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CITY POLYTECHNIC COURSES START NEXT OCTOBER

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THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG WILL BEGIN TO PROVIDE COURSES FROM OCTOBER NEXT YEAR.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE POLYTECHNIC TO ACQUIRE TEMPORARY PREMISES WITH A BANK LOAN HAVE BEEN ENDORSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE GOVERNMENT WOULD UNDERTAKE TO INCLUDE THE ANNUAL FINANCING CHARGES AS PART OF THE POLYTECHNIC'S ANNUAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE AND TO MAKE GOOD ANY CAPITAL LOSS, IF ANY, AT THE TIME OF DISPOSAL OF THE BUILDING.

THE COMMERCIAL BLOCK, TO BE ACQUIRED AT A COST OF OVER \$200 MILLION, WILL BE USED AS TRANSITORY ACCOMMODATION FOR THE POLYTECHNIC UNTIL ITS PERMANENT CAMPUS ON TAT CHEE AVENUE IN KOWLOON TONG BECOMES AVAILABLE FOR USE BY 1988, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE POLYTECHNIC WILL CATER FOR SOME 700 FULL-TIME AND EQUIVALENT PART-TIME (FTE) STUDENTS IN 1984-85, AND BUILD UP ITS CAPACITY TO THE APPROVED TARGET OF 8 000 FTE STUDENTS IN 1994-95, HE SAID.

ITS FIRST STUDENTS WILL BEGIN TO JOIN THE WORKFORCE IN 1987, AND BY 1990 SOME 9 500 GRADUATES AT VARIOUS LEVELS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET THE STRONG DEMAND FOR TECHNICALLY TRAINED MANPOWER.

THE INSTITUTION WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE, AND FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1983-84, THE COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED A RECURRENT GRANT TALLING ABOUT \$73 MILLION, INCLUDING THE COST OF FINANCING THE LOAN.

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HK GETS WORLD RECOGNITION IN LIGHTING

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THE HONG KONG ILLUMINATION COMMITTEE HAS RECENTLY BEEN ELECTED A FULL MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ILLUMINATION (C.I.E.), GIVING HONG KONG WORLD RECOGNITION IN THE FIELD OF LIGHTING.

AS A RESULT, HONG KONG CAN NOW JOIN THE 35 MEMBER COUNTRIES ON THE COMMISSION IN PUBLISHING INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS, AND GENERALLY PROMOTING THE SCIENCE AND APPLICATION OF LIGHTING IN ALL ITS FORMS.

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THE ELECTION WAS HELD AT THE QUADRENNIAL SESSION OF THE COMMISSION IN AMSTERDAM IN AUGUST THIS YEAR. THE HEAD OF THE BUILDING SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, DR A.M. MARSDEN, WAS ELECTED A VICE-PRESIDENT OF C.I.E. AT THE MEETING.

THE ELECTION ALSO MEANS THAT H.K.I.C. WILL NOW REPRESENT HONG KONG AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL ON LIGHTING MATTERS, INFORMING C.I.E. MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL WORK IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF LIGHTING AND RENDERING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THEM, AS WELL AS RETAILING C.I.E. PUBLICATIONS.

H.K.I.C. WAS FORMED IN MARCH 1982 TO SERVE AS A FORUM FOR ALL ASPECTS OF LIGHTING, COLOUR AND VISION. TECHNICAL PAPERS ARE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED AT ITS MEETINGS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE IS MR K.T.O. COX, CHIEF LIGHTING ENGINEER IN THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. BEFORE COMING TO HONG KONG IN 1977, MR COX ALSO REPRESENTED BRITAIN ON C.I.E. MATTERS.

PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE WORK OF H.K.I.C. MAY CONTACT MR COX AT 5-7905187 OR H.K.I.C.'S SECRETARY, MR C.Y. TONG, AT 5-283298.

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#### PAID SICK LEAVE LAW EXPLAINED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED A GUIDE TO THE AMENDED PROVISIONS FOR SICKNESS BENEFITS IN THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT COPIES OF THE GUIDE ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC IN THE DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICES IN HENNESSY CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, AND CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, YAU MA TEI, AS WELL AS ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF ITS LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE PROVISIONS COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW (TUESDAY), ENTITLING MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND THOSE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING LESS THAN \$8 500 A MONTH, TO TWO DAYS' SICK LEAVE A MONTH DURING THE FIRST 12 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT, AND FOUR DAYS A MONTH THEREAFTER.

PAID SICK LEAVE CAN BE ACCUMULATED TO A MAXIMUM OF 120 DAYS. AN EMPLOYEE MAY TAKE SICK LEAVE UP TO 36 DAYS BY PRODUCING A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY ANY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER. IF THE SICK LEAVE EXCEEDS 36 DAYS, AN EMPLOYEE WILL HAVE TO PRODUCE A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY A HOSPITAL DOCTOR, IF THE EMPLOYER SO REQUIRES.

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OWNERS REMINDED ABOUT PROPERTY TAX  
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OWNERS OF PROPERTY WERE REMINDED TODAY BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR INLAND REVENUE, MR VICTOR LADD, THAT THEY ARE LIABLE TO PAY PROVISIONAL PROPERTY TAX ON PROPERTY IN THE HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON, NEW KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES (INCLUDING OUTLYING ISLANDS) FROM APRIL 1.

DEMAND NOTES FOR PROVISIONAL PROPERTY TAX 1983/84 WERE ISSUED IN JULY AND AUGUST TO OWNERS (EXCLUDING CORPORATION OWNERS) WHO WERE ASSESSED TO PROPERTY TAX FOR THE YEAR OF ASSESSMENT 1982/83 AND WHO HAD NOT BEEN GRANTED EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAX, HE SAID.

+ANY OWNER (EXCLUDING A CORPORATION OWNER) WHO IS LIABLE TO PAY PROVISIONAL PROPERTY TAX BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE FOR PROVISIONAL PROPERTY TAX 1983/84 SHOULD APPLY FORTHWITH TO THE PROPERTY TAX SECTION, INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, 15TH FLOOR, 311, GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG FOR A COPY,+ HE SAID.

OWNERS WERE ALSO REMINDED THAT THE AMOUNT OF PROVISIONAL PROPERTY TAX 1983/84 SHOULD BE PAID ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE SHOWN ON THE DEMAND NOTE.

TO AVOID THE POSSIBLE INCONVENIENCE OF QUEUEING, OWNERS WERE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR CASHIER ORDER SENT BY POST TO:-

COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE,  
WINDSOR HOUSE,  
311, GLOUCESTER ROAD,  
CAUSEWAY BAY,  
HONG KONG

OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE TREASURY'S COLLECTION OFFICES OR INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT'S COLLECTION OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE. CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND CROSSED.

ANY APPLICATION FOR HOLDING OVER OF THE WHOLE OR PART OF THE PROVISIONAL PROPERTY TAX ON VALID GROUNDS (DETAILS ARE SHOWN ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE) MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT NOT LATER THAN 28 DAYS BEFORE THE DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

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MORE SUPPORT SOUGHT FOR TRAINING SCHEME  
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DETAILS OF THE ENGINEERING GRADUATES TRAINING SCHEME WERE EXPLAINED AT A SEMINAR TODAY TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM 100 FIRMS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR WAS TO PROMOTE THE SCHEME, LAUNCHED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR BY THE COMMITTEE ON TRAINING OF TECHNOLOGISTS OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC).

IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THROUGH THE SEMINAR MORE EMPLOYERS WOULD GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCHEME AND BE INDUCED TO OFFER PRACTICAL TRAINING PLACES FOR ENGINEERING GRADUATES, A VTC SPOKESMAN SAID.

SO FAR 50 EMPLOYERS HAVE JOINED THE SCHEME, OFFERING ABOUT 220 ON-THE-JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES TO COMPLETE THEIR TRAINING TO BECOME QUALIFIED ENGINEERS.

BUT THE SCHEME HAS ALREADY ATTRACTED 570 GRADUATES FROM THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, HOLDERS OF ASSOCIATESHIP OF THE POLYTECHNIC AND OVERSEAS GRADUATES IN HONG KONG WITH EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS.

+THE SHORTFALL OF TRAINING PLACES IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ECONOMIC RECESSION. HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE ON TRAINING TECHNOLOGISTS HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO CALL UPON EMPLOYERS TO INCREASE THEIR INTAKES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS AN INCENTIVE TO EMPLOYERS, THE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISES EACH TRAINING PLACE WITH \$1 600 PER MONTH. THE TOTAL COST OF THE SCHEME IS ESTIMATED AT \$6.8 MILLION FOR THE FIRST YEAR.

THE SCHEME IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING GRADUATES WITH 18 MONTHS' PRACTICAL TRAINING OF A STANDARD ACCEPTABLE FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS.

IT ALSO ENSURES AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF WELL-TRAINED ENGINEERS FOR HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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NEW METRIC PUBLICITY DRIVE STARTS  
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FROM NOW ON, THE CHINESE TERMS +GUNG GUN+ AND +GUNG LEI+ WILL BE PROMOTED FOR USE IN EVERYDAY LIFE, MARKET TRANSACTIONS AND MEDIA REPORTING SO AS TO GAIN THE PUBLIC'S READY ACCEPTANCE OF THE METRIC SYSTEM.

THE DECISION TO ADOPT TERMS THAT ARE MORE SUITED TO THE LINGUISTIC HABITS OF THE CHINESE POPULATION WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY MR JAMES WU, CHAIRMAN OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO DISCLOSE THE NEW APPROACH TO THE METRICATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

MR WU SAID THAT THE USE OF THE TERMS +CHIN HAK+ AND +CHIN MAI+ WILL BE LIMITED TO EDUCATIONAL, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC DOCUMENTS.

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MR WU IS CONVINCED THAT THE PUBLIC ARE GENERALLY WILLING TO ACCEPT THE METRIC SYSTEM, BUT THE PROBLEM IS THEY DO NOT KNOW HOW TO CHANGE FROM THE TRADITIONAL SYSTEM TO THE NEW ONE.

IN MR WU'S OPINION, LEARNING THE CONVERSION FACTORS FOR METRIC AND NON-METRIC UNITS IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND PRACTICAL WAY TO LEARN THE METRIC SYSTEM.

A UNIQUELY DESIGNED, POCKET-SIZE METRIC DIAL, PAMPHLETS, AND STICKERS WILL BE PRODUCED TO ACQUAINT THE PUBLIC WITH METRIC TERMS AND FACILITATE THE CONVERSION BETWEEN METRIC AND TRADITIONAL UNITS E.G. IMPERIAL AND CHINESE UNITS.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF TRADERS AND CONSUMERS, THE METRICATION COMMITTEE WILL MAKE WEIGHING AND MEASURING EQUIPMENT, READILY AVAILABLE, INITIALLY WITH DUAL SCALE CALIBRATIONS AND EVENTUALLY WITH UNITARY METRIC SCALE CALIBRATIONS.

MR WU POINTED OUT THAT THE WORKING GROUPS OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS TO ASSIST THEM IN WORKING OUT THEIR METRICATION PROGRAMMES.

HE SAID THAT A SERIES OF PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE LAUNCHED TO COMPLEMENT THE COMMITTEE'S NEW APPROACH.

FOUR NEW PUBLICITY SHORT FILMS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED TO STRESS THE REASONS FOR AND ADVANTAGES OF THE METRIC CHANGE-OVER.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE PRODUCTION OF NEW RADIO TRAILERS, THE PUBLICATION OF PRINTED MATERIAL FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC, THE SETTING UP OF METRIC SCALE COUNTERS IN MARKETS, THE LAUNCHING OF A METRIC FAMILY LUCKY DRAW IN MID-APRIL NEXT YEAR AND PUBLICITY FOR THE CHANGE FROM MILE TO KILOMETRE ON ROAD SIGNS INDICATING SPEED LIMIT IN AUGUST, 1984.

MR IP YEUK-LAM, A MEMBER OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE AND MR ARTHUR HACKER, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, CREATIVE SUB-DIVISION OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, ALSO SPOKE.

MR IP SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE'S LATEST PRINCIPLE IS TO 'POPULARISE' METRICATION AND APPLY THE METRIC SYSTEM +AS A MATTER OF FACT+ TO DAILY LIFE.

IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE THE METRIC SYSTEM TO PEOPLE AT THE GRASS ROOTS LEVEL, METRIC SCALE COUNTERS WILL BE SET UP IN MARKETS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN MAKE USE OF THE SCALES DURING THEIR PURCHASES, HE POINTED OUT.

WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE FIRST METRIC SCALE COUNTER WILL BE SET UP FOR A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS AT BOWRINGTON ROAD MARKET, WAN CHAI FROM NOVEMBER 11. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FIVE SIMILAR COUNTERS AT CENTRAL MARKET, ABERDEEN MARKET, NGAU TAU KOK MARKET, YAUMATI MARKET AND MONGKOK MARKET ON A ROTATION BASIS.

REFERRING TO THE DIFFICULTIES OF PROMOTING METRICATION AT RETAILER AND HAWKER LEVELS, MR IP FELT THAT BOTH RETAILERS AND CONSUMERS WILL NEED TIME TO GET ACCUSTOMED TO THE METRIC SYSTEM, AND TO USE WEIGHING EQUIPMENT WITH DUAL SCALE CALIBRATIONS AS WELL AS EQUIPMENT WITH UNITARY METRIC CALIBRATION. BUT HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE BENEFITS TO TRADES AND CONSUMERS BROUGHT BY A SUCCESSFUL CHANGEOVER WILL OFFSET THE PRESENT INCONVENIENCE.

MR HACKER EXPLAINED THE 'TWO PRONGED' APPROACH IN THE NEW PUBLICITY DRIVE.

+THE FIRST PHASE IS AN UMBRELLA CAMPAIGN TO PERSUADE PEOPLE THAT METRICATION IS A GOOD THING, WHILE THE SECOND PHASE IS AN INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN+, HE SAID.

THE CAMPAIGN AIMS TO CREATE A SITUATION WHERE HONG KONG HAS BECOME A METRIC SOCIETY WITHIN A LARGELY METRIC WORLD. DURING THIS PHASE, FOUR TELEVISION FILMS WILL BE SCREENED AS FROM TODAY TO PERSUADE PEOPLE THAT METRICATION IS A HUNDRED TIMES BETTER.

+THESE FILMS WILL BE COMPLEMENTED BY A SERIES OF SHORT SNAPPY INSERTS ON BASIC CONVERSIONS AND A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF POSTERS, LEAFLETS AS WELL AS OTHER USEFUL PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL,+ MR HACKER SAID.

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#### MORE BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

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THIRTY-SEVEN NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 48 IN AUGUST.

OF THESE PLANS, 18 ARE FOR NEW BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THREE FOR THOSE IN KOWLOON AND 16 FOR THOSE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE NEW BUILDINGS INCLUDE AN ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION IN CHUNG HOM KOK AND ANOTHER IN WAN CHAI AND A VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL AT LAI YIP STREET, KOWLOON BAY.

THE DECLARED COST OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$676.58 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$699.83 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE USABLE FLOOR AREA OF THESE NEW BUILDINGS TOTALLED 129 514.70 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 88 536 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC AND 40 978.7 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

IN THE SAME MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 35 NEW PROJECTS. THEY INCLUDE A SCHOOL EXTENSION AT KWAI CHUNG CIRCUIT AND A FOOTBRIDGE IN TUEN MUN.

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ALTOGETHER, 41 OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS DURING THE MONTH. THESE BUILDINGS INCLUDE A HOTEL AT THE JUNCTION OF WANG TAK STREET AND PO SHIN STREET, TWO SCHOOLS AT NAM FUNG ROAD AND TAI PAK TIN STREET IN KWAI CHUNG AND A SCHOOL EXTENSION AT CORNWALL STREET, KOWLOON.

IN SEPTEMBER, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE PERMISSION TO DEMOLISH 21 BUILDINGS.

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FORMER CHIEFS AMAZED AT AIRPORT GROWTH  
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TWO FORMER CIVIL AVIATION CHIEFS SPOKE TODAY OF HOW TIME FLIES -- AND HOW THE AIRPORT HAD DEVELOPED SO MUCH SINCE THEY WERE LAST HERE.

THE TWO, MR R.E. DOWNING AND MR T.R. THOMSON, WERE EXCHANGING RECOLLECTIONS WITH THE PRESENT DIRECTOR, MR BRIAN KEEP, AND SOME 100 OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAD ALSO BEEN WORKING IN THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT WITH THEM.

THE OCCASION WAS A TEA PARTY GIVEN IN THE VISITORS' HONOUR BY MR KEEP.

HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT'S +AMAZING+ DEVELOPMENT WAS PARTICULARLY FELT BY MR THOMSON, WHO RETIRED FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1973, WHEN THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING WAS ONLY ABOUT HALF ITS PRESENT SIZE.

AT THAT TIME, THE AIRPORT DEALT WITH ABOUT THREE MILLION PASSENGERS A YEAR.

TODAY, MR THOMSON NOTED, THE AIRPORT HANDLES ABOUT NINE MILLION PASSENGERS A YEAR, THREE TIMES THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC OF TEN YEARS AGO.

MR THOMSON WAS DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION FROM 1966 TO 1973.

HE WAS SUCCEEDED BY MR DOWNING, WHO HELD THE POST UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1979, AFTER A 32-YEAR ASSOCIATION WITH THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

MR DOWNING RECALLED THAT HE HAD JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN DECEMBER 1947, FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF CIVIL AVIATION IN HONG KONG.

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CROWN LAND FOR AUCTION  
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING FOUR PIECES OF CROWN LAND FOR SALE AT AN AUCTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON NOVEMBER 25, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

THE LARGEST SITE OF ABOUT 3 800 SQUARE METRES IN RAZOR HILL, SAI KUNG IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE OTHER THREE SITES ARE ALL FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN PURPOSES.

ONE OF THEM, MEASURING ABOUT 1 777 SQUARE METRES, IS IN TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, YUEN LONG.

ANOTHER SITE COVERING ABOUT 3 425 SQUARE METRES, IS IN SHATIN NEW TOWN.

THE THIRD LOT WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 2 977 SQUARE METRES IS AT CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD IN LAI CHI KOK.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE SURVEY DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD; THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD; OR ANY OF THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES IN SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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ROAD PROJECT PROPOSED FOR ABERDEEN  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO CONSTRUCT A NEW ROAD AND ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS BETWEEN NAM FUNG ROAD AND WONG CHUK HANG PATH IN THE ABERDEEN AREA.

THE WORKS WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO A PROPOSED HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT ON A SITE AT NAM FUNG ROAD AND TO SERVE AS ACCESS TO ADJOINING AREAS.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG SOUTH, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, HARBOUR CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR, HONG KONG; OR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, NOS. 7-11 NAM NING STREET, SECOND FLOOR, ABERDEEN CENTRE, HONG KONG.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY DECEMBER 27, 1983.

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BOARDS' PUBLIC LIAISON ROLE STRESSED  
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THE SPEED OF GROWTH AND THE MATURITY OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION DEPENDS ON THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE UNCEASING EFFORTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING, HE SAID:  
+THE MAJOR FUNCTION OF THE BOARD IS TO ESTABLISH MORE AND BETTER CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH RESIDENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT CAN EXCHANGE VIEWS.+

HE SAID RESIDENTS CAN PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS ON DISTRICT MATTERS TO THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE BOARD MEMBERS.

IF THE PROPOSAL IS FEASIBLE, IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED AND THE PROGRESS AND RESULTS WILL BE MONITORED BY THE BOARD.

ON THE WORK DONE BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, MR WIGGHAM SAID MEMBERS HAD CONTRIBUTED MUCH IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, WELFARE SERVICES, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

SOME EXAMPLES WERE THE CLEARANCE OF ILLEGAL BACKLANE STRUCTURES IN THE DISTRICT'S INDUSTRIAL AREA, SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, PROVISION OF EVENING CLINIC SERVICE, AND TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AT YUE MAN SQUARE.

+WHEN IMPLEMENTING THESE PROJECTS, BOARD MEMBERS HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY PUT IN MUCH EFFORTS AND A LOT OF TIME,+ HE SAID.

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SEAWALL FOR JUNK BAY TIP SITE  
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A SEAWALL OFF SAN SHEK WAN IN JUNK BAY FOR THE CONTROLLED TIP SITE THERE.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTIFICATION PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A NOTICE (IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE) WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE. THE PLAN MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY DIVISION, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER) AND AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL AND CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LABOUR RELATIONS COURSES OFFERED  
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF A SERIES OF COURSES ON LABOUR RELATIONS IN THE BANQUET ROOM, HOTEL PLAZA, 27TH FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE COURSES ARE BEING ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR EMPLOYERS, MANAGEMENT STAFF AND TRADE UNION OFFICIALS, TO STRENGTHEN LABOUR RELATIONS IN HONG KONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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FESTIVAL BOOST FOR CHINESE MUSIC  
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THE CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 19 TO 27.

IT IS BEING HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME AND HAS ITS ORIGINS IN THE VERY WELL-RECEIVED CHINESE MUSIC WEEK ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN MARCH LAST YEAR.

THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MR CLIVE OXLEY, EXPLAINED TODAY THAT THE FESTIVAL IS AIMED AT STIMULATING INTEREST IN CHINESE MUSIC AND IN RAISING THE STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE.

+IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT THE FESTIVAL WILL SERVE AS A MEANS OF ENCOURAGING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS TO FORM CHINESE ORCHESTRAS,+ HE SAID.

THE FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE A SERIES OF CONCERTS, SEMINARS AND MASTER CLASSES, IN WHICH RENOWNED MUSICIANS FROM CHINA AND HONG KONG WILL TAKE PART. IN ADDITION TO THREE ETHNIC CHINESE MUSIC GROUPS WHICH WILL PLAY TRADITIONAL CANTONESE, CHIU CHOW AND FUKIEN MUSIC, TEN LOCAL CHINESE ORCHESTRAS WILL ALSO BE PERFORMING IN THIS FESTIVAL.

AND APART FROM THE OPENING CONCERT AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON NOVEMBER 19, TWO OTHER CONCERTS - THE DEMONSTRATION CONCERT AND THE FINALE CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 24 AND 27 AT THE SAME PLACE.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, DR HENRIETTA IP, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CONCERT.

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PERFORMERS AT THE FINALE CONCERT WILL INCLUDE CHINESE INSTRUMENTAL GROUPS OF HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS' UNION, HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC SOCIETY, KING'S COLLEGE CHINESE INSTRUMENTAL GROUP, MUSIC LOVERS CHINESE ORCHESTRA, PUI SING MUSIC ASSOCIATION CHINESE ORCHESTRA, TSUEN WAN YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, WAH SING CHINESE FOLK ORCHESTRA, WANG KWONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA, YAO YUEH CHINESE MUSIC ASSOCIATION, YWCA CHINESE INSTRUMENTAL ORCHESTRA, MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, AND THE MUSIC OFFICE TRAINEES CHINESE ORCHESTRA.

TICKETS FOR THE THREE CONCERTS AT \$5 EACH ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE TSUEN WAN HALL AND ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE TELEPHONE 0-428127.

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SCHOOLS GET +FLAG DAY+ REMINDER

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SCHOOLS ARE REMINDED TO OBTAIN THE CONSENT OF PARENTS BEFORE SENDING THEIR STUDENTS TO ASSIST IN SELLING FLAGS OR FLOWERS FOR CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS ON APPROVED FLAG AND FLOWER DAYS.

IN A GENERAL CIRCULAR TO SCHOOLS, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE REMINDED THAT STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THESE ACTIVITIES MUST BE ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY AND THAT THE PRIOR CONSENT OF PARENTS SHOULD BE OBTAINED.+

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED SCHOOL HEADS THAT ONLY STUDENTS AGED 14 OR ABOVE SHOULD BE SENT TO ASSIST IN SELLING FLAGS OR FLOWERS AND THAT APPROPRIATE INSURANCE COVER AGAINST ACCIDENTS AND ROBBERY IS PROVIDED FOR THE STUDENTS.

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AIRPORT SLIP ROAD READY

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FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY), THE SLIP ROAD CONNECTING THE EASTBOUND TUBE OF THE AIRPORT TUNNEL AND SUNG WONG TOI ROAD WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE SLIP ROAD, MOTORISTS ON EAST KOWLOON WAY HEADING FOR THE AIRPORT VIA SUNG WONG TOI ROAD MAY USE EITHER EAST KOWLOON WAY EASTBOUND, KOWLOON CITY ROAD AND SUNG WONG TOI ROAD; OR EAST KOWLOON WAY EASTBOUND, AIRPORT TUNNEL, THE NEWLY OPENED SLIP ROAD AND SUNG WONG TOI ROAD.

SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS USING THE SLIP ROAD.

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TRAFFIC MEASURES IN TAI HANG

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FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 2), TRAFFIC LIGHTS WILL BE SWITCHED OFF AND A ROUNDABOUT PROVIDED AT THE WESTERN JUNCTION OF TAI HANG ROAD WITH BLUE POOL ROAD FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

DURING THE PERIOD, ALL VEHICLES OVER 2-1/2 TONS UNLADEN WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT FROM TAI HANG ROAD INTO BLUE POOL ROAD OR TURNING LEFT FROM BLUE POOL ROAD INTO TAI HANG ROAD.

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FRESH WATER LEAKAGE TESTS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO AND TAI KOK TSUI AREA WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 3) TO 6 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY LAI CHI KOK ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, TUNG CHAU STREET, BOUNDARY STREET, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, INCLUDING SYCAMORE STREET, MAPLE STREET, WALNUT STREET, LIME STREET, AND WILLOW STREET.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 98.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 574.665 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 473.588 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 80.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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