED FOLLOWING TWO RECENT COURT CASES IN WHICH TWO MEN WERE FINED \$750 AND \$800 AT FANLING MAGISTRACY FOR ILLEGALLY BRINGING INTO HONG KONG FIVE KESTRELS. THE BIRDS WERE CONFISCATED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT DESPITE REPEATED APPEALS, THERE HAD BEEN AN UPSURGE IN THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMPORTS.

+IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR ALONE THERE WERE 219 CASES, WHICH IS MUCH HIGHER THAN THE 39 CASES RECORDED FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR,+ HE SAID.

THE MOST COMMON ITEMS INTERCEPTED ARE HAWKS, KESTRELS, OWLS, PANGOLINS AND STUFFED SPECIMENS OF SEA TURTLES AND CROCODILES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WAS AN OFFENCE TO POSSESS, IMPORT OR EXPORT ENDANGERED SPECIES (LIVING OR STUFFED SPECIMENS) WITHOUT THE PRIOR AUTHORISATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

+VIOLATION OF THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE MAY LEAD TO A FORFEITURE OF THE IMPORTED ITEMS AND A FINE OF UP TO \$5 000 FOR A FIRST OFFENCE AND \$10 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE,+ HE ADDED.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, LICENCES TO IMPORT OR TO POSSESS HAVE TO BE OBTAINED IN ADVANCE OF EACH SHIPMENT AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A VALID EXPORT PERMIT ISSUED BY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY OF THE EXPORTING COUNTRY.

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MORE SCHOOLS FOR KWUN TONG
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PLANS ARE IN HAND TO BUILD TWO MORE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KWUN TONG BETWEEN 1987 AND 1991, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE FOURTH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE LEUNG SHEK CHEE COLLEGE, HE SAID: +THE TWO SCHOOLS ARE AMONG THE THREE PLANNED FOR THE URBAN REGION UNDER THE STAGE V SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME.

+TOGETHER WITH FIVE OTHER SCHOOLS TO BE COMPLETED BY 1987, KWUN TONG WILL HAVE SEVEN MORE GOVERNMENT-AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR LOCAL STUDENTS.+

MR MAK POINTED OUT THAT ACCORDING TO A STUDY BY THE DISTRICT BOARD ON THE DEFICIENCY OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN THE DISTRICT, MORE THAN 2 500 FORM 1 STUDENTS HAD TO ATTEND AIDED GRAMMAR SCHOOLS OUTSIDE KWUN TONG.

THE STUDY WAS A TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF HOW THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD WORKED TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY, HE SAID.

ALTHOUGH IT WOULD TAKE QUITE SOME TIME BEFORE THE GRADUATES COULD BECOME DB MEMBERS, HE URGED THEM TO PARTICIPATE MORE IN ACTIVITIES OF STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS, YOUTH GROUPS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OR OWNERS' CORPORATIONS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM.

+AS WRITTEN IN YOUR SCHOOL SONG, 'TO SERVE AND LEAD TOGETHER AND TO LOVE AND HELP EACH OTHER' IS VITAL TO THIS FAST-DEVELOPING SOCIETY OF HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

MR MAK ALSO THANKED THE SCHOOL FOR ITS SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BY MAKING AVAILABLE THE SCHOOL HALL TO DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL BODIES FOR ORGANISING FUNCTIONS, AND BY ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

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RETAIL SALES SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED
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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN MARCH 1985, ESTIMATED AT \$5 569 MILLION, WAS FOUR PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN MARCH 1984, WHILE THEIR VOLUME WAS TWO PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

RETAIL SALES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985 ROSE BY NINE PER CENT IN VALUE AND EIGHT PER CENT IN VOLUME WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1984.

COMPARING MARCH 1985 WITH FEBRUARY 1985, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, RETAIL SALES DECREASED BY FIVE PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

IN MARCH 1985, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1984. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO SHOWED INCREASES OF SEVEN PER CENT IN VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN VOLUME. THOSE OF CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY FIVE PER CENT IN VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS RECORDED AN INCREASE OF TWO PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCREASED BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME.

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT IN VALUE AND EIGHT PER CENT IN VOLUME. THOSE OF CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY 14 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

+OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ AND FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY NINE PER CENT AND THREE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. FUELS REGISTERED THE SMALLEST INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME.

COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1985, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS ROSE BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES ALSO INCREASED, BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN VOLUME. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS DROPPED BY 21 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 23 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ALSO DECREASED, BY SEVEN PER CENT IN VALUE AND EIGHT PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THOSE OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ FELL BY FOUR PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

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ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN TERMS OF VALUE AND VOLUME WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1984. DEPARTMENT STORES AND SUPERMARKETS ALSO SHOWED MODERATE INCREASES. HOWEVER, THOSE OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES DROPPED MODERATELY IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1984, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE CONSIDERABLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. SUPERMARKETS, DEPARTMENT STORES, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES ALSO RECORDED INCREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1985, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. HOWEVER, SUPERMARKETS, DEPARTMENT STORES AND MOTOR VEHICLES ALL RECORDED DECREASES IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL SALES FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1985 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR MARCH 1985.

TABLES 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF MARCH 1985 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF FEBRUARY 1985 AND MARCH 1984 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985 WITH THOSE IN THE SAME QUARTER IN 1984 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

GRAPHS 1 AND 2 DEPICT THE INDEX MOVEMENTS OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES FROM JANUARY 1983 TO FEBRUARY 1985.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE MARCH 1985 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL: 3-7216024).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for March 1985 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$5,569 million
for February 1985 (Revised Figure) = HK\$5,839 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES
FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1985

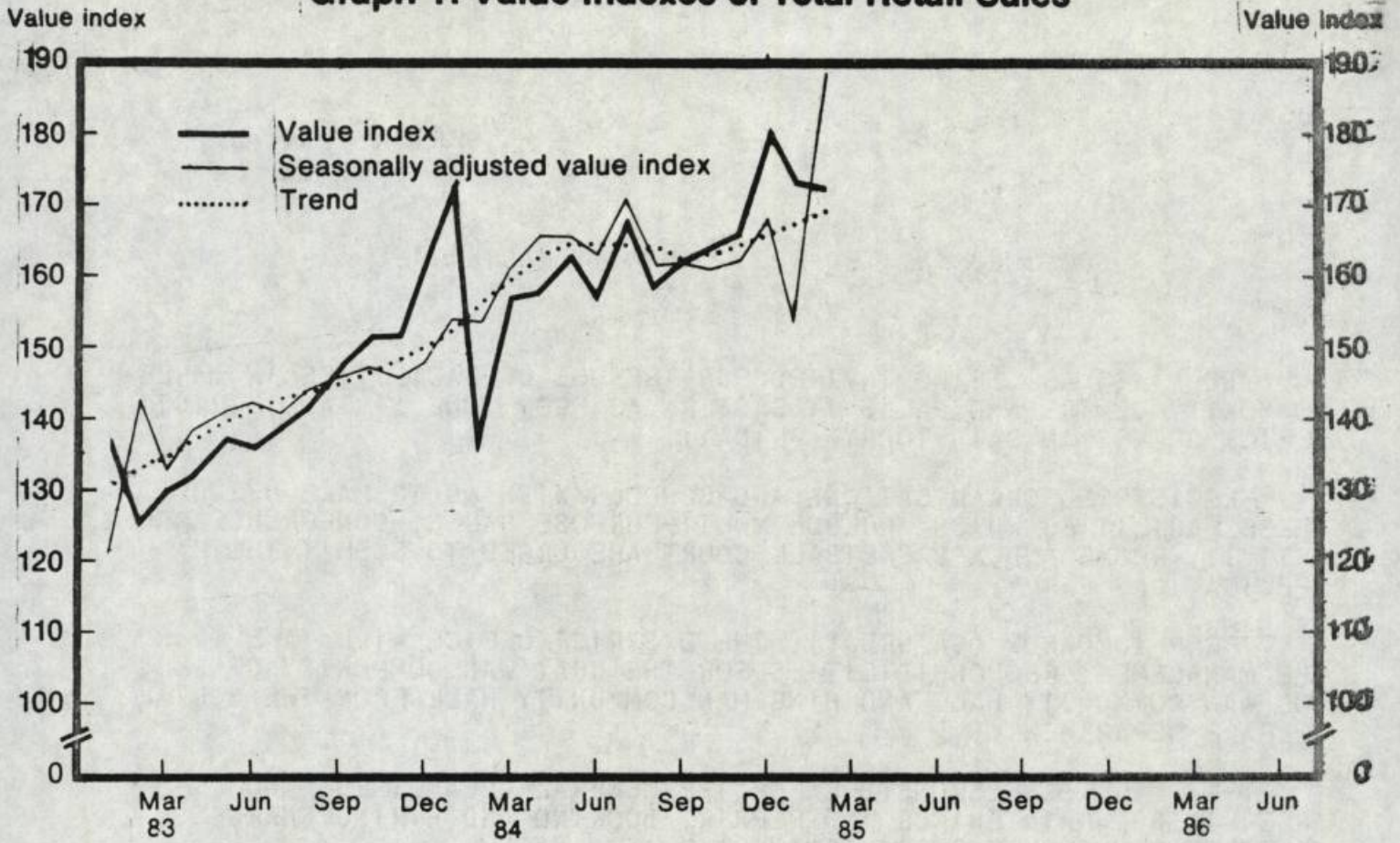
(Monthly average of 1980 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	February 1985	March 1985	March 1985 compared with February 1985		March 1985 compared with March 1984		Jan. - March 1985 compared with Jan. - March 1984	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	172	164	- 8	- 5	+ 7	+ 4	+ 14	+ 9
	Volume	119	114	- 6	- 5	+ 3	+ 2	+ 8	+ 8
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	194	179	- 14	- 7	+ 12	+ 7	+ 6	+ 3
	Volume	126	116	- 10	- 8	+ 7	+ 6	+ 4	+ 3
Fuels	Value	168	194	+ 26	+ 16	+ 4	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1
	Volume	109	124	+ 15	+ 14	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2	+ 2
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	243	192	- 52	- 21	+ 17	+ 10	+ 35	+ 18
	Volume	159	123	- 36	- 23	+ 2	+ 1	+ 11	+ 8
Consumer durables	Value	145	148	+ 3	+ 2	+ 7	+ 5	+ 18	+ 14
	Volume	107	110	+ 3	+ 3	+ 1	+ 1	+ 10	+ 10
Other consumer goods	Value	161	155	- 7	- 4	+ 2	+ 1	+ 14	+ 9
	Volume	116	112	- 5	- 4	+ 2	+ 2	+ 10	+ 9
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
Supermarkets	Value	351	291	- 60	- 17	+ 31	+ 12	+ 31	+ 12
	Volume	217	176	- 41	- 19	+ 16	+ 10	+ 18	+ 11
Motor vehicles	Value	85	84	- 2	- 2	+ 39	+ 86	+ 28	+ 47
	Volume	50	49	- 1	- 2	+ 22	+ 78	+ 14	+ 39
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles	Value	186	193	+ 7	+ 4	- 15	- 7	+ 11	+ 6
	Volume	145	151	+ 5	+ 4	- 13	- 8	+ 7	+ 5
Department stores	Value	188	154	- 34	- 18	+ 17	+ 12	+ 13	+ 8
	Volume	136	111	- 24	- 18	+ 12	+ 12	+ 9	+ 8

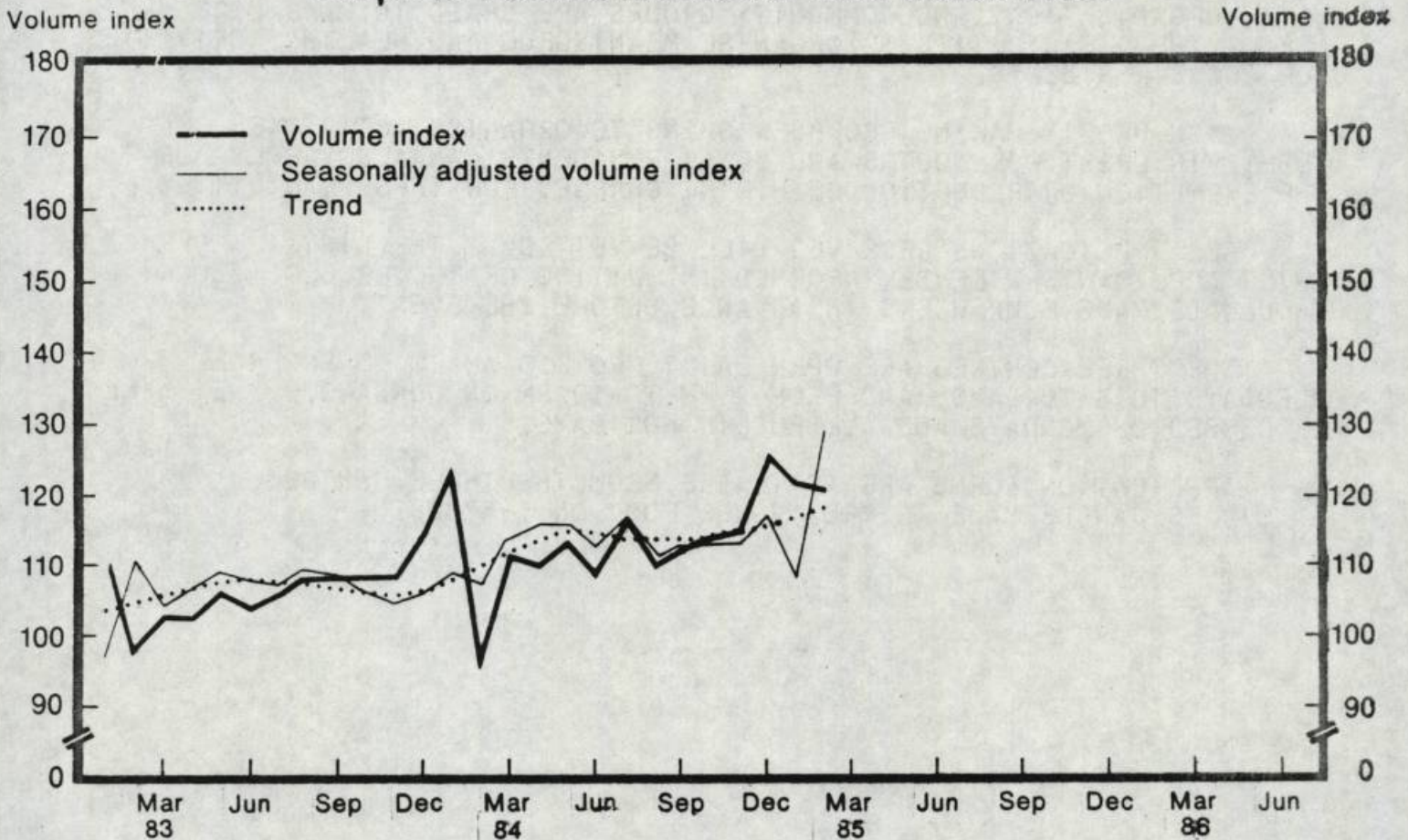
- Notes :
1. "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" includes "supermarkets".
 2. "Consumer durables" includes "motor vehicles".
 3. "Other consumer goods" includes "department stores".
 4. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.

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Graph 1: Value Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Graph 2: Volume Indexes of Total Retail Sales



Notes: (1) Monthly average of 1980 = 100.

(2) The seasonally adjusted value and volume indexes and Henderson trends are compiled using the X-11 variant seasonal adjustment program of the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

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BOOKINGS INVITED FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES
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BOOKINGS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE USE OF FACILITIES IN THREE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND HALLS IN EASTERN AS FROM JUNE 17, A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

REGISTERED ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THESE FACILITIES WHICH INCLUDE MULTI-PURPOSE HALLS, CONFERENCE ROOMS, ACTIVITY ROOMS AND A BASKETBALL COURT ARE URGED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS EARLY.

FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL TAKE OVER THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, YUE WAN COMMUNITY HALL AND HING MAN COMMUNITY HALL FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

+WE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENERAL CLEANLINESS AND ORDERLINESS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, BOOKING AND HIRING CHARGES OF THESE VENUES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+ORGANISATIONS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE URGED TO MAKE MORE USE OF THESE FACILITIES TO ORGANISE MEANINGFUL AND HEALTHY ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+NON-PROFIT-MAKING GROUPS WISHING TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC INTEREST FOR YOUTHS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS CAN ALSO APPLY FOR THE EXEMPTION OR REDUCTION OF HIRING CHARGES FOR THESE FACILITIES.+

ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE VETTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WHILE APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED IN WRITING OF THE RESULT. BOOKINGS SHOULD BE MADE FOUR WEEKS IN ADVANCE BEFORE THE EVENT.

THE THREE CENTRES ARE OPEN DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM FROM TUESDAYS TO SATURDAYS, AND FROM 2 PM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAYS. THEY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAYS AND ALL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE THREE CENTRES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO MRS YVONNE FUNG ON 5-573265.

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NEW REMAND UNIT FOR GIRLS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL SHORTLY BE OPERATING A TEMPORARY REMAND UNIT FOR GIRLS IN THE TAI TAM GAP TRAINING CENTRE.

NAMED +PUI YIN+, THE UNIT WILL ACCOMMODATE 38 GIRLS AGED 14 AND OVER WHO ARE AWAITING COURT APPEARANCE EITHER ON CHARGES OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES OR ON APPLICATION FOR CARE AND PROTECTION ORDER.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW UNIT WOULD RELIEVE THE OFTEN-CONGESTED REMAND FACILITIES IN THE MA TAU WAI GIRLS' HOME.

IT WILL START RECEIVING GIRLS FROM JUNE 10 AND WILL BE IN OPERATION UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR WHEN A NEW MIXED REMAND HOME FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IS EXPECTED TO OPEN AT THE OLD MA TAU WAI GIRLS' HOME SITE.

THE GAZETTE TODAY PUBLISHED NOTIFICATION TO INCLUDE TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AS A PLACE OF DETENTION FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS, A PLACE OF REMAND AND A PLACE OF REFUGE.

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DANCING TO SUPPORT YOUTH YEAR

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A WHEELCHAIR DANCE PERFORMANCE AND DANCE-IN SESSION FOR ABOUT 300 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE WILL BE HELD FROM 3.30 PM TO 5 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE POKFULAM PHAB CENTRE.

THE EVENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE DIVISION OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG REHAB AID, IS IN SUPPORT OF THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR DICKEN YUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

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CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME DISCUSSED

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MEMBERS OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD TODAY DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE CAPITAL AND MINOR WORKS PROJECTS PLANNED FOR THE DISTRICT BY THE URBAN COUNCIL OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THESE PROJECTS, INCLUDING FIVE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, RANGE FROM THE LATEST LANDMARK IN THE TERRITORY -- THE TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURAL CENTRE -- TO A SWIMMING POOL, GARDENS, SITTING-OUT AREAS, MARKET COMPLEXES, A COOKED FOOD CENTRE, REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AND PUBLIC TOILETS.

ALTOGETHER THERE ARE 20 CAPITAL WORKS AND 27 MINOR WORKS PROJECTS IN THE COUNCIL'S PLANNING PIPELINE FOR THE DISTRICT, OF WHICH SOME 68 PER CENT ARE RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES. FULL DETAILS OF THE PROJECTS AND THEIR PROPOSED PRIORITIES WERE TABLED AT THE BOARD'S MEETING TODAY BY THE STAFF OFFICER(PLANNING)/KOWLOON WEST OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR A.P. HASSAN.

DURING THE ENSUING DISCUSSION, MEMBERS WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SWIMMING POOL IN KOWLOON PARK WHICH THEY SAID WAS URGENTLY NEEDED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THEY ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO SHELVE THE MUSEUM PROJECT AND CALLED ON THE URBAN COUNCIL TO LIAISE WITH THE GOVERNMENT ON WAYS TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT.

MR HASSAN TOLD THE MEETING THAT THE COUNCIL WAS CONSIDERING SEVERAL OPTIONS AND THAT THE ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

MR HASSAN ALSO ASSURED THE BOARD THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD TAKE THEIR VIEWS INTO CONSIDERATION AND SUGGEST ADJUSTMENTS WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

HE ADDED THAT THE USD WOULD PRESENT ITS FINALISED DRAFT CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AND THAT THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD ALSO BE INFORMED OF THE FINALISED PLANS FOR THEIR DISTRICTS AROUND NOVEMBER.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR YIP WAH, SAID THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE HELPED FOSTER A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS OF THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE COUNCIL IN PLANNING CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS FOR THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS.

+AT THE SAME TIME, IT WOULD ALSO ENABLE THE COUNCIL AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO GET FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON THE NEEDS AND PRIORITIES FOR UC FACILITIES AS THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS SEE THEM,+ HE ADDED.

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BEACH LITTERBUGS, NOISE-MAKERS FACE BLITZ
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LITTERBUGS VISITING URBAN COUNCIL BEACHES ON HONG KONG ISLAND MAY BE IN FOR A SHOCK FROM TOMORROW (JUNE 1) WHEN A DRIVE FOR CLEANER BEACHES - AND A BLITZ ON LITTERERS AND NOISE-MAKERS - GETS UNDER WAY.

THIS MONTH'S (MAY'S) EXCEPTIONALLY HOT, DRY WEATHER BROUGHT CROWDS FLOCKING TO THE BEACHES IN NUMBERS MUCH LARGER THAN NORMAL, CATCHING THE UNDER-STRENGTH WORKFORCE OF THE USD BY SURPRISE AND RESULTING IN AN ORGY OF LITTER.

BUT WITH A STRENGTHENED WORKFORCE STARTING DUTY FROM TOMORROW THE USD IS NOT ONLY SET TO CLEAN UP THE BEACHES BUT ALSO TO SEVERELY HIT THE POCKETS OF LITTERBUGS.

THE CHIEF MANAGER (LEISURE SERVICES) FOR HONG KONG, MR R.F. POLLARD, SAID TODAY: +THE FILTH INFLICTED ON OUR BEACHES OVER THE PAST MONTH, DESPITE A WEALTH OF MEDIA PUBLICITY IMPLORING PEOPLE TO BE MORE CONSIDERATE, HAS BEEN A PUBLIC DISGRACE.

+THE HEALTH RISK OF THIS ANTI-SOCIAL ATTITUDE MUST BE OBVIOUS TO ALL AND IN THE ABSENCE OF A RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE BY SOME SELFISH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, RIGID ENFORCEMENT IS NOW INEVITABLE. CONSEQUENTLY, ANTI-LITTER PATROLS WILL BEGIN ON ALL MAIN BEACHES AS FROM THIS WEEKEND, AND OFFENDERS WILL BE PROSECUTED.+

BESIDES LITTERBUGS, OTHER SELFISH BEACHGOERS SPOIL THE ENJOYMENT OF OTHERS BY TURNING UP THE VOLUME OF RADIOS AND OTHER SOUND AMPLIFYING EQUIPMENT, CAUSING A CONSIDERABLE NUISANCE WHICH THE COUNCIL ALSO INTENDS TO CURB.

+THIS WILL NOT BE POPULAR WITH SOME BEACHGOERS, WHO WILL SEE IT AS A RESTRICTION ON THEIR FREEDOM,+ SAID MR POLLARD.

+HOWEVER, NOBODY HAS THE FREEDOM TO INFLICT EITHER THEIR NOISE OR THEIR RUBBISH ON OTHERS, AND FROM THIS WEEKEND THERE WILL ALSO BE A CRACKDOWN ON EXCESSIVE NOISE SO THAT THE BEACHES CAN BE ENJOYED BY THE LARGE MAJORITY OF RESPONSIBLE BEACHGOERS IN THE MANNER INTENDED.+

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EXHIBITION OF DISABLED PEOPLE AT WORK
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THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL STAGE TWO MOBILE EXHIBITIONS OF DISABLED PEOPLE AT WORK AT THE MTR STATIONS NEXT WEEK.

THE EXHIBITIONS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT THE ADMIRALTY STATION AND ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT THE KWUN TONG STATION.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXHIBITIONS HAD BEEN ORGANISED TO DEMONSTRATE THE WORKING ABILITY OF DISABLED PERSONS AND TO ENCOURAGE EMPLOYERS TO EMPLOY THEM.

STATIC DISPLAY COMPRISING COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS OF DISABLED PERSONS AT WORK IN VARIOUS TRADES AND BRIEF GUIDES TO EMPLOYERS ON EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS WOULD BE PUT UP.

A SOUND-ON-SLIDE PRESENTATION ON THE WORK OF THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE WILL ALSO BE SHOWN.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT OFFICERS FROM THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE WOULD BE PRESENT TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS AND TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

EMPLOYERS WISHING TO EMPLOY SUITABLE DISABLED PERSONS CAN CONTACT THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE AT 3-7554835, 5-296672 OR 0-4988444.

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ACCESS PLANNED TO KWAI CHUNG PARK
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THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IS TO PROVIDE COVERED PEDESTRIAN ACCESS BETWEEN THE PROPOSED KWAI CHUNG PARK AND KWAI SHING CIRCUIT.

THE PROPOSED ACCESS WILL CONSIST OF A SUBWAY UNDER KWAI FUK ROAD AND A SERIES OF FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS KWAI HEI STREET AND TSUEN WAN ROAD LEADING INTO THE PARK WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1987.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG- THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN AND THE KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORK OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN JULY 30.

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NEW ROADS TO SERVE SHEK WU HUI DEVELOPMENT
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT NEW ROADS IN SHEK WU HUI TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FANLING AREA.

THE PROPOSED WORK INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR ROAD AND INTERNAL ACCESS ROADS TOTALLING 1.5 KILOMETRES, A CAR AND LORRY PARK, FOOTPATHS AND STREET FACILITIES.

CERTAIN ROADS AND FOOTPATHS IN THE AREA, WEST OF SHEK WU HUI, WILL BE CLOSED. TEMPORARY ACCESS WILL HOWEVER BE MAINTAINED DURING CONSTRUCTION TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, AND AT THE NORTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN JULY 30.

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PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PLANNED FOR SHA TIN
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BUILD A NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ACROSS THE SHING MUN RIVER AT SHA TIN BETWEEN CENTRAL PARK AND THE RIVER PROMENADE NEAR SHA KOK ESTATE.

IT WILL EXTEND THE PEDESTRIAN NETWORK TO CONNECT THE KCR STATION, NEW TOWN PLAZA, CULTURAL COMPLEX AND CENTRAL PARK WITH THE ALREADY COMPLETED RESIDENTIAL ESTATES SOUTH OF THE RIVER.

A PLAN OF THE PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, SHA TIN.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN JULY 30.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES ON HONG KONG ISLAND

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL, WAN CHAI AND WESTERN DISTRICT FROM MONDAY (JUNE 3), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN CENTRAL, THE SLIP ROAD OFF GARDEN ROAD LEADING TO MURRAY BARRACKS OPEN AIR CAR PARK WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY FOR SITE REDEVELOPMENT.

VEHICLES ON GARDEN ROAD HEADING FOR THE CAR PARK WILL HAVE TO PROCEED VIA GARDEN ROAD FLYOVER AND COTTON TREE DRIVE.

IN WAN CHAI, ALL VEHICLES OVER 10 TONNES GROSS WILL BE BANNED FROM ST. FRANCIS STREET FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY.

AND IN WESTERN DISTRICT, WESTERN STREET BETWEEN FIRST STREET AND SECOND STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON JUNE 3 UNTIL 10 AM ON JUNE 16 FOR ROAD WORK.

TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA POK FU LAM ROAD AND THIRD STREET DURING THE CLOSURE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES ON BRIDGE

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TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC AT INTERVALS BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5.45 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING FROM MONDAY TO THURSDAY (JUNE 3 TO 6).

THIS IS TO ENABLE CONSULTANTS TO CARRY OUT INVESTIGATIVE WORK.

THE SAME MEASURE WILL BE CARRIED OUT AGAIN FROM JUNE 10 TO 13, 18 TO 20, AND 24 TO 27.

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM TO MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY (JUNE 3) FOR MAIN WORKS.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED WILL BE SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG, KWAI CHUNG, HA KWAI CHUNG INCLUDING KWAI HING ESTATE, KWAI FONG ESTATE, LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE, SHEK YAM ESTATE, SHEK LEI ESTATE, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE, SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE, LO WAI AND THE CONTAINER TERMINAL.

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