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'UTMOST TO BE DONE ON HK TRAVEL DOCUMENTS'

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BOTH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL BE DOING THEIR UTMOST TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ISSUED IN HONG KONG WILL BE AS ACCEPTABLE AS POSSIBLE TO THE COUNTRIES WHERE THEY ARE USED, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE SAID TODAY.

+THE OBJECT OF THE EXERCISE IS TO FACILITATE TRAVEL BY THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE BRADBURY BUILDING AT THE HONG KONG SEA SCHOOL TODAY.

ASKED WHETHER THE BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) PASSPORTS WOULD BE ISSUED FROM 1987, SIR EDWARD SAID NO ANNOUNCEMENTS HAD YET BEEN MADE.

+BUT I THINK YOU WILL FIND THAT IN QUITE A SHORT TIME NOW WE WILL BE ABLE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THAT,+ HE ADDED.

ON PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE ORDER IN COUNCIL, THE GOVERNOR SAID: +IT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID THAT THE ORDER IN COUNCIL WILL BE PUBLISHED AND THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR DEBATE IN HONG KONG BEFORE IT GOES FOR THE FIRST TIME TO THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.+

+SO YOU CAN BE ASSURED THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF TIME FOR PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON IT AND THERE WILL BE A FULL EXPLANATION OF IT.+

SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS CLEARLY STATED IN THE AGREEMENT THAT THE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WOULD HAVE IDENTITY CARDS WHICH STATED THE RIGHT OF ABODE.

+THAT'S ALL FIXED IN THE AGREEMENT, AND NOW WE ARE SORTING OUT THE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PASSPORTS. I THINK YOU WILL FIND THEY WILL ALL COME TOGETHER AS A PIECE IN DUE COURSE,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHY IT HAD TAKEN SO LONG TO COME TO A DECISION ON THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S REPORT ON HOMOSEXUALITY, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT IT WAS A SUBJECT ON WHICH HE THOUGHT THERE WERE MANY VIEWS IN HONG KONG.

+WITH A SUBJECT OF SUCH SENSITIVITY AS THIS, IT IS BETTER TO HAVE LONGER PERIOD OF CONSULTATION RATHER THAN RUSH IT.+

HE DECLINED TO GIVE A DATE ON WHICH A DECISION WOULD BE MADE.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS TRYING TO SELL MORE THAN 50 HECTARES OF LAND A YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE LIMIT STATED IN THE AGREEMENT WAS 50 HECTARES, THERE COULD BE DISCUSSIONS ON THE LAND PROGRAMME.

+AND THAT IS WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE LAND COMMISSION AT THE PRESENT TIME,+ HE SAID.

/+I THINK

+I THINK THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE LAND COMMISSION HAVE BEEN VERY PRACTICAL. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY CONSTRUCTIVE, AND I THINK PEOPLE HAVE FOUND THAT THEY GIVE QUITE A LOT OF CONFIDENCE THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO MOVE SO QUICKLY TO THE ARRANGEMENTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE.

+I EXPECT ALL THESE PROBLEMS TO BE SORTED OUT ON A PRACTICAL BASIS AND I THINK THAT WOULD CONTINUE,+ HE ADDED.

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LESS SUPPORT SEEN FOR JENKINS BILL
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THE DECISION BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS THE JENKINS BILL IS BUT A FURTHER STEP IN A COMPLICATED LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND THERE IS STILL A GOOD CHANCE THAT IT MAY NOT PASS INTO LAW, SAID THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR DONALD TSANG, TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THE RESULT OF THE VOTING WAS SIGNIFICANT, 262 VOTES FOR AND 159 VOTES AGAINST. THE NUMBER OF CONGRESSMEN VOTING FOR THE BILL IS LESS THAN THAT OF ORIGINAL CO-SPONSORS, AND IT ALSO FALLS SHORT OF A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY TO OVERRIDE A POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL VETO.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE BILL HAD STILL TO PASS THROUGH THE SENATE, WHERE IT SUFFERED A SET-BACK LAST WEEK WHEN AN ATTEMPT TO ATTACH IT TO ANOTHER BILL FAILED.

+WE ARE STILL KEEPING UP A VERY HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN WASHINGTON TO ENSURE THAT THE CASE AGAINST THE BILL IS EFFECTIVELY PUT,+ SAID MR TSANG.

+THERE ARE SIGNS THAT SUPPORT HAS PEAKED AND IS BEGINNING TO DECLINE, BUT CLEARLY THE DANGER IS STILL HIGH THAT THE BILL IN SOME FORM WILL REACH THE PRESIDENT, OR THAT SOME DEAL WILL BE STRUCK.+

MR TSANG SAID THAT THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS WAS COMPLICATED AND THERE WERE SEVERAL DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS IN WHICH THE BILL'S SPONSORS COULD CHOOSE TO MOVE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE BILL WILL BE AMENDED IN THE SENATE BEFORE PASSAGE. IF THIS HAPPENS THEN THERE WILL BE TWO VERSIONS - THE UNAMENDED BILL AS APPROVED YESTERDAY BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE AMENDED BILL AS APPROVED BY THE SENATE.

THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR A +CONFERENCE+ STAGE TO TAKE PLACE AT WHICH DISCUSSIONS AND COMPROMISES WOULD BE MADE TO PRODUCE ONE VERSION OF THE BILL BEFORE SUBMISSION TO THE PRESIDENT.

+THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS BILL,+ SAID MR TSANG, +AND IT HAS STATED REPEATEDLY THAT IT WOULD BE BAD FOR AMERICA AND BAD FOR WORLD TRADE IN GENERAL. THERE IS THEREFORE, A GOOD CHANCE THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL DECIDE TO VETO THE MEASURE.+

/+IF HE

+IF HE DOES SO THEN THE BILL WILL RETURN TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE FOR RECONSIDERATION. TO OVERRIDE THE VETO A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN EACH BODY WOULD BE REQUIRED.+

+IT SEEMS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE BILL HAVE BEEN GETTING THROUGH TO CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS WHO INITIALLY CAME OUT IN FAVOUR OF IT AND A NUMBER ARE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THEIR SUPPORT. INDEED 29 CONGRESSMEN WHO WERE CO-SPONSORS OF THE BILL CAME OUT TO VOTE AGAINST IT YESTERDAY IN THE HOUSE.+

+ALSO SOME SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN WHO WERE WILLING TO VOTE FOR THE BILL ON ITS PASSAGE INITIALLY WOULD BE UNWILLING TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT TO THE EXTENT OF VOTING TO OVERRIDE A VETO. THUS THE ODDS ARE NOT TOO BAD THAT A VETO CAN BE SUSTAINED.+

+THE SITUATION IS VERY FLUID AND OUR WASHINGTON OFFICE, TOGETHER WITH OUR LOBBYISTS, ARE WORKING FLAT OUT TO MAKE SURE THAT CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS ARE AWARE OF ALL THE FACTS,+ SAID MR TSANG.

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PRESS BRIEFING ON JENKINS BILL
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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR DONALD TSANG, WILL HOLD A PRESS BRIEFING AT 2.30 PM TODAY (FRIDAY), TO DISCUSS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE JENKINS BILL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS BRIEFING, AT 2.30 PM, AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, TRADE DEPARTMENT, 15/F, OCEAN CENTRE, KOWLOON.

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HK SEA SCHOOL PRAISED FOR EDUCATIONAL WORK
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THERE HAVE BEEN MANY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN RECENT YEARS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG -- IN PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION; IN SPECIAL EDUCATION; AND IN TECHNICAL, VOCATIONAL AND PRE-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE BRADBURY BUILDING AT THE HONG KONG SEA SCHOOL, SIR EDWARD SAID THE SCHOOL HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THIS DEVELOPMENT IN A UNIQUE WAY SINCE ITS FOUNDATION IN 1945 AS THE STANLEY BOYS' CAMP.

'THROUGH A ROBUST AND PRACTICAL PROGRAMME OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SEAMANSHIP, IT HAS SUCCESSFULLY INTRODUCED LARGE NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO AN INDUSTRY WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG,' SIR EDWARD SAID.

SINCE ITS AMALGAMATION IN 1951 WITH THE SEA TRAINING SCHOOL, THE HONG KONG SEA SCHOOL HAD DEVELOPED INTO A MAJOR BOARDING SCHOOL WITH OVER 500 PLACES.

THE COMPLETION OF THIS NEW BLOCK, SIR EDWARD SAID, AND THE REFURBISHING OF MANY OF THE AMENITIES OF THE SCHOOL -- WITH GENEROUS ASSISTANCE FROM THE BRADBURY TRUST FUND AND THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB -- MARKED AN IMPORTANT STAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL.

IT CONSTITUTED A WELCOME IMPROVEMENT TO THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL FOR PUPILS INTENDING TO TAKE UP A SEAFARING CAREER, SIR EDWARD SAID.

'I AM CONFIDENT THAT THESE NEW FACILITIES WILL BE USED TO THE BEST BENEFIT OF THE STUDENTS,' HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD ALSO CONGRATULATED THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ON THEIR SUCCESS OVER THE YEARS IN DEVELOPING, EXPANDING AND IMPROVING THE FACILITIES OF THE SCHOOL, AND THE TEACHING STAFF ON MAINTAINING THE HIGH STANDARDS OF TRAINING FOR WHICH THE SCHOOL HAD LONG BEEN KNOWN.

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RSD TO SET UP VALUE FOR MONEY STEERING GROUP
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THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A VALUE FOR MONEY STEERING GROUP IN THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO OVERSEE THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT'S VALUE FOR MONEY STUDY TEAM.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GROUP WILL BE TO COMMISSION, MONITOR, EXAMINE AND IMPLEMENT VALUE FOR MONEY STUDIES.

THE STEERING GROUP WILL COMPRISE A CHAIRMAN (THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES) AND SEVEN MEMBERS CONSISTING OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE), ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEISURE SERVICES), ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HEADQUARTERS), SECRETARY OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CHIEF MANAGEMENT SERVICES OFFICER OF THE RSD, AND A REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM THE FINANCE BRANCH AND THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH.

INTRODUCING THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE STEERING GROUP, THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID IN EARLY 1983, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY FORMALLY LAUNCHED A PROGRAMME OF VALUE FOR MONEY STUDIES THROUGHOUT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS.

/HE SAID

HE SAID ALTHOUGH THE RSD WILL NOMINALLY REMAIN A GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT AFTER THE SETTING UP OF THE FULL REGIONAL COUNCIL IN APRIL NEXT YEAR, IT WILL BECOME THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

+HAVING REGARD TO THE SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF PUBLIC FUNDS WHICH WILL BE SPENT BY THE DEPARTMENT IN IMPLEMENTING THE POLICIES OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, IT IS FELT THAT THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VALUE FOR MONEY PROGRAMME, WHICH WILL NOT ONLY ENHANCE THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS OPERATIONS, BUT WILL BOOST PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN ITS HANDLING OF PUBLIC FUNDS,+ MR HAMMOND SAID.

AT THE MEETING, THE COUNCIL ALSO ENDORSED AN EARLIER DECISION BY ITS WAYS AND MEANS SELECT COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT A PROVISIONAL ACCEPTABLE LEVEL (PAL) OF EXPENDITURE OF \$869 MILLION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S BUDGET FOR 1986/87.

IT ALSO ENDORSED A DECISION BY ITS ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE TO SUBJECT THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION OF BOTTLED WATER SOLD AS +MINERAL WATER+ TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL. THIS WILL PLUG A LOOPHOLE IN THE EXISTING DEFINITIONS OF +FOOD+ AND +DRINK+ IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE.

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OLD I.D. CARDS NOT VALID FROM OCTOBER 20

THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT ALL OLD IDENTITY CARDS BELONGING TO MEN BORN BETWEEN 1933 AND 1947 WILL CEASE TO BE LEGAL DOCUMENTS AS FROM OCTOBER 20, 1985.

+THE INVALIDATION ORDER WILL RENDER 473 000 OLD CARDS INVALID, BUT 99 PER CENT OF THE CARD HOLDERS HAVE ALREADY OBTAINED THEIR NEW I.D. CARDS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE URGED THE REMAINING MINORITY WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR NEW CARDS TO DO SO BEFORE THE INVALIDATION DATE.

THEY SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS AND CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES WITHOUT DELAY, HE SAID.

+FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW I.D. CARD WITHIN THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN A GOVERNOR'S ORDER IS AN OFFENCE,+ HE WARNED.
+DEFAULTERS WILL BE PROSECUTED AND LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3 000.+

HE SAID THAT HOLDERS OF INVALIDATED I.D. CARDS WOULD SUFFER A LOT OF INCONVENIENCE AS THE CARDS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PURPOSE. +FOR INSTANCE, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR A HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMIT.+

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THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 14), MEN BORN BETWEEN 1918 AND 1923 WILL HAVE TO APPLY FOR NEW I.D. CARDS.

THIS PHASE WILL LAST UNTIL NOVEMBER 23, DURING WHICH APPLICANTS CAN CALL AT ANY OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES, BRINGING ALONG THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS.

THE OFFICES ARE OPEN DAILY FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

+APPLICANTS MAY BOOK AN APPOINTMENT BY TELEPHONING THE ISSUE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12 NOON ON SATURDAY,+ HE SAID.

+THE BOOKING PROCEDURE IS SIMPLE. APPLICANTS ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PERSONAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS NAME, I.D. CARD NUMBER AND YEAR OF BIRTH TO OUR STAFF.

+IN CASES WHERE THE APPLICANTS HAVE DIFFICULTY IN ESTABLISHING THEIR EXACT YEARS OF BIRTH, THEY MAY BE ASKED BY OUR STAFF TO FURNISH MORE PERSONAL DETAILS.+

APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO VISIT AN OFFICE ON A PARTICULAR DAY SHOULD MAKE THE TELEPHONE BOOKING WELL IN ADVANCE.

FOLLOWING ARE ADDRESSES OF THE ISSUE OFFICES FOR BOOKING APPOINTMENT:

HONG KONG	: BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.	5-747070
EAST KOWLOON	: AMOY GARDEN PLAZA, 2ND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.	3-7553679
WEST KOWLOON	: CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2ND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.	3-7232442
TSUEN WAN	: EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.	0-4981259
SHA TIN	: SHATIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK STREET.	0-6059130
YUEN LONG	: HOP YICK CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.	0-793291
TUEN MUN	: CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN.	0-862562
SHEUNG SHUI	: TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.	0-927155

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NIGHT TUNNELLING WORK TO START ON ROUTE FIVE
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TUNNELLING ENGINEERS WILL SOON BE WORKING 24 HOURS A DAY TO COMPLETE A NEW ROAD LINK BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN BY MID-1989.

THE \$600-MILLION SHING MUN SECTION OF ROUTE FIVE WILL BE 3.6 KILOMETRES LONG, AND 2.6 KILOMETRES OF IT WILL BE IN TUNNELS UNDER NEEDLE HILL AND SMUGGLERS RIDGE. THE ROAD WILL REDUCE TRAVELLING TIME BETWEEN THE TWO TOWNS FROM THE PRESENT 30 TO ABOUT 10 TO 15 MINUTES. IT WILL ALSO CONSIDERABLY EASE CONGESTION AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FROM LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE TUNNELLING WORK WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR.

TO MEET THE 1989 TARGET DATE, TUNNEL DRIVING WILL OPERATE ON A 24-HOUR BASIS, AND TO PERMIT THIS, A SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE (EXEMPTION FROM SECTION 13) ORDER 1985 HAS BEEN GAZETTED. THIS GRANTS PERMISSION FOR WORK AT NIGHT AND ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

IN EFFECT, IT ALLOWS BLASTING INSIDE THE TUNNEL 20 METRES OR MORE FROM THE ENTRANCE AND THE MOVING OF SPILL FROM THE TUNNEL THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR WORKING ON TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION IS COMMON PRACTICE BECAUSE OF THE HIGH CAPITAL INVESTMENT INVOLVED DUE TO THE EXPENSIVE SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT USED.

+IT IS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY FOR THE ROUTE FIVE TUNNELS BECAUSE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO WORK FROM BOTH ENDS TOWARDS THE MIDDLE OWING TO THE DIFFICULT ACCESS AND PROXIMITY TO THE HEADWATERS OF THE LOWER SHING MUN RESERVOIR.+

THE CONTRACTOR WILL HAVE TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO REDUCE NOISE. THESE WILL INCLUDE USING BAFFLES AND SILENCERS ON MOVING PLANT, ENCLOSURES FOR STATIONARY PLANT, PROPER PLANT MAINTENANCE, NOISE SCREENS AND THE AVOIDANCE OF UNDULY NOISY ACTIVITIES WHERE PRACTICABLE. FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF THE EXEMPTION ORDER.

DESPITE ALL MEASURES TAKEN, THERE WILL BE SOME NOISE AT THE TUNNEL ENTRANCES. IF THE NOISE LEVEL IS CONSIDERED HIGH ENOUGH BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DOUBLE-GLAZING AND AIR-CONDITIONING CAN BE INSTALLED IN THE FEW DWELLINGS AFFECTED.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY ALLOWANCES FOR RUNNING COSTS WHILE TUNNELLING WORK IS IN PROGRESS.

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WAN CHAI SET FOR FIGHT CRIME DRIVE

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WAN CHAI DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT SOUTHRN PLAYGROUND.

THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY WELL KNOWN SINGERS, A DRAMA PRESENTED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ARTS, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION THEATRE, AND GAME STALLS SET UP BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A PERFORMANCE BY THE AUXILIARY POLICE PIPE BAND, AND A DEMONSTRATION BY POLICE DOGS.

WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, WAN CHAI, MR LAU TO-YEE, AND MEMBERS OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW AT THE SOUTHRN PLAYGROUND, WAN CHAI, AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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TUEN MUN OFFICE, REGISTRY ESTABLISHED

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A NEW IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE AND BIRTHS AND MARRIAGE REGISTRY WILL BE OPERATING IN THE TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AT NO. 1 TUEN HEI ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, TUEN MUN, FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 14).

+THE NEW OFFICE WILL PROVIDE IMMIGRATION SERVICES, SUCH AS APPLICATIONS FOR PASSPORTS, CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY, RE-ENTRY PERMITS AND SO ON, WHILE THE NEW REGISTRY WILL PROVIDE BIRTH AND MARRIAGE REGISTRATION SERVICES,+ AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+FROM THE SAME DATE, THE YUEN LONG BIRTHS REGISTRY WILL CEASE TO REGISTER BIRTHS IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT.

+THE MOBILE SERVICES WILL NOT BE CALLING AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE WITH THE OPERATION OF THE NEW OFFICE AND REGISTRY,+ HE ADDED.

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NEW RULING FOR MOTOR CYCLE LEARNER LICENCE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL TIGHTEN UP THE ISSUE OF LEARNER'S DRIVING LICENCES FOR MOTOR CYCLES AS FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 14).

ANYONE APPLYING FOR SUCH A LICENCE FOR THE FIRST TIME WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR A DRIVING TEST AT THE SAME TIME.

LEARNER MOTOR CYCLISTS NOT TAKING THE DRIVING TEST WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE ISSUE OF THE LEARNER'S DRIVING LICENCE MAY BE REFUSED A LEARNER'S LICENCE WHEN HE APPLIED THE SECOND TIME AROUND.

TO ENSURE THAT THE LEARNER MOTOR CYCLIST TOOK THE TEST WITHIN A YEAR, EACH APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LEARNER'S LICENCE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY DOCUMENTARY PROOF.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES) REGULATIONS HAD MADE THIS REQUIREMENT TO DISCOURAGE LEARNER MOTOR CYCLISTS FROM RENEWING THEIR LEARNER'S LICENCE EVERY YEAR WITHOUT TAKING A TEST.

HE SAID THAT ANYONE OF THE FOLLOWING PAPERS WOULD BE ACCEPTED AS DOCUMENTARY PROOF TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUE OR RENEWAL OF A LEARNER'S DRIVING LICENCE FOR MOTOR CYCLES:

- * PARTICULARS OF DRIVING TEST SHEET (TD 167);
- * LETTER OF APPOINTMENT FOR A MOTOR CYCLES TEST;
- * YELLOW COPY OF THE TEST FORM (TD 11); OR
- * RECEIPT OF A TEST FORM FOR A MOTOR CYCLE (TD 11).

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON LEARNER'S DRIVING LICENCES FOR MOTOR CYCLE MAY BE MADE TO THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE ON 5-261577; THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE ON 3-317826; THE KWUN TONG LICENSING OFFICE ON 3-7754950 OR THE SHA TIN LICENSING OFFICE ON 0-6061027.

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GREEN MINIBUS LICENCE OPEN TO INCORPORATED FIRMS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS TO GRANT PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCES (PSL) FOR THE OPERATION OF GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES TO PROPERLY INCORPORATED COMPANIES AND TO INDIVIDUALS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT EXISTING GREEN MINIBUS OPERATORS WERE SOLE PROPRIETORS AND HENCE PSL'S WERE GRANTED IN THEIR NAMES. BUT IN REALITY MOST LICENCEES FORMED LOOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH PLB OWNERS OR OPERATORS, AND THIS TENDED TO GIVE RISE TO PARTNERSHIP DISPUTES.

/+A PROPERLY

+A PROPERLY INCORPORATED COMPANY WHICH HAS A HEALTHY BUSINESS SET-UP AND FORMALISED PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING ITS BUSINESS IS MORE LIKELY TO PROVIDE A GOOD AND EFFICIENT SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC THAN THE TRADITIONAL ONE-MAN BUSINESS.

+AND THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WOULD ENCOURAGE OPERATORS WHO HAVE PARTNERSHIP DISPUTES TO FORM PROPERLY INCORPORATED COMPANIES,+ HE SAID.

IF A PSL IS ISSUED TO AN INCORPORATED COMPANY, IT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE AN +AUTHORISED PERSON+ TO LIAISE WITH THIS DEPARTMENT IN THE DAY-TO-DAY CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AN EXISTING OPERATOR WHO WISHED TO TERMINATE HIS PSL AND APPLY FOR A NEW ONE IN THE NAME OF AN INCORPORATED COMPANY, COULD DO SO PROVIDED THE CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED HAD BEEN OBTAINED IN WRITING.

THE NEXT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE EXPANSION EXERCISE WOULD BE HELD EARLY NEXT MONTH. THE GREEN MINIBUS OPERATORS' SELECTION BOARD WILL SELECT OPERATORS ON THE BASIS OF THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA LAID DOWN BY THE BOARD.

THESE INCLUDE EXPERIENCE IN PLB TRADE, EXPERIENCE IN THE GREEN MINIBUS TRADE, PAST PASSING RATE OF MOTOR VEHICLES EXAMINATION, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND PERCENTAGE OF REQUIRED PLB FLEET OWNED BY APPLICANT.

DETAILS OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES TO BE INTRODUCED ARE CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED WITH DISTRICT BOARDS AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE IN EARLY NOVEMBER. THE BULK OF THE ROUTES WILL BE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHERE THERE IS LOCAL DEMAND FOR SUCH SERVICES.

IN ADDITION TO GAZETTE NOTIFICATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WOULD ALSO BE NOTICES IN NEWSPAPERS. THE TRADES HAD BEEN INFORMED AT REGULAR CONFERENCES WITH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

+INDIVIDUAL PLB OWNERS WILL NOT BE NOTIFIED BY LETTER AS IN PREVIOUS EXERCISES. THIS IS TO AVOID THE VAST AMOUNT OF ADMINISTRATIVE WORK AND COMPLAINTS FROM PLB OWNERS WHO, FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, FAIL TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION LETTERS AND HENCE FEEL UNFAIRLY TREATED,+ HE SAID.

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EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES, PAYROLL STATISTICS FOR JUNE RELEASED

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THERE WERE 874 200 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN JUNE 1985, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 5.2 PER CENT OVER JUNE 1984, BUT AN INCREASE OF 0.7 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1985, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IN JUNE 1985, EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 588 700, WAS 7.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JUNE 1984.

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EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 177 700, WAS UP BY 6.2 PER CENT.

BUT EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES DROPPED BY 4.2 PER CENT COMPARED WITH JUNE 1984, MAINLY DUE TO THE COMPLETION OF THE MAJOR PART OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE STATISTICS FOR MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN JUNE 1985 WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT, COVERING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

THERE IS A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR JUNE 1985 BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR JUNE 1984 AND MARCH 1985, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	JUNE 84	MAR. 85	JUNE 85	JUNE 85 ON JUNE 84	JUNE 85 ON MAR. 85
MANUFACTURING	922 400	867 900	874 200	- 5.2	+ 0.7
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	67 000	67 700	64 300	- 4.2	- 5.1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	548 600	573 400	588 700	+ 7.3	+ 2.7
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	167 300	171 600	177 700	+ 6.2	+ 3.5

* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

/COMPARING JUNE

COMPARING JUNE 1985 WITH MARCH 1985, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT, 2.7 PER CENT AND 3.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT AT THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES DECREASED BY 5.1 PER CENT.

THE SURVEY ALSO PROVIDES VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE MAJOR SECTORS, OTHER THAN FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION. THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR JUNE 1984 AND MARCH 1985, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	JUNE 84	MAR. 85	JUNE 85	JUNE 85 ON JUNE 84	JUNE 85 ON MAR. 85
MANUFACTURING	39 420	29 010	19 120	-51.5	-34.1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	5 540	7 710	5 520	- 0.3	-28.4
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	2 140	2 900	2 320	+ 8.1	-20.3

* BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES.

RELATIVE TO JUNE 1984, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR DECREASED RESPECTIVELY BY 51.5 PER CENT AND 0.3 PER CENT IN JUNE 1985. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES INCREASED BY 8.1 PER CENT FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

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COMPARED WITH MARCH 1985, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES DECREASED BY 34.1 PER CENT, 28.4 PER CENT AND 20.3 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE*
	2ND QTR. 1984	2ND QTR. 1985	2ND QTR. 1985 ON 2ND QTR. 1984
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	6 752	6 924	+ 2.5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	4 186	5 099	+21.8
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	2 240	2 480	+10.7

* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES

COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 2.5 PER CENT, 21.8 PER CENT AND 10.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985.

AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN JUNE 1984 AND JUNE 1985 ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED.

TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED. THESE TWO INDICES FOR JUNE 1984 AND JUNE 1985 ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW:

/NOMINAL INDEX

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	JUNE 84	JUNE 85	JUNE 85 ON JUNE 84
MANUFACTURING	175.8	185.0	+ 5.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	168.9	192.7	+14.1
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	179.1	186.9	+ 4.4

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	JUNE 84	JUNE 85	JUNE 85 ON JUNE 84
MANUFACTURING	114.5	117.2	+ 2.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	110.0	122.1	+11.0
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	116.7	118.4	+ 1.5

/BETWEEN JUNE

BETWEEN JUNE 1984 AND JUNE 1985, INCREASES OF 5.2 PER CENT, 14.1 PER CENT AND 4.4 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WERE 2.4 PER CENT, 11.0 PER CENT AND 1.5 PER CENT.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS, JUNE 1985, WHICH WILL SHORTLY BE AVAILABLE AT HK\$11 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AND AT THE SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 1904, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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STUDENTS GAIN ESSAY AWARDS * * * *

A HONG KONG JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL BOY HAS GAINED SECOND PLACE IN THE YOUNGEST CATEGORY OF THE 1984-85 INTERNATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN LONDON.

HUNG FAN-NGAI OF ST. PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE WILL BE RECEIVING CASH AND BOOK PRIZES FROM THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN LONDON FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT.

KITTY HO OF ST. MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE HAS HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR HER ESSAY IN THE SAME GROUP, CLASS C.

SOME 1 000 ENTRANTS FROM 279 SCHOOLS OF 39 COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES TOOK PART IN THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION, WITH 508 OF THEM BEING ENTERED IN CLASS C FOR CANDIDATES OF 12 AND UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE.

IN CLASS A OF THE COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS OF 16 AND UNDER 19, JANE NG OF DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL WAS HIGHLY COMMENDED AND JANE CHENG OF ST. MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE WAS 'COMMENDED'.

TWO OTHER STUDENTS, TAKING PART IN THE COMPETITION IN CLASS B FOR STUDENTS OF 14 AND 16, WERE HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR THEIR ESSAY: KAREN MORRIES OF DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL AND CINDY CHAN OF SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE.

THE ESSAY COMPETITION IS HELD ANNUALLY BY THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY, TO ENCOURAGE COMMONWEALTH STUDIES.

THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS PRIZES TO THE BEST THREE COMPETITORS IN EACH CLASS OF THE PRELIMINARY ROUND HELD LOCALLY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE HONG KONG STUDENTS REFLECTED THEIR HIGH ACADEMIC ABILITY.

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27 SCHOOLS ENTER QUIZ
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TWENTY-SEVEN SCHOOLS WILL BE TAKING PART TOMORROW IN THE FIRST ROUND OF AN INTER-SCHOOL CIVIC EDUCATION QUIZ, ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SPONSORED BY CINEMA CITY COMPANY LTD.

THE QUIZ, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN STUDIO TWO, BROADCASTING HOUSE, STARTING AT 2 PM, IS AIMED AT AROUSING SOCIAL AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS.

PRIZES TOTALLING \$30 000 WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE LIBRARIES OF THE WINNING SCHOOLS.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, UNOFFICIAL EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR ALLEN LEE, WILL SPEAK ON +CIVIC EDUCATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT+.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE QUIZ TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 2 PM IN STUDIO TWO OF BROADCASTING HOUSE.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OFFERING SHORT COURSES
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THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ARE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR 84 SHORT COURSES STARTING NEXT MONTH.

THESE COURSES RANGE FROM 10 TO 90 HOURS AND COURSE FEES ARE FROM \$100 TO \$580.

MOST OF THESE WILL BE HELD BETWEEN NEXT MONTH AND APRIL 86, AND WILL COVER COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, MARINE AND FABRICATION, AND MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING.

THESE SHORT COURSES WERE VERY POPULAR LAST YEAR WHEN MORE THAN 12 900 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR ONLY 2 900 PLACES.

THE COURSES ARE MAINLY FOR THOSE WORKING IN THE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS WISHING TO UPGRADE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL. CLASSES ARE NORMALLY HELD FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM, BUT SOME COURSES ARE HELD EARLIER IN THE DAY.

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DETAILS WILL BE ADVERTISED IN MAJOR NEWSPAPERS TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND OTHER INFORMATION ON THE COURSES, INCLUDING MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, CAN BE FOUND IN THE +GUIDE TO APPLICANTS+.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE FIVE INSTITUTES - MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG AND LEE WAI LEE.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE RELATED TECHNICAL INSTITUTES. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 26.

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TRAINING COURSE FOR MAC MEMBERS

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CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF LEARNING MORE ABOUT MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES BY TAKING PART IN A TRAINING COURSE.

THE COURSE, ORGANISED BY KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE, IS AIMED AT ENHANCING MEMBERS' SKILLS IN THE OPERATION OF MAC MATTERS.

THE COURSE WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. THE FIRST PART, IN THE FORM OF LECTURES AND TALKS, WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE ON OCTOBER 25 FROM 8 PM TO 10 PM.

ABOUT 150 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE BRIEFED ON MAC ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES, THE EFFECTIVE WAY IN CONDUCTING MEETINGS AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

THE SECOND PART OF THE COURSE WILL BE A LIVE-IN CAMP AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 26 AND 27.

ABOUT 45 PARTICIPANTS WILL ATTEND A SEMINAR AND DISCUSSION SESSIONS, AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MAC MATTERS.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COURSE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS OCTOBER 15.

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PUBLIC WARNED ABOUT HILL FIRE RISK
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PEOPLE OBSERVING CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL WERE REMINDED TODAY THAT THEY SHOULD TAKE GREAT CARE NOT TO CAUSE HILL FIRES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID THAT EVEN WITH THE RELATIVELY WET WEATHER LAST YEAR, THERE WERE STILL 30 HILL FIRES ON CHUNG YEUNG DAY ALONE, CAUSED BY PEOPLE PERFORMING WORSHIPPING RITES AT GRAVE SITES.

THE FIRE RISK HAS BEEN HIGH FOR SOME TIME THIS YEAR, AND THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN A NUMBER OF HILL FIRES RECENTLY.

WORSHIPPERS WERE URGED TO OBSERVE A SIMPLE RULE - THEY SHOULD NOT BE CARELESS AND LEAVE ANYTHING BURNING UNATTENDED AT THE GRAVE SITES, HE SAID.

ANYONE CAUSING A FIRE IN A COUNTRY PARK IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT, HE WARNED.

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GROUND FLOOR PREMISES FOR RENT
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS TO LET BY TENDER THE GROUND FLOOR OF A BUILDING AT 11 YUK MING STREET, WESTERN.

MEASURING 67.45 SQUARE METRES, THE PREMISES IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE, BUT EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL AND GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE MONTHLY.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 8.

TENDER FORM, NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE PREMISES WILL BE OPEN FOR VIEWING BETWEEN 10.30 AM AND NOON ON OCTOBER 18 AND 25.

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PROJECTS ON DISPLAY
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AN EXHIBITION OF OUTSTANDING PROJECTS BY SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTHS WILL OPEN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE THE WINNING ENTRIES OF THE OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTHS SCHEME AWARD, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE SCHEME WAS ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES AND FUNDS FOR YOUTHS TO CARRY OUT AND DESIGN THEIR OWN SOCIAL PROJECTS.

A TOTAL OF 12 VOLUNTARY GROUPS HAD APPLIED FOR FUNDS AMOUNTING TO NEARLY \$17 000 AND FIVE GROUPS WERE CHOSEN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT THEIR PROJECTS.

THESE PROJECTS INCLUDE A CARE FOR THE ELDERLY IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT SCHEME, A FUN DAY FOR TIN WAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA RESIDENTS, A SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECT FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED, AN EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PROMOTION SCHEME AND A +CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLIES AND CHILDREN PROJECT.+

DETAILS OF THESE PROJECTS WILL BE EXHIBITED AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 12) FROM 2 PM TO 6 PM, AND THE WAH FU TOWN CENTRE PODIUM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 13) AND THE ABERDEEN KAIFONG ASSOCIATION WELFARE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 14) FROM 11 AM TO 5 PM.

OFFICIATING AT TOMORROW'S OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANGELA TSE; DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MRS JUDY MAULDON; SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM KWOK-KWONG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME AWARD ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR PAUL YOUNG.

PRIZES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS OF THE CHINESE SLOGAN COMPETITION AND POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON 1985 IYY.

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SOMETHING FOR ALL AT SPORTS FESTIVAL
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THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THIS YEAR'S YUEN LONG SPORTS FESTIVAL, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR TANG TAK-KAU, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY).

WHILE THE EMPHASIS IS ON YOUTH PARTICIPATION, THERE WILL ALSO BE SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE ELDERLY, A TAI CHI FUN DAY, AND THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, A SPORTS FUN DAY, HE SAID.

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THE 17-DAY SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL BE LAUNCHED ON OCTOBER 19 (SATURDAY) WITH A SOCCER MATCH AND THE SERIES OF EVENTS WILL BE CAPPED WITH A HUGE CARNIVAL ON THE LAST DAY OF THE FESTIVAL.

EVENTS FOR YOUTHS WILL INCLUDE AEROBIC DANCING, ARCHERY AND ROLLER-SKATING. AND THERE WILL BE CHINESE SHUTTLECOCK DEMONSTRATIONS, A WATER CARNIVAL, VARIOUS BALL GAMES, AND CYCLING DEMONSTRATIONS EMPHASISING THE SAFETY ASPECT.

THE \$150 000 YUEN LONG SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL BE AN ANNUAL EVENT FOLLOWING ITS SUCCESSFUL DEBUT LAST YEAR.

IT IS FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES IN THE DISTRICT.

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YOUTH SPORTS CARNIVAL IN SHA TIN

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, WILL OPEN A YOUTH SPORTS CARNIVAL MARKING THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR, AT A CEREMONY AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 13).

AMONG THOSE TAKING PART IN THE SPORTS CARNIVAL WILL BE WELL-KNOWN TV AND RADIO PERSONALITIES AND SOCCER STARS.

KNOWN AS THE STANDARD CHARTERED YOUTH SPORTS CARNIVAL, IT IS ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE STANDARD CHARTERED BANK.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY, INVITED GUESTS, INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES, MR TONY HAMMOND, WILL TOUR VARIOUS VENUES IN SHA TIN WHERE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL MATCHES, AND AEROBIC DANCE AND TRACK CYCLING DEMONSTRATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. A PRESS COACH WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.15 AM SHARP ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 13). INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND A TEA RECEPTION AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE AT THE END OF THE TOUR.

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CHINESE CHESS CONTEST FOR WORKERS
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KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHOI HING-SHUN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT'S INDUSTRIAL CHINESE CHESS COMPETITION TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 7 PM AT THE S.K.H. LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE IN WO YI HOP ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE AND IS AIMED AT PROVIDING CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING.

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NEW TALENT SOUGHT FOR BANDS, ORCHESTRAS
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YOUNG MUSICIANS ARE BEING OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO BROADEN THEIR MUSICAL EXPERIENCE BY JOINING DISTRICT BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS AS MEMBERS.

THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH IS NOW INVITING TALENTED MUSICIANS TO APPLY TO JOIN ITS SYMPHONIC BAND, CHINESE ORCHESTRA, REGIONAL STRING ORCHESTRA, DISTRICT CHINESE ORCHESTRAS AND DISTRICT SYMPHONIC BANDS.

APPLICANTS FOR ORCHESTRAS OR BANDS SHOULD BE UNDER 23 YEARS OF AGE, AND SHOULD HAVE ATTAINED AT LEAST GRADE V OR ABOVE IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATION, OR EQUIVALENT, IN AT LEAST ONE ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENT.

THOSE WHO WISH TO JOIN THE CHINESE ORCHESTRAS SHOULD HAVE GOOD PERFORMANCE SKILLS IN ONE OR MORE CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS WITH PREVIOUS ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE.

AN AUDITION WILL BE ARRANGED FOR QUALIFIED APPLICANTS AT A LATER DATE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS MUST BE ENDORSED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE, GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 138 AUSTIN ROAD, THIRD FLOOR, NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 31.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 3-7226240.

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FOLK SINGERS SET FOR FINALS

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YOUNG FOLK SINGERS AND MUSICIANS WILL BE COMPETING IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FOLK SONG FINALS AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE COMPETITION, DIVIDED INTO SINGING AND INSTRUMENTAL SECTIONS, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRST ROUND OF THE CONTEST HAD ATTRACTED KEEN COMPETITION WITH ABOUT 100 GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS TAKING PART.

FOUR WINNERS FROM EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES TOMORROW.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY FOLK SONG FINALS AT 8 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE, KO SHAN ROAD, HUNG HOM.

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ANGLING CONTEST FOR DISABLED

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AN ANGLING COMPETITION FOR THE DISABLED WILL BE HELD AT H.M.S. TAMAR ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 13), FROM 10 AM TILL 4 PM.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, THE BRITISH FORCES ANGLING CLUB (HONG KONG) AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR FISHING SOCIETY, WITH THE HELP OF THE ROYAL NAVY IN HONG KONG.

ABOUT 100 PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, THE BLIND, THE DEAF AND THE EX-MENTALLY ILL WILL TAKE PART.

THE FIRST COMPETITION WAS HELD LAST YEAR.

THE CAPTAIN-IN-CHARGE OF THE ROYAL NAVY IN HONG KONG, CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER GOTTO WILL PRESENT PRIZES AT ABOUT 3.30 PM TO THE WINNING TEAMS HAVING THE HEAVIEST CATCH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE EVENT ON SUNDAY SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE MAIN GATE OF H.M.S. TAMAR AT 2 PM. INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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TREE PLANTING AT CEMETERY

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SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, TODAY (FRIDAY) PLANTED A TREE IN THE GROUNDS OF CAPE COLLINSON CEMETERY TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF A BEAUTIFICATION SCHEME.

WORK BEGAN SIX MONTHS AGO TO IMPROVE THE OUTLOOK AND ENVIRONMENT OF CAPE COLLINSON WITH THE PROVISION OF ENTRANCE GATES, FLOWER BEDS AND SITTING OUT AREAS, AND THE PLANTING OF 200 TREES ALONG THE MAIN ROAD.

CAPE COLLINSON CEMETERY IS ONE OF THREE CEMETERIES RUN BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION. THE OTHER CEMETERIES ARE IN ABERDEEN AND TSUEN WAN.

PRIOR TO THE TREE PLANTING CEREMONY, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TOURED TSUEN WAN AND ABERDEEN TO INSPECT THE CEMETERIES AS PART OF THEIR ANNUAL VISITS BEFORE THE CHUNG YUENG AND CHING MING FESTIVALS. THE CHUNG YUENG FESTIVAL THIS YEAR IS ON OCTOBER 22.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD, MR YUEN TAT-CHO, SAID ALL BURIALS AT THE THREE CEMETERIES BEFORE 1973 WERE PERMANENT, BUT AS LAND WAS EXHAUSTED IN THE MID-70'S, EXHUMABLE BURIAL LOTS WERE INTRODUCED.

+TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION, THE BOARD DECIDED TO ENCOURAGE CREMATION AND BUILT 40 000 NICHES AT THE THREE CEMETERIES,+ MR YUEN SAID.

+THE NINE-STOREY COLUMBARIUM AT CAPE COLLINSON PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR, AND WE PLAN TO BUILD AT LEAST ONE HIGH-RISE COLUMBARIUM AT EACH OF THE THREE CEMETERIES,+ HE SAID.

A NEW COLUMBARIUM COSTING ABOUT \$28 MILLION IS BEING BUILT AT THE TSUEN WAN CEMETERY WHICH WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 30 000 NICHES.

THE BOARD WAS RECENTLY GRANTED A PIECE OF LAND MEASURING ABOUT 28 HECTARES AT LEI YUE MUN TO BUILD A NEW CEMETERY, MR YUEN SAID.

+IT WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 20 000 EXHUMABLE GRAVES AND A COLUMBARIUM WITH 60 000 NICHES WHEN COMPLETED IN 1990,+ HE ADDED.

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CARRIAGEWAY CLOSURE

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THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUNG YAN STREET BETWEEN YUE MAN SQUARE AND KWUN TONG ROAD HAS BEEN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY ROAD WORKS AS A RESULT OF THE BURSTING OF WATERMANS.

THE CLOSURE IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR ABOUT FIVE DAYS.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON KWUN TONG ROAD HEADING FOR TUNG YAN STREET AND YUE MAN SQUARE WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE HIP WO STREET AND TUNG YAN STREET.

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RESTRICTED ZONES AT QUEENSWAY, CHI FU ROAD

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ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT TRAMS AND FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE BANNED FROM USING THE NORTHERNMOST WESTBOUND LANE OF QUEENSWAY BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH MURRAY ROAD AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 14).

FROM TUESDAY (OCTOBER 15), A 80-METRE SECTION OF CHI FU ROAD NEAR CHI FU FA YUEN BUS TERMINUS WILL BECOME AN URBAN CLEARWAY FOR TAXIS FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY. NO TAXIS WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

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TAI PO ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN TAI PO WILL SHOW THEIR TALENT IN AN OUTDOOR ROAD SAFETY DRAWING COMPETITION AT TAI YUEN ESTATE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 2 PM.

THE CONTEST IS PART OF PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OTHER PROGRAMMES, AIMED AT PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDE A BICYCLE SAFETY DAY, A ROAD SAFETY DAY, THE SELECTION OF +MODEL PEDESTRIANS+ AND +MODEL DRIVERS+, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF ROAD SAFETY PAMPHLETS.

SCHOOL BICYCLE TEAMS ARE BEING INVITED TO JOIN THE BICYCLE SAFETY DAY TO BE HELD IN THE FUNG SHUI SQUARE ON OCTOBER 19. THEY WILL TAKE PART IN A COMPETITION EMPHASISING SAFETY IN BICYCLE RIDING AND A QUIZ ON BICYCLE SAFETY.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE THE ROAD SAFETY DAY, TO BE HELD AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND ON OCTOBER 27.

THE SELECTION OF +MODEL PEDESTRIANS+ AND +MODEL DRIVERS+ WAS HELD LAST MONTH, AND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION WILL BE ONE OF THE PROGRAMMES OF THE ROAD SAFETY DAY.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF FLYOVER

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THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED FROM OCTOBER 14 (MONDAY) TO OCTOBER 20 (SUNDAY) BETWEEN 11 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND AND KOWLOON TONG WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE GROUND LEVEL ROADS.

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FIELD MARSHAL WILL MEET PRESS
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THE VISITING BRITISH CHIEF DEFENCE STAFF, FIELD MARSHAL SIR EDWIN BRAMALL, RETURNED TO HONG KONG THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING FROM A WEEK-LONG VISIT TO CHINA.

THE FIELD MARSHAL WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA AT THE OFFICERS' MESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS BRITISH FORCES HONG KONG ON NEXT TUESDAY (OCTOBER 15) BEFORE FLYING BACK TO UNITED KINGDOM IN THE EVENING.

HE IS DUE TO RESIGN FROM HIS PRESENT OFFICE OF CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF NEXT MONTH. HE WAS THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES HONG KONG BETWEEN DECEMBER 1973 AND MARCH 1976.

BEFORE LEAVING FOR CHINA TO FULFIL A LONG-STANDING INVITATION FROM HIS COUNTERPART, THE FIELD MARSHAL HAD SPENT FOUR DAYS IN HONG KONG BIDDING FAREWELL TO THE BRITISH FORCES IN THE TERRITORY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO ATTEND THE MEET-THE-PRESS SESSION ARE REQUESTED TO PHONE-IN THEIR NAMES TO THE JOINT SERVICE PUBLIC RELATIONS STAFF ON 5-28933314 BEFORE 5 PM MONDAY (OCTOBER 14) AND ASSEMBLE AT THE MAIN GATE OF HMS TAMAR AT 3 PM TUESDAY (OCTOBER 15). JSPRS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SHARE DISCLOSURES
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS UNDER RULE 29 OF THE HONG KONG CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS ADVISES THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT OFFER BY UNION FAITH CO LTD ('UNION FAITH') TO ACQUIRE THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL OF INTERNATIONAL CITY HOLDINGS LTD (ICH), THE FOLLOWING DISCLOSURES RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OR SALES OF SHARES IN ICH HAVE BEEN MADE TO HIM :

ON 9 OCTOBER 1985, WARDLEY LTD (FINANCIAL ADVISERS TO UNION FAITH IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFER) SOLD THROUGH ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THEIR CLIENTS' BEHALF 750,000 SHARES OF ICH AT HKD 0.97 PER SHARE.

ON 9 OCTOBER 1985, A MEMBER OF THE HONGKONG BANK GROUP PURCHASED 12,250,000 SHARES OF ICH AT HKD 0.97 PER SHARE.+

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BMX RACE TO BE POSTPONED

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THE 1985/86 BMX RACES (RACE III) SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE MORSE PARK MINI-SOCCER PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 13) AFTERNOON WILL BE POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

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LIFE SAVERS TO VIE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP IN COMPETITION

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LIFE SAVERS WILL TEST THEIR SKILLS IN THE 4TH HONG KONG LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE HELD AT THE VICTORIA PARK SWIMMING POOL ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 13).

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG LIFE SAVING TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

PARTICIPANTS WILL COMPETE IN EIGHT EVENTS, NAMELY 50-M LIFE SAVING EXTENDED TOW, 50-M TORPEDO AND LIFE SAVING TOW, 50-M LIFE SAVING CROSSED-CHEST TOW, 100-M EXTENDED CLOTHING TOW, 100-M TIRED SWIMMER METHOD LIFE SAVING TOW, 200-M OBJECT DIVE RELAY, 200-M LIFE SAVING MEDLEY RELAY, AND 100-M RUBBER-FLOAT RELAY.

THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, MRS MARGARET LI, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD ABOUT 3 P.M.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 4TH LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIP WHICH WILL START AT 9.30 AM ON SUNDAY. PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED AT A CEREMONY AT ABOUT 3 PM.

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