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ALL-OUT EFFORTS TO DISTRIBUTE WHITE PAPER  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS MOBILISED ITS PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES FOR PRODUCTION AND DISSEMINATION OF THE WHITE PAPER ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

COPIES OF THE DOCUMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC WITHIN MINUTES OF ITS INTRODUCTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY THE GOVERNOR ON WEDNESDAY EVENING.

INITIALLY, A TOTAL OF 1.25 MILLION COPIES WILL BE PRINTED TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S PEOPLE ARE MADE FULLY AWARE OF THE DETAILS IN THE DOCUMENT, AND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. FURTHER SUPPLIES OF THE WHITE PAPER WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE SHOULD THERE BE A DEMAND FOR THEM.

THE BRUNT OF THE WORK IN PRODUCING THE HUGE NUMBER OF COPIES FALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER. THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT AT NORTH POINT IS OPERATING ROUND-THE-CLOCK TO ENSURE THAT THIS MASSIVE PRINT ORDER IS FULFILLED.

ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 26 (WEDNESDAY), COPIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL. THESE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 10 PM.

COPIES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AT GIS ON THE 6TH FLOOR, BEAONSFIELD HOUSE. DISTRIBUTION WILL CONTINUE FROM THE FOLLOWING DAY DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

FROM FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 28) ONWARDS, THE NUMBER OF OUTLETS WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY EXPANDED. THESE FURTHER OUTLETS WILL INCLUDE THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S ESTATE OFFICES, POLICE STATIONS AND REPORT CENTRES, POST OFFICES, SUB-OFFICES OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS (IMMIGRATION, LABOUR, SOCIAL WELFARE, RECREATION AND CULTURE, TRANSPORT, TREASURY, URBAN SERVICES) AND GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT ENQUIRY COUNTERS.

ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO OBTAIN MORE THAN FIVE COPIES OF THE WHITE PAPER CAN DO SO FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS STORE, 665 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, DURING OFFICE HOURS.

TELEVISION ANNOUNCEMENTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO ADVISE THE PUBLIC WHERE COPIES CAN BE OBTAINED.

A HOTLINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED TO ADVISE ON DISTRIBUTION OUTLETS. THE NUMBER IS 5-250025.

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PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR DRAFT ACCORD  
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THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE MEDIA TO COVER VARIOUS EVENTS CONCERNED WITH THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG TO BE INITIALLED IN PEKING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1984.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1984

GOVERNOR TO DEPART FOR PEKING

AT 3 PM THE GOVERNOR WILL DEPART FOR PEKING VIA THE RESTRICTED AREA OF THE DEPARTURE HALL AT KAI TAK. A PHOTOCALL POSITION WILL BE ESTABLISHED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE DEPARTURE SHOULD REPORT TO THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE TERMINAL AT 2.10 PM WHERE THEY WILL BE REGISTERED. THEY SHOULD BRING WITH THEM IDENTIFICATION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1984

ASSESSMENT OFFICE MONITOR

AT 3.40 PM ASSESSMENT OFFICE MONITOR SIR PATRICK NAIRNE WILL ARRIVE AT KAI TAK. A PHOTOCALL POSITION WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE ARRIVAL HALL OF THE TERMINAL.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THIS EVENT SHOULD REPORT TO THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE TERMINAL AT 2.50 PM WHERE THEY WILL BE REGISTERED. THEY SHOULD BRING WITH THEM IDENTIFICATION.

GOVERNOR RETURNS FROM PEKING

AT 4.25 PM THE GOVERNOR WILL RETURN FROM PEKING. A PHOTOCALL POSITION WILL BE ESTABLISHED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THIS EVENT ONLY SHOULD REPORT TO THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE TERMINAL AT 3.35 PM WHERE THEY WILL BE REGISTERED. THEY SHOULD BRING WITH THEM IDENTIFICATION.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER BOTH THE ARRIVAL OF SIR PATRICK NAIRNE AND THE ARRIVAL OF THE GOVERNOR WILL BE REQUIRED TO STAY IN THE PHOTOCALL POSITION IN THE RESTRICTED AREA DURING THE INTERVENING PERIOD.

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GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM

AT 5 PM REPORTERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO READ A COPY OF THE WHITE PAPER IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE. THESE REPORTERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE CONFERENCE ROOM NOR MAKE TELEPHONE CALLS UNTIL THE DOCUMENT IS FORMALLY PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THAT EVENING.

TWO TV SETS WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM TO BROADCAST THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION LIVE.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

AT 6.15 PM THERE WILL BE A SWEARING IN CEREMONY, PRESIDED OVER BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY FOR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS. PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE CHAMBER BUT TV ORGANISATIONS CAN FILM THE CEREMONY FROM THE BOOTH IF THEY WISH. GIS WILL ISSUE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SWEARING IN.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BEGINS AT 7 PM. A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS. THESE WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. REGISTRATION BEGINS IMMEDIATELY ON THE ISSUE OF THIS NOTICE.

ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH MEDIA ORGANISATION WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE CHAMBER. EDITORS MUST INFORM THE GIS NEWS DIVISION OF THE NAME OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE SESSION BY 4 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) WHEN THE LIST WILL BE CLOSED. THOSE REPRESENTATIVES ALLOCATED A SEAT MUST COLLECT SPECIAL BADGES FROM THE NEWS ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE ON THEIR WAY TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WITHOUT BADGES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE CHAMBER.

TV CAMERAS, RECORDERS AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE CHAMBER. HOWEVER, RTHK WILL BE BROADCASTING THE PROCEEDINGS LIVE AND TV ORGANISATIONS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE A FEED. ALL OTHER TV AND RADIO ORGANISATIONS WILL BE CONFINED TO THE BOOTHS AT THE BACK OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

TV AND RADIO REPRESENTATIVES WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE GIS NEWS DIVISION BY 4 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY). THEY MUST COLLECT SPECIAL BADGES FROM THE NEWS ROOM ON THEIR WAY TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. REPRESENTATIVES WITHOUT BADGES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED INTO THE BOOTHS.

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THERE WILL BE A TWO-MINUTE PHOTOCALL SESSION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BEFORE THE GOVERNOR ENTERS THE CHAMBER. THIS SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 6.50 PM AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE ESCORTED FROM THE CHAMBER AFTER THE PHOTOCALL. PHOTOGRAPHERS WISHING TO ATTEND THIS PHOTOCALL MUST REGISTER WITH THE GIS NEWS ROOM BY 4 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY). THEY MUST THEN COLLECT THEIR SPECIAL BADGES FROM THE NEWS ROOM ON THEIR WAY TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER. PHOTOGRAPHERS WITHOUT BADGES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE CHAMBER.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLORS FROM CGO

FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION THERE WILL BE A FIXED POSITION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO ALLOW MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE DEPARTURE OF EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS.

SECRETARY OF STATE NEW YORK PRESS CONFERENCE

AT 9.30 PM HK TIME IN NEW YORK THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE. THIS WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY RTHK RADIO. A FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1984

PRESS CONFERENCE BY GOVERNOR

AT 4 PM THE GOVERNOR WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH MEDIA ORGANISATION IS INVITED TO ATTEND. REPORTERS ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER THEIR NAMES AND ORGANISATIONS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE ROOM. THE PRESS CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT 45 MINUTES AND SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION WILL BE PROVIDED. CLEAN SOUND BOXES WILL BE INSTALLED TO ASSIST RADIO REPORTERS. A FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BROADCAST LIVE. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER 10 TV CAMERA POSITIONS ON BOTH SIDES AND AT THE BACK OF THE CONFERENCE ROOM. TV STATIONS WISHING TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE SHOULD INFORM THE NEWS DIVISION OF GIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS THIS TOTAL OF 10 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS CANNOT BE INCREASED.

THERE WILL BE A TWO-MINUTE PHOTOCALL BEFORE THE PRESS CONFERENCE BEGINS. DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE PHOTOGRAPHY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

TV AND RADIO STATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT BEFORE 3.30 PM. REPORTERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE SEATED BY 3.45 PM.

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TIN SHUI WAI SECOND PHASE SET FOR OCTOBER 31  
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THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TIN SHUI WAI CLEARANCE INVOLVING 389 PEOPLE FROM 106 FAMILIES IN PAK SHA TSAI WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON OCTOBER 31, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

REHOUSING AND EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES TOTALLING MORE THAN \$5 MILLION HAVE BEEN ARRANGED, AND THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE VILLAGERS TO TAKE UP THE OFFERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT THEY COULD WIND UP THEIR BUSINESSES AND LEAVE THE AREA EARLY.

HE SAID INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS QUALIFYING FOR LAND GRANTS UNDER THE SMALL HOUSE POLICY HAVE BEEN OFFERED SITES ON CROWN LAND AT SHA CHAU LEI IN YUEN LONG TOGETHER WITH A RENTAL ALLOWANCE TO HELP THEM WITH INTERIM ACCOMMODATION.

THE DECISION WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, MR JOHN CORRIGALL, AT A RECENT MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT; THE PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LEUNG CHEUK-PUI; THE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE OF TIN SHUI WAI, MR LAM YAU-HEE; AND PAK SHA TSAI VILLAGERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID : +IN RESPONSE TO OTHER REQUESTS FOR A RESITE AREA TO REBUILD NEW HOMES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED SITES ON CROWN LAND TO NINE GENUINE FARMERS TO BUILD DOMESTIC STRUCTURES ON ANNUAL LICENSES.

+ALLOCATION OF THE NINE SITES HAS TAKEN PLACE, AND PAYMENT OF AN ALLOWANCE WILL BE MADE TO HELP THE LICENSEES WITH THE BUILDING COSTS.+

HE URGED THE LICENSEES TO START WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

+THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO OFFERED FLATS IN TWO MODERN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AT TUEN MUN -- BUTTERFLY AND WU KING -- TO 31 OTHER FAMILIES.+

+IN ADDITION, 11 ONE OR TWO-PERSON FAMILIES HAVE OPTED FOR CASH ALLOWANCES WHILE 12 ARE FOUND INELIGIBLE FOR REHOUSING EITHER BECAUSE THEY ALREADY HAVE ADEQUATE HOUSING ELSEWHERE OR BECAUSE THEY MOVED INTO THE AREA AFTER THE CLEARANCE WAS ANNOUNCED,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES FOR BUSINESS AND FARM OPERATORS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ITEMISED STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT HAD BEEN ISSUED TO ALL THOSE ELIGIBLE, IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE DETAILS OF PAYMENT OFFERED.

+THE CHEQUES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE VILLAGERS ARE ADVISED TO PICK THEM UP NOW.+

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HE ALSO STRESSED THAT THE CLEARANCE WAS ESSENTIAL AS THE LAND WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR 135 000 PEOPLE.

+ON COMPLETION OF THE CLEARANCE, WORK WILL START ON THE SITE. A MAJOR CULVERT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED FOR DIVERSION OF THE TAI HO RIVER AS PART OF GENERAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REGION, AND A THREE-HECTARE WORK AREA WILL BE FORMED,+ HE ADDED.

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TWO MORE MP'S COMING  
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THE PROGRAMME OF VISITS BY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WILL CONTINUE WITH THE ARRIVAL OF MR MARK LENNOX-BOYD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AND MR JIM LESTER ON WEDNESDAY.

THE TWO CONSERVATIVE MP'S WILL MEET UMELCO, SENIOR OFFICIALS, URBAN COUNCILLORS, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT YAU MA TEI DISTRICT, CHI MA WAN VIETNAMESE REFUGEES CLOSED CENTRE, HOUSING ESTATES AND A GARMENT FACTORY. THEY WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 2. MR LENNOX-BOYD WILL LEAVE HONG KONG THE FOLLOWING DAY, AND MR LESTER ON OCTOBER 4.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MP'S TO MEET PRESS TOMORROW  
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TWO CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MR PETER THOMAS AND MR RICHARD NEEDHAM, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 2.45 PM IN THE AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS' MESS, THIRD FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

THE TWO MP'S ARRIVED AT HONG KONG IN THE MIDDLE OF LAST WEEK.

MR NEEDHAM WILL BE LEAVING TOMORROW EVENING, AND MR THOMAS THE NEXT DAY.

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COUNTDOWN FOR VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD  
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THERE ARE SEVEN DAYS LEFT FOR ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO SIGN UP FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

MR C.M. LEUNG, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, SAID, +THE SIX-WEEK VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD WILL END ON OCTOBER 1.+

+STARTING FROM TODAY (MONDAY), THERE WILL BE A DAILY COUNTDOWN ON TELEVISION AND RADIO TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS DRAWING NEAR,+ HE SAID.

HE CALLED ON ALL WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO MAKE USE OF THE LAST WEEK OF THE REGISTRATION PERIOD TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

+DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BECOME EVEN MORE INFLUENTIAL IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS AFTER THE COMING ELECTIONS. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL INSTITUTION IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THE FUTURE BOARD MEMBERS WILL HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC. I WOULD URGE ALL OF THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE NOT TO GIVE UP THEIR RIGHT AND DUTY AS CITIZENS AND REGISTER IMMEDIATELY,+ HE SAID.

BY SEPTEMBER 21, THERE WERE OVER 1.4 MILLION OF REGISTERED VOTERS, OF WHICH 500 000 WERE NEW NAMES ADDED ONTO THE REGISTER DURING THE CURRENT REGISTRATION PERIOD.

+ANYONE WHO IS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS OR MORE IS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

HE ALSO ADVISED REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAVE CHANGED THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION OFFICER OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

+THIS WILL ENABLE THEM TO VOTE AT A POLLING STATION NEAR THEIR HOME,+ HE SAID.

+REGISTRATION FORMS AND 'CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS' FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, IMMIGRATION OFFICES, PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES AND SOME 400 BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND THE HANG SENG BANK,+ HE ADDED.

PEOPLE WHO ARE UNABLE TO PICK UP REGISTRATION FORMS PERSONALLY CAN DIAL THE HOT LINE, NO. 3-688062, AND ASK FOR THE FORMS TO BE MAILED TO THEM.

THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY REGISTERED NEED NOT SIGN UP AGAIN.

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VITAL ROLE OF COMPUTERS IN HK STRESSED  
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THE USE AND THE MANUFACTURE OF COMPUTERS WERE CRUCIAL TO HONG KONG REMAINING A MAJOR FINANCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND TRADING CENTRE, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR ERIC HO, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 1984 SOUTHEAST ASIA REGIONAL COMPUTER CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL THIS MORNING, MR HO SAID MAJOR COMPUTER INSTALLATIONS HAD BEEN GROWING IN HONG KONG BY AN AVERAGE OF 30 PER CENT OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS - WITH COMPUTER INVESTMENT EXCEEDING \$1 BILLION LAST YEAR, AS AGAINST \$200 MILLION IN 1979.

BESIDES COMMERCIAL APPLICATION, COMPUTERS WERE ALSO AN IMPORTANT PART OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL ECONOMY, HE SAID.

THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, WHICH INCLUDES THE MANUFACTURE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND COMPONENTS, IS THE SECOND MAJOR HONG KONG EXPORT EARNER, AFTER TEXTILES AND GARMENTS, AND PROVIDES JOBS FOR 100 000 PEOPLE.

IT WAS A MAJOR SUPPLIER OF HIGH QUALITY COMPONENTS AND PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE WORLD'S LEADING COMPUTER MANUFACTURERS, MR HO SAID.

+WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THAT MANY OF THEM HAVE CHOSEN TO SET UP THEIR OWN MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS HERE,+ HE ADDED.

MR HO SAID THAT HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL AND BANKING SECTOR, AS A MAJOR USER OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, HAD THE +HIGHEST DENSITY OF AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES IN THE WORLD.+

+OUR EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION SERVICES ARE BACKED BY LARGE AND ADVANCED COMPUTER NETWORKS. WITHIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE, OVER 90 PER CENT OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE USING COMPUTERS, WITH APPLICATIONS RANGING FROM THE PRODUCTION OF A NEW AND MORE SECURE IDENTITY CARD TO THE PREVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION.

+THE NEW UNIFIED HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE, WHICH WILL BE OPENING NEXT YEAR, WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH AN ADVANCED COMPUTER SYSTEM TO HANDLE ALL THEIR TRANSACTIONS.

+IN SHORT, COMPUTERS ARE CRUCIAL TO HONG KONG REMAINING A MAJOR FINANCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND TRADING CENTRE,+ HE SAID.

HONG KONG, MR HO SAID, WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE GROWTH IN SOUTHEAST ASIA'S INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, WHICH HAD BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN INCREASING USE OF COMPUTERS.

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THERE WAS A GROWING DEMAND IN HONG KONG FOR COMPUTER PERSONNEL AT ALL LEVELS. THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC OFFERED DEGREE COURSES IN COMPUTER STUDIES, AND THE POLYTECHNIC ALSO OFFERED HIGHER DIPLOMA COURSES IN COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND SYSTEMS ANALYSIS. AND THE CITY POLYTECHNIC WAS ALREADY OFFERING A PROFESSIONAL COURSE IN COMPUTER STUDIES AND A HIGHER DIPLOMA COURSE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS. COMPUTER COURSES WERE ALSO OFFERED BY OTHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IN HONG KONG, HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, A SCHEME WAS UNDERWAY TO PUT MICRO COMPUTERS INTO EVERY PUBLIC SECTOR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HONG KONG. SO FAR 105 SCHOOLS HAD BEEN EQUIPPED WITH OVER 1 100 MICRO COMPUTERS.

+EVERY EFFORT IS, ACCORDINGLY, BEING MADE BY THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED TO PROVIDE AN ASSURED SUPPLY OF TRAINED PERSONNEL, SO THAT OUR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THIS FIELD WILL NOT BE CONSTRAINED BY A SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED PEOPLE, AT ANY LEVEL,+ MR HO SAID.

MR HO SAID THAT WHILE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY BROUGHT GREAT BENEFITS, THEY ALSO BROUGHT NEW PROBLEMS -- OF EDUCATION, ADAPTATION, AND OF REGULATION OF THE POWER GIVEN BY ACCESS TO EVER LARGER SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

IT WAS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT HUMAN NEED AND DIGNITY AND THE EFFECT ON THE WORK FORCE WERE NOT OVERLOOKED IN THE PURSUIT OF EVER MORE EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS.

THE CONFERENCE, MR HO SAID, PROVIDED A CHANCE FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE ON THESE MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST AND CONCERN, AND FOR BETTER REGIONAL CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA OF TECHNOLOGY.

EARLIER, MR HO HAD EXTENDED THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE'S WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES, AND HIS REGRET THAT HE WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY. THE GOVERNOR HAD ALSO CONGRATULATED THE HONG KONG COMPUTER SOCIETY FOR ORGANISING THE CONFERENCE.

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NEW TITLES FOR PORT ADVISORY BODIES  
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THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP, AS WELL AS THE NAMES OF THE THREE COMMITTEES WHICH ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF THE PORTS OF HONG KONG HAVE BEEN REVISED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF NEW CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE THREE COMMITTEES ARE THE PORT COMMITTEE, THE PORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE CONTAINER PORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THEY HAVE BEEN RENAMED THE PORTS COMMITTEE, THE PORTS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE CONTAINER PORT COMMITTEE RESPECTIVELY, TO REFLECT MORE ACCURATELY THE SCOPE OF THEIR WORK.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PORT COMMITTEE AND PORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WERE SET UP IN THE 1940'S AND THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE LAST EXAMINED AND REVISED IN 1963.

THE CONTAINER PORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE BEGINNING OF 1982 AS A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE PORT COMMITTEE.

ONLY MINOR CHANGES ARE MADE TO THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH ARE STILL RELEVANT BUT THE REORGANISED PORTS COMMITTEE WILL NOW ADVISE THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES AND NOT THE GOVERNOR.

+SINCE 1963 THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE, THE MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH WAS THE APPOINTMENT OF BRANCH SECRETARIES. IT IS ONLY APPROPRIATE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD GIVE ITS ADVICE TO THE RELEVANT POLICY SECRETARY INSTEAD OF THE GOVERNOR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PORTS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, AND ITS NEW TITLE CORRECTLY REFLECTS ITS ADVISORY BUT NON-EXECUTIVE ROLE, HE SAID.

THE CONTAINER PORT COMMITTEE WILL NO LONGER BE INCLUDED IN THE PURVIEW OF THE PORTS COMMITTEE BUT WILL BECOME A COMMITTEE IN ITS OWN RIGHT. ITS NEW NAME ALSO SIGNIFIES THAT IT HAS NO EXECUTIVE FUNCTION, AND IT WILL ADVISE THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES INSTEAD OF THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE.

+THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE THREE COMMITTEES HAS ALSO BEEN UPDATED TO ENSURE THAT ALL RELEVANT INTERESTS ARE FULLY REPRESENTED. ON THE OFFICIAL SIDE, THERE ARE ALSO CHANGES TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION BY THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS ON THE COMMITTEES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE BEING STEPPED UP  
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TWO CARTOON CHARACTERS -- PINK PANTHER AND DING DONG -- WILL JOIN EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF TO URGE RESIDENTS AT YUE WAN ESTATE IN CHAI WAN TO REGISTER AS VOTERS DURING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

A MOBILE REGISTRATION UNIT WILL BE STATIONED AT THE ESTATE FROM 5 PM.

ABOUT 30 EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL ALSO BEGIN A TWO-DAY EXERCISE OF VISITING FAMILIES LIVING IN YUE WAN ESTATE, WHICH HAS AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF OVER 10 000.

AT THE SAME TIME, ANOTHER TEAM OF DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF, TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF A KUNG NGAM AREA COMMITTEE, WILL VISIT ABOUT 1 000 FAMILIES LIVING IN THREE BLOCKS OF FLATS IN MING WAH MANSION IN SHAU KEI WAN.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, WILL JOIN THE TWO TEAMS DURING THE HOUSEHOLD VISITS TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

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INSPECTION TOUR  
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MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL GO ON AN INSPECTION TOUR OF SITES FOR POTENTIAL PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 26) AFTERNOON.

THEY WILL VISIT TSENG TAU CHUNG TSUEN, TIN SUM, HUNG SHIU KIU AND KEI LUN WAI TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF SEVERAL PROJECTS PLANNED FOR THESE AREAS.

MEMBERS WILL LEAVE THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD OFFICE AT FOO YICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN SAN ON CIRCUIT AT 2 PM.

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WAN CHAI DB MEETING TOMORROW  
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COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE POOR RECEPTION OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG CHANNEL PROGRAMMES IN THE WAN CHAI AREA WILL BE DISCUSSED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (SEPTEMBER 25) AFTERNOON.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS A RECENT SURVEY COVERING THE CHARACTERISTICS AND WELFARE NEEDS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE IN WAN CHAI.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

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HELPING TO FORM SOLID SOCIAL STRUCTURE  
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INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEVELOPMENTS IN KWUN TONG WERE NOT ONLY COMPLEMENTARY, BUT ALSO HELPED FORM A SOLID SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, SAID THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER HOSTED BY THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION, HE SAID BY SUPPORTING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND TAKING PART IN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, INDUSTRIALISTS COULD ELECT SOMEONE WHO WOULD LOOK AFTER THEIR INTERESTS AS WELL AS WORKERS' INTERESTS.

+BY EXPRESSING VIEWS ON RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICIES, IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL AREAS AND BUILDINGS, AND UPGRADING LOCAL WORKERS' QUALITY OF LIFE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DB'S PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICTS.+

MR MAK COMMENDED THE ASSOCIATION FOR FULFILLING ITS +SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY+ BY DISTRIBUTING REGISTRATION FORMS TO MORE THEN 100 FACTORIES IN THE DISTRICT.

+THIS IS YET ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BY THE LOCAL INDUSTRIAL SECTOR,+ HE SAID.

TO DATE, KWUN TONG HAS 177 000 REGISTERED VOTERS INCLUDING ABOUT 57 000 WHO SIGNED UP DURING THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

+AS THIS IS THE LAST WEEK OF THE REGISTRATION PERIOD, I URGE ALL THOSE WHO HAVE NOT REGISTERED TO DO SO NOW,+ MR MAK SAID.

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NEW BUILDING FOR LO WU STATION  
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A TERMINAL BUILDING IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED FOR THE LO WU STATION AS PART OF THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME FOR KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

WORK WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PLATFORMS, CANOPIES, SUBWAY, PAVING, ROADS, TRACK FORMATION, LANDSCAPING AND OVERHEAD MASTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE LIMITED FINISHING WORKS TO THE SHENZHEN RIVER FOOTBRIDGE AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AND THE ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY.

THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING CONTRACTORS TO APPLY FOR INCLUSION INTO THE LIST OF PRE-QUALIFIED TENDERERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO THREE FORMAL SUB-CONTRACTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, BAGGAGE HANDLING EQUIPMENT AND A CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM - ALL WITHIN THE TIME NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS DUE TO START NEXT APRIL AND TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE WITH THE TERMINAL BUILDING BEING OPERATIONAL BY EARLY 1987.

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OUTDOOR CAMPS FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL STUDENTS  
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EIGHT CAMP SITES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL SCHOOLS TO ORGANISE EDUCATION CAMPS ON WEEKDAYS FOR THEIR STUDENTS FROM NOW UNTIL JANUARY, 1985.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE CAMPS IS TO PROVIDE SPECIAL SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH EXPERIENCE OF LIVING IN A NATURAL OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT.

ALL CAMPS ARE OF THREE DAYS' DURATION, AND WILL BE CONDUCTED EITHER FROM MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY OR FROM WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY.

NO FEES WILL BE CHARGED AS THE PROJECT IS FULLY FINANCED BY THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND.

/+NO STUDENTS .....

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+NO STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND ANY CAMP WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THEIR PARENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH SCHOOL IS 40.

THE EIGHT CAMP SITES ARE : GAUDETE HOUSE ON CHEUNG CHAU, WU KWAI SHA, SILVERMINE BAY CAMP, YWCA CAMP, PAK TAM CHUNG CAMP, MA WAN CAMP, SUEN DOUH CAMP AND PHAB CENTRE.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMPS SHOULD COMPLETE AND RETURN THE APPLICATION FORMS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6/F, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-884111, EXT 278.

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TRAFFIC CHANGE FOR TRAM TRACK WORK  
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NEW TRAFFIC PLANS WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT FOR ABOUT TEN WEEKS IN KENNEDY TOWN FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 26) TO ALLOW TRAM TRACK WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT AT DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- \* AN 80-METRE SECTION OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ONE LANE FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.
- \* NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM QUEEN'S ROAD WEST INTO DES VOEUX ROAD WEST EASTBOUND.
- \* DES VOEUX ROAD WEST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 140 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY WITHIN WHICH NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES MAY STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.
- \* THE TRAM STOP ON WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST NEAR QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL BE RELOCATED ABOUT 40 METRES WESTWARDS.

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TAPS OFF ON THURSDAY

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS IN SAI KUNG, RENNIES MILL, WAN CHAI AND KOWLOON CITY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 27).

IN SAI KUNG AND RENNIES MILL, THE SUPPLY WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON THURSDAY FOR MAINS WORK IN SAU MAU PING.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT VILLAGES AND PREMISES ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, SILVER STRAND AND HIRAM'S HIGHWAY. HANG HAU TOWN, SHAW'S STUDIO BAY SIDE, RENNIES MILL, MA YAU TONG, LAM TIN ESTATE AND ANDERSON ROAD TEMPORARY SQUARE QUARTERING WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

IN WAN CHAI AND KOWLOON CITY, THE SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IN WAN CHAI IS BOUNDED BY O'BRIEN ROAD, HENNESSY ROAD, ARSENAL STREET AND GLOUCESTER ROAD, INCLUDING THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

IN KOWLOON CITY, THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY JUNCTION ROAD, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, PUI MAN STREET, TUNG TSING ROAD, TUNG LUNG ROAD AND TUNG WOR ROAD, INCLUDING POK OI VILLAGE, PUI MAN VILLAGE, BLOCK 5 OF TUNG TAU ESTATE, AND MEI PO HOUSE AND MEI TUNG HOUSE OF MEI TUNG ESTATE.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 86.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 506.144 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 566.096 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 96.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER MAINS WORK  
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE LAYING OF ABOUT 4 900 METRES FRESH WATER MAINS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS BETWEEN PAK SHEK AU TO FAN KAM ROAD.

THESE WATER MAINS, WITH DIAMETERS OF 600 AND 150 MILLIMETRES, FORM PART OF THE FRESH WATER PRINCIPAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM BETWEEN SAN TIN SAN WAI AND KWU TUNG.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

CLEARLY MARKED TENDERS MUST BE SENT IN BY NOON ON OCTOBER 12.

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