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UMELCO PAPER ON DRAFT AGREEMENT Tabled

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THE UMELCO LONDON DELEGATION'S POSITION PAPER, SENT TO MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN LONDON AND ALSO DISTRIBUTED LOCALLY, WAS Tabled IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

THE 1 200-WORD STATEMENT WAS PUBLISHED ON NOVEMBER 29, THE DAY BEFORE THE DELEGATION LEFT FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM.

IT LISTS FEARS AND ANXIETIES HONG KONG PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED OVER THE DRAFT AGREEMENT.

DR THE HON HARRY FANG TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENT DELEGATION WAS THE SECOND TO LONDON WITHIN A YEAR TO REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE HERE BEFORE THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

ITS MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES TO UNDERSTAND THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY THE VARIOUS CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS OF DETAIL WHICH HAD BEEN RAISED SINCE PUBLICATION OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON SEPTEMBER 26.

HE SAID THE STATEMENT SET OUT THE POSITION OF UMELCO ON THIS JOINT DECLARATION.

IT REFLECTED VIEWS EXPRESSED BY VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY ON THE FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HONG KONG AFTER 1997 AS PRESENTED IN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT.

DR FANG SAID WHEN THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE HON SIR S.Y. CHUNG, RETURNED FROM UMELCO'S LAST MISSION TO LONDON IN MAY HE STATED THAT THE VISIT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING: UMELCO AND ALL IN HONG KONG HAD A GREAT DEAL OF WORK AHEAD IF THEY WERE TO SECURE A GOOD FUTURE NOT ONLY FOR THE PRESENT GENERATION BUT ALSO FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

+LATER THIS MONTH, THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL WITNESS THE FORMAL CONCLUSION OF THE SINO-BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS,+
DR FANG SAID.

+HOWEVER, THIS IS STILL BY NO MEANS THE END OF THE PROCESS OF SECURING A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR HONG KONG; BUT RATHER IT IS THE END OF THE BEGINNING AND MARKS THE OPENING OF A NEW CHAPTER IN OUR HISTORY.+

HE SAID THE UMELCO PAPER STATED THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WERE READY AND WILLING TO TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE OF THE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES THEY FACED.

IT ALSO SAID, GIVEN THE UNDERSTANDING AND SENSITIVITY OF THE TWO SIGNATORY GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR FIRM COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENTING THE JOINT DECLARATION IN BOTH LETTER AND SPIRIT, THEY WOULD SUCCEED NOT ONLY IN MAINTAINING HONG KONG'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY, BUT ALSO IN MAKING THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WORK.

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FULL STATEMENT ON KCR INCIDENT DUE
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AFTER CONSIDERING THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY REPORT ON THE RECENT TRAIN INCIDENTS, THE GOVERNOR WILL DECIDE WHETHER A PUBLIC ENQUIRY IS NEEDED AND WHAT FORM IT MAY TAKE.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE HON ALAN SCOTT, IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

+WHATEVER HIS DECISION MAY BE, THERE WILL IN ANY CASE BE A FULL PUBLIC STATEMENT, BECAUSE THE KCRC AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE MOST FULLY AWARE THAT IN SUCH MATTERS, THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IS ESSENTIAL,+ MR SCOTT SAID.

HE WAS REPLYING TO A QUESTION ON THE SUBJECT FROM THE HON PAULINE NG.

MR SCOTT TOLD THE COUNCIL THE PROCEDURES FOR INFORMING PASSENGERS OF THE LIKELY EFFECTS OF DISRUPTION IN KCRC SERVICES WERE UNDER REVIEW.

+A BALANCE HAS TO BE FOUND BETWEEN INCONVENIENCING PASSENGERS ON THE SYSTEM BY KEEPING THEM WAITING WHILE THE LIKELY LEVEL OF SERVICE DISRUPTION IS ASSESSED, AND FRUSTRATING INTENDING PASSENGERS BY ANNOUNCING THAT SERVICES ARE DISRUPTED FOR INDEFINITE PERIODS.

+THE KCRC HAS ALREADY DECIDED TO STRENGTHEN THE EMERGENCY PASSENGER SERVICE TEAMS WHICH ARE SENT OUT TO STATIONS AFFECTED BY DISRUPTED SERVICE,+ HE REPORTED.

MR SCOTT SAID THAT LIKE THE COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE DISRUPTIONS IN TRAIN SERVICES AND HAD BEEN OBSERVING THE MATTER CLOSELY.

UNDER THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION ORDINANCE, THE KCRC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EFFICIENT AND SAFE OPERATION OF ITS SERVICES.

INSPECTORS MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, UNDER THE ORDINANCE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THE RAILWAY AND OF INVESTIGATING ANY ACCIDENT ON ANY PART OF THE RAILWAY.

+INSPECTORS HAVE BEEN SO APPOINTED FOR THE FORMER PURPOSE FOR MANY YEARS, THE MOST RECENT BEING THE FINAL INSPECTION IN MID-1983 BY AN INSPECTOR OF RAILWAYS OF THE UK MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT BEFORE THE PUBLIC OPENING OF THE FINAL STAGE OF ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KCR.

+THE INSPECTOR HAS BEEN INVITED TO RETURN EARLY IN 1985, SOMEWHAT EARLIER THAN WAS ENVISAGED FOR HIS REGULAR VISIT,+ MR SCOTT SAID.

THE ORDINANCE FURTHER PROVIDES THAT THE CHIEF SECRETARY MAY DIRECT THE CORPORATION TO CARRY OUT SUCH WORKS OR TAKE SUCH STEPS AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN REGARD TO PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND METHODS OF OPERATION.

AN INTERNAL COMMITTEE WAS SET UP BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION TO INVESTIGATE INCIDENTS WHICH HAD OCCURRED SINCE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE RAILWAY, MR SCOTT SAID.

IT WILL REPORT FULLY WITH RECOMMENDATIONS IN MID-JANUARY 1985.

+IN ANY CASE, WHENEVER A BREAKDOWN HAS OCCURRED, THE FAULT HAS BEEN CHECKED THROUGH THE WHOLE SYSTEM AND NECESSARY CORRECTIONS MADE.

+A COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION OF THE OVERHEAD CABLE SYSTEM IS IN PROGRESS AND ANY RESULTANT MEASURES WHICH ARE FOUND TO BE NECESSARY WILL BE TAKEN.

+THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE FORWARDED TO GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

AS REGARDS THE DERAILMENT ON NOVEMBER 25, THE KCRC MANAGEMENT HAD HELD AN ENQUIRY INTO THE INCIDENT AND WAS ABOUT TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE BOARD. THIS REPORT HAD BEEN SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

+THE FINDINGS OF THE ENQUIRY INDICATE THAT THE INCIDENT WAS DUE TO HUMAN ERROR, AND NOT DUE TO ANY SYSTEM FAILURE.

+IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE SAFETY OF PASSENGERS HAS AT NO TIME BEEN IN QUESTION,+ HE SAID.

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CARE FOR THE ELDERLY EXPLAINED
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THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING THE WELL-BEING OF THE ELDERLY THROUGH CARE IN THE COMMUNITY AND BY THE COMMUNITY APPLIED TO THE WHOLE TERRITORY INCLUDING THE OUTLYING ISLANDS.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, THE HON JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID THIS TODAY, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON YEUNG PO-KWAN IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE OBJECTIVE WAS SET OUT IN THE 1979 SOCIAL WELFARE WHITE PAPER +SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1980'S+.

HE SAID THERE WERE TWO MAIN ELEMENTS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR ACHIEVING THIS OBJECTIVE.

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+FIRST, THE PROVISION OF A RANGE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CASH BENEFITS TO ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO LOOK AFTER THEIR ELDERLY MEMBERS, OR TO ENABLE OLD PEOPLE ON THEIR OWN TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY, AND IN DIGNITY, IN THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

+SECOND, THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES FOR THOSE WHO, FOR HEALTH OR OTHER REASONS, CAN NO LONGER LIVE WITH THEIR FAMILIES OR ON THEIR OWN IN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.+

THIS TERRITORY-WIDE STRATEGY ALSO APPLIED TO THE OUTLYING ISLANDS, MR CHAMBERS SAID, ALTHOUGH BECAUSE THE POPULATION IN THESE AREAS WAS SCATTERED, THERE WERE PROBLEMS IN PLANNING SERVICES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE THEM ACCESSIBLE TO THE ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO NEEDED THEM.

MR YEUNG ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN TAI O. +TAI O IS A PARTICULARLY ISOLATED SETTLEMENT, BUT IT DOES HAVE A LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM WHICH ORGANISES VARIOUS PROGRAMMES FOR THE ELDERLY,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID.

PLANS WERE ALSO IN HAND TO PROVIDE A 40-PLACE HOME FOR THE AGED IN TAI O BY 1986, HE ADDED.

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MORE FLEXIBILITY SOUGHT

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THE HOUSING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 AIMED AT ALLOWING MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR CO-OPTING MEMBERS TO HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMITTEES, THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, THE HON DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY.

MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, HE SAID IT SOUGHT TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION THAT THE MAJORITY OF ANY COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

+SECTION 7 OF THE HOUSING ORDINANCE EMPOWERS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO APPOINT COMMITTEES FOR THE BETTER DISCHARGE OF ITS FUNCTION UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

+A COMMITTEE SO APPOINTED MAY INCLUDE PERSONS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED THAT AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF ITS MEMBERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

+WHILE THIS PROVISIO ENSURES THAT MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY HAVE A MAJORITY PARTICIPATION IN THE DELIBERATION OF ITS COMMITTEES, IT UNNECESSARILY RESTRICTS THE NUMBER OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS ON EACH COMMITTEE.+

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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\$1 294.6M SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION APPROVED
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SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1984-85 AMOUNTED TO \$1 294.6 MILLION, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMIDGE, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

OF THIS SUM, \$1 004.5 MILLION WAS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT BONDS TO THE CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND TO REFLECT GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION OF APPLYING SUCH PROCEEDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRODUCTIVE CAPITAL INVESTMENT.

+OTHER MAJOR PROVISIONS WERE \$92.7 MILLION AND \$89.9 MILLION FOR THE RESPECTIVE PAYMENT OF INCREASED GRANTS TO THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE UNIVERSITIES, POLYTECHNICS AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE AS A RESULT OF THE 1984 CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES REVISION; \$50.1 MILLION FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST TO BOND HOLDERS AND SERVICE CHARGES TO THE PAYMENT AGENT; \$11.4 MILLION FOR A GRANT FOR THE FITTING OUT OF TEMPORARY PREMISES FOR THE CITY POLYTECHNIC,+ HE SAID.

OTHER ITEMS INCLUDE \$10.4 MILLION FOR THE PAYMENT TO THE BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL AS A RESULT OF REVISED RATES FOR THE USE OF FACILITIES AT THE HOSPITAL; \$8.6 MILLION TO MEET EXPENDITURE FOR THE CONTINUED APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS TO INVESTIGATE THE AFFAIRS OF EDA INVESTMENTS LIMITED AND THE CARRIAN GROUP; AND \$8.1 MILLION TO MEET AN INCREASED DEMAND FOR REFUND OF REVENUE.

+THE TRANSFER OF THE BOND PROCEEDS TO THE CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND IS COUPLED BY THE RESERVATION OF AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT IN THE ORIGINAL PROVISION FOR PAYMENT TO THE FUND,+ SIR JOHN SAID.

+THE OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION APPROVED HAVE BEEN OFFSET EITHER BY SAVINGS UNDER THE SAME OR OTHER HEADS OF EXPENDITURE OR BY DELETION OF FUNDS UNDER THE ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS VOTES,+ HE ADDED.

+DURING THE QUARTER, A NET INCREASE OF 1 405 POSTS WAS APPROVED, INCLUDING POSTS FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE URBAN COUNCIL,+ SIR JOHN SAID.

HE NOTED THAT APPROVED COMMITMENTS HAD BEEN INCREASED BY \$51.5 MILLION AND NEW COMMITMENTS OF \$104 MILLION HAD BEEN APPROVED. THESE REPRESENTED A 10.6 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE TOTAL COMMITMENT OF \$3 044.9 MILLION IN THE 1984-85 ESTIMATES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ITEMS IN THE SUMMARY HAD BEEN APPROVED EITHER BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OR UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY.

ACTION TAKEN ON TAXI PROBLEM
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THERE HAD BEEN NO PROSECUTIONS OF TAXI DRIVERS FOR REFUSING TO ACCEPT A HIRE ACTUALLY IN THE VICINITY OF TAI KOK TSUI PIER ITSELF DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE HON ALAN SCOTT, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

AND THERE HAD BEEN NO REPORTS TO THE POLICE ALLEGING THIS OFFENCE, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, EARLIER THIS YEAR, THERE HAD BEEN PROBLEMS WITH TAXIS IN THIS AREA, WHEN THE TAXI STAND WAS SITUATED ABOUT 100 METRES FROM THE PIER, HE ADDED.

ACTION HAD THEN BEEN TAKEN FIRST, BY THE RHKPF THROUGH ENFORCEMENT ACTION INCLUDING THE PROSECUTION ON AUGUST 13 OF A TAXI DRIVER FOR SOLICITING FOR HIRE, AND SECOND, BY MOVING THE TAXI STAND NEARER TO THE PIER.

+I AM INFORMED THERE HAS NOT BEEN FURTHER TROUBLE SINCE THEN, BUT THE POLICE ARE MONITORING THE SITUATION AND WILL TAKE ENFORCEMENT ACTION AS NECESSARY.

+IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SUFFER FROM SUCH ILLEGAL BEHAVIOUR WOULD REPORT THE MATTER PROMPTLY TO THE POLICE, WITH APPROPRIATE DETAILS,+ HE SAID.

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'CHIROPRACTORS NOT DEEMED REGISTERED DOCTORS'
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CHIROPRACTORS WERE NOT DEEMED REGISTERED DOCTORS, AND CHIROPRACTIC WAS NOT RECOGNISED AS A PARAMEDICAL SERVICE IN HONG KONG, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR THE HON K.L. THONG SAID TODAY.

AS THERE WAS NO LEGISLATION GOVERNING CHIROPRACTIC IN HONG KONG, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR CHIROPRACTORS TO HAVE CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO PRACTISE HERE, HE SAID.

NO MEDICAL OR PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONS IN HONG KONG WERE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HE SAID. THESE PROFESSIONS WERE GOVERNED BY INDEPENDENT STATUTORY BODIES WHICH PROVIDED THE PROCEDURES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE RESPECTIVE PROFESSIONS.

HE QUOTED SECTION 28 OF THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE, WHICH STATES: +ANY PERSON WHO WILFULLY AND FALSELY PRETENDS TO BE QUALIFIED, OR TAKES OR USES ANY NAME OR TITLE IMPLYING THAT HE IS QUALIFIED, TO PRACTISE MEDICINE OR SURGERY... SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE.+

+THUS, IT FOLLOWS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ANY TITLE OR CHINESE TRANSLATION OF THAT TITLE USED BY ANY PERSON AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT IMPLY THAT HE IS QUALIFIED TO PRACTISE MEDICINE OR SURGERY IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

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66 CAUGHT FOR ILLEGAL DRUG SALES
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SIXTY-SIX CASES OF ILLEGAL SALE OF POTENT DRUGS ON THE POISONS LIST CLASSIFIED AS PART 1 SCHEDULE 3 POISONS WERE BROUGHT TO COURT BETWEEN JANUARY AND DECEMBER LAST YEAR - AND ALL WERE SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY DR THE HON K.L. THONG, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON CARL TONG AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

THESE POISON DRUGS WERE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE SOLD BY AUTHORISED SELLERS UNDER SUPERVISION OF REGISTERED PHARMACISTS AND ONLY AGAINST PRESCRIPTIONS ISSUED BY AUTHORISED PERSONS SUCH AS DOCTORS.

DR THONG TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT RECORDS SHOWED THAT 6 638 INSPECTIONS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT, LEADING TO DISCOVERY OF THE 66 CASES.

AND STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS, HE SAID.

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THOUGHT GIVEN TO LIGHTS FOR CROSSING
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THE NEED FOR A LIGHT-CONTROLLED CROSSING AT A ZEBRA CROSSING ON POK FU LAM ROAD WAS BEING CONSIDERED, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE HON ALAN SCOTT, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

THERE HAD BEEN FATAL ACCIDENTS AT THIS PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, NEAR HOUSE 140-142.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM DR THE HON HARRY FANG, MR SCOTT SAID THE CONSIDERATION WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC FLOWS AT THE LOCATION AND THE SAFETY OF USERS.

A SURVEY TO RECORD THE PRESENT TRAFFIC FLOWS WOULD BE FINISHED THIS WEEK, HE SAID.

MR SCOTT REPORTED THAT IN THE 24 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER, THERE WAS ONE SLIGHT AND ONE SERIOUS PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENT AT OR NEAR THE CROSSING.

HOWEVER, ON OCTOBER 25, IN ONE INCIDENT, A GOODS VEHICLE COLLIDED WITH A FAMILY OF THREE ON THE CROSSING. ONE PERSON DIED AND THE OTHER TWO WERE INJURED.

MR SCOTT SAID CHARGES AGAINST THE DRIVER WERE BEING CONSIDERED.

THERE HAD BEEN TWO OTHER FATALITIES, ONE BEING 120 METRES NORTH AND THE OTHER 120 METRES SOUTH OF THE CROSSING, HE SAID.

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ILLEGAL MEDICAL PRACTICES REPORTED
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ALTOGETHER NINE CASES OF PERSONS WHO WERE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN PRACTISING WESTERN MEDICINE ILLEGALLY BY USING STEROID INJECTIONS ON PATIENTS HAD BEEN REPORTED BY DOCTORS.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR THE HON K.L. THONG, IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

DR THONG INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT ALL NINE CASES HAD BEEN REFERRED IMMEDIATELY BY HIS DEPARTMENT TO THE POLICE FOR ACTIONS.

TO DATE, THE POLICE HAD CARRIED OUT RAIDS ON SIX PREMISES AND ACTION WAS STILL PENDING ON THE REMAINING THREE CASES, HE SAID.

+PRESUMABLY, WHEN INVESTIGATIONS ARE COMPLETED AND IF THE EVIDENCE SO JUSTIFIES, APPROPRIATE CHARGES UNDER THE RELEVANT ORDINANCES WILL BE LAID AGAINST THEM IN THE LAW COURTS,+ DR THONG SAID.

+ALL THESE CASES ARE STILL SUBJUDICE AND NO ONE IS DEEMED GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN TO BE SO,+ HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, THESE PRACTITIONERS WERE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE THEIR PRACTICE WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW.

WITH REGARD TO THE MONITORING AND PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL PRACTICE, DR THONG SAID THAT THIS WAS DONE THROUGH SURVEILLANCE AND GATHERING OF EVIDENCE, EITHER FROM COMPLAINTS BY THE PUBLIC OR FROM REPORTS BY PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.

THESE CASES WERE THEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE SO THAT THEY MIGHT BE SUBJECTED TO THE FULL PROCESS OF THE LAW, HE SAID.

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PILL USERS WARNED OF SIDE EFFECTS
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ALL BRANDS OF ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES SOLD IN HONG KONG HAVE WARNINGS ABOUT THEIR SIDE EFFECTS, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. THE HON K.L. THONG SAID TODAY.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON CARL TONG IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, DR THONG SAID THAT MANUFACTURERS OF DRUGS NORMALLY PROVIDED ACCOMPANYING LITERATURE WHICH INCLUDED WARNINGS ON SIDE EFFECTS TO THE END-USERS.

ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO SPECIFIC LAWS REQUIRING ACCOMPANYING LITERATURE ON SIDE EFFECTS OF DRUGS, MANUFACTURERS HAD BEEN MOST CO-OPERATIVE IN THIS RESPECT, AS IT WAS ALSO IN THEIR OWN INTEREST TO DO SO, HE SAID.

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LAND BENEATH FLYOVERS PUT TO GOOD USE
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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR N.K. CHAN, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY IT WAS GOVERNMENT POLICY TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF LAND BENEATH FLYOVERS.

THE USE WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LOCAL NEEDS, COMPATIBILITY WITH SURROUNDING AREAS AND THE VIEWS OF DISTRICT BOARDS, HE SAID.

ANSWERING A QUESTION FROM THE HON YEUNG PO-KWAN, HE SAID TYPICAL USES INCLUDED LOCAL OPEN SPACE, REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS, PUBLIC TOILETS, VEHICLE PARKING, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

+IN THE CASE OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, USE OF THE SPACE BENEATH WAS CONSIDERED AT THE PLANNING STAGE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED,+ MR CHAN SAID.

PROPOSED FACILITIES INCLUDED LOCAL AND DISTRICT OPEN SPACES, REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS, TOILETS AND CAR PARKING SPACES, HE ADDED.

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PLANS TO MEET SHORTFALL OF HALF-WAY HOUSES
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THERE WAS AT PRESENT AN ESTIMATED SHORTFALL OF 830 HALF-WAY HOUSE PLACES, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, THE HON NEIL HENDERSON, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

CURRENT PLANS PROVIDED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 20 HALF-WAY HOUSES, WHICH WILL OVERCOME THE PROJECTED SHORTFALL BY THE EARLY 1990'S, MR HENDERSON SAID, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION FROM DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI.

OF THESE 20 HALF-WAY HOUSES, AT LEAST 14 WERE PLANNED FOR HOUSING ESTATES.

OVER HALF OF THE EXISTING HALF-WAY HOUSE PLACES WERE SITED IN A HOUSING ESTATE ENVIRONMENT BECAUSE THIS IS THE SORT OF ENVIRONMENT THAT PEOPLE ARE USED TO.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF A HALF-WAY HOUSE WAS TO REINTEGRATE THE PATIENT INTO SOCIETY AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, BY ELIMINATING HOSPITAL DEPENDENCY, AND ASSISTING THE RESIDENTS TO TAKE UP DOMESTIC RESPONSIBILITY, LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES, AND DEVELOP WORK HABITS, MR HENDERSON SAID.

+IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO CARRY OUT THESE FUNCTIONS IN THE SORT OF ENVIRONMENT A PATIENT WILL EVENTUALLY LIVE.

+WE THEREFORE HAVE LITTLE ALTERNATIVE TO ESTABLISHING MOST HALF-WAY HOUSES ON HOUSING ESTATES,+ HE EXPLAINED.

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78 PER CENT OF PROPOSALS REVIEWED
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UP TO THE END OF NOVEMBER, THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED 78 PER CENT OF ALL PROPOSALS OBJECTING TO THE NEW RATEABLE VALUES, AND THE CONCERNED RATEPAYERS HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE DECISIONS, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE SAID TODAY.

THE REMAINING PROPOSALS WOULD BE DEALT WITH BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH, HE TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY THE HON PAULINE NG.

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NO EFFECT FROM CHANGEOVER
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WHEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBVENTING AN AGENCY WAS TRANSFERRED FROM ONE DEPARTMENT TO ANOTHER, THE CHANGEOVER WOULD NORMALLY HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE TREATMENT OF THE STAFF FOR PROVIDENT FUND PURPOSES, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, THE HON JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

HE WAS REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY DR. THE HON HENRIETTA IP AS TO HOW EMPLOYEES WERE TREATED FOR PROVIDENT FUND PURPOSES WHERE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SUBVENTED AGENCY PASSED FROM ONE DEPARTMENT TO ANOTHER.

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ONE BILL PASSED, ANOTHER INTRODUCED
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THE MEDICAL CLINICS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 WAS PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

ANOTHER BILL -- THE HOUSING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 -- WAS INTRODUCED AND READ A SECOND TIME, AND DEBATE ON IT WAS ADJOURNED.

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HK GROUP MEETS PRIME MINISTER
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ALL 11 MEMBERS OF UMELCO VISITING LONDON, AND THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, MET THIS MORNING (WEDNESDAY) WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE MINISTER AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR HONG KONG, MR RICHARD LUCE, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, DR DAVID WILSON, THE HEAD OF THE HONG KONG AND GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, MR ANTHONY GALSWORTHY AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS.

AFTERWARDS THE GROUP MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, AT DOWNING STREET. AFTER THE MEETING, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPECIAL ADVISER ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SIR PERCY CRADOCK, THE FOLLOWING PRESS STATEMENT WAS ISSUED:

+A DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS OF HONG KONG, LED BY SIR S.Y. CHUNG ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR CALLED ON THE PRIME MINISTER THIS MORNING. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND MR LUCE WERE PRESENT.

THE DELEGATION TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THE VIEWS OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, AS REFLECTED IN THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ON NOVEMBER 29.

THE PRIME MINISTER THANKED THE DELEGATION FOR THE ENDORSEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT. SHE STATED THAT THE CONCERNS OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE WOULD BE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ITSELF AND IN ITS FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER EMPHASISED THE WHOLEHEARTED COMMITMENT OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO THE AGREEMENT AND ITS RESOLVE TO FULFIL ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG UP TO 1997, SO AS TO ASSURE THE CONTINUING STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF THE TERRITORY.+

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PATIENCE URGED IN 'A UNIQUE SITUATION'

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THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES TO THE GRADUAL EVOLUTION AND PEACEFUL TRANSFORMATION OF HONG KONG CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY).

+IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WHILE CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE THAT ELECTED MEMBERS WHO ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONS, BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS, SHOULD BE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE SO AS TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A DIRECT INPUT INTO THE MANY DIFFICULT ISSUES THAT HAVE TO BE DECIDED,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP DINNER, MR AKERS-JONES SAID, +THE FACT THAT OUR SYSTEM CANNOT BE FOUND IN THE TEXT BOOKS OF POLITICAL SYSTEMS SHOULD NOT DISCOURAGE US.

+WE HAVE A UNIQUE SITUATION REQUIRING UNIQUE SOLUTIONS.

+WE NEED TIME, PATIENCE AND DETERMINATION TO WORK THEM OUT,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE MANY TASKS THAT CONFRONTED HONG KONG AS THE TERRITORY GRADUALLY CHANGED FROM THE PRESENT STATUS TO A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY WHEN IT BECAME A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION REGION OF CHINA AFTER 1997.

+THERE IS THE NEED TO LOCALISE MANY OF OUR PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS, AND TO OBTAIN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR THEM,+ HE SAID.

+THERE IS THE SOLID AND HEAVY TASK OF ADAPTING AND TRANSLATING THE LAWS; AND EXAMINING THE MANY HUNDREDS OF INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND OBLIGATIONS WHICH NOW EXTEND TO HONG KONG SO THAT THEY CAN SERVE OUR NEW STATUS AFTER 1997.

+LAND ADMINISTRATION AND LEASES WILL NEED TO BE ADJUSTED; AND THE BENEFITS OF VARIOUS TRADE AGREEMENTS WHICH NOW APPLY TO HONG KONG WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE RECOGNISED FOR THE FUTURE,+ HE ADDED.

+WE MUST HAVE THE PHYSICAL FACILITIES, WE MUST HAVE THE SOCIAL POLICIES AND WE NEED TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

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+IN A SENSE, EVERYONE IN HONG KONG IS A MEMBER OF THAT GREAT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG PEOPLE --- FIVE MILLION PEOPLE --- WHO ARE CHARGED COLLECTIVELY WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE OF OUR ECONOMY, THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR SOCIAL PROGRESS, OUR PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT AND OUR POLITICAL EVOLUTION.

+FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES WE HAVE NO OTHER RESOURCES BUT PEOPLE, AND IT IS PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE HONG KONG WHAT IT IS TODAY,+ HE ADDED.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THAT IN THE PAST YEAR, MUCH HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITH CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE PUBLICATION OF THE WHITE PAPER ON DEVELOPING A STRUCTURE OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, VISITS BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY TO HONG KONG AND BEIJING. THERE HAD ALSO BEEN THE VISITS TO LONDON, THE COMPLETION OF MANY ROUNDS OF TALKS IN BEIJING, THE INITIATING AND ANNOUNCING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, THE FORMAL ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC OPINION; AND, AT THE YEAR'S END, THE VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER TO BEIJING TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

+IT HAS NOT BEEN A PARTICULARLY TRANQUIL YEAR,+ SAID MR AKERS-JONES.

+WHERE, THEN, DO WE GO FROM HERE,+ HE SAID.

+FOR LAST YEAR'S WORDS BELONG TO LAST YEAR'S LANGUAGE, AND NEXT YEAR'S WORDS AWAIT ANOTHER VOICE,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THERE WAS THE CONTINUING GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP THE PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND SERVICES NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND PRESENT PROGRAMMES AND POLICIES.

+WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA, RISING LIVING STANDARDS AND INCREASED EXPECTATIONS, WE HAVE BECOME AWARE OF NEW AND EMERGING SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE NEED TO SHOW MORE CONCERN FOR THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED, MORE CARE FOR OUR INCREASING NUMBER OF OLD PEOPLE AND MORE ATTENTION TO THE PARTICULAR PROBLEMS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS RAPIDLY CHANGING SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

+THERE IS ALSO THE MORE INTANGIBLE FACTOR OF THE CHANGING AND IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OUR CITIZENS AND NOT MERELY FOR THE PRIVILEGED FEW.

+IN RECENT YEARS HONG KONG HAS BECOME A CLEANER AND A GREENER PLACE AND THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT BLOSSOMING OF CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC ACTIVITY.+

STUDENT SPORTSMEN NEED SUPPORT

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THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR DICKEN YUNG, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) CALLED ON PARENTS, SCHOOLMASTERS AND PRINCIPALS TO REFER POTENTIAL STUDENT SPORTSMEN TO THE SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL (SSC) SO THAT ARRANGEMENT COULD BE MADE TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL.

+THROUGH THE SSC, STUDENTS WITH EXCEPTIONAL POTENTIAL ARE INTRODUCED TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, CLUBS AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE TO ENABLE THEM TO TAKE PART IN MORE ADVANCED TRAINING AND TO BE EXPOSED TO HIGHER LEVEL OF COMPETITION,+ HE SAID.

MR YUNG STRESSED THIS REFERRAL ARRANGEMENT ENABLED POTENTIAL STUDENT ATHLETES TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL FURTHER.

+MANY OF OUR OUTSTANDING YOUNG HONG KONG SPORTSMEN ARE DISCOVERED AND DEVELOPED THROUGH THIS CHANNEL,+ HE ADDED.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE CLOSE OF THE SCHOOLS BASKETBALL TRAINING SCHEME 1984 AND THE SENDING-OFF OF THE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS FOR GOODWILL VISITS TO MACAU AND TOKYO.

+GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING OF YOUNG SPORTSMEN+, HE SAID.

THREE AREAS - TENNIS, SWIMMING AND SCHOOL SPORTS -- HAD BEEN CHOSEN IN THE YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, MR YUNG SAID.

THE SCHEME INCORPORATES REGULAR INTENSIVE TRAINING AND RESIDENTIAL TRAINING AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE AS WELL AS LOCAL AND OVERSEAS COMPETITIONS IN ASIA. THROUGH COMPETITIONS, THE YOUNG SPORTSMEN CAN SHARPEN THEIR SKILLS AND BE EXPOSED TO INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS.

THE YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS IN BASKETBALL IS ORGANISED BY SSC AND SUPPORTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

A TOTAL OF 630 STUDENTS WERE REFERRED BY SCHOOLS TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S TRAINING PROGRAMME WHICH COMMENCED IN JUNE. TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR BOYS UNDER 18, 16 AND 14 AND GIRLS UNDER 17 WERE ORGANISED THIS YEAR.

ABOUT 20 OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANTS WERE SELECTED FROM EACH AGE GROUP AFTER INITIAL TRAINING IN THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN AUGUST. THE OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED FURTHER TRAINING AND HAVE TAKEN PART IN LOCAL COMPETITIONS DURING THE PAST MONTHS.

MEMBERS OF THE BOYS TEAM UNDER 14 AND THE GIRLS TEAM WILL PLAY HIGH-SCHOOL TEAMS IN MACAU BETWEEN DECEMBER 7 AND 9. THE TEAMS WITH BOYS UNDER 18 AND 16 WILL BE PLAYING IN TOKYO DURING THEIR SIX-DAY VISIT FROM DECEMBER 19.

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OX GOLD COINS GOING ON SALE
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APPLICATIONS FOR THE YEAR OF THE OX GOLD COINS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO COMMEMORATE THE COMING LUNAR NEW YEAR WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE LIMITED QUANTITY OF \$1 000 GOLD COINS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION BRANCHES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE PROOF VERSION OF THE COIN IS PRICED AT \$3 300 AND THE BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN IS AT \$2 200,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

COMPLETED FORMS, TOGETHER WITH CROSSED CHEQUES DRAWN ON PERSONAL ACCOUNTS MADE PAYABLE TO +HONG KONG GOVERNMENT 1985 SPECIAL COIN ACCOUNT+ OR CASHIER'S ORDERS MUST REACH ANY OF THE TEN HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION BRANCHES LISTED IN THE APPLICATION FORM BEFORE 12.30 PM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1984.

+THE YEAR OF THE OX GOLD COIN IS THE TENTH IN A SERIES TO COMMEMORATE THE CYCLE OF 12 LUNAR YEARS, EACH REPRESENTED BY AN ANIMAL, WHICH FALL IN THE WESTERN CALENDAR YEARS 1976 - 1987. APPLICATIONS NOW BEING INVITED ARE RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTS WITH A HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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LIFEGUARDS KEEP SWIMMING CASUALTIES DOWN
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LIFEGUARDS THIS YEAR HAVE RESCUED 1 112 SWIMMERS WHO GOT INTO DIFFICULTIES AT BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

ADDRESSING A CIVIC RECEPTION FOR THE ASIA PACIFIC LIFE SAVING COUNCIL HELD AT THE CITY HALL, MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID: +THE URBAN COUNCIL, WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE LOCAL BRANCH OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY, IS COMMITTED TO THE TRAINING OF LIFEGUARDS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THOSE WHO TAKE TO THE WATER, WHETHER AT A BEACH OR IN A SWIMMING POOL.

+THIS YEAR, 660 SWIMMERS LEARNT THE VERY VITAL WATER RESCUE TECHNIQUES THROUGH THE 22 LIFE SAVING CLASSES ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. OUR FACILITIES ARE ALSO MADE AVAILABLE TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS WHICH OFFER SIMILAR TRAINING.+

URBAN COUNCIL SWIMMING FACILITIES NOW COMPRISE 11 SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 76 SWIMMING POOLS, PLUS 12 BEACHES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

/MR CHEONG-LEEN

MR CHEONG-LEEN ADDED THAT TRAGICALLY SEVEN PERSONS HAD BEEN DROWNED IN SWIMMING ACCIDENTS THIS YEAR BUT POINTED OUT THAT THIS FIGURE COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH HIGHER BUT FOR THE VIGILANCE AND SKILLS OF THE 547 PROFESSIONAL LIFEGUARDS EMPLOYED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT. ADDITIONALLY, 188 VOLUNTARY LIFEGUARDS FROM THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY ALSO CONTRIBUTED THEIR SERVICES.

THIRTEEN DELEGATIONS FROM 12 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES ARE TAKING PART IN THE 5TH ASIA PACIFIC LIFE SAVING CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE ASIA PACIFIC LIFE SAVING COUNCIL.

THE FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE, ENDING ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 8) WILL PROVIDE THE FORUM FOR AN EXCHANGE OF NEW TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGY IN LIFE SAVING AND OTHER ADVANCES IN WATER SAFETY AMONG DELEGATIONS FROM AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES, CHINA, MACAU, INDONESIA, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, JAPAN, CANADA AND HONG KONG.

THE 4TH ASIA PACIFIC LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS HAVE ATTRACTED CONTESTANTS FROM AUSTRALIA, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, HONG KONG AND MACAU. THE ONE-DAY COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 7), STARTING AT 3 P.M.

THERE WERE NO LIFE SAVING COMPETITIONS DURING THE FIRST ASIA PACIFIC LIFE SAVING CONFERENCE WHICH WAS ALSO HELD IN HONG KONG IN 1978.

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BRIGHT CHRISTMAS IN KWUN TONG

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A LASER EXTRAVAGANZA AND DISCO NIGHT WILL BE STAGED AT CHRISTMAS EVE AT TSUI PING ROAD PLAYGROUND IN KWUN TONG.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION THE SAME EVENING AT THE PLAYGROUND. APART FROM DISPLAY BOARDS, 14 TELEVISION SETS WILL BE INSTALLED TO SHOW A THREE-HOUR VIDEO PRODUCTION ON THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD AND THE CONCEPT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

THE EXHIBITION WILL START AT 6 PM AND ADMISSION IS FREE, WHILE THE LASER EXTRAVAGANZA AND DISCO NITE WILL BEGIN AT 8.15 PM.

ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE DISCO PARTY, AT \$15, WILL BE ON SALE FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-404855.

THIS CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVITY IS SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB.

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LABOUR LAW OFFENDERS FINED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TOOK OUT 479 PROSECUTIONS FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LAWS IN OCTOBER.

OF THESE, 458 CASES RESULTED IN CONVICTION, WITH FINES TOTALLING \$523 300.

MOST OF THE CASES RELATED TO BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

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CHINESE DELEGATES STUDY HK HOUSING

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THREE DELEGATES FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY OF CHINA WERE TODAY GIVEN AN INSIGHT INTO HOW HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WERE PLANNED, BUILT AND MANAGED.

HEADED BY PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY, MR DAI NIANCI, THEY ATTENDED A SEMINAR RUN BY SENIOR HOUSING DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME.

AMONG THE ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE PRODUCTION TARGETS, PLANNING PROCEDURES, COST CONTROL, DESIGN STANDRDS AND CONCEPTS, TENDER PROCEDURES, MAINTENANCE AND ESTATE MANAGEMENT.

THE GROUP ARE IN HONG KONG ON A STUDY TOUR OF URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

BEFORE THE SEMINAR, THEY HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO, AND SAW DISPLAYS ON PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S EXHIBITION HALL.

TOMORROW, THEY WILL SEE SOME OF THE AUTHORITY'S LATEST ESTATE PROJECTS IN THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN, AS PART OF THEIR STUDY TOUR.

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MORE PLACES FOR TECHNICAL STUDENTS

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THE \$35-MILLION PHASE II DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS BEEN COMPLETED, PROVIDING PLACES FOR 830 MORE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS.

THE EXPANSION, CONSISTING OF AN ADDITIONAL STOREY AND A SIX-STOREY ANNEX, WAS PUT INTO USE IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, HOUSING THE DEPARTMENTS OF DESIGN, MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY.

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YUEN LONG SITE TO LET

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A SITE IN YUEN LONG.

THE SITE, LOCATED AT THE TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, MEASURES ABOUT 440 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS FOR THE STORAGE OR REPAIR OF THE TENANT'S GOODS, THE REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE (INCLUDING PAINT-SPRAYING) OF MOTOR VEHICLES NOT EXCEEDING TWO TONNES (UNLADEN), OR FOR OPERATING A FOUNDRY OR METAL WORKSHOP.

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 21, 1984.

TENDER FORMS, CONDITIONS AND THE NOTICE ARE AVAILABLE FROM, AND THE TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT:

- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG ;
- * LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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SAFETY AWARDS FOR WORKERS

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PRIZES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY AWARD SCHEME WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS AT THE +RAFFLES+ IN THE BANK OF AMERICA TOWER, AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

MR CHAN NAI-KEONG, SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

THE AWARD SCHEME, SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR WORKERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, IS ORGANISED BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD TO REMIND EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AT WORK.

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DB TO HEAR ABOUT HOUSING PLANS

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PROPOSALS FOR THE SECOND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN THE TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT WILL BE TABLED AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE FACILITIES PLANNED FOR THE ESTATE WHICH WILL HAVE A POPULATION OF 32 500 WHEN COMPLETED IN THE EARLY 1991.

AND A REPORT ON THE +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SCHEME COVERING A 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 1984 WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR DISCUSSION.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING SCHEME, WHICH WILL BE EXPLAINED TO MEMBERS BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALAN SCOTT.

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TRAFFIC MEASURES FOR SHA TIN FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF FESTIVE LIGHTING AND A FIREWORKS DISPLAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9) IN SHA TIN.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 6.30 PM AND THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY WILL BEGIN AT 8.30 PM FOR ABOUT 40 MINUTES.

SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CONNECTION WITH THESE EVENTS.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC:

FROM 6 PM TO 10.30 PM:

- * THE SECTION OF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD BETWEEN YUEN WO ROAD AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD (SAND MARTIN BRIDGE).

FROM 7.30 PM TO 10.30 PM:

- * SHA TIN ROAD.
- * YUEN WO ROAD.
- * FO TAN ROAD BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD INCLUDING BANYAN BRIDGE.
- * TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD.

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- * SIU LEK YUEN ROAD BETWEEN TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD AND SHA TIN WAI ROAD.
- * SHA TIN WAI ROAD BETWEEN TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD AND SHA KOK STREET.
- * SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD AND YUEN WO ROAD.

THE FOLLOWING KMB BUS SERVICES WILL BE TEMPORARILY DIVERTED DURING THE ROAD CLOSURES:

STARTING AT 6 PM:

- * ROUTES 48 AND 81K WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI PO ROAD, OMITTING SHA KOK.
- * ROUTE 69 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHA TIN WAI ROAD, SHA KOK STREET AND TAI PO ROAD, OMITTING LEK YUEN, WO CHE AND FO FAN.
- * ROUTE 70 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI PO ROAD AND SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE, OMITTING SHA KOK.
- * ROUTE 72A WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI PO ROAD, OMITTING SHA KOK, LEK YUEN AND WO CHE.
- * ROUTE 86 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHA TIN WAI ROAD AND SHA KOK STREET, OMITTING CITY ONE, LEK YUEN AND WO CHE.

STARTING AT 7.30 PM:

- * ROUTES 70M AND 88K WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI PO ROAD AND SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE, OMITTING LEK YUEN AND WO CHE.
- * ROUTES 72 AND 72B WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI PO ROAD.
- * ROUTE 74A WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI PO ROAD.
- * THE NORTHERN TERMINAL POINTS OF ROUTES 80K AND 81K WILL BE TRUNCATED AT SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE.
- * ROUTE 82K WILL BE TRUNCATED SO THAT BUSES WILL PLY BETWEEN MEI LAM AND YUEN CHAU KOK.
- * ROUTES 82M, 85A, AND 89A WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHA TIN WAI ROAD, OMITTING CITY ONE.
- * ROUTE 87A WILL BE DIVERTED, OMITTING SHA TIN WAI ROAD.

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TWO SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED BY KMB:

- * ROUTE 888 WILL OPERATE AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS FROM 7 PM TO 8 PM FROM SHA TIN KCR STATION TO SHA TIN RACE COURSE AND IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION FROM 9.15 PM TO 10 PM. THIS BUS SERVICE WILL ONLY SERVE PASSENGERS WITH ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE GRANDSTAND.
- * SPECIAL 'K' ROUTE BETWEEN SHA TIN KCR STATION AND YUEN CHAU KOK WILL SERVE THE PUBLIC BEFORE AND AFTER THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY.
- * AFTER THE EVENT, EXTRA BUSES WILL BE DEPLOYED TO FOR ROUTES 48, 70, 74A, 82M, 85A, 86, 87A, 89A AND THE SPECIAL 'K' ROUTE.

THE FOLLOWING N.T. MAXICAB ROUTES WILL BE DIVERTED:

- * ROUTE 60K WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI PO ROAD.
- * ROUTE 65 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHA TIN WAI ROAD, SHA KOK STREET, LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD.

KCR SERVICES WILL BE STRENGTHENED BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN WITH ADDITIONAL TRIPS BETWEEN 7 PM AND 10.30 PM.

MTR SERVICES WILL BE STRENGTHENED TO 3.5-MINUTE INTERVALS FROM 7 PM TO 11 PM.

FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND EDINBURGH PLACE WILL OPERATE AT 20-MINUTE INTERVALS AND BE EXTENDED TO 10.30 PM.

FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND WAN CHAI WILL RUN AT 20-MINUTE INTERVALS FROM 7 PM TO 10 PM. ADDITIONAL SERVICES MAY BE OPERATED TO MEET DEMAND.

THE GRANDSTAND OF SHA TIN RACE COURSE WILL ONLY BE OPEN TO SPECTATORS WITH ADMISSION TICKETS. ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND PRIVATE CARS EXCEPT THOSE WITH PARKING LABELS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE RACE COURSE.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION MAY OCCUR AT TAI PO ROAD AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD BEFORE AND AFTER THE EVENT. SPECTATORS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT. TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE INSTALLED AND POLICE WILL BE ON SITE TO GUIDE MOTORISTS WHO ARE REQUESTED TO DRIVE WITH UTMOST CARE AND PATIENCE.

ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AWAY BY THE POLICE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION.

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EARLY MORNING ROAD WORK

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INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD BETWEEN CANAL ROAD WEST AND MARSH ROAD IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 7) UNTIL 6 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 8) TO ALLOW ROAD WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PERCIVAL STREET, LOCKHART ROAD AND TONNOCHY ROAD NORTHBOUND.

THE CLOSURE WILL BE REPEATED FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS STARTING SATURDAY (DECEMBER 8).

ALL PARKING SPACES ON INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD BETWEEN CANAL ROAD WEST AND MARSH ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM MIDNIGHT ON DECEMBER 7 UNTIL 6 AM ON DECEMBER 12.

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N.T. TAXI RESTRICTED, PROHIBITED ZONES IN SHA TIN

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THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS IN SHA TIN WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR NEW TERRITORIES TAXI RESTRICTED ZONES FROM MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 7), IN LINE WITH THE EXTENSION OF THE OPERATING BOUNDARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS TO THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL.

- * THE SECTION OF SHA TIN WAI ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO SHA TIN ROAD NORTHBOUND AND ITS JUNCTION WITH NGAN SHING STREET.
- * THE SECTION OF NGAN SHING STREET BETWEEN SHA TIN WAI ROAD AND CHAP WAI KON STREET.
- * THE SECTION OF SOUTHBOUND CHAP WAI KON STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH NGAN SHING STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 150 METRES SOUTH OF THAT JUNCTION.
- * THE SECTION OF NORTHBOUND CHAP WAI KON STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH NGAN SHING STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 135 METRES SOUTH OF THAT JUNCTION.

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WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, DRIVERS OF ALL NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

FROM THE SAME DAY AND TIME, THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN SHA TIN WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT:

- * KAU TO SHAN ROAD.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LINKING THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ROAD T1 WITH SHA TIN RACE COURSE.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LINKING THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI PO ROAD (HO TUNG LAU SECTION) WITH SHA TIN RACE COURSE.
- * THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHA TIN ROAD.
- * YUEN WO ROAD EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM SHA TIN ROAD SOUTHBOUND.
- * YUEN WO ROAD WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO SHA TIN ROAD NORTHBOUND.
- * SHA TIN ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SLIP ROADS LINKING WITH SHA TIN WAI ROAD.
- * SHA TIN WAI ROAD WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SLIP ROAD LINKING WITH SHA TIN ROAD NORTHBOUND.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LINKING SHA TIN ROAD NORTHBOUND WITH TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD.
- * THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD LINKING SHA TIN WAI ROAD WITH THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHA TIN ROAD.
- * SHA TIN WAI ROAD EAST OF NGAN SHING STREET.
- * CHAP WAI KON STREET NORTH OF NGAN SHING STREET.
- * NGAN SHING STREET NORTH OF CHAP WAI KON STREET.
- * THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE TAXI STAND INSIDE THE YUEN CHAU KOK BUS TERMINUS.

THE EXTENT OF THE PROHIBITED ZONE WILL BE SHOWN BY TRAFFIC SIGNS.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1984

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NEW MEASURES IN CAUSEWAY BAY FOR PLB'S
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NEW TRAFFIC MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES IN CAUSEWAY BAY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 7).

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, PLB'S WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER PENNINGTON STREET BETWEEN IRVING STREET AND YEE WO STREET, AND THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF YEE WO STREET BETWEEN PENNINGTON STREET AND HENNESSY ROAD.

HOWEVER, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN THESE ROAD SECTIONS.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE MEASURES WOULD PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR WESTBOUND PLB'S TO REACH HENNESSY ROAD AND RELIEVE CONGESTION AT JARDINE'S BAZAAR.

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FORMER GOVERNOR TO MEET PRESS
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THE FORMER GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID TRENCH, IS VISITING HONG KONG AS A GUEST OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TO ATTEND THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

SIR DAVID IS STAYING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

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