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USEFUL LINKS BETWEEN HK AND FUJIAN

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THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR JOHN BOYD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH FUJIAN PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN AND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG TO THE PROVINCE.

TALKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN FROM A VISIT TO FUJIAN WITH MR ALAN CARTER, DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR BOYD SAID: +THAT CAME ACROSS VERY CLEARLY. THEY ARE ANXIOUS THAT HONG KONG SHOULD BE PROSPEROUS.+

HE SAID DURING THE VISIT THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE POINTS OF IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG WITH FUJIAN OFFICIALS.

+I MADE IT MY BUSINESS ALL ALONG THE WAY TO POINT OUT THAT THE MOOD IN HONG KONG IS VERY GOOD AND VERY CONFIDENT, AND WE FEEL HONG KONG HAS A GOOD CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT ARE NOW GOING ON IN FUJIAN PROVINCE,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THERE WAS A FEELING THAT THE LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO PLACES WERE USEFUL AND THAT BOTH HONG KONG AND FUJIAN COULD GO ON BUILDING ON THEM.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HAD VERY GOOD ON-GOING LINKS WITH THE FUJIAN AUTHORITIES, AND THAT THAT +VERY SATISFACTORY MECHANISM+ WORKED WELL.

+ALAN CARTER AND I WERE INVITED UP BY THE FUJIAN AUTHORITIES TO PAY A FRIENDLY VISIT DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN OUR LINKS,+ HE SAID.

+I SHOULD SAY RIGHT AWAY THAT THIS WAS PRIMARILY A TRIBUTE TO THE WORK ALAN AND HIS STAFF HAVE DONE IN RELATION TO THE EVER EXPANDING FLOW OF VISITORS FROM FUJIAN.

+WE HAVE OF COURSE GREAT LINKS ALL OVER SOUTH CHINA, BUT I HAVE THE FEELING RATHER THAT THE RELATIONSHIP WITH FUJIAN WOULD BE WELL WORTH LOOKING AT.+

MR BOYD SAID THE FIVE-DAY VISIT WAS WELL JUSTIFIED.

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MEDICAL DIRECTOR OPENS NEW COLLEGE PREMISES

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THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS WAS PRAISED TODAY (SATURDAY) FOR ITS EFFORTS IN ORGANISING THE FIRST FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION FOR MEMBERS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE COLLEGE'S NEW PREMISES AT THE DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, SAID THE EXAMINATION WAS THE LATEST AND MOST SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE REACHED BY THE COLLEGE.

+I AM GLAD TO NOTE THAT SUCH AN EXAMINATION HAS BEEN ORGANISED AS THIS IS AN INEVITABLE AND IMPORTANT STEP FOR ANY COLLEGE IN ITS QUEST FOR RECOGNITION AND RESPECT FROM MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSION AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC,+ DR THONG SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE COLLEGE, WHICH WAS FORMALLY INAUGURATED IN MARCH 1979, HAD PROGRESSED FROM ITS FIRST TODDLING STEPS TO YOUNG ADOLESCENCE AND WOULD SOON REACH MANHOOD.

DR THONG SAID THAT THE COLLEGE HAD CONCERNED ITSELF WITH CONTINUED EDUCATION FOR ITS MEMBERS WITH AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAMME OF LECTURES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND VIDEO SESSIONS AS WELL AS A REFRESHER COURSE.

+THESE AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS BY THE COLLEGE HAVE, I AM SURE, DONE MUCH TO BOOST THE IMAGE OF THE COLLEGE BOTH WITHIN THE PROFESSION AND IN THE COMMUNITY ITSELF,+ HE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE, DR PETER LEE, APPEALED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION TO PLAY AN ACTIVE IF NOT THE LEADING ROLE IN THE FORMATION OF A JOINT PROFESSIONAL COALITION.

+I FERVENTLY BELIEVE THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO FORM A STRONG COALITION TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES AND TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF COMMON FEATURES WITH A VIEW TO PRESENTING A UNITED FRONT TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFTING THE BASIC LAWS,+ HE SAID.

DR LEE SAID THAT HE FELT THAT THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCH HONG KONG-BASED AUTONOMOUS PROFESSIONAL BODIES BEING HEARD AND BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE BASIC LAWS WOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED IF THE PROFESSIONALS SPOKE WITH ONE VOICE.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH NO MENTION WAS MADE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE PROFESSIONS IN THE JOINT DECLARATION, HE SAW THAT THIS OMISSION WAS A SCINTILLATING CHALLENGE FOR ALL PROFESSIONS IN HONG KONG.

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THEY COULD LOOK URGENTLY INTO THEMSELVES TO ESTABLISH A TRULY HONG KONG-BASED AUTONOMOUS AUTHORITY TO CONTROL AND GOVERN OUR OWN PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION PROCESSES IN PLACE OF WHATEVER AUTHORITY WHICH UNDERTOOK THE TASK PREVIOUSLY, HE ADDED.

DR LEE SAID THAT IN SO DOING, THE PROFESSIONALS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THREE BROAD PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE:

- (1) HONG KONG MUST HAVE ITS OWN ABSOLUTELY AUTONOMOUS GOVERNING BODY IN EACH OF THE PROFESSIONS;
- (2) THE STANDARDS SET BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNING BODY MUST BE COMPARABLE WITH THE BEST IN THE WORLD; AND,
- (3) HAVING ACHIEVED THAT, THIS GOVERNING BODY SHOULD EMBARK ON A CAMPAIGN TO GET ITS STANDARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED, AND AT ALL TIMES MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WITH OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTERPARTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO ACHIEVE CONTINUING UPDATE IN SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS. ISOLATION IS SUICIDE.

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PUBLIC WARNED ABOUT SWINDLERS
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY WARNED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST SWINDLERS POSING AS CIVIL SERVANTS OR USING THE NAMES OF CIVIL SERVANTS' UNIONS TO CANVASS PAID ADVERTISEMENTS IN PUBLICATIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT CIVIL SERVANTS' UNIONS MUST FIRST OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE TO CANVASS PAID ADVERTISEMENTS IN PUBLICATIONS.

+APPROVAL IS GIVEN UNDER STRICT CONDITIONS AND CANVASSING ACTIVITIES ARE RESTRICTED TO A SPECIFIED TIME LIMIT,+ HE SAID. THREE OF THESE CONDITIONS STATE THAT:

- * CANVASSING MUST BE DONE BY LETTER; NO DIRECT APPROACH EITHER BY TELEPHONE OR IN PERSON SHOULD BE MADE TO THE POTENTIAL ADVERTISERS;

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- * ENGAGEMENT OF OUTSIDE BODIES TO SOLICIT ADVERTISEMENT ON BEHALF OF CIVIL SERVANTS' UNIONS IS NOT PERMITTED. CANVASSING CAN ONLY BE DONE BY CIVIL SERVANTS WHEN THEY ARE OFF-DUTY.
- * ACCEPTANCE OF CASH PAYMENT IS NOT ALLOWED. ADVERTISERS MUST BE ASKED TO MAKE PAYMENT BY CROSSED CHEQUE OR BANKDRAFT PAYABLE TO THE STAFF UNION CONCERNED AND SENT BY MAIL TO THE UNION'S REGISTERED ADDRESS. CHEQUES OR BANKDRAFTS SHOULD NEVER BE MADE PAYABLE TO A PRIVATE FIRM (OR ANY PERSON).

+MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT BUYING ADVERTISING SPACE IN PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED BY CIVIL SERVANTS' UNIONS IS PURELY VOLUNTARY. AGREEMENT OR REFUSAL TO PURCHASE ADVERTISING SPACE WILL CARRY NEITHER ADVANTAGES NOR DISADVANTAGES IN DEALING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OR CIVIL SERVANTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

PEOPLE WHO WISH TO CHECK WHETHER ANY ORGANISATION, WHICH HAS APPROACHED THEM WITH THE INTENTION TO CANVASS FOR PAID ADVERTISEMENTS, IS A BONA-FIDE CIVIL SERVANTS' UNION, OR WHETHER PRIOR APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE UNION TO DO SO, CAN CONTACT THE STAFF RELATIONS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH, OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AT TEL. NO. 5-225409. THEY ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO MAKE A REPORT TO THE POLICE IF THEY SUSPECT ANY IRREGULARITIES IN BEING SO APPROACHED.

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CHILDREN'S WEEK - A REMINDER FOR PARENTS
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A BETTER APPROACH TO HELPING PARENTS BRING UP THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH EXPERIENCED TEACHING OR CHILD-CARE STAFF, ATTENDANCE AT WORKSHOPS OR SEMINARS, AND MEETINGS WITH OTHER PARENTS.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, AT THE OPENING OF THE CHILDREN'S WEEK 1985 AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

THE REAL OBJECTIVE OF THE CHILDREN'S WEEK, SHE SAID, IS TO REMIND PARENTS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THEIR CHILDREN, BY ENABLING PRE-SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO COME TOGETHER TO ASSIST PARENTS IN BRINGING UP THEIR CHILDREN IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE.

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SHE COMMENDED TO BOTH TEACHERS AND PARENTS THE SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS WHICH ARE BEING HELD AS PART OF THE CHILDREN'S WEEK'S PROGRAMME, AND DESCRIBED THEM AS +VALUABLE FORA WHERE DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEM OF YOUNG CHILDREN MIGHT BE FREELY AND USEFULLY DISCUSSED.+

+IN THESE WAYS, ALL OF US CAN IMPROVE OUR PARENTING SKILLS AND THUS ENSURE A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN,+ SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID THAT PARENTS NOWADAYS DO THEIR BEST TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN RECEIVE GUIDANCE, CARE AND ATTENTION FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

THE ANNUAL EVENT, STARTING FROM TOMORROW UNTIL MAY 26, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SERVICES AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE FOR TEACHERS, CHILD CARE WORKERS AND CHILDREN IN THE FIELD OF PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION AND SERVICES.

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LADY YOUDE ATTENDS ART SHOW * * *

LADY YOUDE, PATRON OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, TODAY (SATURDAY) ATTENDED AN ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION HELD BY THE ASSOCIATION AT JOCKEY CLUB SCHOOL.

THE EXHIBITION WAS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN ART.

LADY YOUDE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 30 WINNERS AT THE EXHIBITION.

WINNING PAINTINGS, SELECTED FROM 280 ENTRIES, WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG SCHOOLS AND CENTRES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED IN THE 23RD INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF ART BY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE TO BE HELD IN LONDON LATER THIS YEAR.

CERTIFICATES WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE 22ND INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF ART LAST YEAR.

AFTER THE PRESENTATION, LADY YOUDE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSOCIATION'S CHAIRMAN, DR HENRIETTA IP, SAW THE PAINTINGS ON DISPLAY.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SEVEN WINNING PAINTINGS OF LAST YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF ART WERE ALSO ON DISPLAY.

FOUNDED IN 1964, THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PROMOTES THE WELFARE OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE AND RUNS SCHOOLS AND CENTRES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

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SEMINAR ON AIR FREIGHT TRANSPORT SAFETY

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SOME 60 AIR FREIGHT TRANSPORT PERSONNEL WILL ATTEND A SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT AND PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ON MONDAY (MAY 20).

SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AIR FREIGHT AGENTS, THE SEMINAR IS TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN CARGO HANDLING AND TRANSPORTATION.

EXPERTS ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, COMMUNITY MEDICINE AND AIR FREIGHT TRANSPORT WILL SPEAK ON ACCIDENT PREVENTION, HEALTH HAZARDS IN CONNECTION WITH CARGO HANDLING AND PREVENTION FROM INJURIES AND SAFETY IN CARGO OPERATIONS.

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FOURTH QUARTER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX RELEASED

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THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1984, AT 143.7, WAS 18 POINTS OR 14.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1983, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THERE WAS A MARGINAL DECREASE OF 0.6 PER CENT.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY SHOWED THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN PRODUCTION, BY 68.1 PER CENT OVER THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1983 AND 50.1 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. MOST OF THE PRODUCTION WAS FOR EXPORTS TO CHINA.

OTHER INDUSTRIES WITH INCREASES IN PRODUCTION OVER THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR EARLIER INCLUDED PLASTIC PRODUCTS (+58.5 PER CENT), CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+44.7 PER CENT), TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (+25.9 PER CENT), FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (+21.9 PER CENT), AND NEWSPAPER PRINTING (+20.4 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, SEVERAL INDUSTRIES REPORTED SIGNIFICANT DECLINES IN PRODUCTION ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, INCLUDING LEATHER PRODUCTS (-24.5 PER CENT), PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT (-20 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND MACHINERY (-15.4 PER CENT), AND FOOD (-11.9 PER CENT).

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BESIDES TOBACCO, INDUSTRIES WITH MARKED INCREASES IN PRODUCTION BETWEEN THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS OF 1984 WERE RUBBER PRODUCTS (+22.4 PER CENT), NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (+13.2 PER CENT), CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+12.5 PER CENT), AND NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (+11.8 PER CENT).

MARKED DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE PRODUCTION OF BEVERAGE (-29.7 PER CENT), FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (-24.3 PER CENT), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-16 PER CENT), AND PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (-10.2 PER CENT) OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THE LOWER SEASONAL DEMAND FOR BEER AND AERATED WATER IN WINTER AFFECTED THE BEVERAGE INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS THE PRODUCTION OF METAL CANS IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

THE ANNUAL INDEX FOR THE WHOLE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN 1984 STOOD AT 132, 18 POINTS OR 15.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN 1983. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR TOBACCO (+44.7 PER CENT), FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (+44 PER CENT), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (+43.7 PER CENT), TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (+35.2 PER CENT), CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+32.6 PER CENT), AND PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (+31.6 PER CENT).

SEVERAL INDUSTRIES, HOWEVER, RECORDED DECREASES IN 1984 OVER 1983: PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT (-12.7 PER CENT), NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (-12.5 PER CENT), BASIC METALS (-10.6 PER CENT) AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (-10.6 PER CENT).

IN RELEASING THESE FIGURES, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO REFLECT THE LEVELS AND TRENDS OF OUTPUT IN REAL TERMS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VOLUME OF PRODUCTION IS MEASURED AFTER REMOVING THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES.

TWO TABLES ON THE QUARTERLY INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1984 WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND BOXED SEPARATELY. ONE IS A SUMMARY TABLE FOR BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS, WHILE THE OTHER GIVES MORE DETAILED INDUSTRY BREAKDOWNS.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE +REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, FOURTH QUARTER 1984+.

ON SALE AT \$2 A COPY THE PUBLICATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-7224504.

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HEALTH HINTS FOR SUMMER
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GOVERNMENT HYGIENE ADVISER, DR R.A. PERRY TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST FOOD POISONING AND GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES WITH THE ONSET OF WARMER WEATHER.

+FOOD BORNE DISEASES ARE NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH UNCLEAN AND UNWHOLESOME FOOD AND WATER, AND THE PUBLIC SHOULD, THEREFORE, OBSERVE PROPER PRACTICES TO ENSURE THAT THE FOOD THEY TAKE IS FREE FROM CONTAMINATION,+ DR PERRY SAID.

HE GAVE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN EATING AT HOME:

- A) KEEP THE KITCHEN CLEAN
- B) CLEAN HANDS BEFORE PREPARING FOOD.
- C) USE WHOLESOME FOOD AND WATER.
- D) USE CLEAN COOKING UTENSILS.
- E) STORE ALL PERISHABLE FOOD NOT FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION IN REFRIGERATOR AND SEPARATE COOKED FOOD IN REFRIGERATOR FROM RAW FOOD ITEMS.
- F) DO NOT THAW FROZEN FOOD UNTIL NEEDED.
- G) DO NOT USE A CHOPPING BLOCK AND KNIFE FOR CUTTING COOKED FOOD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN USED FOR CUTTING RAW FOOD, PARTICULARLY MEAT OR POULTRY.
- H) EAT COOKED FOOD WHILE IT IS STILL HOT. DON'T LEAVE IT EXPOSED FOR A LONG TIME.
- I) FOOD KEPT OVER-NIGHT SHOULD BE PUT IN A REFRIGERATOR. RECOOK LEFTOVERS THOROUGHLY BEFORE EATING.
- J) ALL GARBAGE AND WASTE SHOULD BE PUT INTO A COVERED CONTAINER.

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REFRESHMENT KIOSKS UP FOR TENDER

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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF LIGHT REFRESHMENT KIOSKS AT THE TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE CENTRAL PLAYGROUND AND THE KO SHAN ROAD PARK AND THEATRE.

THE TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE CENTRAL PLAYGROUND IS BOUNDED BY WAN WAH STREET, WAI WAH STREET AND TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD. FACILITIES THERE INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, A ROLLER-SKATING RINK, A BASKETBALL COURT AND TWO FOOTBALL PITCHES.

THE KO SHAN ROAD PARK AND THEATRE OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 5.5 HECTARES IN KOWLOON CITY. THE THEATRE HAS A SEATING CAPACITY OF 3 000 WHILE THE PARK COMPRISES A MINI-SOCCER PITCH, FOUR TENNIS COURTS, A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND A LANDSCAPED REST GARDEN. THE MINI-SOCCER PITCH AND THE TENNIS COURTS ARE FLOODLIT AT NIGHT.

SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS WILL EACH BE AWARDED A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT STARTING FROM AUGUST 1, 1985. THE CURRENT MONTHLY RENTAL FOR THE KIOSK AT THE TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE CENTRAL PLAYGROUND IS \$1 455 AND THAT FOR THE KO SHAN ROAD PARK AND THEATRE IS \$1 900.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE OBTAINABLE RESPECTIVELY FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE (ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE), 692 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, AND THE KOWLOON REGIONAL OFFICE (LEISURE SERVICES KOWLOON EAST), AMOY PLAZA (PHASE I), 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE AND PLACED BY HAND IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECEPTION COUNTER, 12TH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), ICE HOUSE STREET, BEFORE 9 A.M. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1985. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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SPEEDPOST GOES TO ITALY
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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO ITALY FROM MONDAY (MAY 20), BRINGING TO 31 THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK SERVED FROM HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GENERAL POST OFFICE SAID THAT SPEEDPOST ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE FOLLOWING PLACES IN ITALY: ROME, MILAN, GENOA, TURIN, VENICE, BOLOGNA, FLORENCE, PRATO, PISA, NAPLES, BARI AND CATANIA.

+ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG WILL BE DELIVERED TO ADDRESSEES IN MILAN ON THE SECOND WORKING DAY,+ HE SAID.

IN THE CASE OF ITEMS FOR ROME, THOSE POSTED ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE NEXT WORKING DAY WHILE THOSE POSTED ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE SECOND WORKING DAY, HE ADDED.

ITEMS TO OTHER ITALIAN CITIES IN THE NETWORK WILL BE DELIVERED ONE DAY LATER THAN THOSE TO ROME.

+CONTRACT+ AND +ON DEMAND+ SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT PER ITEM IS 20 KILOGRAMMES AND THE POSTAGE RATES ARE:

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| ITEMS WEIGHING UNDER 250G | : | \$70 |
| ITEMS WEIGHING BETWEEN 250G AND 500G | : | \$85 |
| EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500G | : | \$25 |

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BOARD MEMBERS TO CHEER BASEBALL TEAM
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SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL TURN UP IN FORCE TO CHEER THE SHATIN MARTINS, A YOUTH BASEBALL TEAM, AT THE ALL HONG KONG CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE CHEERING TEAM WILL BE LED BY THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM, AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM WOON-KWONG.

/THE MARTINS

THE MARTINS TEAM WAS FORMED TWO YEARS AGO BY THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE MARTINS WILL BE COMPETING AGAINST THE +EAGLES+, A JAPANESE TEAM, FOR THE MINOR DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP AT 2.30 PM AT THE KGV SPORTS-GROUND, TIN KWONG ROAD, KOWLOON.

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MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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SITTING-OUT AREAS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR RESIDENTS IN FANLING NEW TOWN AND HAPPY VALLEY.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF SITTING-OUT AREAS, GARDENS, PAVILIONS AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS FOR SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN VILLAGE IN SHEK WU HUI.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY AND TAKE EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MEANWHILE, THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS ALSO INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 950-SQUARE-METRE SITTING-OUT AREA ON THE HILLSIDE OF BLUE POOL ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THIS PROJECT WILL START IN AUGUST AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN APRIL 1986.

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+LEARN-TO-SWIM+ CLASSES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

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FREE +LEARN-TO-SWIM+ CLASSES WILL BE HELD FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN AT 12 PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS BETWEEN JULY 15 AND AUGUST 24.

THE CLASSES ARE PART OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THEY WILL BE HELD FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY BETWEEN 8 AM AND 5 PM IN THREE SERIES DURING THE SUMMER VACATION.

EACH CLASS WILL CONSIST OF 12 ONE-HOUR LESSONS AND STUDENTS MUST BE BEGINNERS AND OVER 10 YEARS OF AGE.

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LEARN-TO-SWIM CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT PAO YUE KONG SWIMMING POOL CENTRE, CHAI WAN SWIMMING POOL AND VICTORIA PARK SWIMMING POOL ON HONG KONG ISLAND; THE KWUN TONG SWIMMING POOL, LAI CHI KOK PARK SWIMMING POOL, LEI CHENG UK SWIMMING POOL, MORSE PARK SWIMMING POOL AND TAI WAN SHAN SWIMMING POOL IN KOWLOON; THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL, KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL, SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND YUEN LONG SWIMMING POOL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

EXCEPT FOR THE FIRST DAY OF EACH CLASS, NO SCHOOL STAFF WILL BE REQUIRED TO ASSIST WITH THE +LEARN-TO-SWIM+ SCHEME, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING QUALIFIED SWIMMING INSTRUCTORS TO TEACH SCHOOL CHILDREN.

ON COMPLETION OF THE CLASS, SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES BASED ON THEIR SWIMMING ABILITY.

SCHOOLS WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE +LEARN-TO-SWIM+ SCHEME SHOULD APPLY TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 7TH FLOOR, KOWLOON BEFORE MAY 24.

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COLLEGE HOLDING SPEECH DAY

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WILL BE HOLDING IT'S TENTH SPEECH DAY AT THE THEATRE OF THE CITY HALL, HONG KONG, ON MAY 21.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

MR ALLEN LEE, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING, AND MRS LEE WILL PRESENT THE CERTIFICATES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, HONG KONG, AT 11 AM ON MAY 21 (TUESDAY).

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE NEWS MEDIA.

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CARRIAGEWAY TO BE CLOSED THREE MONTHS

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORISTS TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT A TRAFFIC LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD BETWEEN THE TUNNEL TOLL PLAZA AND KAK TIN VILLAGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (MAY 19) FOR SURFACE IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, CONGESTION IS EXPECTED AT THE NORTHBOUND SECTION AND MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORT OR USE TAI PO ROAD.

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AUSTIN ROAD TRAFFIC CHANGE

VEHICLES EASTBOUND ON AUSTIN ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM PROCEEDING STRAIGHT AHEAD AT THE JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD FROM 7 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 21) UNTIL 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE REPAIRS.

DURING THE PERIOD, VEHICLES HEADING FOR CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NATHAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND, KIMBERLEY ROAD AND AUSTIN AVENUE.

KOWLOON GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 6 WILL BE TEMPORARILY REROUTED VIA CANTON ROAD, JORDAN ROAD, COX'S ROAD AND AUSTIN ROAD.

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FORESHORE LEASE OFFERED FOR MARINE WORKSHOP

THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO OFFER BY OPEN TENDER A LEASE OF ABOUT 395 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED IN TAI PO HOI NEAR SHA LAN.

THE SITE WILL BE USED FOR THE ERECTION AND OPERATION OF A SLIPWAY OF A MARINE WORKSHOP FOR REPAIRING, SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE OF BOATS.

THE PROPOSED LEASE WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE ADJACENT SITE OF 1 455 SQUARE METRES FOR THE MARINE WORKSHOP.

ALL OBJECTIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL AND CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS NOT LATER THAN JULY 17.

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE. THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY DIVISION, 5/F, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AND AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.

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