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HONG KONG'S SHIPPING ROLE RECOGNISED

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A STUDY IS BEING UNDERTAKEN TO SEE WHAT ACTIVITIES AT THE CONTAINER TERMINAL CAN BE MOVED AWAY FROM THE WATERFRONT TO BACK-UP FACILITIES ELSEWHERE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE SAID TODAY.

THIS IS TO ENABLE THE TERMINAL'S THROUGHPUT CAPACITY TO BE INCREASED TO COPE WITH THE FUTURE GROWTH OF OUR TRADE, HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE EXPOSHIP FAR EAST 80 EXHIBITION AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL, SIR PHILIP SAID THE CONTAINER TERMINAL HANDLED ITS FIRST SHIP JUST OVER EIGHT YEARS AGO AND NOW, IN TERMS OF THROUGHPUT, IT IS THE THIRD LARGEST IN THE WORLD, AFTER NEW YORK AND ROTTERDAM.

HE SAID HONG KONG'S ABILITY TO PROCESS SHIPPING AND CARGO EXPEDITIOUSLY AND COST-CONSCIOUSLY WAS PROVEN: DURING 1979 ALMOST 20 000 OCEAN-GOING SHIPS CLEARED THE PORT: ON AVERAGE, CONVENTIONAL SHIPS WORK CARGO AT BUOYS FOR 2.8 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTING AND THE AVERAGE TURNROUND PERIOD AT THE CONTAINER TERMINAL IS ONLY 21 HOURS.

+BUT, AS SHIPS BECOME MORE EXPENSIVE TO BUILD AND TO OPERATE, THE TIME THEY HAVE TO SPEND IN PORT WORKING CARGO MUST BE FURTHER REDUCED IF INCREASES IN FREIGHT RATES ARE TO BE CONTAINED IN THE INTERESTS OF OUR EXTERNAL COMPETITIVENESS AND IF THE FUTURE OF THE ENTREPOT ROLE OF THIS PORT IS TO BE ENSURED,+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG EMERGED AS AN ENTREPOT FOR THE REGION IN THE 1960'S AND RE-EMERGED AS AN ENTREPOT FOR THE CHINA TRADE IN THE 1970'S.

+THE VALUE OF OUR VISIBLE TRADING TRANSACTIONS IS NOW ABOUT TWICE THE VALUE OF OUR GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT WHICH WILL PROBABLY REACH HK\$110 BILLION THIS YEAR,+ HE SAID.

BY CONTRAST, HE ADDED, THE VALUE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM'S VISIBLE TRADING TRANSACTIONS IS ONLY ABOUT HALF THE VALUE OF GDP.

+IF WE ARE TO TRADE COMPETITIVELY THE PORT MUST BE EFFICIENTLY MANAGED AND OPERATED.

+THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE OVERALL WORKING OF THE PORT AS SERIOUSLY AS EVER,+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

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30 YEARS OF AMS SERVICE
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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE (AMS), WHICH HAS PLAYED AN ESSENTIAL PART IN THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, IS UNDERGOING TREMENDOUS EXPANSION IN RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, AT A DINNER THIS EVENING CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMS.

HE SAID AMS SUB-UNITS WERE BEING SET UP IN THE NEW TOWNSHIPS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE MORE REMOTE DISTRICTS SUCH AS LANTAU ISLAND AND TSING YI BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING NEEDS IN THESE AREAS.

+THE FLAG OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE HAS NEVER FLOWN HIGHER THAN TODAY. WHENEVER THERE IS THE CALL OF DUTY FROM THE COMMUNITY, AMS MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS THERE TO SERVE IRRESPECTIVE OF NIGHT OR DAY, FAIR OR FOUL WEATHER,+ HE SAID.

THE METHADONE TREATMENT SCHEME, FOR INSTANCE, HAS BEEN CONSOLIDATED AND EXPANDED AS A RESULT OF THE AMS'S CONTRIBUTION IN TERMS OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT.

AMS MEMBERS REGULARLY MAN AMBULANCES AT WEEKENDS, ACT AS LIFE GUARDS AT PUBLIC BEACHES AND PROVIDE FIRST-AID COVERAGE AT MAJOR FUNCTIONS.

THE ANNIVERSARY DINNER TODAY WAS ATTENDED BY LOCAL PHILANTHROPIST, SIR SHIU-KIN TANG, AND FORMER DIRECTORS OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES -- DR D.J.M. MACKENZIE AND DR GERALD CHOA, WHO WERE ALSO UNIT CONTROLLERS OF AMS.

DR THONG RECALLED A FEW OCCASIONS WHERE THE AMS SPIRIT WAS SEEN AT ITS BEST DURING THE TIMES OF FORMER CONTROLLERS OF THE SERVICE.

IN THE CHOLERA OUTBREAKS OF 1960-69 WHEN DR MACKENZIE WAS AT THE HELM, AMS MEMBERS ROSE MAGNIFICENTLY TO THE CHALLENGE, MANNING THE VARIOUS QUARANTINE CENTRES, ASSISTING IN MASS INOCULATIONS AND REINFORCING THE REGULAR NURSING STAFF AT MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS.

THEN DURING THE CIVIL DISTURBANCES OF 1967 WHEN FORMER DIRECTOR DR P.H. TENG WAS UNIT CONTROLLER, AMS PERSONNEL WERE MOBILISED TO AUGMENT MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

+THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT IT WAS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE AMS THAT THE HEALTH SERVICES WERE ABLE TO OPERATE SMOOTHLY WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF REGULAR BLOOD SUPPLY TO THE HOSPITALS AND PROVISION OF FIRST-AID PARTIES AT VARIOUS DUTY LOCATIONS BY AMS PERSONNEL IN SPITE OF GREAT DIFFICULTIES,+ SAID DR THONG.

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HE ALSO RECALLED THAT DURING DR CHOA'S TENURE AS UNIT CONTROLLER, HE WAS FACED WITH THE NOW WELL-KNOWN PROBLEM OF SUDDEN AND MASSIVE INFLUX OF REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM IN MAY, 1975.

+IT WAS A MEDICAL AND HEALTH EMERGENCY OF THE FIRST MAGNITUDE AND ONLY THE AMS COULD HAVE HELPED IN DEALING WITH THE SITUATION. IN THE EVENT, THE DIFFICULT TASK OF HEALTH SCREENING AND INOCULATING MORE THAN 3 400 REFUGEES WAS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED WITH EFFICIENCY AND DEDICATION TYPICAL OF THE AMS,+ HE SAID.

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MORE STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM TECHNICAL INSTITUTES
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THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD A TOTAL OF 6 913 GRADUATES THIS YEAR. THIS WAS AN INCREASE OF 19.8 PER CENT OVER LAST YEAR'S FIGURE.

+OF THE STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED IN JULY, 1 764 ATTENDED COURSES FULL-TIME, 1 943 PART-TIME DURING THE DAY AND THE REMAINDER IN THE EVENING,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THEY TOOK COURSES IN 12 MAIN DISCIPLINES RUN BY THE MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG AND LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT 2 654 OR 38.4 PER CENT OF THE GRADUATES COMPLETED TECHNICIAN OR COMPARABLE COURSES, AND THE REST CRAFT OR COMPARABLE LEVEL COURSES.

+THIS REPRESENTS A 36.2 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES AT TECHNICIAN OR COMPARABLE LEVEL, AND AN 11.4 PER CENT INCREASE IN GRADUATES AT THE OTHER LEVEL OVER THE 1978/79 FIGURES,+ HE SAID.

THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE AT PRESENT RUNNING 166 COURSES, INCLUDING THOSE IN HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, PRINTING, TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, MARINE AND FABRICATION, AND DESIGN.

THE MAJORITY OF THE FULL-TIME STUDENTS FOUND JOBS WITHIN A FEW WEEKS OF GRADUATION, AND SOME HAD GONE ON TO FURTHER STUDIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PART-TIME STUDENTS ATTENDED COURSES WHICH WERE RELEVANT TO THEIR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT AND WHICH ENHANCED THEIR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION AND PROMOTION PROSPECTS.

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OCTOBER WEATHER WAS DRIER AND WARMER
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OCTOBER WAS DRIER AND WARMER THAN USUAL, ACCORDING TO THE MONTH'S WEATHER SUMMARY ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 23.7 DEGREES CELSIUS RANKED SIXTH AND THE ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM OF 32.7 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE SEVENTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR OCTOBER.

THE MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL OF 80.8 MM WAS 26.4 MM BELOW AVERAGE. THIS BROUGHT THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL IN THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR TO 1 681.7 MM, SOME 23 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL.

APART FROM A FEW MORNING SHOWERS ON OCTOBER 1 AND STRONG EASTERLY WINDS ON OCTOBER 4, THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 29 TO OCTOBER 17 WAS MARKED BY SUNNY AND WARM WEATHER EVERY DAY.

ON OCTOBER 13, WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY AND CONDITIONS BECAME HOT AND DRY, AND THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF 32.7 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED.

THERE WERE THUNDERSTORMS AND SHOWERS ON OCTOBER 18 AND 19 BUT THE WEATHER IMPROVED AND BECAME MAINLY FINE IN THE FOLLOWING THREE DAYS.

HOWEVER, A COLD FRONT CAUSED RAIN ALL DAY ON OCTOBER 23 FOLLOWED BY ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS ON OCTOBER 24.

ON OCTOBER 25, STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS BROUGHT COOLER WEATHER AND THE MONTH'S MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 18.6 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON OCTOBER 26.

SOME LIGHT RAIN FELL ON OCTOBER 27 WITH CLOUDY WEATHER THE FOLLOWING DAY, BUT IT BECAME FINE AND DRY AGAIN ON THE LAST THREE DAYS OF THE MONTH IN SPITE OF TROPICAL STORM CARY MOVING WESTWARDS ACROSS THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON OCTOBER 30. THE STORM TURNED SOUTHWESTWARDS ON ENCOUNTERING WINTER MONSOON GALES.

DURING THE MONTH, FIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, BUT ONLY ONE CAUSED TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNAL NO. 1 TO BE HOISTED LOCALLY. THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS PUT UP TWICE, ON OCTOBER 4-5 AND OCTOBER 25-26.

NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON THREE DAYS.

THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS ISSUED ON SEVEN DAYS WHILE THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS EFFECTIVE ON FIVE DAYS.

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COURSE ON DRUG ADDICTION PROBLEMS ENDS TODAY
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TWENTY-TWO DOCTORS FROM SEVEN REGIONAL COUNTRIES TODAY ENDED A THREE-WEEK COURSE ON THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG DEPENDENT PERSONS.

THE COURSE, BEGUN ON OCTOBER 28, IS THE SECOND ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE LATEST THEORIES AND PRACTICES IN DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION.

LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS IN THE FIELD, INCLUDING DR ROBERT NEWMAN, USA= DR CHARAS SUWANWELA, THAILAND= DR V. NAVARATNAM, MALAYSIA= PROF GERALD CHOA, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG= AND PROF J.W.L. KLEEVENS, HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, GAVE LECTURES ON SUBJECTS RANGING FROM +THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF DRUG DEPENDENCE+ TO +THE PHARMACOLOGICAL BASIS OF METHADONE TREATMENT+.

THE COURSE ALSO GAVE THE DOCTORS A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HONG KONG'S MULTI-MODALITY TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES AND TO DISCUSS THEM WITH THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND STAFF OF THE INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED.

LAST SATURDAY, THEY TOOK TIME OFF TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN TO SEE HOW HONG KONG TACKLES THE DRUG PROBLEM THROUGH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID THE HOLDING OF THE SECOND WHO COURSE IN HONG KONG WAS A RECOGNITION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF NARCOTICS ABUSE PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION, BY THE WORLD HEALTH AUTHORITY.

+HONG KONG'S APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM, WHICH HAS BESET US OVER THE DECADES, HAS BEEN PRAGMATIC AND WE HAVE LEARNT FROM EXPERIENCE THAT THERE IS NO SINGLE SOLUTION, THAT THERE IS NO ACCEPTABLE PANACEA, AND THAT WE MUST PERFORCE ADOPT MULTI-MODALITY TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES.

+EXAMPLES OF THESE ARE THE VOLUNTARY METHADONE OUT-PATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAMME RUN BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE VOLUNTARY IN-PATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAMME RUN BY THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS, AND THE CUSTODIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMME OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT MISSION VISITS NT
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AN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT MISSION FROM JAPAN SPENT THE FIRST OF THEIR THREE DAYS IN HONG KONG VISITING THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE 18-MEMBER MISSION, COMPRISING TOP EXECUTIVES OF 11 OSAKA COMPANIES, ARE HERE TO STUDY THE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT AND THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT VENTURES.

THEY WERE FIRST GIVEN A GENERAL BRIEFING AT NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS BEFORE GOING TO TAI PO, ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIALS OF THE NTA AND THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

AT TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, THEY WERE SHOWN FACTORY PREMISES AND FACILITIES BEING BUILT ON THE 45-HECTARE SITE. THEY ALSO LEARNT FROM THE COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR OF THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, MR P.K. WONG, THAT MAJOR HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS COMPANIES HAD ALREADY TAKEN UP SITES IN THE ESTATE.

IN THE AFTERNOON THEY VISITED SHA TIN FOR A BRIEFING BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR R.C. WILSON.

FROM A VANTAGE POINT OVERLOOKING SHA TIN VALLEY MR WILSON POINTED OUT THE FOUR MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF FO TAN, TAI SHEK KWU, PAK SHEK AND TAI SHUI HANG, WHICH WILL PROVIDE 145 000 JOBS WHEN THEY ARE COMPLETED IN THE LATE 1980'S, BY WHICH TIME SHA TIN WILL BE A CITY OF 750 000 PEOPLE.

OF THE FOUR AREAS, THE FIRST, FO TAN, IS ALREADY ONE-THIRD COMPLETED AND WILL PROBABLY BE FULLY OPENED BY THE END OF 1982.

MR WILSON ALSO EXPLAINED THE CONCEPT OF THE BALANCED NEW TOWN, WHICH WOULD BE PROVIDING PEOPLE WITH HOMES, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND WORK.

THE MISSION WILL TOUR THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL AND VISIT TUEN MUN TOMORROW. A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY MORNING.

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PRINTING INDUSTRY MANPOWER REPORT
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THE PRINTING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL HAS PUBLISHED A REPORT ON THE FIFTH MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE INDUSTRY CONDUCTED LAST MARCH.

THE REPORT, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IS ON SALE AT \$11 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

IT CONTAINS DETAILED STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE OF THE PRINTING INDUSTRY, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH PRINCIPAL JOB, A FORECAST OF THE TRAINING NEEDS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEASURES NECESSARY TO COPE WITH THE NEEDS.

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TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF POCKET TIMETABLES

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF POCKET TIMETABLES AND POSTER SIZE SCHEDULES.

THE CONTRACT, WITH ADVERTISING RIGHTS, IS FOR TWO YEARS FROM JANUARY 1, 1981.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE 9 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 21) TO THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT OIL STREET, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

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CLOSURE OF ACCESS ROAD TO SHUN ON ROAD

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THE ACCESS ROAD OFF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHUN LEE TSUEN ROAD TO SHUN ON ROAD IN JORDAN VALLEY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FOR REPAIRS FROM 1 TO 6 AM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 19).

NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON SHUN LEE TSUEN ROAD FOR SHUN ON ROAD SHOULD PROCEED VIA NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND LEE ON ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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CHEUNG SHA WAN WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO AN AREA OF CHEUNG SHA WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 20) MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA IS BOUNDED BY CHEUNG FAT STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, PRATAS STREET AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD.

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