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HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION OF ECONOMY
APPOINTED
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, HAS APPOINTED A HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE TO ADVISE +WHETHER THE PROCESS OF DIVERSIFICATION OF THE ECONOMY, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, CAN BE FACILITATED BY THE MODIFICATION OF EXISTING POLICIES OR THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICIES+.

THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL START WORK EARLY NEXT MONTH, INCLUDES PROMINENT REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRY, BANKING AND BUSINESS CIRCLES.

THEY ARE DR. S.Y. CHUNG, MR. T.K. ANN, MR. Q.W. LEE, MR. JAMES WU, MR. F.W. LI, MR. T.S. LO, MR. S.L. CHEN, MR. DAVID NEWBIGGING, MR. MICHAEL SANDBERG, MR. LESLIE GORDON, MR. WONG TOK-SAU, MR. DEREK DAVIES AND DR. KEITH LEGG.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE TWO OTHER OFFICIAL MEMBERS -- THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. DAVID JORDAN, AND THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR. DAVID JEAFFRESON.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AMONG THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST TASKS WILL BE EXAMINATION OF THE PRINCIPAL FACTORS WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE REGULATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES FOR THE GROWTH RATE OF THE ECONOMY AND WILL BE MAKING A STUDY OF THE FACTORS WHICH HAVE BEEN INFLUENTIAL IN ATTRACTING NEW INDUSTRIES TO HONG KONG IN RECENT YEARS.

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ROLE OF NT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS EXPLAINED
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THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS WHICH ARE TO BE SET UP IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEE AFFAIRS, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

HE GAVE THE ASSURANCE DURING A MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR. CHAN YAT-SAN AND MR. CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, THE 27 RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND N.T. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AT THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS.

THE MEETING WAS ARRANGED TO EXPLAIN TO THE RURAL LEADERS THE PURPOSE AND ROLES OF THE SEVEN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, IN HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 5.

MR. AKERS-JONES POINTED OUT THAT SIR MURRAY HAD SAID THAT THE BOARDS WILL ADVISE ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE WELL-BEING OF THE INHABITANTS OF EACH DISTRICT.

+THIS REFERS TO THE INHABITANTS OF EACH OF THE SEVEN ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AS A WHOLE,+ HE SAID.

+MATTERS CONCERNING PARTICULAR RURAL COMMITTEE AREAS WILL CONTINUE TO BE DEALT WITH BY PARTICULAR RURAL COMMITTEES.

+FOR EXAMPLE, PROBLEMS WHICH WERE THE PARTICULAR CONCERN OF, SAY, THE KAM TIN RURAL COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE KAM TIN RURAL COMMITTEE -- THERE IS NO INTENTION TO INTERFERE IN LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEE AFFAIRS.

+TRADITIONAL MATTERS INVOLVING THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OR VILLAGE AFFAIRS ARE NOT THE CONCERN OF THE ADVISORY BOARDS.+

THE GOVERNOR HAD ANNOUNCED THAT THE BOARDS WILL ADVISE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL AMENITIES, MR. AKERS-JONES TOLD THE MEETING. +THEY WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO ADVISE ON THE ADEQUACY AND PRIORITIES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME AS IT AFFECTS EACH DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

+THEY WILL ALSO ADVISE ON THE USE IN EACH DISTRICT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER THE PUBLIC WORKS VOTE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.+

/MR. AKERS-JONES

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MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT RURAL COMMITTEES HAD ALWAYS GIVEN ADVICE ON THE SPENDING OF THESE FUNDS IN THE PAST, AND AS THE RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WOULD FORM THE NUCLEUS OF THE NEW BOARDS, THERE WAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS FUNDS WILL NOT CONTINUE TO BE SPENT FOR THE BENEFITS, AND IN PARTICULAR, OF THE RURAL AREAS.

HE ADDED THAT, SUBJECT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVAL, THE BOARDS WOULD ALSO BE GIVEN THEIR OWN FUNDS TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND TO MAKE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS.

+HITHERTO, SUCH ACTIVITIES HAVE HAD TO RELY ALMOST SOLELY ON GENEROUS PRIVATE DONATIONS,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

+IN FUTURE, IT SHOULD ALSO BE POSSIBLE TO EXPAND LOCAL RECREATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND TO SUPPORT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS ARTS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.+

MR. AKERS-JONES ADDED THAT THE BOARDS WOULD RELY HEAVILY UPON RURAL COMMITTEES AND THE CHAIRMEN OF EXISTING ORGANISATIONS WHO ALREADY WORK TOGETHER IN THE DISTRICTS IN THE PROMOTION OF THE OBJECTS FOR WHICH THE ADVISORY BOARDS ARE BEING FORMED.

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CLOTHING INDUSTRY VITAL TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMY

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, SAID TODAY THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY HAS PLAYED AND WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A VITAL PART IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMY.

SIR DENYS SAID THIS IN A SPEECH HE DELIVERED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE.

SIR MURRAY WAS SCHEDULED TO OPEN THE CENTRE BUT WAS INDISPOSED.

+LET NO ONE MISUNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF RESTRICTIONIST ATTITUDES ABROAD, OR OF OUR CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EEC -- THIS INDUSTRY WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A VITAL PART FOR MANY YEARS TO COME, THOUGH ITS COURSE MAY NOT BE EASY AND IT WILL CERTAINLY NEED TO SHOW IN THE FUTURE THE SAME FLEXIBILITY AND ADAPTABILITY IT HAS SHOWN SO OFTEN IN THE PAST,+ SIR DENYS SAID.

+THIS,+ HE ADDED, +WILL NEED HIGHLY TRAINED MANPOWER AS WELL AS IMAGINATIVE AND AGGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT.+

SIR DENYS ALSO PLEDGED THE GOVERNMENT'S FULL SUPPORT TO THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY IN FUTURE.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY:

+DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS, TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS HAVE OCCURRED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING IN HONG KONG.

+FIRSTLY, LAST AUGUST WE SAW THE COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE. TODAY, WE SEE THE OPENING OF THIS TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY. SINCE IT IS LITTLE MORE THAN TWO YEARS SINCE THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY) ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED AND THE STATUTORY CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY APPOINTED, THIS IS FAST WORK INDEED.

+I COMMEND THE INDUSTRY FOR TAKING THIS VIGOROUS INITIATIVE TO SOLVE ITS OWN SKILLED MANPOWER PROBLEMS.

+THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED THE LAND FREE AND A LOAN OF ABOUT 4 MILLION DOLLARS TO GET THE CENTRE STARTED, AND THE AUTHORITY MAY COUNT ON THE GOVERNMENT'S FULL SUPPORT IN THE FUTURE.

/+AS YOU HAVE

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+AS YOU HAVE POINTED OUT, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY HAS PLAYED AND CONTINUES TO PLAY A VITAL PART IN OUR ECONOMY. AND LET NO ONE MISUNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF RESTRICTIONIST ATTITUDES ABROAD, OR OF OUR CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EEC - THIS INDUSTRY WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A VITAL PART FOR MANY YEARS TO COME, THOUGH ITS COURSE MAY NOT BE EASY AND IT WILL CERTAINLY NEED TO SHOW IN THE FUTURE THE SAME FLEXIBILITY AND ADAPTABILITY IT HAS SHOWN SO OFTEN IN THE PAST. THIS WILL NEED HIGHLY TRAINED MANPOWER AS WELL AS IMAGINATIVE AND AGGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT.

+SO THERE IS AN URGENT ROLE FOR THIS CENTRE TO PLAY IN THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF OUR CLOTHING INDUSTRY. JUDGING FROM THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE FROM APPLICANTS FOR ENROLMENT YOUNG WORKERS SEEM TO THINK SO TOO.

+FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU, MR. TIEN AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR TRAINING AUTHORITY ON YOUR HARD WORK IN BRINGING THIS TRAINING CENTRE INTO BEING IN SUCH A SHORT TIME. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE ARCHITECTS AND THE CONTRACTORS FOR HAVING COMPLETED THE PROJECT SO EXPEDITIOUSLY.

+I NOW HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN DECLARING OPEN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE.+

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GOVERNMENT GRANTS \$1.3 MILLION LOAN TO FISHERMEN

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A \$1.3 MILLION LOAN - THE LARGEST GRANTED TO DATE - TO THE ABERDEEN MECHANISED TRAWLER FISHERMEN'S CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, UNLIMITED. THE LOAN IS TO ENABLE THE SOCIETY TO LEND THE MONEY TO TWO OF ITS MEMBERS FOR BUILDING A PAIR OF 86-FOOT MODERN TRAWLERS.

AT A LOAN AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. EDWARD NICHOLS PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR \$1.3 MILLION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY, MR. YIP KAM-HUNG.

THE LOAN HAS BEEN GRANTED UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND (FDLF) ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS SO FAR ALLOTTED A TOTAL OF \$11.8 MILLION TO FDLF FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL FISHING FLEET.

THE FUND HAD PREVIOUSLY FINANCED THE BUILDING OF SIX PAIRS OF TRAWLERS IN THE PAST 12 YEARS, AND OF THE LOANS GRANTED, SO FAR \$9.1 MILLION HAS ALREADY BEEN REPAID.

THE TRAWLERS TO BE BUILT UNDER THE \$1.3 MILLION LOAN WILL HAVE A SERVICE SPEED OF 10-1/2 KNOTS, A TRIP ENDURANCE OF 16 DAYS AND AN INSULATED HOLD CAPACITY OF 2,000 CU. FT. FOR THE STORAGE OF 350 TO 400 PICULS OF ICED FISH.

THE TOTAL COST OF BUILDING AND EQUIPPING THE VESSELS WITH NAVIGATION AND SAFETY GEARS, INCLUDING FOR THE FIRST TIME AN INFLATABLE LIFE-BOAT AND FISHING GEAR, WILL BE \$1.63 MILLION OF WHICH THE OWNERS WILL PROVIDE THE BALANCE IN EXCESS OF THE LOAN AMOUNT.

THE VESSELS WILL BE BUILT TO THE DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF TECHNICAL STAFF IN THE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AT YARDS ON TSING YI ISLAND AND IN SHAU KEI WAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID:

+WHILST MANY OF HONG KONG'S NEWER FISHING VESSELS ARE BUILT WITH THE FISHERMEN'S OWN OR OTHER PRIVATE FINANCING AND TO THEIR OWN SPECIFICATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT'S DESIGNS HAVE BEEN WELL ESTABLISHED AS MODELS FOR THE FLEET AND ARE KEENLY OBSERVED BY PROGRESSIVE FISHERMEN.+

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SEPTEMBER COST OF LIVING UNCHANGED

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (A) AND (B) FOR LAST MONTH (SEPTEMBER) WERE BOTH 119, EACH BEING THE SAME AS IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS 1 POINT LOWER THAN THE PREVIOUS MONTH IN C.P.I. (A) AND WAS UNCHANGED IN C.P.I. (B) WHEN ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST WHOLE POINT. THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES DECLINED ALTHOUGH LOCAL SUPPLY WAS AFFECTED BY THE WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING THE EARLY PART OF THE MONTH.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HIGHER PRICES DUE TO HEAVY DEMAND AROUND THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL WERE RECORDED FOR FRESH FRUITS. THE AVERAGE PRICE OF MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME ALSO WENT UP AS SOME RESTAURANTS AND EATING-PLACES RAISED THEIR PRICES. MOVEMENTS IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF THE OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 4 POINTS IN C.P.I. (A) AND BY 3 POINTS IN C.P.I. (B) OWING TO HIGHER PRICES FOR CIGARETTES.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING ADVANCED BY 1 POINT IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) AS A RESULT OF AN INCREASE IN THE RENT OF SOME PRIVATE DWELLINGS.

HIGHER CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING CAUSED THE INDEX FOR SERVICES TO RISE BY 1 POINT IN C.P.I. (B).

A FALL OF 1 POINT WAS RECORDED IN THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR IN C.P.I. (B) DUE TO LOWER PRICES FOR SOME ITEMS OF WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE C.P.I. (A) IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 - \$1,499 A MONTH AND THE C.P.I. (B) BETWEEN \$1,500 - \$2,999 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1973/74.

THE SECTION INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1976 ARE INDICATED BELOW :-

SECTION	C.P.I. (A)			C.P.I. (B)		
	SEP. 76	AUG. 77	SEP. 77	SEP. 76	AUG. 77	SEP. 77
FOODSTUFFS	112	116	115	112	116	116
HOUSING	117	125	126	117	124	125
FUEL AND LIGHT	132	136	136	131	135	135
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	129	133	137	126	130	133
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	97	100	100	97	100	99
DURABLE GOODS	107	110	110	105	107	107
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	121	125	125	118	121	121
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	113	116	116	118	121	121
SERVICES	124	130	130	123	130	131
ALL ITEMS	115	119	119	115	119	119

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TENDER FOR LINK ROAD TO AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BEGIN WORK SHORTLY ON THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SOUTHERN APPROACH ROAD TO AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WILL BE INVITED TOMORROW (THURSDAY) BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE P.W.D.

MR. T.S. NG, CHIEF P.W.D. ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, SAID TODAY THAT WORK WOULD START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT WOULD INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 900-METRE-LONG ROAD, A SLIP ROAD AND A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY ON AP LEI CHAU.

MR. NG SAID THAT ON COMPLETION, THE APPROACH ROAD TOGETHER WITH THE AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE WOULD PROVIDE A DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THE AP LEI CHAU HOUSING ESTATE AND ABERDEEN WHILE THE SLIP ROAD, MEASURING 270 METRES IN LENGTH, WOULD LINK AP LEI CHAU VILLAGE WITH THE SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO THE BRIDGE.

+TO FACILITATE PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS, A SUBWAY WILL BE BUILT NEAR THE AP LEI CHAU KAIFONG SCHOOL. FOOTPATHS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SLIP ROAD AND ALONG THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE MAIN ROAD,+ HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, WORK IS UNDERWAY ON THE \$32 MILLION AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE AND ITS NORTHERN ROAD CONNECTIONS IN ABERDEEN.

THE 230-METRE-LONG BRIDGE, WHICH WILL CARRY TWO TRAFFIC LANES, WITH A CAPACITY OF ABOUT 1,500 VEHICLES PER HOUR, WILL BE THE FIRST TO LINK HONG KONG WITH ONE OF ITS OFFSHORE ISLANDS.

MR. NG SAID THAT THE SOUTHERN APPROACH ROAD WOULD BE TIMED FOR COMPLETION AT THE SAME TIME AS THE BRIDGE AND THE NORTHERN APPROACH ROADS, SO THAT THE WHOLE SCHEME COULD BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC BY MID-1979.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE AND THE \$280 MILLION ABERDEEN TUNNEL, WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED BY MID-1980, WOULD PROVIDE A FAST AND DIRECT ROAD LINK FROM AP LEI CHAU TO THE NORTHERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND VIA THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL, AND THENCE THROUGH THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TO KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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TANG SHIU KIN AND HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND TOPS \$6M MARK
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DONATIONS TO THE TANG SHIU KIN AND HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND, WHICH WAS SET UP EARLIER THIS YEAR, HAS NOW EXCEEDED \$6 MILLION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WHO ACTS AS THE TRUSTEE OF THE FUND, SAID TODAY ABOUT 115 FAMILIES HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE FUND SINCE IT STARTED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NEEDY SIX MONTHS AGO.

PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND, AVERAGING AT \$1,000 PER FAMILY, WERE PROMPTLY MADE TO THE BENEFICIARIES TO MEET HARDSHIP CAUSED BY CRISES OR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

MOST OF THE PAYMENTS WERE FOR FAMILIES TO COPE WITH DIFFICULTIES SUCH AS TO COVER BURIAL EXPENSES ARISING FROM THE DEATH OF THE BREADWINNERS. OTHER PAYMENTS WERE FOR EXPENSES FOR NUTRITIOUS FOOD IN CONNECTION WITH CONVALESCENCE, FOR MEETING REMOVAL EXPENSES TO NEW ACCOMMODATION IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, AND FOR PAYING OFF DEBT INCURRED BECAUSE OF CHRONIC ILLNESS.

+AMONG THE BENEFICIARIES, SOME OF THEM APPLIED FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT DIRECT, WHILE OTHERS WERE REFERRED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, THE PO LEUNG KUK, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SIR SHIU KIN TANG AND MR. HO TIM EACH DONATED \$1 MILLION TO SET UP THE FUND IN FEBRUARY. A COMMITTEE WAS LATER FORMED TO MAKE RULES GOVERNING CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT, RANGE OF ASSISTANCE, INVESTMENTS AND DISPOSAL OF TRUST PROPERTIES.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND CAN BE MADE TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, THE PO LEUNG KUK OR ANY DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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SPECIAL BUS ROUTES FOR CHUNG YEUNG

TWO SPECIAL BUS ROUTES WILL BE IN OPERATION ON CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL DAY (FRIDAY) TO FACILITATE GRAVE WORSHIPPERS GOING TO THE CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY IN POKFULAM AND THE CHAI WAN CEMETERY.

THEY ARE ROUTE 21A, WHICH WILL RUN BETWEEN CENTRAL BUS STATION AND THE CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY, AND ROUTE 89 WHICH WILL PLY BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN CEMETERY. BOTH WILL BE OPERATED FROM 7 A.M. TO 6 P.M. AT A FREQUENCY OF EVERY SEVEN TO EIGHT MINUTES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, BUSES TO WAH FU, ABERDEEN AND WONG CHUK HANG WILL NOT OBSERVE THE BUS STOP OPPOSITE TO THE CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY. THE BUS STOPS OUTSIDE BLOCK 27 WAN TSUI ROAD WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED EXCEPT FOR ROUTE 89.

AT THE SAME TIME, CMB ROUTES NOS. 80, 81, 82, 83 AND CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE NO. 106, WHICH NORMALLY TRAVEL ANTI-CLOCKWISE ON WAN TSUI ROAD, WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO RUN ALONG CHAI WAN ROAD. ROUTE 82 WILL ADDITIONALLY BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL ALONG WAN TSUI ROAD INSTEAD OF TRAVELLING SOUTHBOUND ON WAH HA STREET ON ITS JOURNEY FROM CHAI WAN TO NORTH POINT.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN PING SHAN

THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A REGISTRATION TEAM WILL CARRY OUT REGISTRATION AT PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 27, 28, 31 AND NOVEMBER 1 BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M.

THIS IS TO ENABLE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN OR WARDS FROM 11 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS, AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 18 TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS.

PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA ARE ALSO REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS.

IN ADDITION, THEY MUST REPORT TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE ANY CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ARRAN STREET
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT PART OF ARRAN STREET BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD IN MONG KOK WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO NOVEMBER 17.

THIS IS TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY WORKS BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAYS CORPORATION IN THE AREA.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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