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DEADLINE FOR VIEWS - NOVEMBER 15

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE DATE FOR THE FINAL SUBMISSION OF VIEWS TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE ON THE WHITE PAPER WOULD BE NOVEMBER 15. IN SELECTING THIS DATE THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN ACCOUNT OF THE TIME REQUIRED TO CONSIDER THE WHITE PAPER, THE TIME REQUIRED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE TO COMPLETE ITS REPORT AND THE UK PARLIAMENTARY TIMETABLE. THE REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE BY THE END OF NOVEMBER.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE SHOULD EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE AGREEMENT AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE THEY ARE FREE TO COMMENT ON ANY PARTICULAR ASPECT OF IT. WHILE THERE IS NO REALISTIC POSSIBILITY OF AMENDING THE TEXT AND THE AGREEMENT MUST BE TAKEN AS A WHOLE, THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY HONG KONG PEOPLE SHOULD BE ON RECORD. THEY COULD THEN BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN PARLIAMENT COMES TO DEBATE THE WHITE PAPER. THEY WOULD ALSO BE A USEFUL SOURCE OF REFERENCE IN FUTURE CONSULTATIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

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GOVERNOR ATTENDS NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION

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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION HELD AT WORLD TRADE CENTRE THIS EVENING:

+THANK YOU MR XU.

+I SHOULD LIKE FIRST TO OFFER YOU MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: AND TO WISH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

+I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO ENDORSE YOUR REMARKS ON THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION INITIALLED IN PEKING LAST WEEK. AS THE PREAMBLE INDICATES IT WILL BE CONDUCIVE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG AND TO STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINA ON A NEW BASIS.

+I SHOULD NOW LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA;

TO YOUR HEALTH, MR DIRECTOR, THE HEALTH OF MRS XU AND ALL YOUR COLLEAGUES.+

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VOTER REGISTRATION 'SATISFACTORY'

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MORE THAN 637 000 VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED DURING THE SIX-WEEK REGISTRATION DRIVE WHICH ENDED TODAY (MONDAY).

DESCRIBING THE RESULTS AS SATISFACTORY, A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR C.M. LEUNG, SAID THAT THE FIGURE WAS NOT THE FINAL ONE.

+MORE FORMS ARE EXPECTED TO REACH THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION OF THE COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION BRANCH THROUGH THE MAIL IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.

+OTHER COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS COLLECTED BY THE VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES WILL ALSO BE FORWARDED TO THE DIVISION IN A DAY OR TWO FOR PROCESSING,+ HE SAID.

+ALSO, THERE MAY BE CASES OF DOUBLE REGISTRATION, AND THE COMPUTER WILL BE ABLE TO SPOT THEM DURING PROCESSING,+ HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG SAID A PROVISIONAL REGISTER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM NOVEMBER 9 TO 20 WHEN PEOPLE CAN MAKE CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, PEOPLE WHO HAVE MISSED OUT IN THE JUST-CONCLUDED REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN CAN STILL SIGN UP AS VOTERS IN PERSON AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION.

THE FINAL REGISTER WILL BE PUBLISHED ON JANUARY 4 NEXT YEAR.

MR LEUNG HOPED THAT ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WOULD GO TO THE POLLS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 7.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 236 SEATS ON THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 4 AND CLOSE ON JANUARY 31.

MR LEUNG ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED VOTERS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING ANY CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION.

+UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION WILL ENABLE A PERSON TO CAST HIS VOTE AT A POLLING STATION CLOSEST TO HIS HOME+, HE EXPLAINED.

+CHANGE OF ADDRESS CAN BE REPORTED ANY TIME OF THE YEAR SIMPLY BY WRITING TO THE DIVISION OR FILLING IN A SPECIAL FORM AVAILABLE AT ANY DISTRICT OFFICE+, HE SAID.

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CONVERSION OF OLD SUPREME COURT BUILDING

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WORK WILL START THIS WEEK ON THE CONVERSION OF THE OLD SUPREME COURT BUILDING FOR USE AS THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

THE BUILDING WILL ALSO HOUSE THE OFFICES OF THE UNOFFICAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND OF THE COUNCILS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

A $37.5 MILLION CONTRACT WAS AWARDED RECENTLY BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO YAU LEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD. IT WAS SIGNED BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT, MR JOSE LEI, AND MR YEUNG WAI OF THE COMPANY.

AFTER CONVERSION, THE FIRST FLOOR WILL BE USED AS THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND COUNCIL OFFICES, AND THE GROUND AND SECOND FLOORS OF THE THREE-STOREY COURT BUILDING WILL BE OCCUPIED BY UMELCO.

THE CHAMBER WILL HAVE SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION FACILITIES AS WELL AS IMPROVED TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING SYSTEMS ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

ON THE SAME FLOOR WILL BE A FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM, TWO CONFERENCE ROOMS FOR UMELCO, AND A PRESS ROOM.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED ON THE GROUND FLOOR ARE COMPLAINTS OFFICE ROOMS, THREE INTERVIEW ROOMS, ONE COMPLAINTS WAITING ROOM, ONE COMPLAINTS MEETING ROOM AND A GENERAL OFFICE WITH PRINTING FACILITIES.

THE TOP FLOOR WILL CONTAIN OFFICES FOR UMELCO, A LIBRARY AND A SOCIAL AND DINING AREA FOR OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE BUILDING WAS STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND THE CONVERSION WOULD ADAPT IT EFFECTIVELY TO ITS NEW ROLE WHILE RETAINING ITS UNIQUE ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF THE BUILDING IS 5 500 SQUARE METRES. THE SITE WILL BE LANDSCAPED.

CONVERSION WORK WILL TAKE 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FINAL BYPASS BRIDGE DECK LAUNCHED

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A MAJOR SECTION OF THE TAI PO BYPASS, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE TRUNK ROAD LINKING THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AND SHEUNG SHUI, WAS COMPLETED TODAY WITH THE LAUNCHING OF THE FINAL BRIDGE DECK.

MR EDDIE SHORT, WHO WILL BE RETIRING AS HEAD OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, PRESSED A BUTTON TO MOVE THE 158-METRE LONG CONCRETE BRIDGE INTO ITS FINAL POSITION, WITHOUT THE USE OF CRANES AND WINCHES.

THE LINK WAS COMPLETED WITHIN MINUTES THROUGH A NEW METHOD PIONEERED IN WEST GERMANY, THE +INCREMENTAL LAUNCHING TECHNIQUE+.

THIS TECHNIQUE WAS INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG IN 1982, FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF THE $200 MILLION TAI PO BYPASS CONTRACT TO KUMAGAI GUMI (HK) LTD. THE 2.9 KILOMETRES BYPASS STRETCHES FROM ISLAND HOUSE IN THE EAST TO NORTH TAI PO.

FOUR OF THE FIVE BRIDGES IN THE BYPASS PROJECT ADOPTED THIS TECHNIQUE, IN WHICH 10-METRE LONG PRESTRESSED CONCRETE SEGMENTS ARE LAUNCHED IN SUCCESSIVE STAGES ACROSS ROWS OF COLUMNS.

DURING LAUNCHING, THE SEGMENTS OF THE DECK ARE SUPPORTED AT THE COLUMNS ON TEMPORARY BEARINGS OF STAINLESS STEEL AND TEFLON SURFACES THAT ENABLE THE STRUCTURES TO MOVE FORWARD SMOOTHLY.

THE MAIN ADVANTAGE OF USING SUCH A TECHNIQUE, FIRST USED IN VENEZUELA 20 YEARS AGO, IS THAT IT ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR TEMPORARY SCAFFOLDING AND THEREBY MINIMISES ENVIRONMENTAL DISTURBANCE.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER, MR HAROLD BEATON, IN A SPEECH AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY, SAID THAT THE LAUNCHING MARKS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE N.T. TRUNK ROAD SYSTEM.

MR BEATON SAID WORK ON THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD WAS PROGRESSING WELL WITH THE ROUTE ONE SECTION EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AND OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN STAGES FROM NEXT MONTH TO THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

+APART FROM COPING WITH TRAFFIC DEMAND FOR THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS, COMPLETION OF THE TRUNK ROAD FROM SHA TIN TO SHEUNG SHUI, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES FOR ACCESS TO MAN KAM TO AND LOK MA CHAU, ALLOW FOR FUTURE TRAFFIC GROWTH BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA,+ HE SAID.

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HK DESIGNS FOR FASHION WORLD

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HONG KONG DESIGNERS' COLLECTIONS WILL ADD A NEW DIMENSION TO THE FASHION WORLD, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SAID TODAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG WOMEN'S SPORTSWEAR SHOW ORGANISED BY THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TDC).

+HONG KONG LEADS THE WORLD IN QUALITY GARMENT PRODUCTION, BUT WHILE OUR REPUTATION FOR EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY IS WELL ESTABLISHED, WE HAVE IN THE PAST CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON MAKING GARMENTS TO OVERSEAS DESIGNS. THIS YEAR LOCAL DESIGNERS' COLLECTIONS WILL BE FEATURED, AND I AM DELIGHTED TO WELCOME THIS ON-GOING DEVELOPMENT,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

+I WELCOME ALSO THE INNOVATION OF A SPECIALISED SHOW OF THIS KIND AIMED EXCLUSIVELY AT WOMEN'S SPORTSWEAR, SUCH INITIATIVES ARE ESSENTIAL IF OUR CLOTHING INDUSTRY IS TO STAY AHEAD OF ITS COMPETITORS, AND I CONGRATULATE THE TDC, THE EXHIBITORS WHO ARE STAGING THEIR OWN HOUSE SHOWS AND OUR MANUFACTURERS WHO HAVE PRODUCED THE COLLECTIONS YOU ARE ABOUT TO SEE.

+TO THE OVERSEAS BUYERS I EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME ON BEHALF OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SINCE THEY REPRESENT THE EXPORT MARKETS WHICH ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF THIS DYNAMIC COMMUNITY,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

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TECHNICAL TRAINING BENEFITS STRESSED

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MR MORRIS MORGAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL VISITED TRAINEES OF THE MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE AT ITS TEMPORARY WORKSHOP IN THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TODAY.

ABOUT 350 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE UNDERGOING A ONE-YEAR, FULL-TIME TRAINING COURSE THEY BEGAN LAST MONTH IN FOUR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTERS, UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE VTC.

IN ADDITION TO THE MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRE, THE OTHER CENTRES FOR THE ELECTRONICS, PLASTICS AND PRINTING INDUSTRIES HAVE ALSO STARTED TRAINING COURSES AT TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT LEVELS IN BORROWED PREMISES, AT THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

+WHEN CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION WORK FOR THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX ARE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR, THESE FOUR TRAINING CENTRES, AS WELL AS THE HOTEL INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE, WILL MOVE INTO THE SPECIALLY DESIGNED BUILDING,+ MR MORGAN SAID.

THE HOTEL INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE WILL THEN ALSO START OFFERING SHORT TRAINING COURSES.

/+TRAINING CENTRES .....

+TRAINING CENTRES WILL NOT ONLY PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ENSURING HONG KONG INDUSTRIES HAVE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SKILLED MANPOWER TO SUSTAIN ITS DEVELOPMENT, BUT WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACQUIRE A REWARDING CAREER IN INDUSTRY,+ MR MORGAN SAID.

WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL, THE FIVE TRAINING CENTRES OF THE KOWLOON BAY COMPLEX WILL PROVIDE 20 FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME TRAINING COURSES AT TECHNOLOGIST, TECHNICIAN, CRAFT AND OPERATIVE LEVELS FOR SOME 4 200 TRAINEES ANNUALLY.

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FESTIVAL CLINIC SERVICES

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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 3), DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

THE EIGHT CLINICS ARE : VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND ; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB POLYCLINIC IN KOWLOON; LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED THAT DAY.

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DISTRICT BOARD TO DISCUSS PLAYGROUND

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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE TEMPORARY USE OF THE MA CHAI HANG PLAYGROUND SITE, WHICH HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR A HUGE DISTRICT PARK PROJECT, AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL DEVELOP A DISTRICT PARK, SERVING RESIDENTS IN THE MA CHAI HANG AND CHUK YUEN AREAS.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE TEMPORARY USE OF THE SITE INCLUDE PROVIDING A CAR PARK, A PARKING COMPOUND FOR LORRIES, BUILDING A SITTING OUT AREA AND OTHER MINOR PUBLIC PROJECTS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE URBAN COUNCIL NGAU CHI WAN COMPLEX AND THE FACILITIES PROVIDED.

THEY WILL ALSO HEAR REPORTS ON THE STREET LIGHTING PROGRAMME IN SQUATTER AREAS AND VARIOUS CLEARANCE OPERATIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THREE AREAS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S RENT POLICY, FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES IN FACTORY BUILDINGS AND A SURVEY ON LIBRARY FACILITIES IN WONG TAI SIN.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

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A RANDOM SAMPLE OF SOME 15 000 HOUSEHOLDS HAVE BEEN SELECTED THROUGHOUT ALL DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG FOR PARTICIPATION IN A GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IN THE QUARTER OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1984.

ABOUT HALF OF THE HOUSEHOLDS WERE INTERVIEWED IN THE QUARTER JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1984 AND HAVE BEEN SELECTED AGAIN TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN.

SINCE AUGUST 1981, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY. IT IS CARRIED OUT ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS BY THE PERMANENT FIELD STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

QUESTIONS ASKED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE THOSE ON THE PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION (SUCH AS AGE, SEX AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT) AS WELL AS ON THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS (SUCH AS ACTIVITY STATUS, HOURS OF WORK, INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION).

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE POPULATION.

FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1984, QUESTIONS ON DEMAND FOR, AND USE OF, MEDICAL SERVICES; CAR USE; ILLITERACY; AND HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE ON RENT AND OTHER ITEMS WILL BE INCLUDED.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WILL BE SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS PRIOR TO THE SURVEY TO EXPLAIN ITS PURPOSE AND TO SEEK THEIR COOPERATION.

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

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

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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 ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT OFFER BY PROMET CONTRACTORS LIMITED TO ACQUIRE THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL OF SAMBOR LIMITED, THE FOLLOWING DISCLOSURES RELATING TO THE SALES OF SHARES IN SAMBOR LIMITED HAD BEEN MADE TO HIM:

* ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1984

FIRST PACIFIC HOLDINGS LIMITED SOLD 7 000 000 SHARES AT $0.40 PER SHARE;

MR ROBERT L. MEYER SOLD 618 434 SHARES AT $0.42 PER SHARE;

ASEAN ENTERPRISES LIMITED SOLD 193 016 SHARES AT $0.42 PER SHARE; AND

ASEAN ASSOCIATES LIMITED SOLD 124 111 SHARES AT $0.42 PER SHARE.

* ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1984

ASEAN ENTERPRISES LIMITED SOLD 30 000 SHARES AT $0.56 PER SHARE;

ASEAN ASSOCIATES LIMITED SOLD 80 000 SHARES AT $0.56 PER SHARE; AND

MR ROBERT L. MEYER SOLD 50 000 SHARES AT $0.56 PER SHARE.

* ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1984, ASEAN ENTERPRISES LIMITED SOLD 50 000 SHARES AT $0.59 PER SHARE.

THE CHAIRMAN HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT THE NUMBER OF SHARES SOLD BY FIRST PACIFIC HOLDINGS LIMITED ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1984 SHOULD BE 40 000 000 INSTEAD OF 40 000 AS ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1984.

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REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS TODAY SUSPENDED THE REGISTRATION OF OVERSEAS EXPRESS FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED AND HOCK FINANCE HOLDINGS LIMITED AS DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, ON THE GROUND THAT THE PAID-UP SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANIES IS LESS THAN THAT SPECIFIED IN THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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AMS DINNER
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THE GOVERNOR WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE ANNUAL A.M.S. OFFICERS' MESS DINNER TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING AT THE FURAMA HOTEL.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

PRESS MEMBERS SHOULD ASSEMBLE BY 7.30 PM OUTSIDE THE CHATER ROAD ENTRANCE OF THE HOTEL, WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY GIS STAFF.

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MP'S TO MEET PRESS
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FIVE CONSERVATIVE MP'S WILL MEET THE PRESS IN TWO GROUPS TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

SIR ANTHONY KERSHAW, CHAIRMAN OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND SIR PAUL BRYAN, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE ALL PARTY HONG KONG GROUP, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 10.45 AM TOMORROW.

THE OTHER GROUP, COMPRISING MR PETER LLOYD, MR MARK LENNOX-BOYD AND MR JIM LESTER, WILL MEET THE PRESS AT 2.45 PM.

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WATER STORAGE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 85.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, OR 502.276 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 570.207 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 97.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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SALT WATER CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 8 AM TO 7 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 4) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE, SHEK YAM ESTATE, SHEK LEI ESTATE AND PREMISES ALONG WO YI HOP ROAD.

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