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7 LEGCO ELECTION NOMINATIONS RECEIVED  
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SEVEN NOMINATIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH WERE RECEIVED UP TO 5 PM TODAY (FRIDAY).

FOLLOWING ARE THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES WHOSE NOMINATION FORMS WERE RECEIVED TODAY:

<u>ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>CONTACT TEL. NO.</u>
1. HONG KONG (EAST)	LEE YU-TAI	M	40	COURSE CO-ORDINATOR	3-643716

<u>FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>CONTACT TEL. NO.</u>
1. TEACHING	WU SIU-WAI	M	25	TEACHER	3-320251 CALL 1314
2. TEACHING	KO GRA-YEE	M	45	SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	3-812632
3. SOCIAL SERVICES	MAK HOI-WAH	M	34	SOCIAL WORKER	5-274567
4. TEACHING	SZETO WAH	M	54	TEACHER	3-307337
5. LEGAL	LEE CHU-MING MARTIN	M	47	BARRISTER-AT-LAW	5-290864
6. INDUSTRIAL I	STEPHEN CHEONG	M	44	COMPANY DIRECTOR	3-622341

FOLLOWING IS A STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF THE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR:

<u>ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY</u> (NO. OF SEATS IN BRACKETS)	<u>NO. OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED</u>
1. URBAN COUNCIL (1) .....	
2. PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL (1) .....	
/DISTRICT BOARDS: .....	

## DISTRICT BOARDS:

3.	HK ISLAND (EAST) (1) .....	1
4.	HK ISLAND (WEST) (1) .....	
5.	KWUN TONG (1) .....	
6.	WONG TAI SIN (1) .....	
7.	KOWLOON CITY (1) .....	
8.	SHAM SHUI PO (1) .....	
9.	SOUTH KOWLOON (1) .....	
10.	NEW TERRITORIES (EAST) (1) .....	
11.	NEW TERRITORIES (WEST) (1) .....	
12.	NEW TERRITORIES (SOUTH) (1) .....	
	SUB-TOTAL	1

FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY

1.	COMMERCIAL I (1) .....	
	COMMERCIAL II (1) .....	
2.	INDUSTRIAL I (1) .....	1
	INDUSTRIAL II (1) .....	
3.	FINANCIAL (1) .....	
4.	LABOUR (2) .....	
5.	SOCIAL SERVICES (1) .....	1
6.	MEDICAL (1) .....	
7.	TEACHING (1) .....	3
8.	LEGAL (1) .....	1
9.	ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL SURVEYING AND PLANNING (1) .....	
	SUB-TOTAL	6

TOTAL : 7

LEGCO ELECTION POLLING STATION LISTS PUBLISHED  
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LISTS OF POLLING STATIONS AND POLLING HOURS DESIGNATED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, ARE PUBLISHED IN A GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION EXPLAINED THAT THERE WOULD BE ONE VENUE FOR EACH ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY TO SERVE AS BOTH POLLING STATION AND COUNTING STATION. AS POLLING WILL BE BY REPEATED BALLOT, THE FIRST POLL WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 10 AM AND 10.30 AM, TO BE FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY COUNTING.

SUBSEQUENT POLLS, IF REQUIRED, WILL BE CONDUCTED 45 MINUTES AFTER THE DECLARATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING POLL. ALL POLLS WILL BE OF 30-MINUTE DURATION. IT IS EXPECTED THAT POLLING WOULD BE CONCLUDED IN MOST CASES IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THIRTY-EIGHT POLLING STATIONS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR HOLDING THE ELECTIONS FOR A TOTAL OF 11 FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES AND ELECTORAL DIVISIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE TEACHING FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY, WHICH TAKES UP 73 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS IN ALL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES, WILL BE SERVED BY 21 POLLING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. THE MEDICAL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY WILL HAVE THREE POLLING STATIONS IN MAJOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND ONE IN THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PREMISES. THE OTHER FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES WHICH HAVE A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF ELECTORS WILL BE SERVED BY ONE TO TWO POLLING STATIONS.

THE POLLING HOURS FOR MOST FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES WILL RUN FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM. LONGER HOURS, FROM 9 AM TO 9 PM, ARE PROVIDED FOR THE TEACHING AND MEDICAL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES TO SUIT THE WORKING HOURS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ONE CENTRAL COUNTING STATION WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM FOR ALL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES. IT WILL OPERATE FROM 7 PM UNTIL ALL ELECTION RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE AND DECLARED.

REGISTERED ELECTORS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF WHERE AND WHEN THEY ARE TO VOTE IN THE COMING ELECTIONS BY THE ISSUE OF POLL CARDS BY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION AROUND SEPTEMBER 9.

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TEXTUAL ERRORS CORRECTED  
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THE DANGEROUS GOODS (CONSIGNMENT BY AIR)(SAFETY)(VALIDATION AND AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY SOLELY TO CORRECT TEXTUAL ERRORS IN THE PRINTED VERSION OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS (CONSIGNMENT BY AIR)(SAFETY) ORDINANCE 1985, WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 26.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT EXCEPT FOR THE OMISSION OF A NOUGHT IN THE AMOUNT OF PENALTY ALLOWED TO BE IMPOSED, THUS REDUCING THE INTENDED PENALTY FROM \$500 000 TO \$50 000, THE ERRORS DID NOT ALTER THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ORDINANCE.

ALTHOUGH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS GENERAL POWERS TO RECTIFY CLERICAL OR PRINTING ERRORS APPEARING IN ANY ORDINANCE, HE DID NOT WISH TO USE THIS POWER IN THIS CASE BECAUSE OF THE CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE IN THE AMOUNT OF CRIMINAL PENALTY INVOLVED, HE ADDED.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR ALL THREE READINGS AND THE COMMITTEE STAGE NEXT WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 7), THE LAST SCHEDULED SITTING THIS SESSION.

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC MAY BE SENT TO UMEICO AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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HK SEEKS DETAILS OF EEC GSP EXCLUSION PROPOSALS  
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HONG KONG IS WAITING FOR OFFICIAL DETAILS OF PROPOSALS TO EXCLUDE 12 CATEGORIES OF ITS PRODUCTS FROM THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY GENERALISED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES.

THE EEC COMMISSION HAS PROPOSED THAT THE 12 CATEGORIES BE EXCLUDED, BUT THIS HAS YET TO BE CONSIDERED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER STATES AND BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR JOSEPH WONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT A CLOSE WATCH WAS BEING KEPT ON THE SITUATION AND FULL DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS WERE BEING SOUGHT.

+WE ARE WAITING FOR OFFICIAL DETAILS OF THESE PROPOSED EXCLUSIONS,+ HE SAID. +ONCE WE HAVE THEM WE WILL CONSIDER MAKING AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO THE EEC.+

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IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE 12 CATEGORIES ARE: TRAVEL GOODS OF MATERIALS OTHER THAN ARTIFICIAL PLASTIC SHEETING; PROTECTIVE GLOVES, OF LEATHER OR LEATHER COMPOSITION FOR ALL TRADES; RUBBER FOOTWEAR; FOOTWEAR WITH OUTER SOLES OF LEATHER OR COMPOSITION LEATHER; IMITATION JEWELLERY; PORTABLE ELECTRIC BATTERY AND MAGNETIC LAMPS OTHER THAN MINERS' SAFETY LAMPS; COLOUR TVS; DIODES, TRANSISTORS; QUARTZ WATCHES; DOLLS; OTHER TOYS; EQUIPMENT FOR PARLOUR, TABLE AND FUNFAIR GAMES.

MR WONG SAID THAT 1984 EXPORTS OF THESE 12 CATEGORIES TO THE EEC WERE WORTH \$4 597 MILLION - OUT OF TOTAL EXPORTS TO THE EEC OF \$27 366 MILLION. THEREFORE THEY REPRESENTED ABOUT 16.8 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL. HOWEVER, THE 1984 EEC GSP QUOTA FOR THE 12 AMOUNTED TO ONLY \$238 MILLION - OR ABOUT 5.2 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL \$4 597 MILLION VALUE.

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JUNE MONETARY STATISTICS RELEASED  
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REFLECTING A CONTINUING INFLOW OF FUNDS, BOTH HONG KONG DOLLAR AND FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED FURTHER IN JUNE, ACCORDING TO MONETARY STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE INCREASE IN FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS REMAINED MORE RAPID, LARGELY REFLECTING A CONTINUING SWITCH BY DEPOSITORS FROM HONG KONG DOLLARS TO U.S. DOLLARS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIGHER INTEREST RATES FOR THE U.S. DOLLAR AND THE STRENGTH OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR.

MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS CONTINUED TO INCREASE. HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY RECORDED SLOWER GROWTH COMPARED WITH TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY.

LOAN DEMAND REMAINED WEAK IN JUNE. LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG FELL FURTHER BUT OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG CONTINUED TO INCREASE.

TABLE 1 SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR JUNE 1985 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS. TABLE 2 SETS OUT FIGURES FROM THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR.

/DEPOSITS .....

DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 0.8 PER CENT IN JUNE, AFTER HAVING INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT IN MAY. HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS ROSE STRONGLY BY 6.3 PER CENT, AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS BY 4.9 PER CENT, PARTLY DUE TO HALF-YEARLY INTEREST PAYMENTS. HONG KONG DOLLAR TIME DEPOSITS, HOWEVER, RECORDED A REDUCTION OF 3.1 PER CENT. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 3.3 PER CENT, AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS THE GROWTH RATE WAS 21.1 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ROSE BY 2.5 PER CENT IN JUNE, SAME AS THE GROWTH RATE RECORDED IN MAY. ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THE INCREASE WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY A RISE IN FOREIGN CURRENCY TIME DEPOSITS. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WERE 6.3 PER CENT HIGHER IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE AND 20.4 PER CENT HIGHER OVER THE 12 MONTHS.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS WERE VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED IN JUNE, AFTER HAVING INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN MAY. LOWER HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES HAVE MADE THEM LESS ATTRACTIVE.

ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW AT THE SLIGHTLY LOWER RATES OF 0.7 PER CENT IN JUNE AND 3.2 PER CENT IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, ON THE OTHER HAND, GREW AT THE SLIGHTLY HIGHER RATES OF 2.9 PER CENT IN JUNE AND 6.9 PER CENT IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE.

TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH BANKS ROSE BY 1.3 PER CENT IN JUNE, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 2.3 PER CENT IN MAY. TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW BY 3.1 PER CENT IN JUNE AFTER HAVING RECORDED ZERO GROWTH IN MAY.

OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE, THE GROWTH OF TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH BANKS, AT 5.0 PER CENT, WAS HIGHER THAN THAT WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, AT 3.6 PER CENT.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS CONTINUED TO INCREASE. WHILE HK\$M1 (THE NARROWEST DEFINITION) ROSE BY 5.0 PER CENT IN JUNE, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3, GREW AT THE SAME RATE OF 1.0 PER CENT.

THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN MAY WERE 2.0 PER CENT, 1.4 PER CENT AND 1.3 PER CENT.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE, HK\$M1 GREW BY 6.9 PER CENT WHILE HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 GREW AT THE SAME PACE OF 3.3 PER CENT. OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO JUNE THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES WERE 29.2 PER CENT, 24.5 PER CENT AND 20.9 PER CENT.

THE GROWTH RATES OF HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 IN JUNE, AFTER ADJUSTING FOR SWAP DEPOSITS, WERE IDENTICAL AT 0.9 PER CENT. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE, THEY ALSO RECORDED THE SAME GROWTH RATE OF 3.2 PER CENT.

#### TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS GREW FURTHER IN JUNE. TOTAL M1 ROSE BY 5.0 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 1.3 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 1.6 PER CENT. THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN MAY WERE 2.4 PER CENT, 2.2 PER CENT AND 1.8 PER CENT.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 7.7 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 4.7 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 4.6 PER CENT. OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO JUNE, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 29.3 PER CENT, 22.6 PER CENT AND 20.7 PER CENT.

#### LOANS AND ADVANCES

LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY A MODEST 0.4 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A RISE OF 0.9 PER CENT IN MAY. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE, THESE LOANS GREW BY 1.7 PER CENT AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS BY 7.2 PER CENT.

WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG REGISTERED FURTHER DECLINE OF 2.1 PER CENT IN JUNE, FOLLOWING A FALL OF 2.0 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE, THESE LOANS FELL BY 0.5 PER CENT AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS BY 5.4 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG, HOWEVER, CONTINUED TO GROW SLOWLY BY 0.8 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A 0.7 PER CENT INCREASE IN MAY. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JUNE, THEY ROSE BY 2.5 PER CENT AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS BY 7.6 PER CENT.

#### QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN

#### HONG KONG BY SECTOR

IN THE SECOND QUARTER, LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ROSE BY 1.8 PER CENT, LOWER THAN THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH OF 3.3 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER. LOANS TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES GREW BY 3.3 PER CENT, REVERSING A DECLINE OF 1.9 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

LOANS TO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR FELL FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE QUARTER, BY 2.4 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A FALL OF 2.9 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR AND 0.7 PER CENT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF LAST YEAR, PROBABLY DUE TO IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CASH FLOW POSITION OF THE DEVELOPERS.

REFLECTING A REVIVED PROPERTY MARKET, LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OTHER THAN FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME ROSE BY A SIGNIFICANT 6.5 PER CENT, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 3.2 PER CENT DURING THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

#### LIQUIDITY RATIO

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS ROSE TO 50.6 PER CENT IN JUNE FROM 49.3 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL TO 42.3 PER CENT FROM 45.1 PER CENT A MONTH EARLIER.

#### NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS ROSE BY 1 TO 141. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 33, WHILE THE NUMBER OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 1 TO 306.

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#### AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT CHEUNG SHA WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT IS TO REVISE THE USE OF A SITE LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND CHEUNG SHUN STREET FROM +OTHER SPECIFIED USES+ ANNOTATED +FUNERAL PARLOUR+ TO +GOVERNMENT/ INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY+.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD EXPLAINED THAT THE AMENDMENT WAS IN RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS FROM RESIDENTS IN THE AREA AGAINST A FUNERAL PARLOUR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED ON THE SITE.

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THE SECOND AMENDMENT INVOLVES THE REVISION OF THE +NOTES+ ATTACHED TO THE PLAN WHICH AIMS TO SIMPLIFY THE PROCEDURE ON THE APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL USE.

THE AMENDED PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG- THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG- AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, 37-39 TONKIN STREET, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS OF THE PLAN SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BY AUGUST 15 IN THE CASE OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND BEFORE AUGUST 22 FOR THE SECOND AMENDMENT.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS ON SALE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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#### U.S. MAKES THIRD 'CALL' ON CATEGORY 637

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THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS MADE A CALL TO STOP THE ISSUE OF FURTHER EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS IN RESPECT OF MAN-MADE FIBRE PLAYSUITS, SUNSUITS ETC. UNDER CATEGORY 637, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE U.S.-HONG KONG BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUSPENDED THE ISSUE OF FURTHER EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS IN THIS CATEGORY WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. AUTHORITIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE QUANTITY OF EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS APPROVED AT THE TIME OF CALL WAS 142 007 DOZEN AND THERE WERE NO OUTSTANDING EXPORT AUTHORISATION APPLICATIONS PENDING APPROVAL.

CATEGORY 637 WAS CALLED TWICE LAST YEAR. THE FIRST CALL WAS MADE ON FEBRUARY 28, 1984, AND A LIMIT OF 45 502 DOZEN WAS IMPOSED BY THE U.S. AFTER CONSULTATIONS HAD ENDED ON DISAGREEMENT. HONG KONG REFERRED THE MATTER TO THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY (TSB) WHICH RULED THAT THE U.S. SHOULD WITHDRAW THE CALL. THE U.S. DID SO IN MID-MAY.

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THE U.S. CALLED THE SAME CATEGORY AGAIN ON JUNE 8, 1984. THE QUANTITY OF EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS ISSUED AT THE TIME OF CALL WAS 107 954 DOZEN. OUTSTANDING EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS PENDING APPROVAL WAS 66 567 DOZEN.

FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WHICH AGAIN ENDED IN DISAGREEMENT, THE U.S. IMPOSED A RESTRAINT LIMIT OF 107 954 DOZEN. HONG-KONG REFERRED THE CASE TO THE TSB IN DECEMBER 1984. THE TSB RULED THAT THE U.S. SHOULD WITHDRAW THE CALL, AND THE U.S. DID SO AT THE END OF DECEMBER.

COMMENTING ON THE CALL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST CALL ON HONG KONG BY THE U.S. IN 1985. HE SAID THAT THE U.S. HAD YET TO PROVIDE DETAILED JUSTIFICATION FOR THE CALL, AND THAT ONCE SUCH JUSTIFICATION WAS PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT WOULD STUDY IT CLOSELY BEFORE ENTERING CONSULTATIONS. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, CONSULTATIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE CALL BEING MADE.

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LAND COMMISSION MAKES GOOD PROGRESS  
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THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION HELD ITS SECOND MEETING ON JULY 31 - AUGUST 2 TO DISCUSS LEASE DOCUMENTATION.

THE TWO SIDES HAVE MADE GOOD PROGRESS AND WILL BE MEETING AGAIN ON AUGUST 15 TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION ON LEASE DOCUMENTATION.

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MAY RETAIL SALES SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED  
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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN MAY 1985, ESTIMATED AT \$5 578 MILLION, WAS ONE PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN MAY 1984, WHILE THE VOLUME WAS ONE PER CENT LOWER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

RETAIL SALES FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD MARCH-MAY 1985, WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, ROSE BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE BUT REMAINED UNCHANGED IN VOLUME.

/COMPARING MAY .....

COMPARING MAY 1985 WITH APRIL 1985, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS SHOWED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN VALUE TERMS, AT SIX PER CENT, BUT A DECREASE OF TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. CONSUMER DURABLES RECORDED AN INCREASE OF THREE PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY ONE PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+, HOWEVER, DROPPED BY TWO PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARING THE PERIOD MARCH-MAY 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY EIGHT PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DROPPED BY ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME, WHILE FUELS INCREASED BY TWO PER CENT, ALSO IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES SHOWED AN INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN VALUE BUT A DECREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THOSE OF +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ FELL BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1985, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE OF 14 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. FUELS AND +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ ALSO ROSE BY THREE PER CENT AND TWO PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS REGISTERED THE SMALLEST INCREASE OF TWO PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO DROPPED BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1984. SUPERMARKETS SHOWED MODERATE INCREASES IN BOTH THE VALUE AND VOLUME OF SALES. ON THE OTHER HAND, DEPARTMENT STORES, WHICH SHOWED NO CHANGE IN SALES VALUE, RECORDED A SLIGHT DECREASE IN SALES VOLUME. MODERATE DECREASES, IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS, WERE RECORDED FOR RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES.

COMPARING THE PERIOD MARCH-MAY 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES ROSE CONSIDERABLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES ALSO RECORDED INCREASES IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. HOWEVER, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES DROPPED, BOTH IN VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1985, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES, SUPERMARKETS AND MOTOR VEHICLES ALL ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES, ON THE OTHER HAND, SHOWED MODERATE INCREASES IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL SALES FIGURE FOR APRIL 1985 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR MAY 1985.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF MAY 1985 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF APRIL 1985 AND MAY 1984 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD MARCH-MAY 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

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

(TABLES AND GRAPHS WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND BOXED FOR COLLECTION).

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

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 3-7216024).

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POLYTECHNIC ENGINEERING DEGREE COURSE APPROVED  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD FOR THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC TO INTRODUCE AN ORDINARY BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING DEGREE COURSE IN BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING FROM THE 1985-86 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE ORDINARY DEGREE COURSE WILL BE INTRODUCED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND INITIALLY SHOULD HAVE AN INTAKE OF AROUND 30 STUDENTS. THIS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE TO 35 NEXT YEAR AND TO 40 THE YEAR AFTER.

IT WILL BE A FOUR-YEAR SANDWICH COURSE WITH A YEAR OF SUPERVISED TRAINING IN INDUSTRY IN THE THIRD YEAR OF THE PROGRAMME.

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE COURSE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG FOR LOCALLY TRAINED PROFESSIONALS AND INNOVATIVE BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERS.

+IT AIMS AT PROVIDING AN EDUCATION WHICH NOT ONLY ENABLES THE STUDENT TO SATISFY THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES,+ HE SAID, +BUT ALSO EQUIP HIM TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUILDING SERVICES TECHNOLOGY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.+

THE GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR THE DEGREE COURSE FOLLOWED A RECOMMENDATION IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR BY THE COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS (CNAA) WHICH ALSO RECEIVED THE SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE.

+SUBJECT TO A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS BEING MET, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE ORDINARY DEGREE TO BE UPGRADED TO AN HONOURS DEGREE IN FUTURE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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#### FACTORY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM STARTS \* \* \* \* \*

PROPRIETORS WHO INTEND TO SET UP FACTORIES ARE FROM TODAY REQUIRED, UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR BY A PRESCRIBED FORM BEFORE STARTING AN INDUSTRIAL PROCESS OR CARRYING ON AN INDUSTRIAL OPERATION.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT HAD BEEN PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT TODAY THAT THE ORDINANCE, PASSED LAST WEEK BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, EMPOWERS THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR TO ISSUE A NOTICE TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF A WORKPLACE IF HE IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE STANDARDS OF WORKPLACE.

HOWEVER, WORKPLACES REGISTERED OR PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED UNDER THE REPEALED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN THE LOCATION, NAME, INDUSTRIAL PROCESS OR OPERATION, OR THE IDENTITY OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WORKPLACES.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT ANYONE WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO GIVE THE PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS OF A NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACE OR OF A RELEVANT CHANGE IN THE PARTICULARS, COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$10 000.

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THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR OPERATING A NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACE IN BREACH OF A PROHIBITION NOTICE IS \$30 000, HE ADDED.

NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACES ALREADY ON THE RECORDS OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION BEFORE THE NEW ORDINANCE COMES INTO EFFECT WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF NOTIFICATION AND THE PROPRIETORS WILL BE SO INFORMED INDIVIDUALLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PROPRIETORS WHO HAVE QUERIES ON THE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM MAY CONTACT THE DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTOR IN THEIR DISTRICT FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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#### TOUCH OF THE ORIENT IN LONDON

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CROWDS OF OFFICE WORKERS AND TOURISTS THROGGED THE PIAZZA FRONTING ONE OF LONDON'S MOST FAMOUS LANDMARKS -- WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL -- WHEN THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND BROUGHT A TOUCH OF THE ORIENT TO THE CITY DURING A LUNCH TIME CONCERT YESTERDAY (AUGUST 1).

THE GRACEFUL AND POLISHED PERFORMANCE OF THE RIBBON AND FAN DANCERS DREW ENTHUSIASTIC ROUNDS OF APPLAUSE, WHILE A SPIRITED NORTHERN LION WITH ITS CUBS FASCINATED THE CROWDS AS THEY PRANCED AROUND THE PIAZZA TO THE MUSIC OF THE BAND.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND, WHICH CONSISTS OF THE SILVER BAND AND THE PIPE AND DRUM BAND, PLAYED CHINESE, MILITARY AND POPULAR MUSIC TO ENTERTAIN THE CROWDS AND WAS WELL RECEIVED. THE MACKINTOSH TARTAN WORN BY THE PIPE AND DRUM BAND ADDED TO THE COLOUR OF THE OCCASION. THE BAND WAS CONDUCTED BY ITS DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, MR COLIN WOOD.

THE BAND'S PERFORMANCE FORMED PART OF THE QUATER-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER -- MARKING 400 YEARS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

THE LORD MAYOR OF WESTMINSTER COUNCILLOR ROGER BRAMBLE, AND THE LADY MAYORESS, ALONG WITH THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR COLVYN HAYE AND HIS WIFE ATTENDED THE PERFORMANCE.

THE BAND ARRIVED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM ON SUNDAY (JULY 28) AND HAD ALREADY GIVEN PERFORMANCES AT GOVERNORS' DAY, AT THE POLICE STAFF COLLEGE, BRAMSHILL ON TUESDAY (JULY 30), AND AT THE GUILDHALL SQUARE, PORTSMOUTH ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 31).

THE BAND IS IN THE U.K. TO TAKE PART IN THE EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO LATE THIS MONTH.

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IMPORTANCE OF CAREERS EXHIBITION STRESSED  
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THE ANNUAL CAREERS INFORMATION EXHIBITION WILL ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE A PREVIEW OF THE WIDE RANGE OF CAREERS OPEN TO THEM IN HONG KONG, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A BRIEFING SESSION FOR EXHIBITORS WHO WILL TAKE PART IN THE CAREERS '86 EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, MR CHEN SAID THE 10-DAY EXHIBITION, THE FOURTEENTH ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT, WILL BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 16.

HE SAID THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, HAD BEEN IN THE REGION OF 100 000.

IN ORDER TO REDUCE CONGESTION AND IMPROVE CIRCULATION, HE ADDED, A NEW FLOOR PLAN HAD BEEN ADOPTED THIS YEAR WHICH WOULD ACCOMMODATE A SMALLER NUMBER OF EXHIBITING STANDS.

+NEVERTHELESS, THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING AN ADEQUATE COVERAGE OF VARIOUS TRADES AND CAREERS HAD NOT BEEN OVERLOOKED,+ MR CHEN STRESSED.

HE SAID THE 20 EXHIBITORS WHO WOULD BE TAKING PART IN CAREERS '86 WOULD REPRESENT A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF CAREERS IN HONG KONG.

APART FROM THE MAIN EXHIBITION, A SERIES OF CAREERS SHOWS WOULD ALSO BE STAGED LIVE AT EDINBURGH PLACE ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS DURING THE EXHIBITION PERIOD, HE ADDED.

+THIS ACTIVITY WHICH HAS PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR WITH THE PUBLIC WILL ONCE AGAIN PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOME OF THE DISCIPLINARY FORCES OF THE GOVERNMENT IN ACTION.+

MR CHEN SAID THAT THROUGHOUT THE PAST 13 EXHIBITIONS, THE DESIGN AND PRESENTATION OF EXHIBITORS' STAND HAD BEEN OF A VERY HIGH STANDARD AND MORE AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS AND MICRO-COMPUTERS HAD BEEN IN USE.

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HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE REMAINS OPEN FOR WEEKEND  
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THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN WILL REMAIN OPEN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR THE 3 778 FLATS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE UNDER PHASE 7C OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

+IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM TOMORROW AND BETWEEN 10 AM AND 7 PM ON SUNDAY TO RECEIVE LAST-MINUTE APPLICATIONS FROM HOME-PURCHASERS,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

HE SAID ABOUT 16 000 APPLICATIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN REGISTERED AND MORE WERE EXPECTED TO COME IN DURING THE WEEKEND.

+AS A LAST CHANCE FOR HOME-SEEKERS TO PERSONALLY ASSESS THE VALUE AND DESIGNS OF THE HOS FLATS, SAMPLE FLATS OF THE THREE PROJECTS FOR SALE WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC VIEWING THROUGH THE WEEKEND.

+MOCK-UP FLATS OF MING NGA COURT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE OI MAN COMMERCIAL CENTRE FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM TOMORROW AND BETWEEN 10 AM AND 7 PM ON SUNDAY.

+SAMPLE FLATS OF SIU HEI COURT AND NEPTUNE TERRACE WILL ALSO BE OPEN ON SITE DURING THE WEEKEND FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM FOR PUBLIC VIEWING.+

APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY (AUGUST 5).

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VISIT TO NEW CHAMBER  
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A VISIT TO THE NEW CHAMBER OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL AT THE TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR 3 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 6).

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE PRESENT TO MEET MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AND TWO GOVERNMENT VANS, AM 4634 AND AM 4632, WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 2.30 PM SHARP THAT DAY.

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FIREMEN TO SHOW THEIR FITNESS  
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AS PART OF THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO HOLD A PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPETITION TO TEST THE SKILLS OF PERSONNEL IN ITS THREE OPERATIONAL FIRE COMMANDS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR ALLEN LEE, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN FIRE STATION ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 4) AT 3 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT SHA TIN FIRE STATION (NEXT TO JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE) AT 2.30 PM.

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MEET THE MEDIA  
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A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE CHINA TOUR 1985 ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR, ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 6) AT 3 PM.

A NEWLY-COMMISSIONED PIECE ENTITLED +DRUNKEN TAI BAI+ BY COMPOSER LAW WING-FAI WILL BE PERFORMED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE ITS PREMIERE IN CHINA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. MEMBERS OF THE TOUR GROUP WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW.

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NEW AMBULANCEMEN URGED TO SHOW CARE

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THIRTY NEW AMBULANCEMEN WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED TO SHOW CARE WHEN TENDING TO THE INJURED AND THE SICK.

SPEAKING AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF THREE SQUADS OF AMBULANCEMEN AT FIRE SERVICES PAT HEUNG TRAINING SCHOOL, NEW TERRITORIES, THE ASSISTANT CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER (OPERATION), MR CHENG KWONG-TAK, SAID THAT THEY SHOULD MAINTAIN THE GOOD REPUTATION AND HIGH EFFICIENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT WHICH HAD BEEN BUILT AFTER YEARS OF HARD WORK AND DEVOTED SERVICE.

+ I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT THE GOOD WORK,+  
MR CHENG SAID.

MR CHENG LATER PRESENTED THE BEST RECRUIT AWARD TO AMBULANCEMAN LEUNG KIN-MAN.

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FOOTBRIDGE PLANNED FOR WAN CHAI

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A 60-METRE-LONG COVERED FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS GLOUCESTER ROAD AT STEWART ROAD IN WAN CHAI.

IT WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL NORTH-SOUTH ACCESS TO THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION, WITH THE NORTHERN END DIRECTLY LINKING WITH THE PODIUM OF CAUSEWAY CENTRE.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE MODIFICATION TO STEWART ROAD, BETWEEN JAFFE ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD, PROVISION OF STAIRCASES AT BOTH ENDS OF THE FOOTBRIDGE AND AN ESCALATOR AT THE SOUTHERN END.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROJECT MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY OCTOBER 1.

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13 BATHING SHEDS AVAILABLE FOR RENT  
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THE URBAN COUNCIL ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A TOTAL OF 13 BATHING SHEDS IN SOUTH BAY AND MIDDLE BAY ON HONG KONG ISLAND ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR RENT.

APPLICATIONS FOR THESE BATHING SHEDS, EACH MEASURING ABOUT 28 SQUARE METRES, MUST BE FROM REGISTERED COMPANIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANISED BODIES, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL.

APPLICATION FORMS AT \$100 EACH ARE NOW OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE (LEISURE SERVICES), 16/F, HONEST MOTORS BUILDING, 9-11 LEIGHTON ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE AMENITIES OFFICER (RECREATION) AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS BY AUGUST 9. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

A BALLOT TO ALLOCATE THESE BATHING SHEDS WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 13.

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YOUTH GROUPS TO LAUNCH FESTIVAL  
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THE '85 YOUTH FESTIVAL WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WITH A PARADE BY YOUTH GROUPS IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (CCCIYY) AND THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF '85 YOUTH FESTIVAL TO COINCIDE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CCCIYY, MRS SELINA CHOW, THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, AND THE PROJECT MANAGER OF '85 YOUTH FESTIVAL, MRS YVONNE SIU.

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TRAFFIC LANES CLOSED  
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TWO TRAFFIC LANES OF YUEN WO ROAD IN SHA TIN BETWEEN WANG POK STREET AND SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 5) FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

AS TRAFFIC DELAY IS EXPECTED, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE UTMOST CARE AND PATIENCE.

MEANWHILE, THE KOWLOON-BOUND TAI PO ROAD (FANLING SECTION) BETWEEN CHOI YUEN ESTATE AND FANLING WAI WILL BE CLOSED FOR ROAD WORKS ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 7) INSTEAD OF SUNDAY (AUGUST 4).

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR TAI PO OR KOWLOON ARE ADVISED TO USE JOCKEY CLUB ROAD.

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SHAU KEI WAN WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 5) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

AFFECTED PREMISES ARE ALONG SHAU KEI WAN ROAD BETWEEN SUN SING STREET AND ALDRICH STREET, INCLUDING THE SEA FRONT, NGOI MAN VILLAGE, ALDRICH VILLAGE, TSJN SHUI MA TAU VILLAGE, KAU MAN VILLAGE, FU TAU WAT VILLAGE AND NAM ON FONG VILLAGE.

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