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MINISTER SHOWN THREE-TIER POLITICAL SYSTEM

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THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, LORD GLENARTHUR, HERE FOR A FIRST-HAND LOOK OF THE TERRITORY FOR WHICH HE IS RESPONSIBLE, BEGAN THE SECOND DAY OF HIS BUSY FOUR-DAY PROGRAMME WITH AN HOUR-LONG HELICOPTER TOUR OF HONG KONG TODAY (THURSDAY).

LORD GLENARTHUR, WHO IS A QUALIFIED HELICOPTER PILOT, FLEW THE HELICOPTER HIMSELF FOR PART OF THE JOURNEY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, LORD GLENARTHUR WAS BRIEFED ON THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES TAKING PLACE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

RETURNING TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE, HE HAD A MEETING WITH A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT SECRETARIES BEFORE ATTENDING A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING, LORD GLENARTHUR SAID IT WAS A "THOROUGHLY WORTHWHILE AND INTERESTING MEETING".

"IT WAS VERY GOOD VALUE TO HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK TO THEM TODAY AND TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS ON SO MANY ISSUES ABOUT HONG KONG," HE SAID.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE MINISTER, ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, ATTENDED THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AND LISTENED TO DISCUSSIONS ON LOCAL ISSUES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, INTRODUCED LORD GLENARTHUR TO BOARD MEMBERS AND SPOKE ABOUT ITS COMPOSITION, ROLE AND FUNCTIONS.

IN RETURN, LORD GLENARTHUR THANKED MR SHUM FOR PROVIDING HIM A VERY USEFUL BRIEF OF WHAT THE DISTRICT BOARD DID AND OF THE WAY ITS COMMITTEES POOLED TOGETHER THE VARIOUS INITIATIVES IN IMPROVING THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

HE SAID WHEN HE HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK AT HONG KONG FROM THE AIR THIS MORNING HE SAW SOME OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT WERE BEING CARRIED OUT.

"IT COMES VERY CLEARLY TO A VISITOR, NOT ONLY THAT THERE IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO, BUT JUST HOW EFFECTIVELY THINGS ARE BEING DONE. I THINK IT'S THE MOST STRIKING THING THAT I FOUND," HE NOTED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S THREE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES THEN BRIEFED THE VISITOR ABOUT THEIR RESPECTIVE WORKS.

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BEFORE LEAVING THE MEETING, LORD GLENARTHUR TOLD BOARD MEMBERS THAT THE MEETING HAD PROVIDED HIM WITH A RARE INSIGHT INTO THE WAY THAT THE BOARD HAD COLLABORATED SO EFFECTIVELY TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT IT SERVED.

NOTING THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE BOARD'S WORK OF CO-ORDINATION, LORD GLENARTHUR SAID: "IT CLEARLY DOES IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS, THE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYBODY.

"AND IT'S TACKLED OBVIOUSLY WITH A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT, WITH A GREAT DEAL OF ENTHUSIASM, AND A GREAT DEAL OF GENERAL WISH TO SERVE BEST THE COMMUNITY OF WHICH YOU ARE PART."

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING, LORD GLENARTHUR SAID THE VARIOUS TOPICS DISCUSSED HAD BEEN INTERESTING TO HIM.

"I THINK IT'S QUITE CLEAR FROM WHAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO HEAR OVER THE LAST 45 MINUTES THAT THEY PLAY THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE, REALLY A VITAL ROLE, IN THE WAY THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT IS ABLE TO BE MAINTAINED IN SUCH AN EFFECTIVE WAY," HE SAID.

"IT'S PART OF WHY SO MUCH HONG KONG IS ABLE TO WORK IN SUCH AN EFFICIENT WAY TO THE ENVY OF SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD," HE ADDED.

LORD GLENARTHUR LATER WENT TO THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION WHERE HE WAS MET BY THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR REG HOLLOWAY, AND BRIEFED ON BRITAIN'S TRADE INTERESTS IN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

THEN, ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR CLIVE OXLEY, HE WENT TO THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL TO HAVE TEA WITH THE COUNCIL'S CHAIRMAN, MR GERRY FORSGATE, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR ALEX PURVES.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH INCLUDED THE PROVISION OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO THE 4.5 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THE URBAN AREAS.

THE MINISTER WAS TOLD THAT THE PRESENT THREE-TIER POLITICAL STRUCTURE WAS FUNCTIONING SMOOTHLY.

DESCRIBING THE MEETING AS "EXTREMELY INTERESTING", LORD GLENARTHUR SAID HE HAD TALKED TO MEMBERS ON VARIOUS FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL, SUCH AS WHAT IT DID, WHAT IT TRIED TO ACHIEVE, AND HOW IT HOPED THE FUTURE WOULD GO IN ITS WIDER SENSE.

"/TOMORROW, LORD .....

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TOMORROW, LORD GLENARTHUR WILL VISIT SHA TIN TO LOOK AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN AND ITS HOUSING PROGRAMME. HE WILL ALSO TOUR A KNITWEAR FACTORY AND A CONTAINER TERMINAL IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE MINISTER WILL THEN ATTEND A TEA RECEPTION TO BE HOSTED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND A DINNER BY OMELCO MEMBERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LORD GLENARTHUR WILL BE STARTING HIS TOUR OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN PLAZA AND THE TOWN HALL AT 10.30 AM TOMORROW BEFORE PROCEEDING TO MEI LAM ESTATE. TWO PRESS COACHES WILL BE LEAVING FOR SHA TIN FROM THE CGO CARPARK AT 9.15 AM. PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENSES.

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TEXTILE BILL STILL HAS MAJOR HURDLES TO CLEAR

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THE TEXTILES AND APPAREL TRADE ACT 1987 STILL HAS A LONG LEGISLATIVE ROAD TO TRAVEL ALTHOUGH IT HAS PASSED THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THE PASSAGE IS NOT UNEXPECTED, AND ALTHOUGH THE SENATE, WHICH STILL HAS TO CONSIDER THE BILL, MAY ALSO PASS THE BILL EVENTUALLY, THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT IT MAY NOT BECOME LAW," HE ADDED.

"PRESIDENT REAGAN HAD ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS REITERATED HIS STANCE AGAINST PROTECTIONIST LEGISLATION, AND THE US TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR CLAYTON YEUTTER, HAD SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT SIGN THE BILL.

"THE BILL WAS PASSED WITH 263 VOTES FOR AND 156 VOTES AGAINST. THE RESULT OF THE VOTING IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT FALLS SHORT OF A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY TO OVERRIDE A POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL VETO," HE SAID.

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MR SZE EXPLAINED THAT THE HOUSE VOTE WAS JUST ANOTHER STEP IN THE US LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. THE NEXT STEP IS FOR THE SENATE TO VOTE ON THE BILL. NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE BILL TO BE BROUGHT TO THE SENATE FLOOR.

"ALTHOUGH THE US ADMINISTRATION HAS SPOKEN STRONGLY AGAINST THE BILL AND THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL VETO IT, THERE IS STILL THE DANGER OF IT BEING ENACTED.

"THE SITUATION IS VERY FLUID AND OUR WASHINGTON OFFICE, TOGETHER WITH OUR LOBBYISTS, ARE WORKING FLAT OUT TO MAKE SURE THAT CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS ARE AWARE OF ALL THE FACTS.

"IN HONG KONG, EVERY OPPORTUNITY IS TAKEN TO INFLUENCE US VISITORS AGAINST THE TEXTILE BILL AND TO EXPLAIN HONG KONG'S FREE TRADE STANCE," SAID MR SZE.

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EASTERN DISTRICT HOSPITAL NAMED AFTER LADY YOUDE

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO NAME THE EASTERN DISTRICT HOSPITAL AFTER LADY YOUDE, WIFE OF THE LATE GOVERNOR SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

THE HOSPITAL WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS NOW FORMALLY NAMED "PAMELA YOUDE HOSPITAL".

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THIS WAS A FURTHER GESTURE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG.

"THE IDEA WAS ENDORSED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AT ITS MEETING EARLIER THIS YEAR.

"LADY YOUDE WAS CONSULTED ON THE PROPOSAL AND ACCEPTED IT GRACIOUSLY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 1,580-BED HOSPITAL STARTED IN 1984 AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MID-1991.

MEMORIALS TO THE LATE GOVERNOR INCLUDE THE SETTING UP OF THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PAVILION IN NORTH DISTRICT, THE PLACING OF A MEMORIAL PLAQUE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AND THE NAMING OF AN AVIARY IN A FUTURE URBAN COUNCIL PARK ON THE VICTORIA BARRACKS SITE AFTER SIR EDWARD.

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HK OFFICIAL TO ATTEND ATOMIC ENERGY CONFERENCE

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PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR JOHN WILSON, WILL LEAVE FOR VIENNA TONIGHT (THURSDAY) TO ATTEND THE 31ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) WHICH STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 21.

THE MEETING WHICH MARKS THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IAEA WILL DISCUSS AMONG OTHER THINGS, MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN NUCLEAR SAFETY AND RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION.

MR WILSON WILL ATTEND AS AN OBSERVER ATTACHED TO THE UK DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE.

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COMPREHENSIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES OFFERED

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE GOVERNMENT SPENT ABOUT \$240 MILLION ON SPECIAL EDUCATION IN 1986/87 AND EVERY DOLLAR SPENT WAS WELL JUSTIFIED.

SPEAKING TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES DURING HIS VISIT TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PERTH STREET SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE, MR LAN SAID CHILDREN IN HONG KONG WERE PROVIDED WITH A FULL RANGE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES, AND THAT THE MAJOR AIM WAS PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION.

TO IDENTIFY CHILDREN WHO MAY HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS IN EDUCATION, MR LAN SAID A COMBINED SCREENING PROGRAMME WAS CONDUCTED IN ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS AT PRIMARY ONE LEVEL, COVERING ABOUT 86,000 CHILDREN EACH YEAR.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES A SERIES OF SCREENING TESTS WHICH ARE ADMINISTERED BY TRAINED PERSONNEL OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO DETECT CHILDREN'S HEARING, VISION, SPEECH AND LEARNING PROBLEMS.

"ABOUT FIVE TO EIGHT PER CENT OF CHILDREN ARE IDENTIFIED TO HAVE EITHER HEARING, VISION, SPEECH OR LEARNING PROBLEMS REQUIRING FURTHER ASSESSMENT BY RELEVANT PROFESSIONALS," MR LAN SAID.

APART FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMMES, MR LAN SAID THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ALSO RECEIVED INDIVIDUAL REFERRALS FROM MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES, SCHOOLS AND PARENTS.

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"IN RECENT YEARS, WE ARE HAPPY TO OBSERVE AN INCREASING AWARENESS OF CHILDREN'S SPECIAL NEEDS BY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE AND ABOUT 1,100 OUT OF 3,700 INDIVIDUAL REFERRAL CASES WERE MADE BY PARENTS IN 1986/87," HE SAID.

CHILDREN IDENTIFIED TO HAVE PROBLEMS WERE GIVEN DETAILED INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT AND FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT IN THE RELEVANT PROBLEMS AREA.

ON REMEDIAL SERVICES, MR LAN SAID IT WAS THE PRESENT POLICY TO HELP CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO INTEGRATE INTO ORDINARY SCHOOLS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THEY COULD RECEIVE THE FULLEST BENEFIT OF EDUCATION FROM MIXING AND INTERACTING WITH ORDINARY CHILDREN IN A NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT TO TEACHERS IN DEALING WITH PUPILS' PROBLEMS AND STRENGTHENING GUIDANCE SERVICE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, MR LAN SAID A PILOT SCHOOLS SUPPORT SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR IN 12 SECONDARY SCHOOLS. A FULL EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN 1987/88.

ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, MR LAN SAID TWO PURPOSE-BUILT, MULTI-DISCIPLINARY EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL CENTRES WERE IN THE PIPELINE. ONE OF THE NEW CENTRES WOULD BE BUILT IN HIGH STREET ON HONG KONG ISLAND WHILE THE OTHER IN HA KWAI CHUNG.

"WHEN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE CENTRES ARE COMPLETED, CLOSER CO-ORDINATION WITH PROFESSIONALS FROM OTHER DISCIPLINES WILL BE FACILITATED AND OUR SERVICES TO CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WILL BE MORE EFFICIENTLY OPERATED," MR LAN SAID.

"DESPITE SUCH A NETWORK OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, SOME CHILDREN MAY HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS OR SEVERE HANDICAPS AND THEIR EDUCATIONAL NEEDS CANNOT BE MET ADEQUATELY IN AN ORDINARY SCHOOL," HE ADDED.

FOR THESE CHILDREN, MR LAN SAID EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN A SPECIAL SCHOOL WERE PROVIDED AND THERE WERE 70 SUCH SCHOOLS OFFERING OVER 8,000 PLACES FOR THE BLIND, THE DEAF, THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, THE MALADJUSTED AND SOCIALLY DEPRIVED AND CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES.

"IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THOSE WHO NOT ONLY HAVE OVERCOME THEIR HANDICAPS BUT ALSO ENTERED OUR COMMUNITY AFTER FORMAL EDUCATION AS INDEPENDENT, ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS," HE SAID.

"WE HAVE AMONG US ACCOUNTANTS, EXECUTIVES AND TEACHERS WHO ARE DEAF, BLIND OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED. WE STILL REMEMBER THE 10 MOST OUTSTANDING DISABLED PERSONS WHO RECEIVED THEIR AWARDS DURING THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS AND WE ARE PROUD OF THE REMARKABLE PERFORMANCES OF OUR HANDICAPPED ATHLETES IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS," MR LAN SAID.

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SDB MEMBERS VISIT NAM LONG HOSPITAL

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MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD VISITED NAM LONG HOSPITAL IN WONG CHUK HANG THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TO CONVEY THEIR CONCERN AND SYMPATHY FOR CANCER PATIENTS THERE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, DR MAY WEI, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS FIRST VISITED SOME 180 PATIENTS IN THE FIVE WARDS AND GAVE THEM EACH A GOODWILL GIFT.

THEY THEN VISITED THE DIVERSIONAL UNIT AND WERE TOLD BY DR WEI THAT THE UNIT PROVIDED PATIENTS WITH ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES LIKE TELEVISION AND VARIOUS GAMES AS WELL AS COUNSELLING AND PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES.

THEY ALSO MET STAFF AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERS OF A HOSPICE CARE TEAM, WHICH WAS RECENTLY SET UP, TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW NURSING STAFF, SOCIAL WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS HELPED CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS TO FACE THE KILLER DISEASE.

TODAY'S HOSPITAL VISIT WAS PART OF THE PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT FOR MEMBERS TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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FIRST AID COURSE FOR KWUN TONG WORKERS

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A TRAINING COURSE ON FIRST AID IS BEING ORGANISED FOR WORKERS IN KWUN TONG TO PROMOTE SAFETY AWARENESS IN INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE COURSE, CONDUCTED BY LECTURERS FROM THE ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, IS DESIGNED TO EQUIP WORKERS WITH PRACTICAL FIRST AID KNOWLEDGE TO COPE WITH INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE LECTURES ON THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BODY; WOUNDS, BLEEDING AND CIRCULATORY FAILURE; DRESSINGS AND BANDAGES; SHOCK AND FAINTING; TREATMENT FOR UNCONSCIOUSNESS; BURNS AND SCALDS, ASPHYXIA AND EMERGENCY RESUSCITATION.

THE EIGHT-SESSION TRAINING COURSE WILL BE HELD EVERY TUESDAY EVENING FROM SEPTEMBER 29 AT THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TSUI PING ROAD.

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NO TUITION FEE WILL BE CHARGED EXCEPT FOR A TEXTBOOK DEPOSIT OF \$30 WHICH WILL BE REFUNDED ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

A MAXIMUM OF 35 PEOPLE WILL BE ADMITTED AND APPLICANTS WILL BE ENROLLED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE ON 3-416315 EXT. 361.

THE FIRST AID COURSE IS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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#### ILLEGAL STRUCTURES CLEARED IN YAU MA TEI

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WORK BEGAN TODAY (THURSDAY) IN YAU MA TEI TO CLEAR 29 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN THE REAR LANES BOUNDED BY SHANGHAI STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, RECLAMATION STREET AND PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

THE STRUCTURES WERE MAINLY CANOPIES, SHOP EXTENSIONS, STORAGE PLACES AND DOMESTIC UNITS.

THREE AFFECTED FAMILIES, COMPRISING FOUR PEOPLE, WERE OFFERED REHOUSING AND REMOVAL ALLOWANCE AMOUNTING TO \$2,000.

TODAY'S OPERATION WAS CO-ORDINATED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT. ALSO TAKING PART IN THE OPERATION WERE STAFF FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

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#### DREDGING CONTRACT FOR FERRY PIER INVITED

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A CONTRACT TO DREDGE THE APPROACHES TO THE HONG KONG-CHINA FERRY TERMINAL NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, IS BEING INVITED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE COMPANY WHICH WINS THE CONTRACT WILL BE REQUIRED TO DREDGE 29 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED TO PROVIDE NAVIGATIONAL ACCESS FOR FERRY OPERATIONS BETWEEN THE CENTRAL FAIRWAY AND THE TERMINAL BUILDING.

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WORK ON THE PROJECT IS DUE TO START IN NOVEMBER AND TAKES FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS HAVE TO BE IN BY NOON ON OCTOBER 2.

THE TERMINAL WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES TO COPE WITH INCREASING FERRY AND HOVERCRAFT SERVICES TO AND FROM CHINA.

THE DEVELOPMENT, ON A 2.44-HECTARE SITE, WILL INCLUDE A SEVEN-LEVEL PODIUM AND A THREE-STOREY PIER STRUCTURE.

TWO LEVELS OF THE PODIUM WILL BE OCCUPIED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING IMMIGRATION, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MARINE, MEDICAL AND HEALTH AND THE POLICE. ALSO ON THESE LEVELS WILL BE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE HALLS, WAITING AND GREETING AREAS, BAGGAGE CLAIM AND HANDLING AREAS, SHOPS, TICKET OFFICES AND A LUGGAGE CHECK-IN COUNTER.

SIX OFFICE BLOCKS AND A 395-ROOM HOTEL WILL BE PUT UP ABOVE THE PODIUM.

THE PIER STRUCTURE WILL BE THREE STOREYS COMPRISING A PIER DECK AND DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL AREAS. TRAVELATORS WILL BE INSTALLED IN THESE AREAS. THE ROOF AREA WILL BE DEVELOPED AS A PUBLIC PROMENADE AND AN OPEN SPACE.

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NEW OFFICES AND DEPOT COMPLEX FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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A NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND DEPOT COMPLEX IS TO BE BUILT AT TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON, FOR THE MAINTENANCE BRANCH OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT, SITUATED ON A 5,950-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT HOK YUEN STREET, WILL COMPRISE TWO FIVE-STOREY BLOCKS OVER A FOUR-STOREY PODIUM.

ONE OF THE BLOCKS WILL ACCOMMODATE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MAINTENANCE BRANCH NOW LOCATED AT SUN HUNG KAI CENTRE IN WAN CHAI, WHILE THE OTHER WILL HOUSE THE KOWLOON MILITARY DEPOT OF THE BRANCH AND BE MAINLY FOR WORKSHOP AND STORAGE PURPOSES.

BOTH BLOCKS WILL BE SERVED BY A COMMUNAL LIFT LOBBY ON EACH FLOOR.

/ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS .....

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ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS AND STORAGE AREAS, TOGETHER WITH CONTRACTORS' YARDS AND CAR PARKING SPACES, WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE PODIUM LEVELS.

A TOTAL OF 25,290 SQUARE METRES OF FLOOR AREA WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PILING WORK FOR THE PROJECT, WORK ON WHICH WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE READY BY THE END OF 1989 UNDER A SEPARATE BUILDING CONTRACT.

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#### NEW HOME FOUND FOR 25 PYTHONS

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A CONSIGNMENT OF 25 PYTHONS WAS TODAY (THURSDAY) SENT TO CHINA TO JOIN THE BREEDING COLONIES IN THE GUANGZHOU HUA NAN ENDANGERED SPECIES RESEARCH CENTRE.

THESE SNAKES, PROTECTED UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE, CAME INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AFTER THEIR CAPTURE LOCALLY AND AS A RESULT OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION BY DEPARTMENT STAFF.

THIS IS THE NINTH CONSIGNMENT OF LIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES TRANSPORTED TO CHINA SINCE 1984. THE PREVIOUS CONSIGNMENTS INVOLVED 123 RARE ANIMALS INCLUDING AN ASIATIC BROWN BEAR, AN ASIATIC BLACK BEAR, FIVE CROCODILES, 29 GIANT SALAMANDERS AND TWO SERPENT EAGLES.

TODAY'S EXERCISE, ARRANGED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHINA'S ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA IMPORT AND EXPORT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, WAS SUPERVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S VETERINARY OFFICER, DR K.K. LIU.

DR LIU SAID: "BOTH HONG KONG AND THE CHINA ARE PARTICIPANTS OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES) AND WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO CONSERVE ENDANGERED WILD BIRDS, ANIMALS AND PLANTS AND TO FIND SUITABLE HOMES FOR THEM."

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WAN CHAI PARKING METER OPERATION EXTENDED

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THE OPERATION OF 52 PARKING METERS ON OI KWAN ROAD AND FOUR ON SUNG TAK STREET IN WAN CHAI WILL BE EXTENDED TO SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 20).

THESE PARKING METERS WILL OPERATE FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND FROM 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT ON WEEKDAYS.

THE UPPER PART OF THE POSTS OF THESE METERS WILL BE PAINTED WHITE AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY PLATES UNDER THE PARKING SIGNS WILL INDICATE THE OPERATING HOURS OF THESE METERS.

THE PARKING RATE REMAINS UNCHANGED.

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YAU MA TEI DB TO DISCUSS GREEN PAPER

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THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE SURVEY OFFICE, MR LEO KWAN AND A MONITOR, MR ANDREW SO, WILL BE PRESENT TO LISTEN TO MEMBERS' VIEWS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME INCLUDING ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY PROJECTS AND REPAIRS TO VILLAGE LIGHTING.

COMMITTEE MEMBER MR WONG CHUN-KOW WILL SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE 1987 WASTE DISPOSAL (REVISED) BILL BY THE HONG KONG LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, WHILE MR MAN PING-NAM WILL ASK ABOUT THE HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST CONSTRUCTION SITES IN YUEN LONG RURAL NORTH.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE STREET MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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JOINT UC/RC KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE TO MEET  
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THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO REVIEW THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST MONTHS AND TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

THE COMMITTEE WILL HEAR REPORTS ON THE 'CLEAN BEACH' PHASE ACTIVITIES, THE TWO SCHOOL COMPETITIONS TO BE ORGANISED FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER TO SUPPORT THE 'CLEAN SCHOOL' PHASE OF THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, AND THE PROPOSED VEHICLES' PARADE WHICH WILL BE ORGANISED IN MID-NOVEMBER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2/F, TSUEN WAN MTR STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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EDUCATION SUNDAY TO MARK NEW SCHOOL YEAR  
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TO MARK THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, THE COMING SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 20) HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THIS YEAR'S EDUCATION SUNDAY.

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AND CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND AT ST. TERESA'S CHURCH AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN KOWLOON ON SUNDAY.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE SERVICES WHICH ARE HELD TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO PERFORM THE TASK THAT LIES AHEAD WITH CONFIDENCE.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN, WILL ATTEND THE SERVICE AT CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL AT 16 CAINE ROAD STARTING AT 11 AM WHILE THE PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER, MRS GRACE YUNG, WILL BE PRESENT AT THE SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AT GARDEN ROAD AT 9 AM.

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