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RECORD OVERSEAS INVESTMENT
PROJECT FOR HONG KONG
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PLANS FOR THE BIGGEST-EVER OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG - THE BUILDING OF A \$1 BILLION CEMENT PLANT - HAVE BEEN REVEALED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO GRANT A 15-HECTARE SITE AT TAP SHEK KOK, TUEN MUN, NEXT TO THE KOWLOON ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY'S FUTURE POWER STATION, FOR THE PROJECT WHICH WILL BE A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE KAISER CEMENT CORPORATION OF THE U.S.A. AND VARIOUS LOCAL INTERESTS HEADED BY CHEUNG KONG (HOLDINGS) LTD.

THE CEMENT WORKS WILL EMPLOY A PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY THAT IS NEW TO HONG KONG - THE MODERN DRY METHOD WHICH WILL INVOLVE THE USE OF SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT AND PROCESSES.

THE NEWS HAS BEEN WELCOMED BY TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, WHICH INITIATED DISCUSSION OF THE PROJECT WITH KAISER, AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR OVER A YEAR.

+THIS MAJOR PROJECT WILL BRING MANY BENEFITS TO HONG KONG,+ MR. ROY PORTER, COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY SAID.

+IT WILL INTRODUCE A NEW INDUSTRY, EMPLOYING NEW TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNICAL SKILLS, BACKED BY THE MANAGERIAL AND MARKETING SKILLS OF A WORLD-RENOWNED AMERICAN MULTI-NATIONAL COMPANY.+

WHEN IN FULL OPERATION IT WILL EMPLOY ABOUT 300 STAFF - MOSTLY TECHNOLOGISTS, TECHNICIANS, SKILLED WORKERS AND SEMI-SKILLED OPERATORS. ONLY ABOUT ONE-FIFTH WILL BE UNSKILLED LABOUR.

THE ADJACENT POWER STATION WILL UTILISE COAL AS A PRIMARY FUEL. A PARTICULAR FEATURE OF THE CEMENT PLANT IS THAT, IN TURN, IT WILL USE A BY-PRODUCT OF THE BURNING OF COAL BY THE POWER STATION AS A RAW MATERIAL FOR CEMENT PRODUCTION.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF THE PLANT HAVE BEEN EXAMINED CAREFULLY, AND IN THE LEASE WILL BE CONDITIONS, PREPARED WITH THE ADVICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT, TO ENSURE THAT ANY POTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT ARE KEPT WITHIN REASONABLE LIMITS.

+THIS ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF CEMENT FOR OUR BUILDING INDUSTRY AND, MOREOVER, ONE WHICH LOOKS UPON HONG KONG AS ITS PRIMARY MARKET, WILL MAKE US LESS VULNERABLE TO FLUCTUATIONS IN THE SUPPLY AND PRICE OF CEMENT FROM ABROAD,+ MR. PORTER SAID.

+AN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT OF THIS MAGNITUDE BY A MAJOR OVERSEAS CORPORATION, AS WELL AS BY LOCAL INTERESTS, IS A TANGIBLE MARK OF CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE, AND ENHANCES ITS IMAGE AS A MANUFACTURING BASE IN THIS REGION.

+WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DECISION TO BUILD THE NEW FACTORY IN HONG KONG,+ MR. PORTER ADDED.

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**TWO NT SITES FOR AUCTION TOMORROW
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TWO VALUABLE SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES - ONE IN CHEUNG SHA ON LANTAU ISLAND AND THE OTHER IN SAI KUNG - WILL BE SOLD IN A PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE LANTAU ISLAND SITE, WHICH IS SITUATED CLOSE TO THE CHEUNG SHA BEACH, MEASURES 960 SQUARE METRES AND IS EARMARKED FOR TWO-STORY PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE SECOND LOT, CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN TUI MIN HOI, SAI KUNG IS THE FIRST INDUSTRIAL SITE IN THE DISTRICT TO BE PUT ON THE MARKET.

MEASURING 1,719 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE IS DESIGNED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN USES ONLY. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, NO RESTRICTION ON THE TYPE OF INDUSTRIAL USER EXCEPT THAT IT MUST BE NON-POLLUTING.

THE FIRST LOT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$380,000 TO BE FULFILLED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1982, WHILE THE SECOND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$2.78 MILLION OVER 36 MONTHS. THE SALE CONDITIONS OF THE LATTER STIPULATE A PLOT RATIO OF 4, ALLOWING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACTORY BUILDING UP TO 16.7 METRES HIGH.

THE AUCTION AT 11 A.M. WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. LAU YEUK-WAI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE AUCTION OF THE TWO N.T. SITES AT CITY HALL THEATRE AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

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**MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM LORD CARRINGTON
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, THE RT. HON. THE LORD CARRINGTON, HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE OVER THE DEATH OF JOHN DESMOND SLIMMING.

IN A TELEGRAM TO MRS. LUCY SLIMMING, LORD CARRINGTON SAID:
+ I WAS VERY SAD TO LEARN OF YOUR HUSBAND'S SUDDEN DEATH. I HAD HEARD BEFORE MY VISIT LAST WEEK OF THE TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION HE HAD MADE TO HONG KONG AND OF THE AFFECTION IN WHICH HE WAS HELD. I SAW FOR MYSELF THE COMPASSION WHICH HE SHOWED FOR THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND I KNOW HE WORKED UNSTINTINGLY TO HELP THEM. I AM GLAD I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING JOHN AND SEND YOU MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY.+

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COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN
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A NUMBER OF ONE-YEAR IN-SERVICE COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.

THESE COURSES ARE AIMED AT PROVIDING SUCH TEACHERS WITH THE EXPERTISE TO TEACH CHILDREN OF VARIOUS DISABILITY.

THE COURSES ARE FREE AND APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FROM SERVING TEACHERS OF SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL-RESOURCES CLASSES IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS. INTERESTED TEACHERS SHOULD APPLY THROUGH THEIR HEADS OF SCHOOLS.

+AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE COURSES WILL BE HELD AFTER SCHOOL HOURS SO AS NOT TO AFFECT THE EDUCATION OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SEVEN DIFFERENT COURSES ARE BEING OFFERED. THEY ARE FOR TEACHERS OF VISUALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, DEAF AND PARTIALLY HEARING CHILDREN, PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, SLOW LEARNING CHILDREN, MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, MALADJUSTED AND SOCIALLY DEPRIVED CHILDREN, AND IN SPEECH THERAPY WORK.

ABOUT THREE HUNDRED PLACES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE SEVEN COURSES WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED MAINLY IN CANTONESE BY SPECIALISTS FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATIONS IS JULY 25 AND SELECTION OF APPLICANTS WILL BE BASED ON PERSONAL INTERVIEWS SOMETIME IN AUGUST.

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JUNE WAS DRIER THAN USUAL
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LAST MONTH WAS DRIER THAN USUAL, WITH RAINFALL TOTALLING 378.2 MM, WHICH WAS 17 PER CENT BELOW AVERAGE, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID IN ITS MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THIS BROUGHT THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR TO 1050.7 MM — SOME FIVE PER CENT ABOVE THE NORMAL FIGURE.

DESPITE THE RELATIVELY DRY WEATHER, THE MONTH WAS MORE HUMID THAN USUAL WITH MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 86 PER CENT WHICH RANKED FIFTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JUNE. IN ADDITION, THE MEAN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE AT MEAN SEA LEVEL OF 1008.2 MILLIBARS WAS THE THIRD HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JUNE.

THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH WAS FINE AND SUNNY WITH A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE COVERING THE SOUTH CHINA COAST.

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THE PASSAGE OF A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE FROM SOUTH CHINA ON JUNE 7 MARKED THE COMMENCEMENT OF A PERIOD OF UNSETTLED WEATHER WHICH LASTED UNTIL JUNE 11. THUNDERSTORMS WERE REPORTED EVERY DAY DURING THIS PERIOD, BRINGING 230.8 MM OF RAINFALL WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 61 PER CENT OF THE MONTH'S TOTAL.

THREE LANDSLIPS OCCURRED IN THE MORNING OF JUNE 10 AT WONG TAI SIN, SHA TIN PASS ROAD AND CHA KWO LING, NECESSITATING THE EVACUATION OF ABOUT 200 PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES. DOWNPOURS WERE HEAVIEST ON JUNE 11 WHEN THE DAILY RAINFALL AMOUNTED TO 113.6 MM.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED THE FOLLOWING DAY, BUT CONDITIONS REMAINED CLOUDY WITH SOME SLIGHT RAIN UNTIL THE MORNING OF JUNE 14 WHEN THE MONTH'S MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 22.1 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED. IT WAS A SUNNY DAY AFTER A WEEK'S RAINY AND DULL WEATHER, AND THERE WERE SUNNY INTERVALS ON THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

HOWEVER, AN UPPER-AIR DISTURBANCE BROUGHT SOME SHOWERS ON JUNE 17 AND EARLY IN THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

BETWEEN JUNE 19 AND 22, THE WEATHER WAS MAINLY FINE AND SUNNY APART FROM SOME ISOLATED MORNING SHOWERS. ON THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 21, TEMPERATURES REACHED A MAXIMUM OF 32.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH.

FROM JUNE 23 TO 26, MAINLY CLOUDY CONDITIONS PREVAILED WITH SOME SHOWERS AND SUNNY INTERVALS.

THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON BECAME ACTIVE OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA FROM JUNE 27 ONWARDS, BRINGING MORE FREQUENT AND HEAVIER SHOWERS. THUNDERSTORMS WERE REPORTED IN THE MORNING OF JUNE 29.

DURING THE MONTH, ONLY ONE TROPICAL CYCLONE WAS REPORTED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE NEAR PALAWAN STARTED TO MOVE ACROSS THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON JUNE 17. IT DEEPENED INTO A TROPICAL DEPRESSION ON JUNE 21 AND REMAINED QUASI-STATIONARY OFF THE VIETNAM COAST FOR ABOUT A DAY BEFORE DRIFTING SOUTHWARDS AND DEGENERATING INTO AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE ABOUT 100 MILES SOUTHEAST OF DANANG ON JUNE 23.

ONLY ONE AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER DURING THE MONTH. THUNDERSTORM AND/OR HEAVY RAIN WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JUNE 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 28, 29 AND 30.

NO TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS NOR STRONG MONSOON SIGNALS WERE HOISTED, AND NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

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NTSD ISLANDS DISTRICT MOVE OFFICE TO CENTRAL
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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS MOVING ITS ISLANDS DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND ITS PENG CHAU AND LAMMA SUB-OFFICE TO INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, ROOMS 2101-2103, 21ST FLOOR, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, ON THURSDAY.

THE HEADQUARTERS WAS PREVIOUSLY AT AUSTIN CENTRE, FOURTH FLOOR, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON AND THE SUB-OFFICE AT ROOM 16, CENTRAL MARKET, HONG KONG.

FROM FRIDAY ALL ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS WILL BE HANDLED IN THE NEW PREMISES.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE OFFICE IS 5-452437.

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WATER CUT
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO AND YAU MA TEI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON THURSDAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS AND PIPE CONNECTION WORK RESPECTIVELY.

IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE AREA BOUNDED BY CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD, KING LAM STREET, YEE KUK STREET, WING HONG STREET, YU CHAU STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TAI NAN STREET, INCLUDING TUNG CHAU STREET, WILL BE WITHOUT WATER SUPPLY FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M.

THE AREA IN YAU MA TEI, BOUNDED BY 17-37 JORDAN ROAD (NORTH SIDE), 2-6 NANKING STREET, 64-70 PARKES STREET, 102-150 SHANGHAI STREET, 179-227 AND 186-236 TEMPLE STREET, AND 79-127 AND 82-112 WOO SUNG STREET, WILL HAVE NO WATER SUPPLY FOR SIX HOURS FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

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