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RIGHT ATMOSPHERE FOR ARBITRATION HERE, SIR JACK SAYS

HONG KONG HAS THE RIGHT ATMOSPHERE AND THE NECESSARY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR A FLOURISHING INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION ORGANISED BY THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS, SIR JACK SAID THAT ARBITRATION, AS A METHOD OF RESOLVING DISPUTES, WAS A MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE.

+AS THE MAJOR FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL CENTRE OF ASIA,+ SIR JACK SAID, +HONG KONG HAS OUTSTANDINGLY THE COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES NECESSARY TO AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE: IT IS INDEED THE CROSS-ROADS OF ASIA.+

IN THE FIELD OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, SIR JACK SAID HONG KONG OFFERED THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY +A SOPHISTICATED AND COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE WHICH IS MORE THAN EQUAL TO ITS EVER DEVELOPING NEEDS+.

SIR JACK SAID THE RANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG INCLUDED TELEX, BUREAUFAX, INTERNATIONAL DATABASE ACCESS SERVICE AND DATA SWITCH, IN ADDITION TO TELEPHONIC INTERNATIONAL DIRECT DIALLING TO OVER 80 COUNTRIES.

AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS +DEDICATED TO A POLICY OF FREE TRADE, DEDICATED TO A PHILOSOPHY OF HAVING AS FREE AN ECONOMY AS POSSIBLE+, SIR JACK ADDED.

SIR JACK POINTED OUT THAT ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS PROVIDED A VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE SEARCH FOR EVER MORE EFFICIENT WAYS OF RESOLVING INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE DISPUTES.

THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION IS AT PRESENT UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION BY THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION OF HONG KONG, HE SAID.

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OPPORTUNITY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE
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THE IMPORTANT FEATURE OF ANY PUBLIC ORGANISATION IS ITS CAPACITY TO SATISFY THE PEOPLE IT DEALS WITH, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, SAID AT THE OPENING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE CAREERS EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TODAY (THURSDAY).

+THE WELL-BEING OF THE ORGANISATION IS NOT AN END IN ITSELF — IT IS A MEANS TO THE END OF A BETTER COMMUNITY LIFE,+ MR BRAY SAID.

MR BRAY SAID ONE OF THE GREATEST ATTRACTIONS ABOUT THE CIVIL SERVICE WAS THE VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITY IT OFFERED.

+THIS VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITY CONTINUES THROUGHOUT YOUR CAREER,+ HE TOLD THE STUDENTS.

MR BRAY ALSO TOLD THE STUDENTS THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT CHOOSING A JOB IS THAT IT SHOULD BE SOMETHING THEY ENJOY.

+YOU WILL BE DOING IT FOR A LONG TIME. ANY JOB HAS ITS UPS AND DOWNS BUT DO GO FOR SOMETHING YOU WILL LIKE DOING,+ HE SAID.

HE ASKED THE STUDENTS TO CONSIDER JOINING THE CIVIL SERVICE +IF YOU THINK THAT WORKING WITH PEOPLE IS MORE FUN THAN WORKING WITH THINGS= IF YOU WANT TO PLAY A PART IN SHAPING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES= IF YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THE ORGANISATION WHICH PRESIDES OVER ONE OF THE MOST VIGOROUS AND CARING CITIES IN THE WORLD+.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN, WHO SAID THAT DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS ALONE, ABOUT 170 GRADUATES OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY HAD JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE.

+THE UNIVERSITY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT ITS GRADUATES MAKE A MEANINGFUL AND RELEVANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE OF THIS CITY,+ MISS DUNN SAID.

+IN PART THIS MEANS ENSURING THAT GRADUATES ARE AWARE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND THE PROFESSIONS AND IN THE CIVIL SERVICE,+ SHE SAID.

A TOTAL OF 18 DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE TAKING PART IN THE TWO-DAY EXHIBITION WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND THE UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS SERVICE.

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PUBLIC URGED NOT TO WASTE WATER
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THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WILLIAM TUCKER, TODAY APPEALED TO PEOPLE NOT TO STORE MORE WATER THAN NECESSARY, SO AS TO AVOID WASTE.

THE APPEAL CAME HOURS BEFORE THE START OF THE FIRST PHASE OF WATER RESTRICTIONS WHICH WILL COME INTO FORCE AT 10 O'CLOCK TONIGHT.

MR TUCKER SAID THAT EXPERIENCE SHOWED THAT PEOPLE TEND TO STORE WATER IN BUCKETS OR BATHS DURING WATER RESTRICTIONS AND TO POUR OR LET IT OUT THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

+THERE IS ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE IN GENUINE NEED OF STORING MUCH WATER BECAUSE THEY WORK LATE AND START WORK EARLY.

+IF CONSUMERS FIND IT NECESSARY TO STORE WATER, ONLY ENOUGH SHOULD BE STORED FOR OVERNIGHT NEEDS AS SUPPLIES WILL RESUME EARLY IN THE MORNING,+ HE SAID.

MR TUCKER AGAIN REMINDED CONSUMERS THAT IT WAS ADVISABLE TO BOIL ALL DRINKING WATER, PARTICULARLY WATER STORED IN CONTAINERS SUCH AS TANKS, BUCKETS OR BINS.

+ALTHOUGH THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS TAKING EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE THE PURITY OF MAINS SUPPLY, THERE IS ALWAYS A SLIGHT RISK OF CONTAMINATION AT TIMES WHEN SUPPLY IS CUT OFF,+ HE ADDED.

MR TUCKER DID NOT EXPECT ANY MAJOR OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS IN THE SWITCHING ON AND OFF OF SUPPLIES.

+HOWEVER,+ HE SAID, +ANYONE WHO EXPERIENCES ANY DIFFICULTY OR HAS ANY QUERY SHOULD CALL 5-8915223 IF HE LIVES ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND 3-913433 FOR KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH ARE MANNED DURING SUPPLY HOURS -- FROM 6 AM TO 10 PM.

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RESIGNATION CONFIRMED
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED TODAY THAT MR UISDEIN MCINNES, COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES, HAS RESIGNED FOR PERSONAL REASONS. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AT AN APPROPRIATE SENIOR LEVEL.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE HAS IN MIND SECONDING MR ROBERT FELL, THEIR PRESENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE USUAL RECRUITING PROCESS FOR A SUBSTANTIVE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES IS IN TRAIN.

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AUGUST MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS

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THE MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR AUGUST ARE PUBLISHED TODAY.

THEY SHOW A RISE IN AUGUST IN THE MONEY SUPPLY (ON ALL DEFINITIONS) AND ALSO IN TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG, WHICH OFFSET FALLS RECORDED IN JULY.

THERE WAS A FLOW OF FUNDS INTO THE HONG KONG MONETARY SECTOR DURING THE MONTH, WHICH ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE RISE IN THE MONEY SUPPLY.

NEVERTHELESS THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED SLOWING DOWN IN THE RATE AT WHICH THE MONEY SUPPLY HAS BEEN GROWING: THE AUGUST STATISTICS SHOW THAT IN THE LATEST THREE MONTHS, BOTH M3 (OLD SERIES) AND HK\$M3 (NEW SERIES) ROSE APPRECIABLY LESS THAN IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

TABLE ONE SETS OUT THE DETAILED FIGURES FOR AUGUST, FROM THE ORIGINAL SERIES OF MONEY AND BANKING FIGURES, AND PROVIDES COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS MONTHS.

TABLE TWO SETS OUT SOME SELECTED FIGURES FROM THE NEW SERIES OF MONETARY STATISTICS NOW BEING COLLECTED UNDER THE MONETARY STATISTICS ORDINANCE 1980. THE NEW SERIES IS PUBLISHED EACH MONTH FROM NOW ON AND WILL REPLACE THE ORIGINAL SERIES FROM JANUARY 1982.

ALSO ATTACHED IS A NOTE OF THE DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF THE MONEY SUPPLY.

MONEY SUPPLY - ORIGINAL SERIES

THE MONEY SUPPLY ON THE NARROWEST DEFINITIONS, M1, ROSE 1.7 PER CENT IN AUGUST, AFTER A FALL OF 1.8 PER CENT IN JULY. M2 ROSE BY 1.5 PER CENT IN AUGUST, FOLLOWING A FALL OF 1.4 PER CENT IN JULY.

M3 ROSE BY 3.3 PER CENT IN AUGUST, AFTER FALLING BY 3.3 PER CENT IN JULY. THE AUGUST INCREASE REFLECTED A 6.8 PER CENT RISE IN DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS M1 FELL BY 4.1 PER CENT WHILE M2 ROSE BY 4.3 PER CENT, AFTER THEIR RESPECTIVE INCREASES OF 5.1 PER CENT AND 2.4 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS M3 ROSE BY 5.9 PER CENT, DOWN FROM AN INCREASE OF 7.7 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

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MONEY SUPPLY - NEW SERIES

THE MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS IN THE NEW SERIES ROSE IN AUGUST, WITH M3 - TOTAL UP BY 3.3 PER CENT AND HK\$M3 UP BY 2.7 PER CENT. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS M3 - TOTAL ROSE BY 5.6 PER CENT, WHILE HK\$M3 ROSE BY 2.5 PER CENT; THESE ARE SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCREASES OF 7.8 PER CENT AND 5.9 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR (THE LONGEST PERIOD FOR WHICH THE SERIES IS AVAILABLE) HK\$M3 HAS RISEN BY 15.6 PER CENT, EQUIVALENT TO AN ANNUAL RATE OF SOME 23 PER CENT, WHILE HK\$M1 HAS FALLEN BY 0.7 PER CENT.

LOANS IN HONG KONG - ORIGINAL SERIES

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 3.4 PER CENT IN AUGUST, AFTER A FALL OF 0.6 PER CENT IN JULY. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 7.2 PER CENT, DOWN FROM AN INCREASE OF 11.2 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

BANKS LOANS IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 2.5 PER CENT IN AUGUST, AFTER A FALL OF 1.3 PER CENT IN JULY. LOANS IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING ROSE BY 6 PER CENT, AFTER RISING BY 1.3 PER CENT IN JULY. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS BANK LOANS IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 4.6 PER CENT AND LOANS IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BY 15.3 PER CENT, DOWN FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE INCREASES OF 9.8 PER CENT AND 16 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

UNLIKE THE NEW SERIES THESE FIGURES DO NOT IDENTIFY THE PLACE WHERE THE LOANS ARE TO BE USED, BECAUSE A BORROWER IN HONG KONG MAY VERY WELL BORROW IN HONG KONG FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG - NEW SERIES

LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE IN AUGUST BY 5.1 PER CENT, AFTER A FALL OF 1.9 PER CENT IN JULY. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 10.8 PER CENT - SINCE DECEMBER 1980 THEY HAVE RISEN BY 29.9 PER CENT, EQUIVALENT TO AN ANNUAL RATE OF SOME 45 PER CENT.

FOREIGN ASSETS

THE NET IDENTIFIABLE FOREIGN ASSETS OF ALL BANKS INCREASED IN AUGUST BY \$996 MN. AND THOSE OF DTCS BY \$774 MN, INDICATING A NET INFLOW OF FUNDS INTO THE HONG KONG MONETARY SECTOR OF \$1 770 MN, AFTER A NET OUTFLOW OF \$2 262 MN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS THE NET INFLOW OF FUNDS INTO HONG KONG AMOUNTED TO \$1 260 MN, COMPARED WITH A NET INFLOW OF \$81 MN IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

BALANCE SHEET RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL BANKS IN HONG KONG ROSE IN AUGUST TO 50.1 PER CENT FROM 49.8 PER CENT IN JULY, THOUGH THE LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO ROSE TO 120 PER CENT AT THE END OF AUGUST FROM 118.6 PER CENT AT THE END OF JULY.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE TO 44.6 PER CENT IN AUGUST FROM 44.4 PER CENT IN JULY, BUT THE LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO AT THE END OF AUGUST FELL TO 69.7 PER CENT FROM 70.3 PER CENT AT THE END OF JULY, REFLECTING THE INCREASE IN DEPOSITS WITH DTCS DURING THE MONTH.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING BANKS REMAINED UNCHANGED IN AUGUST AT 115. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY ONE DURING THE MONTH TO 348.

TABLE 1

MONEY AND BANKING FIGURES - END OF AUGUST 1981 (HK\$ MILLION)

	AUGUST 1981	FIGURES FOR EARLIER MONTHS (% CHANGE)		
		JULY 1981	MAY 1981	AUGUST 1980
M1	23 820	23 418 (+1.7%)	24 829 (-4.1%)	24 074 (-1.1%)
M2	108 134	106 552 (+1.5%)	103 672 (+4.3%)	93 004 (+16.3%)
M3	168 432	163 025 (+3.3%)	159 116 (+5.9%)	124 207 (+35.6%)
<u>BANKS</u>				
DEPOSITS	98 926	97 624 (+1.3%)	94 907 (+4.2%)	85 016 (+16.4%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	118 665	115 779 (+2.5%)	113 457 (+4.6%)	76 764 (+54.6%)
LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO	120.0%	118.6%	119.5%	90.3%
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO	50.1%	49.8%	49.4%	48.6%

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DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES

DEPOSITS	60 298	56 473 (+6.8%)	55 444 (+8.8%)	31 203 (+93.2%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	42 043	39 676 (+6.0%)	36 475 (+15.3%)	24 784 (+69.6%)
LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO	69.7%	70.3%	65.8%	79.4%
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO	44.6%	44.4%	45.9%	46.4%
<u>BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES</u>				

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCE IN HONG KONG	160 708	155 455 (+3.4%)	149 932 (+7.2%)	101 548 (+58.3%)
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MONETARY STATISTICS - NEW SERIES : END OF AUGUST 1981 (HK\$ MILLION)

<u>MONEY SUPPLY</u>	FIGURES FOR EARLIER MONTHS (% CHANGE)		
	<u>AUGUST 1981</u>	<u>JULY 1981</u>	<u>MAY 1981</u>
M1 - TOTAL	23 968	23 596 (+1.6%)	24 910 (-3.8%)
HK\$	22 905	22 702 (+0.9%)	23 932 (-4.3%)
M2 - TOTAL	106 566	105 003 (+1.5%)	102 474 (+4.0%)
HK\$	90 333	89 706 (+0.7%)	89 047 (+1.4%)
M3 - TOTAL	166 551	161 264 (+3.3%)	157 691 (+5.6%)
HK\$	139 151	135 515 (+2.7%)	135 700 (+2.5%)

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BANKS' BALANCE SHEETS

DEPOSITS	95 759	94 485 (+1.3%)	92 291 (+3.8%)
NEGOTIABLE CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT OUTSTANDING	3 338	3 192 (+4.6%)	2 724 (+22.5%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES:			
FOR USE IN HONG KONG	89 561	87 090 (+2.8%)	85 254 (+5.1%)
FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG	28 308	26 924 (+5.1%)	26 916 (+5.2%)

DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES'
BALANCE SHEETS

DEPOSITS	59 426	55 767 (+6.6%)	54 824 (+8.4%)
NEGOTIABLE CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT OUTSTANDING	980	823 (+19.1%)	715 (+37.1%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES :			
FOR USE IN HONG KONG	35 852	32 273 (+11.1%)	27 920 (+28.4%)
FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG	28 546	28 558 (-0.04%)	27 089 (+5.4%)

DEFINITIONS OF THE MONEY SUPPLY

ORIGINAL SERIES

- M1 NOTES AND COINS WITH THE PUBLIC, PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, WITH LICENSED BANKS.
- M2 M1 PLUS SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DTCS, WITH LICENSED BANKS.
- M3 M2 PLUS DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DTCS, WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

/New Series

NEW SERIES

- M1 - TOTAL NOTES AND COINS WITH THE PUBLIC, PLUS CUSTOMERS' DEMAND DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS.
- M2 - TOTAL M1 PLUS CUSTOMERS' SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS, PLUS NEGOTIABLE CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT ISSUED BY LICENSED BANKS AND HELD OUTSIDE THE MONETARY SECTOR.
- M3 - TOTAL M2 PLUS CUSTOMERS' DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES PLUS NEGOTIABLE CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT ISSUED BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND HELD OUTSIDE THE MONETARY SECTOR.
- HK\$M1 } NOTES AND COINS PLUS THE HONG KONG DOLLAR -
- HK\$M2 } DENOMINATED ELEMENT OF THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES
- HK\$M3 } OF DEPOSIT AND NEGOTIABLE CD AS APPROPRIATE.

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CONTRACT FOR MACHINERY
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THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE TODAY AWARDED A \$9-MILLION CONTRACT TO SWIRE ENGINEERING LTD. FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MACHINERY FOR THE CENTRAL SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT.

THE PLANT, FORMING PART OF THE CENTRAL SEWERAGE DEVELOPMENT, IS DESIGNED TO SERVE ABOUT 300 000 PEOPLE IN THE CENTRAL AND SAI YING PUN AREAS.

THE SEWAGE WILL BE CONVEYED TO THE SCREENING PLANT, WHERE THE MACHINERY WILL REMOVE GRIT, RAGS, DEBRIS AND ORGANIC MATTERS BEFORE THE SEWAGE IS DISCHARGED TO THE SEA THROUGH A SUBMARINE OUTFALL.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MID-1983.

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HK GALA EVENING IN LONDON

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NEARLY 1 000 GUESTS, INCLUDING HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND THE HON ANGUS OGILVY, ATTENDED THE +HONG KONG GALA EVENING+ AT THE BARBICAN CENTRE IN LONDON ON TUESDAY NIGHT (OCTOBER 6).

THE PRESENTATION IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE BARBICAN CENTRE, THE CITY'S NEW HOME FOR THE LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY, WAS THE CLIMAX OF THE TWO-DAY HONG KONG PROMOTION ON OCTOBER 5 AND 6.

DURING THE HOUR-LONG PRESENTATION, THE AUDIENCE SAW PERFORMANCES BY TRADITIONAL CHINESE DANCERS AND MUSICIANS, AN AUDIO-VISUAL SHOW TELLING HOW HONG KONG HAS TRANSFORMED INTO A DYNAMIC AND PROSPEROUS CITY, AND A +HONG KONG STYLE+ SHOW DISPLAYING HONG KONG FASHIONS USING MODELS FROM HONG KONG, NEW YORK, PARIS AND LONDON.

THE SENIOR BRITISH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE GALA WAS THE RECENTLY-APPOINTED DEPUTY FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR HUMPHREY ATKINS, THE CABINET MINISTER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS.

LEADING FIGURES FROM HONG KONG AT THE PRESENTATION INCLUDED THE CHIEF SECRETARY-DESIGNATE, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, SIR Y.K. KAN AND THE POLICE COMMISSIONER, MR ROY HENRY.

THE OCCASION WAS HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR DAVID FORD, AND MRS FORD.

BEFORE THE PRESENTATION, HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA MET LEADERS OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN, A GROUP OF HONG KONG STUDENTS, MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION, MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE ASSOCIATION AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG PRESS IN UK.

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TEACHERS PRODUCE OWN VISUAL AIDS
AT MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAW HOW TEACHERS PRODUCE THEIR OWN AUDIO-VISUAL TEACHING AIDS FOR USE IN THE CLASSROOMS.

IN A VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT (MPSU) IN CANTON ROAD THIS AFTERNOON, MR HAYE WATCHED THE TEACHERS PRODUCE SUCH TEACHING TOOLS AS PHOTOGRAPHS, SLIDES, GRAPHIC DRAWINGS, MODELS, OVERHEAD TRANSPARENCIES, CHARTS, DIAGRAMS AND CASSETTE TAPE RECORDINGS.

THE MPSU OF THE VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, IS LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 182 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

WITH A FLOOR AREA OF 470 SQUARE METRES, THE UNIT CONSISTS OF A SPECIAL WORKSHOP, A WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS AND A LECTURE THEATRE IN ADDITION TO OFFICE SPACE.

THE AIM OF THE UNIT IS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES TO HELP TEACHERS LEARN THE TECHNIQUES FOR THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL MEDIA IN TEACHING AND LEARNING.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR USE IN THE UNIT COVER THE AREAS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC, REPROGRAPHIC, SCREEN PRINTING, GRAPHIC, PICTURE PRESERVATION, BOOKLET BINDING, MODEL MAKING AND AUDIO RECORDING.

ALL TEACHERS ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES IN THE UNIT'S WORKSHOPS TO PRODUCE TEACHING AIDS FOR THE CLASSROOMS.

NO FEE IS CHARGED FOR USE OF THE EQUIPMENT IN THE WORKSHOP, AND TEACHERS MAY BRING THEIR OWN MATERIAL TO PRODUCE THEIR AIDS, OR MAY USE THE MATERIAL AVAILABLE IN THE WORKSHOPS AT COST PRICE ONLY.

THE UNIT ALSO ORGANISES COURSES AND SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS ON THE EFFECTIVE USE OF MEDIA AND PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES.

BECAUSE OF DEMAND, THE UNIT HAS BEEN OPENED ON THREE DAYS A WEEK SINCE OCTOBER 1, INSTEAD OF TWO DAYS.

THE OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 4.30 PM ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAYS.

PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO OPEN THE UNIT ON FIVE DAYS A WEEK FROM OCTOBER NEXT YEAR, AND ON SEVEN DAYS A WEEK BY MAY 1983.

SINCE THE UNIT WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED IN JANUARY 1979, MORE THAN 7 000 TEACHERS HAVE MADE USE OF THE FACILITIES OF THE UNIT, OR AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 30 EACH OPENING DAY.

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TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

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TWO UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, MR WONG LAM AND MR HO KAM-FAI WILL BE LEAVING HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 10) FOR THE 27TH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE IN SUVA, FIJI.

THIS PLENARY CONFERENCE OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD FROM OCTOBER 19 TO 23, AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 250 PARLIAMENTARIANS INCLUDING SPEAKERS AND MINISTERS FROM COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF FIJI, RATO SIR GEORGE CAKOBAU, AND ITS PROCEEDINGS WILL BE GUIDED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CPA THIS YEAR, THE HON M. QIONIBARAVI, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF FIJI.

AMONG THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AT PLENARY SESSIONS ARE ASPECTS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM, ROLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH, POLLUTION CONTROL, AND COMMODITY PRICES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSION AT MORE INFORMAL PANEL SESSIONS.

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NEW SUPPLY OF MACLENNAN INQUIRY REPORT ON SALE

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MORE COPIES OF THE FULL VERSION IN ENGLISH OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO INSPECTOR MACLENNAN'S CASE HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND ARE NOW ON SALE.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE REPRINTING OF 500 COPIES, IN ENGLISH, WAS UNDERTAKEN TO SATISFY PUBLIC DEMAND.

COPIES OF THE FULL REPORT, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE AT \$50 EACH, AND THE SUMMARY (ALSO IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE), AT \$6 EACH, MAY BE BOUGHT AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, G/F., CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS WALK

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MORE THAN 1 000 PEOPLE FROM ABOUT 300 FAMILIES WILL TAKE PART IN A +FAMILY WALK SCHEME+ TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 11) AT SHING MUN RESERVOIR.

THE SCHEME FORMS PART OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS' PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMME FOR THIS YEAR AND IS ORGANISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME ARE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AND TO PROMOTE HEALTHY OUTDOOR PURSUITS AMONG FAMILIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

+IT IS OUR GOAL TO OFFER THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE, HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES TO DRUG ABUSE,+ HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE RESPONSE OF THE SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS MOST ENCOURAGING THAT APPLICATIONS WERE STILL BEING RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.

HOWEVER, HE EXPLAINED THAT THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS HAD TO BE LIMITED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS.

THE WALK COVERS SIX ROUTES, INCLUDING VARIOUS COUNTRY PARK AREAS IN SHING MUN, TAI LAM, PAT SIN RANGE, LUK KENG AND SAI KUNG, AN EXCITING FOREST TRAIL IN TAI LAM AND HO PUI, AS WELL AS A VISIT TO CHEUNG SHEUNG PLATEAU IN SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK.

SUNDAY'S OUTING WILL BE THE FIRST WALK OF THE SCHEME, AND FIVE OTHERS WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 25, NOVEMBER 8 AND 29, DECEMBER 13 AND 27, ALL SUNDAYS.

PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE AS MANY ROUTES AS POSSIBLE. FAMILIES COMPLETING ALL SIX ROUTES WILL BE GIVEN PRIZES WHILE THOSE COMPLETING FIVE ROUTES WILL RECEIVE SOUVENIRS.

EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS WILL LOOK AFTER PARTICIPANTS ALONG ALL ROUTES. IN ADDITION, STAFF FROM THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES AS WELL AS CIVIL AID SERVICE WILL BE DEPLOYED FOR FIRST AID COVERAGE AND CROWD CONTROL PURPOSE.

TO START OFF THE SCHEME, A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM ON SUNDAY AT LUI MING CHOI LUTHERAN COLLEGE IN CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE, WHICH WILL BE THE STARTING POINT OF THE WALK.

MR KARL STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF ACAN WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY, TOGETHER WITH MR C.M. LEUNG, ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS- MR DICKEN YUNG, PRINCIPAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER- DR ANDREW CHIU, PRESIDENT OF LUTHERAN CHURCH- AND MR LEE WING-CHING, PRINCIPAL OF LUI MING CHOI LUTHERAN COLLEGE.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS MUSICAL DRAMA

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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL JOINTLY PRESENT A SERIES OF MUSICAL DRAMA PERFORMANCES TO BRING THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE TO THE HEART OF THE PUBLIC.

ENTITLED +REVIVAL+, THE EDUCATIONAL-CUM-ENTERTAINING MUSICAL DRAMA IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND ORGANISED BY ACAN. IT ALSO FORMS PART OF ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMME FOR THIS YEAR.

BASED ON A CASE-HISTORY, THE DRAMA FEATURES THE AGONIES OF A DRUG ADDICT, THE PRESSING TENSION OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH DRUG PUSHERS AND THE DISRUPTED FAMILY RELATIONSHIP.

IT ALSO SHOWS THAT WITH THE SUPPORT OF FAMILY MEMBERS, THE HELP OF THE SOCIAL WORKER AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, THE ADDICT CAN RID HIMSELF OF ADDICTION AND LEAD A NEW LIFE.

THE DRAMA HAS 16 SONG INSERTS, ALL POPULAR MELODIES WITH RE-WRITTEN LYRICS TO PROVIDE AN +ENTERTAINMENT+ ELEMENT.

A THEME SONG WAS ALSO COMPOSED FOR THE DRAMA.

THE PREMIERE SHOW WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 16 (FRIDAY) AT 8 PM IN TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND POP SINGER ROMAN TAM WILL BE ON STAGE TO SING THE THEME SONG AS GUEST PERFORMER.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE PREMIERE WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE BOOKING OFFICE OF TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 10) AT 2 PM.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE

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THE SECTION OF EDINBURGH PLACE EAST OF THE STAR FERRY TAXI STAND AND ITS JUNCTION WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 2 AM TO 6 AM TOMORROW AND ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 9 AND 10) TO FACILITATE SEISMIC SURVEY WORK.

THE WESTERN PART OF THE EDINBURGH PLACE SECTION WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A TWO-WAY CUL-DE-SAC DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD.

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RECREATIONAL PLANS FOR TAI PO
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MANY NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ARE BEING PLANNED FOR TAI PO NEW TOWN, WHICH WILL HAVE A POPULATION OF 210 000 BY THE END OF THE DECADE.

AT THE THIRD MEETING OF TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD RECENTLY, A PLAN TO PROVIDE OUTDOOR AND INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WAS OUTLINED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

A SWIMMING POOL BEHIND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE READY BY 1984, WHILE A FULL SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL OPEN IN 1986 ON THE RECLAMATION AREA NEAR TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

TOWN RESIDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO COUNTRY TRAILS VIA A RURAL FOOTPATH SYSTEM WHICH WILL LINK THE DEVELOPMENT AREAS WITH THE SURROUNDING SCENIC COUNTRYSIDE. THE PATHS AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN STAGES.

EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING CYCLE TRACK TO BRIDE'S POOL IS BEING CONSIDERED. AT PRESENT THE TRACK STARTS AT TING KOK ROAD, BUT ENDS AT TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, A DISTANCE OF ONLY TWO MILES.

AS FOR INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1983.

THE CENTRE WILL INCLUDE BADMINTON COURTS, CHANGING ROOMS, STAGE FACILITIES AND SEATING FOR 500 SPECTATORS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID AS MOST OF THE PLANNED OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WOULD NOT BE READY UNTIL AFTER 1985, IT HAD BEEN ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD TO EXPLORE WAYS OF DEVELOPING TEMPORARY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEED OF THE GROWING POPULATION.

TO THIS EFFECT, TWO TEMPORARY SOCCER PITCHES BEING BUILT IN THE TOWN SQUARE AREA ARE NEAR COMPLETION AND WILL BE IN USE FOR ABOUT FOUR YEARS.

EXISTING OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN TAI PO INCLUDE THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND, TAI MEI TUK WATERSPORTS CENTRE, PLOVER COVE TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND, TAI PO KAU PARK, TAI PO KAU REST GARDEN, TAI PO TOWN SQUARE AND THE CONTOUR PARK.

THE SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL REGULARLY REVIEW PROGRESS BEING MADE AT PROVIDING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND THE EXTENT EXISTING FACILITIES ARE BEING USED.

FOR 1981/82, THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED APPROXIMATELY \$500 000 FOR RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL PROJECTS.

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