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FINAL REGISTRATION RESULT SATISFACTORY

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THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO THIS EVENING SAID HE WAS HAPPY WITH THE RESULT OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS WHICH ENDED TODAY.

+WE HAVE A TOTAL REGISTRATION OF 66.3 PER CENT, A FIGURE MUCH HIGHER THAN ANY OF THE PREVIOUS ELECTION REGISTRATION FIGURES- AND EVEN THE LOWEST FIGURE IS 50 PER CENT, WHICH MEANS THAT IN EVERY ORGANISATION, HALF OR MORE THAN HALF OF THEIR MEMBERS HAVE IN FACT REGISTERED,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SOME 12 000 APPLICATIONS OUT OF A POSSIBLE TOTAL OF ABOUT 40 000 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN THE LATE REGISTRATION PERIOD, WHICH MEANS SOME 30 PER CENT OF THOSE WHO DID NOT REGISTER THE FIRST TIME CAME FORWARD THE SECOND TIME.

HE THOUGHT LAST MINUTE PUBLICITY CONTRIBUTED TO THE FINAL RESULT. STAFF OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WHO WENT AROUND TO ALL THE TEACHERS WERE THANKED FOR THEIR EFFORTS. MR TSAO HIMSELF WROTE TO EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUENCIES WHO DID NOT REGISTER IN THE FIRST PHASE, SENDING 40 000 LETTERS IN ALL.

COMMENTING ON REGISTRATION FIGURES FOR THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONSTITUENCIES, MR TSAO POINTED OUT THAT NONE OF THE FIGURES WAS VERY FAR FROM THE AVERAGE, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE LOW COMPARED WITH THOSE OF THE OTHER CONSTITUENCIES. +IN NONE OF THE ORGANISATIONS HAS THE RESULT BEEN DISAPPOINTING,+ HE SAID.

FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF VOTER REGISTRATION, THE NEXT JOB TO BE DONE IS TO ENACT ELECTORAL REGULATIONS TO SPELL OUT HOW ELECTIONS ARE TO BE CONDUCTED, SUCH AS THE VENUES, TIMING, AND NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES.

+WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE THIS WITHIN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS MONTH. WE WILL THEN BE SENDING OUT NOMINATION FORMS TO ORGANISATIONS. THE ACTUAL NOMINATIONS SHOULD START ON AUGUST 2 AND CLOSE ON AUGUST 20,+ MR TSAO SAID.

THE DATE OF ELECTION WILL BE SOMETIME TOWARDS THE END OF SEPTEMBER, AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONCE IT HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNOR, HE ADDED.

MR TSAO THOUGHT THAT THE INFORMAL PART OF THE ELECTIONEERING WILL START EARLIER, WHEN THE NOMINATION FORMS ARE MADE AVAILABLE. ALTHOUGH THERE WILL NOT BE A LONG PERIOD BETWEEN THE START OF ELECTIONEERING AND THE CLOSING DATE OF NOMINATION, MR TSAO THOUGHT CANDIDATES WOULD NOT NEED ALL THAT MUCH TIME.

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+IN NO CASE WILL ANY CANDIDATE HAVE TO FACE MORE THAN ABOUT 60 VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT BOARDS FOR EXAMPLE, ALTHOUGH EACH DB CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTS ROUGHLY HALF A MILLION PEOPLE, AND I THINK THE PERIOD IS REALLY QUITE SUFFICIENT.

+IN CASE OF THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES, I THINK CANDIDATES ARE LIKELY TO BE WELL-KNOWN TO THEIR MEMBERS, BECAUSE AFTER ALL, CANDIDATES MUST HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTITUENCIES, AND THEREFORE, I DO NOT THINK YOU NEED ALL THAT MUCH TIME FOR THE ELECTIONEERING PROCESS,+ HE SAID.

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MORE DEBATE EXPECTED FROM NEW SYSTEM

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THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO SAID TODAY THAT THE NEW SYSTEM OF APPOINTMENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WOULD DEMAND FAR MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY THE MAN IN THE STREET AND WAS LIKELY TO ENGENDER RATHER NOISIER DEBATE, AT LEAST DURING THE ELECTION PERIODS.

SPEAKING TO THE SWISS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AT LUNCH TODAY, MR TSAO POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG HAD WORKED UNTIL NOW WITHIN A CONSENSUS SYSTEM.

+IT IS A QUIET SYSTEM - QUIET BOTH IN THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMUNITY'S REPRESENTATIVES BY THE GOVERNOR, AND IN THE NEAR-ABSENCE OF NOISY PUBLIC DEBATE OVER INDIVIDUAL ISSUES.

+APPOINTMENT TO LEGCO HAS DEPENDED ON INDIVIDUAL INTEREST, PERFORMANCE ON SOME OF THE MYRIAD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES, AND A GENUINE DESIRE TO GET INVOLVED RATHER THAN ON HAVING A POLITICAL PLATFORM, OR BEING ABLE TO CONVINCE AN ELECTORATE OF ONE'S SUITABILITY.

+BY THE SAME TOKEN IT IS A SYSTEM WHICH HAS DEMANDED LITTLE CONSCIOUS EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

THERE MIGHT BE SEVERAL REASONS FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE'S LIMITED INTEREST IN POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, BUT MR TSAO SAID, HE PREFERRED TO THINK THAT THE REAL TRUTH LAY MORE IN THE FACT THAT PEOPLE HAD SEEN HONG KONG NOT ONLY SURVIVING ALL KINDS OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CRISES, BUT PROSPERING TO BOOT.

+AND SEEING THIS HAS STRENGTHENED THEIR FAITH IN THE ABILITY OF THE ADMINISTRATION, AND ITS PROCLAIMED POLICIES OF 'POSITIVE NON-INTERVENTION' AND 'GOVERNMENT BY CONSENSUS',+ HE SAID.

/MR TSAO

MR TSAO SAID THIS IMPRESSION WAS REINFORCED A FEW MONTHS AGO WHEN HE WAS INFORMED BY THE HEADS OF SEVERAL PROFESSIONAL BODIES THAT THEY SUSPECTED MANY OF THEIR MEMBERS, LACKING AN INTEREST IN DISTRICT LEVEL POLITICS, HAD NEVER REGISTERED FOR DISTRICT BOARD OR URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND WERE THEREFORE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE FORTHCOMING LEGCO ELECTION.

TO ENCOURAGE AS MUCH PARTICIPATION AS POSSIBLE, THE GOVERNMENT RELAXED THE RULE FOR 1985 ONLY AND ALLOWED THESE PEOPLE TO VOTE, AS LONG AS THEY WERE ENTITLED TO REGISTER FOR ELECTIONS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT DESPITE ALL THE PUBLICITY AND PERSUASION, SOME ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS HAD DECLINED, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DECLINE, TO REGISTER FOR THE LEGCO ELECTION.

+THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSIBILITY IS TO GIVE ALL THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. WE HAVE EVEN GONE TO THE EXTENT OF WRITING A LETTER TO EVERY SINGLE ELIGIBLE PERSON, AS WELL AS TAKING PAINS TO EXPLAIN TO PEOPLE THE WHOLE REGISTRATION AND ELECTION PROCESS.

+ULTIMATELY, THE DECISION TO PARTICIPATE RESTS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL AND A HUNDRED PER CENT REGISTRATION RATE CAN NEVER BE EXPECTED. HOWEVER, AS LONG AS THE LEGCO MEMBERS ARE ELECTED FROM A WIDE ENOUGH BASE WE CAN BE SATISFIED THAT THEY ARE TRULY REPRESENTING THEIR GEOGRAPHICAL AND FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES. AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS WILL BE THE CASE,+ MR TSAO SAID.

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LATE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
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UP TO 4 PM TODAY (MONDAY), 11 963 LATE APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS ELECTORS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. AS A RESULT OF THE EARLIER REGISTRATION EXERCISE, 34 531 ELECTORS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER PUBLISHED ON JUNE 21.

A STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

	ESTIMATED SIZE OF ELECTORATE <u> </u> (REVISED)	NUMBER OF ELECTORS ON PROVISIONAL REGISTER <u> </u>	LATE APPLICATIONS <u> </u>
<u>ELECTORAL COLLEGE</u>	434	428	5

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FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES

COMMERCIAL I	2 347	681	601
COMMERCIAL II	5 512	1 730	1 027
INDUSTRIAL I	772	364	123
INDUSTRIAL II	2 324	913	394
FINANCIAL	141	119	16
LABOUR	393	285	19
SOCIAL SERVICES	155	129	21
MEDICAL	4 548	2 109	859
LEGAL	1 511	727	236
TEACHING	49 047	25 337	8 014
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING	2 890	1 709	648
<u>TOTAL</u>	70 074	34 531	11 963

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HIDDEN EFFORT SEEN AGAINST JENKINS BILL
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THE FIGHT AGAINST THE PROTECTIONIST JENKINS BILL IS LIKE AN ICEBERG - WHAT IS VISIBLE IS BUT A SMALL PART OF THE WHOLE EFFORT, SAID MR ROBERT FOOTMAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE, TODAY.

MR FOOTMAN WAS SPEAKING TO MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TEXTILES COMMITTEE AT A LUNCH AT THE GOLDEN MILE HOLIDAY INN.

+THE MESSAGE I BRING TODAY IS THIS : FIRST, THIS IS AN ISSUE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S., ITS TRADING PARTNERS AND HONG KONG, SECONDLY, THERE ARE MANY PLAYERS ALL OF WHOM MUST BE MOBILISED AND MOTIVATED TO PLAY THEIR PART - THESE INCLUDE U.S. INTERESTS ACROSS THE BOARD, ANYBODY WHO HAS CONTACT WITH THEM, AND THE U.S.'S INTERNATIONAL TRADING PARTNERS AS GROUPS AND AS INDIVIDUALS, THIRDLY: THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS MADE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE, EVERY EFFORT TO OPPOSE THE BILL.

/MR FOOTMAN

MR FOOTMAN SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD PLAYED A VERY ACTIVE PART IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE BILL BUT THAT: +IT WOULD NOT BE BENEFICIAL FOR HONG KONG TO ADOPT A HIGH PROFILE OR TO LEAD THE OPPOSITION TO THE BILL, EITHER WITHIN THE U.S. OR IN GENEVA. A HIGH PROFILE APPROACH WOULD NEITHER ENDEAR US TO OUR COLLEAGUES AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN GENEVA, WHO ARE WELL ABLE TO IDENTIFY AND FIGHT FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS, NOR WOULD IT ENDEAR US TO OUR ALLIES IN THE UNITED STATES, FOR SIMILAR REASONS.+

THE BILL NOW HAS ABOUT 283 CO-SPONSORS, OUT OF 435 MEMBERS, IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND 52, OUT OF 100 MEMBERS, IN THE SENATE, HE SAID.

+THESE FIGURES ARE ALARMING EVIDENCE OF THE GENERAL PROTECTIONIST MOOD IN THE UNITED STATES.+

HE DESCRIBED THE FIGHT AS BEING: +LIKE AN ICEBERG, THE VAST MAJORITY OF ALL EFFORTS, BE THEY BY U.S. INTERESTS, HONG KONG INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT OR INDIVIDUALS, TAKES PLACE WITHOUT EMERGING ABOVE THE SURFACE. EQUALLY, WITHOUT THOSE INVISIBLE EFFORTS THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO SEE AT THE TOP OF THE ICEBERG.+

RECENT WELCOME DEVELOPMENTS HAD INCLUDED MAJOR INITIATIVES MOUNTED BY THE RETAIL INDUSTRY TRADE ACTION COALITION, INCLUDING A GRASSROOTS EFFORT TO FLOOD THE OFFICES OF CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS WITH ANTI-PROTECTIONIST MAIL. THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS HAS ORGANISED TWO MAJOR LOBBYING ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON, AND THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAD WRITTEN A LETTER OPPOSING THE BILL TO ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

+A WORD OF WARNING WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, THE ADMINISTRATION'S OPPOSITION TO THE BILL IS ONE THING, BUT WITHOUT CONTINUED AND GROWING SUPPORT FROM A WIDE SPECTRUM OF U.S. INTERESTS SUCH OPPOSITION CANNOT WITHSTAND THE IMPETUS OF 283 AND 52 CO-SPONSORS IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE,+ SAID MR FOOTMAN.

+THE LETTER IS THUS NOT A SIGNAL THAT THE BATTLE IS OVER, RATHER IT IS A SIGNAL THAT A NEW ALLY HAS EMERGED AND THE BATTLE SHOULD BE FOUGHT WITH CONTINUED AND INCREASING COMMITMENT.+

HONG KONG'S EFFORTS HAD SEEN IT ALERTING U.S. INTERESTS TO THE BILL, IT HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MANY MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS BOTH IN THE TERRITORY AND IN THE U.S.; MR BILL DORWARD, COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK HAD WRITTEN TO 1 000 INFLUENTIAL CONTACTS; MEETINGS HAD BEEN HELD WITH ABOUT 70 SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, CONTINUOUS CONTACT WAS MAINTAINED WITH KEY U.S. OFFICIALS, AND ONLY LAST WEEK MR ERIC HO, SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY WAS IN WASHINGTON.

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ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT HONG KONG IS PARTICIPATING FULLY IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN GENEVA. AT LEAST TWO NEW INITIATIVES WERE BEING PLANNED.

+LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY, WE ENVISAGE THAT THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENTS,+ SAID MR FOOTMAN.

+WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT OPPOSITION TO THE BILL WILL GROW AS U.S. INTERESTS REALISE THE TRUE NATURE OF THE BILL AND ITS IMPLICATIONS. BUT THERE ARE ALSO DANGERS, THE SENATE WILL HOLD HEARINGS ON THE BILL ON JULY 15 AND THAT WILL BE AN IDEAL FORUM FOR PROPONENTS OF THE BILL. DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL FOLLOW THE EXPIRY OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT WILL COMMENCE IN GENEVA ON JULY 23. IT IS TO BE EXPECTED THAT THE TEXTILE CAUCUS WILL MOUNT A FURTHER MAJOR INITIATIVE IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS BILL TO CONSTRAIN THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS IN GENEVA.+

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HK'S ECONOMY - NO NEED FOR CHANGE
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HONG KONG'S ECONOMY IS OPEN AND MARKET-ORIENTED, AND THE GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO INTERVENE ONLY WHERE PRUDENT REGULATION AND THE GOOD NAME OF HONG KONG SO REQUIRES, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR GERALD HIGGINSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A MEETING OF THE UNESCO REGIONAL NETWORK OF MICROBIOLOGY, MR HIGGINSON TRACED THE TRANSFORMATION OF HONG KONG FROM A SMALL TRADING PORT TO A THRIVING INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING ECONOMY AND AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

+IN HONG KONG, WE HAVE AN ECONOMY AND AN ATMOSPHERE WHICH IS WELCOMED BY OVERSEAS BUSINESSMEN AS IT IS ONE IN WHICH THEY CAN FEEL AT HOME BOTH PERSONALLY AND IN THEIR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE JOINT DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, MR HIGGINSON SAID IT HAD RETAINED THE FEATURES OF AN EFFICIENT ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE.

+THE ESSENCE OF THE AGREEMENT IS THAT IT PROVIDES FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THOSE CHARACTERISTICS WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO HONG KONG'S SUCCESS IN THE PAST AND, AS SUCH, IT REMOVES MUCH OF THE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE,+ HE ADDED.

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SPOTLIGHT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN KWUN TONG

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, TODAY (MONDAY) TOURED KWUN TONG TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ON-GOING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS PLANNED FOR THE DISTRICT.

AFTER ATTENDING THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING, MR LIAO VISITED CHA KWO LING AND LEI YUE MUN, WHICH MAKE UP THE SZE SHA AREA WITH A POPULATION OF 17 850.

AT CHA KWO LING HE WAS BRIEFED ON A MAJOR ROAD PROJECT AND THE SITE FOR THE PROPOSED SECOND CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL.

THE CHA KWO LING ROAD PROJECT, SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION EARLY NEXT YEAR, WILL PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL ALTERNATIVE TO THE CONGESTED LEI YUE MUN ROAD, WHICH AT PRESENT IS THE ONLY SERVICEABLE ROAD LINK BETWEEN KWUN TONG CENTRE AND THE YAU TONG AREA.

CHA KWO LING, THE SITE OF THE KOWLOON LINK OF THE SECOND CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL, WILL BE EXTENSIVELY DEVELOPED. THERE ARE PROPOSALS TO BUILD A REGIONAL STADIUM, A DISTRICT HOSPITAL, DISTRICT OPEN SPACE, A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, A PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA AND A CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION.

MR LIAO THEN TOURED THE LEI YUE MUN VILLAGE WHICH IS THE LARGEST SQUATTER AREA IN LEI YUE MUN WITH A POPULATION OF ABOUT 2 500 PEOPLE.

HE WAS TOLD THAT LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE VILLAGE HAD IMPROVED THROUGH GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO PROVIDE STREET LIGHTING AND POSTAL SERVICES ALONG THE MAIN FOOTPATH. THE DISTRICT BOARD ALSO ALLOCATED \$49 500 FOR THE PROVISION OF A BASKETBALL COURT AT THE ENTRANCE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

MR LIAO WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE SAM KA TSUEN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WHICH WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 1.6 HECTARES OF RECLAIMED LAND FOR A NUMBER OF MUCH NEEDED FACILITIES INCLUDING A MARKET, A MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND A PROMENADE TO SERVE RESIDENTS IN THE NEARBY LEI YUE MUN VILLAGE.

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DEVELOPMENT OF SHAM TSENG TO BE DISCUSSED

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS A PAPER ON DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR SHAM TSENG.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ALTERNATIVE LAYOUT PLANS FOR THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN AREA 35, AND PROPOSALS TO INCORPORATE VILLAGE VEHICLES IN THE TRAFFIC LAWS.

INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA ARE PAPERS ON THE SHORT-TERM USE OF THE PROPOSED YEUNG UK ROAD MARKET SITE, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR PROGRAMME AND REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

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TUEN MUN TO BE GIVEN PRIORITY CONSIDERATION
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TUEN MUN WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY CONSIDERATION IN THE ALLOCATION OF 35 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT BETWEEN 1987 AND 1993.

THIS ASSURANCE WAS GIVEN TODAY (MONDAY) BY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO 11 MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN RESIDENTS' LIVELIHOOD CONCERNED GROUP WHEN THEY CALLED ON THE DEPARTMENT TO AIR THEIR CONCERN OVER THE SHORTAGE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN THE AREA.

THEY WERE TOLD THAT ALL DISTRICT BOARDS WILL SHORTLY BE INFORMED OF THE LOCATION OF THE 35 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT AND THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE ALLOCATION.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN TO THE GROUP THE POLICY OF PROVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES WHICH WAS ON A TERRITORIAL BASIS AND NOT ON A DISTRICT BASIS.

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REAR LANE STRUCTURES TO BE PULLED DOWN
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FORTY-TWO ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT THE REAR LANE OF CHUNG KING MANSION IN TSIM SHA TSUI, POSING A FIRE HAZARD AND SANITATION PROBLEM, WILL BE CLEARED NEXT MONTH.

SANITARY CONDITIONS IN CHUNG KING MANSION, BUILT IN THE EARLY 1960S WITH 850 UNITS AND SOME 3 500 RESIDENTS, HAD STEADILY DETERIORATED OVER THE YEARS.

RECOGNISING THESE PROBLEMS, THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE BUILDING'S OWNERS CORPORATION, LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN IN APRIL LAST YEAR TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IN CHUNG KING MANSION.

A SERIES OF IMPROVEMENT WORK, INCLUDING INTERNAL WHITE-WASHING, REFURBISHING OF LETTER BOXES, CLEANSING OF STAIRCASES AND PODIUMS, REPAIRING BROKEN WINDOWS, SMOKE DOORS AND REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS IN COMMON AREAS, HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

THESE EFFORTS WERE REINFORCED WITH REGULAR INSPECTIONS BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR BOWEN LEUNG, SAID TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AND TO PROVIDE SAFER ACCESS TO THE BUILDING, 42 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT THE REAR LANE WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED.

/THE STRUCTURES

THE STRUCTURES COMPRISE SIX UNLICENSED SHOPS, FOUR UNLICENSED FOOD PREMISES, FOUR ILLEGAL SHOP EXTENSIONS, 12 STORAGE STRUCTURES, TWO ABANDONED COOLING TOWERS AND TWO STRUCTURES USED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

+CLEARANCE NOTICES WILL BE POSTED BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (TUESDAY), ALLOWING THE OPERATORS SEVEN WEEKS TO WIND UP THEIR BUSINESS,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT FOR PAYMENT OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES BEFORE THE CLEARANCE DATE.

+THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL OFFER RESTRICTED TENDERS FOR THE FOUR COOKED FOOD STALL OPERATORS AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE. THERE ARE 34 VACANT COOKED FOOD STALLS IN SIX MARKET COMPLEXES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN KOWLOON FOR THE OPERATORS TO CHOOSE FROM,+ HE SAID.

INVITATION LETTERS WILL BE ISSUED TO THE FOUR COOKED FOOD STALL OPERATORS TOMORROW, AND THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON JULY 18.

MR LEUNG SAID THAT AFTER THE CLEARANCE, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT REGULAR INSPECTIONS OF THE LANES.

+THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE WILL IMMEDIATELY REPAVE THE SURFACE AND IMPROVE THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM OF THE LANES AFTER THE CLEARANCE OPERATION,+ HE SAID.

THE CLEARANCE IS CO-ORDINATED BY THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND CARRIED OUT BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

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GROUP TO STUDY CHILD CARE SERVICES
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A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) WILL BE FORMED SHORTLY TO CARRY OUT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF EXISTING POLICIES AND PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THEIR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

THE PROPOSAL WAS ENDORSED AT A MEETING TODAY (MONDAY) OF SWAC.

RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES AIM TO PROVIDE SUPERVISION OR CARE FOR ALL VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS WHO CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY LOOKED AFTER BY THEIR FAMILIES AND FOR WHOM NO BETTER ALTERNATIVES ARE AVAILABLE.

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AT PRESENT THE SERVICES AVAILABLE INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL CRECHES AND NURSERIES, RECEPTION CENTRES, CHILDREN'S HOMES, BOYS' AND GIRLS' HOMES, SMALL GROUP HOMES AND FOSTER CARE.

ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SUBVENTED SECTOR, HAD FROM TIME TO TIME EXAMINED CERTAIN ASPECTS OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES, NO SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF THE PLACEMENTS OF CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL CARE HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN RECENT YEARS.

IT IS NOW FELT THAT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT TO DETERMINE OVERALL POLICIES ON RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE AND TO ADVISE ON THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO ENSURE THAT ALL CHILDREN REQUIRING CARE OUTSIDE THEIR FAMILY HOMES RECEIVE THE MOST APPROPRIATE FORM OF PLACEMENT.

THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE CHAIRED BY A MEMBER OF SWAC, AND MEMBERSHIP WILL INCLUDE ONE OR TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF SWAC, SOCIAL WORKERS INVOLVED IN THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE SERVICES AND PROFESSIONALS IN RELATED DISCIPLINES SUCH AS PAEDIATRICS OR PSYCHIATRY.

OFFICIALS FROM THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED.

THE SWAC ALSO ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE PLANNING RATIO FOR CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES FROM THE EXISTING FOUR PLACES PER THOUSAND ELDERLY POPULATION ABOVE THE AGE OF 60 TO FIVE PLACES PER THOUSAND.

THE REVISION WAS BASED ON A SURVEY OF THE NUMBER OF CASES ON THE CENTRAL WAITING LIST FOR CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES, AND ALSO TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE HIDDEN DEMAND FOR SUCH SERVICES.

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE ALREADY EXTREMELY INVOLVED IN THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, AND IT IS NOT ENVISAGED THAT THERE WILL BE ANY DIFFICULTY IN ATTRACTING SPONSORSHIP TO MEET THE REVISED PLANNING TARGET.

THE SWAC ALSO DISCUSSED A PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO PROTECT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. MEMBERS' VIEWS WILL BE CONVEYED TO THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY WHO IS THE RESPONSIBLE POLICY SECRETARY FOR CONSIDERATION.

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INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY STUDIED

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THE GOVERNMENT WAS EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY ON ONE SITE WHICH WOULD BENEFIT BOTH THE PERSON IN CARE AND THE OPERATOR, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHAIRMEN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, SHE SAID THAT IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT THE PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE INTEGRATED CARE-AND-ATTENTION AND INFIRMARY SERVICES FOR FRAIL AND SENILE ELDERLY PEOPLE, TO BE MANAGED JOINTLY BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

AS PART OF THE OVERALL DESIGN, A SMALL PART OF THE SITE WOULD BE GRANTED TO A SUBVENTED AGENCY TO RUN A MIXTURE OF DAY-CARE AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR MORE ABLE-BODIED OLD PEOPLE.

THE PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION IN HONG KONG AGED OVER 60 HAD RISEN FROM 4.8 PER CENT IN 1961 TO 11.1 PER CENT IN 1984. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BY 1995 THIS WOULD RISE TO ABOUT 13 PER CENT, OR SOME 800 000 PEOPLE.

MRS CHAN SAID THERE WAS A NEED TO RECOGNISE THAT THE CHANGING AGE BALANCE OF THE POPULATION WOULD NECESSITATE SIMILAR CHANGES IN THE MIX OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

AT PRESENT, APART FROM THE PROVISION BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SHARED FLATS AND SINGLETON HOUSING UNITS, THERE WERE THREE MAIN TYPES OF GROUP ACCOMMODATION FOR THE ELDERLY - HOSTELS, HOMES AND CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES, MRS CHAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, THERE WERE TWO GOLD COIN SHELTERED HOUSING PROJECTS CATERING FOR OLD PEOPLE CAPABLE OF SELF-CARE. THESE ARE AT SHA TIN CITY ONE AND SPRING GARDEN LANE IN WAN CHAI.

IN ALL, THERE WERE 55 RESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENTS PROVIDING ABOUT 5 800 PLACES.

+IDEALLY WE SHOULD BE MOVING TOWARDS A SITUATION WHERE SERVICES ARE GROUPED TOGETHER SO THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO PUT ELDERLY RESIDENTS THROUGH THE POSSIBLE TRAUMA OF BEING MOVED FROM ONE DISTRICT TO ANOTHER SHOULD THEIR CONDITION WORSEN.

+THUS IN ONE ESTATE THERE WOULD BE A HOUSING DEPARTMENT HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY WHO CAN LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES, AND A HOME FOR THE AGED WITH CARE-AND-ATTENTION PLACES TO BE RUN EITHER BY GOVERNMENT OR BY A SUBVENTED WELFARE AGENCY,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WAS NOW REVIEWING THE OVERALL PROVISION OF HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY WITH THE AIM OF MEETING ANY SHORTFALLS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SHE ADDED.

TURNING TO HOME HELP SERVICES, MRS CHAN SAID THAT IN MARCH 1985, 30 TEAMS PROVIDED SUCH SERVICES TO ABOUT 1 630 OLD PEOPLE, SUCH AS BRINGING THEM HOT MEALS AND ASSISTING THEM WITH DAILY CHORES.

FOR THE FIT AND HEALTHY, THERE WERE 94 SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY WHERE THEY COULD ENJOY THE COMPANY OF THEIR PEERS AND TAKE PART IN LEISURE PURSUITS. THE NUMBER OF SUCH SOCIAL CENTRES WAS INCREASING BY ABOUT 12 PER YEAR.

+OTHER THAN SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, IT IS OUR AIM TO SET UP A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN EACH DISTRICT, WHERE A FULL RANGE OF SERVICES, INCLUDING COUNSELLING, LAUNDRY, CANTEEN, HOME HELP AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES, CAN BE PROVIDED UNDER THE SAME ROOF FOR THE ELDERLY MEMBERS,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE EIGHT SUCH CENTRES IN OPERATION, THREE WILL OPEN LATER THIS YEAR AND TWO OTHER NEXT YEAR.

DAY CARE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, WHICH PROVIDED NURSING AND PERSONAL CARE TO OLD PEOPLE SO THAT FAMILY MEMBERS COULD BE RELIEVED FROM CARING FOR THEM DURING THE DAY, WERE ALSO PLANNED ON A DISTRICT BASIS.

+ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NOW ONLY TWO CENTRES IN OPERATION, THE NUMBER WILL BE INCREASED TO 17 BY 1989-90,+ SHE SAID.

IN RECENT YEARS, AN INCREASING NUMBER OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY HAD COME INTO OPERATION.

+WHILE THE STANDARD OF SERVICE VARIES FROM HOME TO HOME, OVERALL WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ANY CAUSE FOR CONCERN AT PRESENT. WE HAVE MADE IT A POINT TO VISIT ALL SUCH HOMES KNOWN TO US TO OFFER ADVICE AND OPERATORS HAVE BEEN GENERALLY RECEPTIVE,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

BUT THERE WAS OBVIOUSLY A NEED TO REMAIN ALERT TO SUCH SERVICES PROVIDED BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, SHE ADDED.

WITH REGARD TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT, A SINGLE OLD PERSON WOULD RECEIVE \$510 PER MONTH UNDER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME, PLUS A RENTAL ALLOWANCE OF UP TO \$276 AND OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT OF \$255, ADDING UP TO A TOTAL OF \$1 041 AT MAXIMUM.

IN THOSE CASES WHERE A CLIENT HAD BEEN ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR OVER 12 MONTHS, HE WAS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT OF \$645.

/+IN 1984-85,

+IN 1984-85, GOVERNMENT SPENT \$583 MILLION ON ITS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME. OF THE 60 161 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES AT APRIL 1985, SOME 63 PER CENT (37 980) WERE THOSE AGED 60 OR OVER,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, THERE WAS A NON-MEANS TESTED OLD AGE ALLOWANCE SCHEME WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO MEET THE SPECIAL FINANCIAL NEEDS OF SENIOR CITIZENS AGED 70 AND ABOVE.

THERE WERE CURRENTLY 215 000 OLD AGE ALLOWANCE CASES, AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 85 PER CENT OF THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS BENEFIT CURRENTLY RECEIVED IT. THE AMOUNT PAID OUT UNDER THIS SCHEME DURING 1984-85 WAS \$586 MILLION.

LAST YEAR, A FAMOUS PSYCHO-GERIATRICIAN FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION ON AGING, DR CEES VAN TIGGELEN, VISITED THE RANGE OF SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE ELDERLY IN HONG KONG.

HE ADVOCATED THE NEED FOR PSYCHO-SOCIAL STIMULATION IN CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES SO AS TO SLOW DOWN THE PROCESS OF MENTAL DETERIORATION AND DEGENERATION OF RESIDENTS.

MRS CHAN SAID THAT SUCH PROPOSALS WOULD REQUIRE DOCTORS TO GO OUT INTO THE FIELD TO PROVIDE CONSULTATION, SUPPORT AND PREVENTIVE INFORMATION BOTH TO THE PATIENT AND TO THOSE PROVIDING CARE AT THE PRIMARY LEVEL.

+FOR RESOURCE REASONS, GOVERNMENT IS UNABLE TO MAKE SUCH A COMMITMENT AT PRESENT, SO WE WILL NEED TO RELY ON THE NON-GOVERNMENT SECTOR TO DEVELOP THIS NEW AREA OF SERVICE,+ SHE ADDED.

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FAMILIARISATION VISIT STARTS

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MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL THIS (MONDAY) MORNING TOURED FACILITIES OFFERED BY THE COUNCIL'S EXECUTIVE ARM, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IN THE TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG AREAS.

THE TOUR WAS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF FAMILIARISATION VISITS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

LED BY THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR NATHAN MA, MEMBERS VISITED THE TAK WAH STREET TEMPORARY MARKET, THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, NORTH KWAI CHUNG TANG SHIU KIN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND A MARKET IN KWAI CHUNG.

DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, THEY WILL SEE RSD FACILITIES IN THE NORTH, TAI PO, SHA TIN AND SAI KUNG DISTRICTS.

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BOARD TO HEAR ABOUT MEDICAL SERVICE PLANS
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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON EXISTING AND PLANNED MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

COMMUNITY PHYSICIAN (KOWLOON REGION), DR S.S. LAI, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ABOUT FUTURE GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED MEDICAL PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT WANG TAU HOM AND TUNG TAU OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AND THE ADOPTION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD STANDING ORDERS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, THE DISTRICT BOARD LOGO, THE ALLOCATION OF DB FUNDS, AND THE DISTRICT WORKS PROGRAMME 1984.

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TRAINING SCHEMES OFFERED
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YOUNG EMPLOYEES IN ACCOUNTANCY OR INSURANCE FIRMS ARE INVITED TO JOIN TRAINEESHIP SCHEMES IMPLEMENTED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TO HELP IMPROVE THEIR CAREER PROSPECTS.

THE THREE-YEAR SCHEMES ARE SPONSORED BY EMPLOYERS AND OPERATED BY THE ACCOUNTANCY TRAINING BOARD AND INSURANCE TRAINING BOARD OF THE VTC FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES IN THIS FIELD OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

TO JOIN THE SCHEME, THE TRAINEE AND HIS EMPLOYER ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A PROPERLY DRAWN-UP AGREEMENT OF TRAINEESHIP. EMPLOYERS WILL PROVIDE THE PRACTICAL TRAINING, WHILE THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WILL OFFER PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSES COVERING ONE DAY SESSION AND TWO EVENING SESSIONS A WEEK.

ON COMPLETION OF THREE YEARS' TRAINING, THE TRAINEE WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION ISSUED BY THE EMPLOYER AND COUNTER-SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

TRAINEES WILL ALSO PROCEED TO SIT FOR EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS - THE ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS OR THE AUSTRALIAN INSURANCE INSTITUTES.

COURSES AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WILL BE GEARED TO THE EXAMINATION SYLLABUS OF THESE PROFESSIONAL BODIES.

+AS VIRTUALLY EVERY ORGANISATION IN HONG KONG HAS ACCOUNTING STAFF, YOUNG PERSONS TRAINED IN ACCOUNTANCY WILL FIND VERY PROMISING CAREER PROSPECTS OPEN TO THEM,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE VTC SAID.

HONG KONG ALSO NEEDED A WELL-TRAINED AND COMPETENT WORKFORCE TO UPHOLD ITS POSITION AS AN INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE CENTRE, HE SAID.

FOR THE ACCOUNTANCY SCHEME, THE TRAINEE MUST HOLD THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION WITH GRADE E OR ABOVE IN FIVE SUBJECTS, INCLUDING ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS AND FOR THE INSURANCE SCHEME, THE TRAINEE MUST BE A FORM 5 GRADUATE. TRAINEES MUST ALL BE SPONSORED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS.

THE VTC PLACEMENT UNIT ALSO HELPS EMPLOYERS WHO WISH TO RECRUIT NEW TRAINEES.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IN JULY TO SEPTEMBER, 1985.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED MONTHLY SINCE AUGUST 1981, COLLECTS INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE GENERAL SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

ABOUT 5 000 HOUSEHOLDS ARE SELECTED AT RANDOM EACH MONTH FROM ALL DISTRICTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.

ABOUT HALF OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED THREE MONTHS AGO, WILL BE SURVEYED AGAIN TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR COOPERATION.

ASSISTANT CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS, EACH WITH AN IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT.

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ABERDEEN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE CLOSED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE ROOF OF 112 AND 114, OLD MAIN STREET, ABERDEEN, TO ENABLE THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES WITHOUT DANGER TO PEOPLE.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN THE VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON AUGUST 1 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY (MONDAY).

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF THE EXERCISE TO ENFORCE THE ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON NOVEMBER 23, 1984 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AS A RESULT OF THE OWNERS' FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDER.

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER IS MADE.

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COUNCIL CO-SPONSORING SURVEY OF TREES
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS TO CONTRIBUTE \$65,700 TOWARDS A SURVEY OF TREES IN THE URBAN AREA.

THE SURVEY, ESTIMATED TO COST \$128,600, WILL BE JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION.

THE AIM OF THE PROPOSED RESEARCH IS TO:-

- (A) COLLECT INFORMATION THROUGH FIELD SURVEYS BY STUDENTS
- (B) MAINTAIN MONTHLY TREE PLANTING, FELLING AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF USD STAFF AND
- (C) ESTABLISH AND UPDATE THE TREE DATABASE THROUGH THE USE OF COMPUTERS.

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SAU MAU PING TAPS OFF
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SAU MAU PING WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 4) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY SAU MAU PING ROAD, SAU MING ROAD, SAU PO STREET AND SAU MAU PATH, INCLUDING BLOCK NOS. 32 TO 41, SAU MAU PING ESTATE.

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TUEN MUN ROAD CLOSURE
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THE TUEN MUN BOUND SECTION OF TUEN MUN ROAD BETWEEN SIU LAM INTERCHANGE AND ROAD D8 WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 12.45 AM AND 5.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 3) TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE THE SLIP ROAD AT SIU LAM INTERCHANGE AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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RIGHT-TURN BANNED
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RIGHT-TURN FROM TAI HANG TUNG ROAD WESTBOUND ONTO TAI HANG TUNG ROAD NORTHBOUND IS BANNED FROM 10 AM TODAY (MONDAY) TO ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA TONG YAM STREET.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 59.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 348.650 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 467.182 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 79.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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