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GOVERNOR STARTS BUSY PROGRAMME IN USA

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, HAD A FULL DAY OF MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, ON MONDAY (U.S. TIME) IN WASHINGTON, DC.

IT WAS THE FIRST OF A FIVE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE GOVERNOR, WHO WILL SPEND THREE DAYS IN WASHINGTON AND TWO IN NEW YORK.

AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, SIR DAVID HAD A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION WITH MR JOHN WHITEHEAD, WHO IS ACTING AS SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE ABSENCE OF MR GEORGE SHULTZ. HE BRIEFED MR WHITEHEAD ON GENERAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG, EMPHASISING THE STRENGTH OF THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMY AND EXPLAINING THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION WAS GOING WELL.

SIR DAVID ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE PROTECTIONIST IMPLICATIONS IN THE TRADE LEGISLATION PENDING IN THE U.S. CONGRESS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG WAS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF A FREE TRADE ECONOMY AND THAT UNITED STATES EXPORTS TO THE TERRITORY HAD RECENTLY BEEN DOING VERY WELL; THEY WERE UP 27 PER CENT THIS YEAR AS OPPOSED TO FOUR PER CENT FOR THE EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION IN GENERAL.

MR WHITEHEAD AND SIR DAVID ALSO DISCUSSED THE ISSUE OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. THE GOVERNOR EXPLAINED THE CONTINUING AND GROWING NATURE OF THE PROBLEM AND EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE BOTH OF CONTINUING RESETTLEMENT AND OF FINDING A LONG TERM SOLUTION.

IN THE AFTERNOON SIR DAVID HAD A MEETING WITH THREE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S TOP CHINA POLICY EXPERTS, WITH WHOM HE HAD A DISCUSSION ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA.

FOLLOWING THAT MEETING, SIR DAVID WENT ON TO SEE THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, MR CLAYTON YEUTTER.

SIR DAVID AND AMBASSADOR YEUTTER DISCUSSED A RANGE OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST, INCLUDING TRADE AND TEXTILE LEGISLATION AND THE NEW GATT ROUND OF MULTI-LATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

SIR DAVID WOUND UP THE DAY WITH A DINNER AT THE CAPITOL, HOSTED BY SENATOR SPARK MATSUNAGA, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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MARKET MUST BE ORDERLY, SAYS FS

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE DECISION BY THE HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE TO SUSPEND TRADING WAS EXPLAINABLE AS WHAT HAD BEEN HAPPENING ON THE WORLD MARKETS MEANT "THERE IS THE DANGER THAT TODAY WE FACE A MARKET WHICH IS NOT AS ORDERLY AS WE WOULD HAVE LIKED."

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THIS MORNING'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, MR JACOBS SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE TO SEE HOW QUICKLY THE MARKET COULD BE OPENED IN AN ORDERLY MANNER.

HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE DECISION TO SUSPEND THE MARKET WOULD NOT HAVE A LONG-TERM EFFECT ON HONG KONG AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE.

MR JACOBS SAID THAT A MARKET MUST BE AN ORDERLY MARKET IF IT WAS TO SERVE THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC, AND "AT THE MOMENT THERE IS AN ENORMOUS BACKLOG OF TRANSACTIONS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT."

"I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS BACKLOG OF SETTLEMENT. THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT HAS EXISTED FOR SOME TIME. AS YOU REMEMBER, THE STOCK EXCHANGE IS ON THE POINT OF ENGAGING SOMEONE TO LOOK INTO BETTER SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES," HE SAID.

MR JACOBS SAID THAT THE MARKET IN HONG KONG HAD DEVELOPED VERY RAPIDLY AND HAD "SO MUCH EXCITEMENT OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS THAT THE BACKLOG HAS BUILT UP."

HE ADDED THAT THIS BACKLOG HAD TO BE CLEARED AS IT WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE INVESTING PUBLIC.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID THAT WHAT HAD BEEN HAPPENING ON THE WORLD MARKETS HAD ADDED TO THIS BACKLOG, AND "IT IS FELT THAT FIVE DAYS MAY BE NEEDED TO CLEAR THE BACKLOG OF SETTLEMENTS."

"I THINK IT'S BETTER TO HAVE THIS SUSPENSION, SO THAT WE CAN GET SOME ORDER BACK TO THE MARKET," HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE SUSPENSION WAS TOO LONG, MR JACOBS SAID IT WAS REALLY FOR THE STOCK EXCHANGE TO DECIDE. "IT DOES SEEM RATHER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, BUT AS I HAVE SAID WE WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE," HE ADDED.

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ONE-WAY TOLL FOR LION ROCK TUNNEL

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ON THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO CONDUCT A ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND NO TOLL EXPERIMENT AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL, BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 23 AND LASTING FOUR WEEKS.

IN MAKING THE DECISION TODAY (TUESDAY), THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ALSO DECIDED THAT THE TOLL FOR THE NORTHBOUND JOURNEY SHOULD BE \$6 ONE-WAY FOR THE DURATION OF THE EXPERIMENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE DECISION TO CARRY OUT THE EXPERIMENT WAS MADE TO ASSESS WHETHER TRAFFIC FLOW THROUGH THE LION ROCK TUNNEL COULD BE IMPROVED.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED, HOWEVER, THAT SHOULD DIFFICULTIES ARISE, THROUGH CONGESTION, THE EXPERIMENT WOULD BE DISCONTINUED.

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO INTENTION OF LIFTING TOLLS ALTOGETHER AND THAT THE CHARGING OF TOLLS FOR TUNNELS FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PURPOSES WAS AN ESTABLISHED POLICY AND WOULD CONTINUE.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACCELERATE THE COMPLETION OF THE CONSULTANTS' REPORT INTO THE OPTIONS FOR RELIEVING LION ROCK TUNNEL CONGESTION, INCLUDING THE USE OF THE OLD RAILWAY TUNNEL BENEATH BEACON HILL, AND SUBMIT IT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

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TAC CONSIDERS NEW FERRY SERVICE

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APPLICATIONS BY THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY (HYF) AND THE STAR FERRY COMPANY FOR A FRANCHISE TO OPERATE A PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN TSIM SHA TSUI AND WAN CHAI WAS DISCUSSED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE 1986 CROSS HARBOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES STUDY IDENTIFIED THE NEED FOR A FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN TSIM SHA TSUI AND WAN CHAI AND RECOMMENDED THAT IT SHOULD REPLACE HYF'S LOSS-MAKING SERVICE BETWEEN JORDAN ROAD AND WAN CHAI. THE STUDY PREDICTED THAT THE NEW SERVICE WOULD CARRY ABOUT 12,400 PASSENGERS PER WEEKDAY BY 1991.

IN CONSIDERING THE APPLICATIONS BY THE TWO FERRY OPERATORS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SERVICE, THE MEMBERS HAD LOOKED INTO THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE FERRY SERVICE; THE LEVEL OF SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE TWO COMPANIES; THEIR TRANSPORT RESOURCES; FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS. THEIR RECOMMENDATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

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THE TAC ENDORSED THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAMWAY ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUATION OF PRIVATE-HIRE AND TOUR SERVICES CURRENTLY OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG TRAMWAYS.

THE MEMBERS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT A PROVISION BE MADE FOR THE NUMBER OF TOUR CARS TO BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, AND FOR TOUR CARS TO BE CLEARLY DESIGNATED AS SUCH AND TO DISPLAY THE FARE BEING CHARGED CONSPICUOUSLY SO AS NOT TO CONFUSE THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

THE TAC ALSO CONSIDERED A VERBAL REPORT ON THE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE DISTRICT BOARDS REGRADING THE TAXI POLICY REVIEW.

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#### OYSTER FARMERS ACCEPT GOVERNMENT OFFER

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MORE THAN HALF OF THE OYSTER FARMERS IN LAU FAU SHAN AFFECTED BY THE MARINE TRANSPORTATION ROUTE FOR THE BORROW AREA IN DEEP BAY HAVE ACCEPTED THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFER OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES AND THE REMAINING FARMERS HAVE TWO WEEKS TO REMOVE THE OYSTERS ON THE ROUTE, A YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE LAND FORMATION CONTRACT FOR THE TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WOULD BE SIGNED ON OCTOBER 26 (MONDAY) AND WORK FOR THE BORROW AREA WILL COMMENCE ON NOVEMBER 2, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"SINCE JUNE, REMINDERS WERE MADE TO THE OYSTER FARMERS TO REMOVE THEIR OYSTERS AS DREDGING WORK WILL START ON SCHEDULE NEXT MONTH," HE SAID.

TO FACILITATE THE CLAIMS OF OYSTER FARMERS AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE, TWO SIDE SCAN SONAR SURVEYS WERE CARRIED OUT IN JANUARY LAST YEAR AND JULY THIS YEAR TO ASCERTAIN THE EXTENT OF THE ACTIVE CULTIVATION OF OYSTER BEDS.

"THE SIDE SCAN SONAR METHOD WAS CONSIDERED A PRACTICABLE AND ACCURATE WAY TO ASCERTAIN THE AREA OF OYSTER BEDS THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS BY DETECTING OBJECTS IN THE SEABED POSITIVELY IDENTIFIABLE WITH OYSTER FARMING ACTIVITY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE FACT THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THE OYSTER FARMERS HAVE ALREADY COLLECTED THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES SHOWED THAT THE RESULTS OF THE TWO SURVEYS WERE ACCURATE," HE ADDED.

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SEVEN QUESTIONS ON LEGCO AGENDA

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ASK SEVEN QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER THREE BILLS IN THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

ONE OF THE BILLS IS THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987. IT WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THE OTHER BILLS ARE THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1986-87) BILL 1987 AND DENTISTS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, ON WHICH DEBATE IS DUE TO RESUME PRIOR TO THIRD READINGS.

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STEPS TO PROMOTE QUALITY ASSURANCE URGED

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THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD HAD AGREED EARLIER THIS MONTH THAT PLANS SHOULD BE DRAWN UP FOR THE PROMOTION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR A.G. EASON SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

ADDRESSING A SEMINAR ON UNITED KINGDOM STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, MR EASON SAID AS A FIRST STEP, A SURVEY OF EXISTING QUALITY SERVICES, INCLUDING TRAINING AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES, WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

"WE WILL ALSO BE LOOKING AT THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING OUR QUALITY CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS, BUILDING ON THE VALUABLE EXPERIENCE OF THE EXISTING Q-MARK SCHEME.

"THE TIME IS NOW RIPE FOR FURTHER EFFORTS TO PROMOTE QUALITY ASSURANCE," HE STRESSED.

MR EASON CONTINUED: "THE GOVERNMENT HAS BUILT UP A RANGE OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO SUPPORT MANUFACTURERS' EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD, WHICH INCLUDE THE STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY, THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME AND THE PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU."

HE EXPLAINED THAT FOR MAXIMUM EFFECT, THE QUALITY ASSURANCE CONCEPT SHOULD APPLY TO EVERY STAGE OF THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS, FROM DESIGN TO PRODUCTION, TESTING AND MARKETING.

"IN THE FIELD OF QUALITY ASSURANCE, PRODUCT STANDARDS PROVIDE THE YARDSTICK BY WHICH THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF GOODS IS MEASURED."

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HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THAT PRODUCTS ARE SAFE AND OF GOOD QUALITY NATURALLY LIES WITH MANUFACTURERS, THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT ALSO HAS A SUPPORTING ROLE TO PLAY.

"ONE OF THE WAYS IT HELPS IS BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ON OVERSEAS STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS.

"THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU HAS SINCE 1984 BUILT UP AN EXTENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE REFERENCE LIBRARY OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRODUCT STANDARDS APPLYING IN HONG KONG'S MAIN MARKETS AND PUBLICISED CHANGES IN OVERSEAS STANDARDS AND PROVIDED A TECHNICAL ENQUIRY SERVICE TO EXPLAIN PARTICULAR FEATURES OF OVERSEAS REQUIREMENTS," MR EASON SAID.

TODAY'S SEMINAR, AS WELL AS AN EXHIBITION, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE UK INSTITUTE OF TRADING STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION TO ENABLE THEM TO MEET THE UK STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS APPLYING TO SEVERAL OF HK'S MAJOR PRODUCT CATEGORIES, INCLUDING TOYS AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS.

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#### HOME CARE NEEDED FOR THE ELDERLY

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THE BASIC PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IS "CARE IN THE HOME", UNDER WHICH FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO LOOK AFTER THEIR ELDERLY MEMBERS SO THAT THEY CAN STAY IN A FAMILIAR ENVIRONMENT FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A DINNER RECEPTION FOR THE ELDERLY IN WONG TAI SIN SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD THERE, MR LAW SAID THIS PHILOSOPHY NEEDED THE BACKING OF COMMUNITY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES SUCH AS SOCIAL CENTRES, DAY CARE CENTRES AND MULTI-SERVICES CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY AS WELL AS HOME HELP, COMMUNITY NURSING AND MEAL DELIVERY SERVICES.

"THERE ARE 13 SUCH SERVICE UNITS IN WONG TAI SIN TO HELP FAMILIES THERE TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR ELDERLY MEMBERS AND TO RENDER NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND CARE FOR ELDERLY SINGLETONS IN THE DISTRICT," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THROUGH COMMUNITY EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, RESIDENTS WERE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO RESPECT OUR SENIOR CITIZENS SO AS TO HELP THEM TO RETAIN SELF-DIGNITY, KEEP UP THEIR SOCIAL CONTACTS AND ENJOY A MEANINGFUL LIFE.

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"RECENTLY, MANY YOUNG VOLUNTEERS HAD BEEN MOBILISED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PAY REGULAR VISITS TO ELDERLY SINGLETONS AND THESE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE PROMOTED BECAUSE ONLY A CARING COMMUNITY CAN PROVIDE ADEQUATE CARE IN THE HOME FOR THE OLD PEOPLE," HE SAID.

"WHILE THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PROVIDING VARIOUS SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY TO MEET DEMANDS STEP BY STEP, COMMUNITY EDUCATION SHOULD BE PROMOTED TO DRAW PUBLIC ATTENTION TO PROVIDING CARE IN THE HOME FOR THE ELDERLY," HE ADDED.

MR LAW COMMENDED THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY FOR PROMOTING CARE AND CONCERN FOR THE OLD PEOPLE.

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AUGUST ORDERS-ON-HAND  
EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED

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IN AUGUST 1987, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED SLIGHTLY COMPARED WITH JULY 1987 BUT THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE OVER AUGUST 1986, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND, MEASURED IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF MONTHS, REFERS TO THE POSITION AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

COMPARING AUGUST 1987 WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1986, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY DROPPED SLIGHTLY WHILE THAT IN MOST OTHER INDUSTRIES SURVEYED INCREASED MODERATELY.

COMPARING AUGUST 1987 WITH JULY 1987, ORDERS DECREASED IN MOST INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, PARTICULARLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. PARTLY OFFSETTING THESE DECREASES WAS AN INCREASE IN ORDERS RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR SHOWED SOME DECREASE IN AUGUST 1987 WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1987 AND AUGUST 1986.

MOST OF THE INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, IN PARTICULAR THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, RECORDED SOME DECREASES IN EMPLOYMENT COMPARED WITH JULY 1987, AS MANY OF THE SUMMER WORKERS RECRUITED IN THE PRECEDING TWO MONTHS BEGAN TO LEAVE THE INDUSTRIES.

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COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986, EMPLOYMENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES DECREASED, WHILE THAT IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES INCREASED. EMPLOYMENT IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME AS IN AUGUST 1986.

PAYROLL IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN AUGUST 1987 DECREASED SLIGHTLY COMPARED WITH JULY 1987 BUT INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER AUGUST 1986. CONCURRENTLY, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER JULY 1987 AND AUGUST 1986.

COMPARING AUGUST 1987 WITH JULY 1987, PAYROLL IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES DECREASED, WHILE THAT IN THE TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES INCREASED AS SOME OF THE FACTORIES ISSUED BONUSES. PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED IN MOST INDUSTRIES SURVEYED EXCEPT THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY, WITH PARTICULARLY LARGE INCREASES RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARING AUGUST 1987 WITH AUGUST 1986, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN ALL INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, ESPECIALLY THE TEXTILES, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WAS ALSO RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN AUGUST 1987 ALL INCREASED WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH JULY 1987 AND AUGUST 1986. A PARTICULARLY SHARP INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS RECORDED BETWEEN AUGUST 1986 AND AUGUST 1987.

IN THE SERVICES SECTORS, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN AUGUST 1987 ALL REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN JULY 1987 BUT INCREASED MODERATELY OVER AUGUST 1986.

AMONG THE VARIOUS SERVICES SECTORS, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED IN BANKS BUT DECREASED IN PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1987. COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN BANKS AND HOTELS, WHILE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS RECORDED IN BANKS.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 AND 2 BELOW.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

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AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT THE MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE. NEVERTHELESS, THESE RESULTS ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR AUGUST 1987 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19/F, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8234820.

TABLE 1: ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	FOR AUG. 1987 (MONTHS)	JUL. 87 (%)	INCREASE OVER AUG. 86 (%)
ALL INDUSTRIES	4.41	-2	1
WEARING APPAREL	4.94	-1	2
TEXTILES	2.91	2	4
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.29	-1	*
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.02	-10	-1
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.05	-1	2
OTHERS	4.26	-1	-2

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TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF AUG. 1987		PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	INCREASE OVER		IN AUG. 87	INCREASE OVER	
	JUL. 87	AUG. 86		JUL. 87	AUG. 86
	(%)	(%)	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
MANUFACTURING	-4	-3	3,762	3	14
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	1	4,347	-4	4
WEARING APPAREL	-2	-7	3,344	2	12
TEXTILES	-1	2	4,158	8	19
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-12	-12	3,502	14	21
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-2	-1	3,570	1	15
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-6	*	3,455	2	12
OTHERS	-2	-2	4,802	*	11
CONSTRUCTION <sup>#</sup>	1	10	5,274	1	11
SERVICES	*	3	6,465	*	9
BANKS	1	5	6,081	3	13
HOTELS	*	*	3,968	*	15
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	6,302	-8	6
OTHERS	1	7	7,919	8	7

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

# PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTE: UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS" WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE FIRMS SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS  
AND PURCHASES RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987, ESTIMATED AT \$5,625 MILLION, WAS 21 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986, WHILE THE VOLUME WAS 15 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987 WAS \$2,455 MILLION, WHICH WAS 24 PER CENT HIGHER IN VALUE TERM THAN IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986.

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, CHINESE RESTAURANTS RECORDED THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE, (23 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986, FOLLOWED BY NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (17 PER CENT) AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES - (COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND OTHER OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY ETC.) (15 PER CENT), FAST FOOD SHOPS (12 PER CENT) AND BARS (12 PER CENT).

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, FAST FOOD SHOPS, BARS AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES WENT UP BY 18 PER CENT, 11 PER CENT, 9 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS ROSE BY 18 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN VOLUME; AND THE TOTAL VALUE OF PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT.

IN VALUE TERMS, CHINESE RESTAURANTS RECORDED THE LARGEST GROWTH IN TOTAL RECEIPTS (20 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY BARS (16 PER CENT), FAST FOOD SHOPS (15 PER CENT), NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (12 PER CENT) AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (10 PER CENT).

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS AGAIN SHOWED THE LARGEST INCREASE, AT 15 PER CENT. THE GROWTH, IN VOLUME TERMS, RECORDED BY FAST FOOD SHOPS, BARS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES WERE 11 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS  
AND PURCHASES RELEASED

COMPARING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987 WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 9 PER CENT IN VOLUME; THOSE OF NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS BY 12 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 9 PER CENT IN VOLUME; AND THOSE OF FAST FOOD SHOPS BY 1 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. HOWEVER, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF BARS DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME; AND THOSE OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS BY 2 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR THE TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100. ALSO TABULATED ARE COMPARISONS OF THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 AND FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986. COMPARISONS OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1987 WITH THOSE FOR 1986 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234941.

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

		1st qtr. 1987 (Revised figures)	2nd qtr. 1987 (Provisional figures)
Total restaurant receipts	(in HK\$ million)	5 596	5 625
Total purchases by restaurants	(in HK\$ million)	2 463	2 455

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 1ST QUARTER 1987 AND 2ND QUARTER 1987

(Quarterly average of October 84 - September 85 = 100)

Type of restaurant	Index of total restaurant receipts	1st quarter 1987	2nd quarter 1987	2nd qtr. 1987 compared with 1st qtr. 1987		2nd qtr. 1987 compared with 2nd qtr. 1986		1st-2nd qtr. 1987 compared with 1st-2nd qtr. 1986	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
Chinese restaurants	Value	124	121	-3	-2	23	23	20	20
	Volume	118	113	-4	-4	17	18	15	15
Non-Chinese restaurants	Value	106	119	13	12	17	17	12	12
	Volume	98	108	9	9	10	11	6	6
Fast food shops	Value	126	128	2	1	14	12	16	15
	Volume	120	121	1	1	10	9	12	11
Bars	Value	122	116	-6	-5	13	12	16	16
	Volume	111	104	-7	-6	8	8	10	10
Other eating and drinking places	Value	111	125	14	13	16	15	10	10
	Volume	104	113	9	9	7	6	3	3
Entire restaurant sector	Value	121	121	1	1	21	21	18	18
	Volume	114	113	-1	-1	15	15	13	13

Note: Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.

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DB TO DISCUSS TAXI POLICY

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 22) TO DISCUSS A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON THE TAXI POLICY REVIEW.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS WAYS TO EXPEDITE THE PROVISION OF A CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE AND A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY INSIDE THE SHEUNG WAN URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO STUDY REPORTS FROM ITS FIVE COMMITTEES ON ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES, FINANCE, AND PUBLIC OPINION AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND AREA COMMITTEES AS WELL AS A REPORT ON THE DISTRICT'S "WE CARE" ACTIVITIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 22) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 14TH FLOOR IN HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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NORTH DB ON AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND STUDY TOUR

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A DELEGATION OF 14 NORTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS WILL LEAVE FOR AUCKLAND TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING TO BEGIN A 12-DAY STUDY TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA.

LED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, THE DELEGATION WILL STUDY GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY CITY PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS.

IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND'S LARGEST CITY, THE GROUP WILL VISIT THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR BRIEFINGS ON HOUSING, TRANSPORT FACILITIES AND SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL STRATEGY. MEMBERS WILL ALSO VISIT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND AN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THE GROUP WILL THEN FLY TO AUSTRALIA AND VISIT MAJOR CITIES INCLUDING SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, CANBERRA AND BRISBANE.

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IN BRISBANE, THE GROUP WILL CALL ON THE CITY COUNCIL AND INSPECT THE QE II JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE AND THE SLEEMAN SPORTS COMPLEX IN BRISBANE.

WHILE IN MELBOURNE THEY WILL SEE THE OPERATION OF THE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM THERE AND VISIT THE HEALESVILLE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY.

IN CANBERRA, THE GROUP MEMBERS WILL VISIT THE AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT AND ALSO CALL ON THE CANBERRA COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION.

THE SYDNEY CITY COUNCIL AND THE NEW SOUTH WALES HOUSING COMMISSION ARE AMONG THE BODIES THAT WILL BE VISITED IN AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER CITY.

TO FURTHER BROADEN MEMBERS' KNOWLEDGE OF THE URBAN TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDED IN MAJOR AUSTRALIAN CITIES, THE ITINERARY ALSO INCLUDES BRIEFINGS ON THE OPERATION OF THE SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME.

THE GROUP WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON NOVEMBER 1.

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#### YUEN LONG RECREATION, SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETS

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR HOLDING RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO MARCH NEXT YEAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE 1987 YUEN LONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM 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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SEMINAR FOR SENIOR PERSONNEL IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A SEMINAR FOR SENIOR PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTORS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY THIS FRIDAY (OCTOBER 30).

THE ONE-DAY EVENT WILL ENABLE EMPLOYERS, MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND OFFICIALS OF TRADE UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ENLIGHTENED MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE AND TO EXPLORE WAYS OF IMPROVING LABOUR RELATIONS.

GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE THE PERMANENT SUPERVISOR OF THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION, MR HO SAI-CHU; GENERAL MANAGER OF THE SHUI ON BUILDING CONTRACTORS LTD, MR LAWRENCE CHOI; DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES GENERAL UNION, MR POON TO-CHUEN; CENTRE MANAGER OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, MR P.C. CHAU; AND CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR T.S. CHOW.

THEY WILL SPEAK ON THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG; LABOUR RELATIONS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN THE EYES OF A MAIN CONTRACTOR AND A TRADE UNION LEADER; HOW TO FACE THE PROBLEM OF LABOUR SHORTAGE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY; AND COMMON LABOUR DISPUTES AND THEIR PREVENTION IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

ENROLMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR ARE STILL OPEN. THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED MAY CONTACT THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT 5-8523505.

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EASTERN SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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TO ENHANCE KNOWLEDGE IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT AMONG OWNERS AND RESIDENTS IN EASTERN, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT FEDERATION OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORGANISATIONS HAVE JOINTLY ORGANISED A SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT ON OCTOBER 22 (THURSDAY).

THE SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, MR HO WAI-FONG, AND THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CHESTERTON PETTY LTD, MR RONNIE SHING, WILL SPEAK ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT RESPECTIVELY.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 8 PM IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD, WHERE THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 22).

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BACK LANE CLEARED IN SHAM SHUI PO

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ABOUT 50 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT THE BACK LANES BETWEEN KOWLOON ROAD AND CAMP STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO WERE PULLED DOWN TODAY (TUESDAY) FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD SURFACE AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

ABOUT 40 AFFECTED FAMILIES COMPRISING 94 PEOPLE HAD BEEN OFFERED REHOUSING IN URBAN PUBLIC HOUSING, URBAN TEMPORARY HOUSING, OR NEW TERRITORIES TEMPORARY HOUSING.

OTHER PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE INCLUDE A SINGLETON WHO HAD OPTED FOR CASH ALLOWANCE, THREE FAMILIES WHO HAD ARRANGED TO STAY AT A TRANSIT CENTRE, AND TWO FAMILIES WHO HAD WITHDRAWN FROM COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS.

A SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY'S CLEARANCE WAS THE FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE IN THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR.

THE CLEARANCE WAS COORDINATED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, WHILE THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AFTER THE SITE WAS CLEARED.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT COURSE FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ORGANISED A THREE-DAY BUILDING MANAGEMENT TRAINING COURSE FOR ABOUT 60 OFFICE-BEARERS OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND STAFF EMPLOYED BY MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE FIRST SESSION OF THE COURSE WAS HELD LAST (MONDAY) EVENING AND THE NEXT TWO SESSIONS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND FRIDAY EVENINGS.

THE TRAINING COURSE IS AIMED AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' INVOLVEMENT IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT, KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COMMON PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS AND WAYS TO TACKLE THEM.

OFFICIALS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ICAC AND THE POLICE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO GIVE TALKS.

THEY INCLUDE BUILDING MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT TECHNIQUES WITH SPECIAL EMPHASES ON BUILDING CLEANLNESS, ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, CRIME PREVENTION AND HOUSEHOLD SECURITY, FIRE PREVENTION, PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE, BUILDING RENOVATION, ACCOUNTING MATTERS AND LEGAL ASPECTS ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

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THERE WILL ALSO BE GROUP DISCUSSIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES AND VIEWS ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND GUEST SPEAKERS WILL GIVE ADVICE ON HOW TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES AT THE END OF THE TRAINING COURSE ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 23) EVENING.

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#### QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL TO BE EXTENDED

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QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL IS TO BE EXTENDED TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR EXPANDING VARIOUS TYPES OF MEDICAL SERVICES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF A SEVEN-STOREY EXTENSION ON TOP OF THE EXISTING FIVE-STOREY BLOCK B AND A NEW 13-STOREY CLINICAL PATHOLOGY BLOCK NEXT TO BLOCK B, PROVIDING A TOTAL OF 18,270 SQUARE METRES OF ADDITIONAL FLOOR AREA.

CONVERSION AND ALTERATION WORKS ON SOME EXISTING FACILITIES ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT.

AMONG THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE EXTENSION WILL BE TWO MEDICAL WARDS, TWO CHILDREN'S WARD, A SECOND-CLASS FEMALE WARD, A SPECIAL CARE PAEDIATRIC WARD AND A CUSTODIAL WARD.

THESE WARDS WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 232 BEDS TO HELP RELIEVE THE CURRENT ACUTE REQUIREMENTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A NEW CLINICAL PATHOLOGY UNIT, AN INTENSIVE THERAPY UNIT, A CARDIAC CARE UNIT, AN ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC UNIT, A RENAL UNIT, A POST-BASIC NURSING EDUCATION CENTRE, OFFICES, CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ROOMS AND AN EXPANDED MEDICAL STAFF LIBRARY.

OTHER WORKS COMPRISE AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING MORTUARY AND INSTALLATION OF TWO ADDITIONAL LIFTS TO BLOCK B.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT BY NOVEMBER 6.

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MURAL HELPS BEAUTIFY YAU MA TEI ENVIRONMENT

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A FENCE WALL OUTSIDE THE SHEK LUNG STREET FRUIT MARKET IN YAU MA TEI WAS RECENTLY REPAINTED TO HELP IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE PROJECT WAS ENDORSED BY THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD AS PART OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS AND WAS SPONSORED BY THE SHUI ON SEAGULL CLUB.

IT INVOLVED THE PAINTING OF A LARGE MURAL BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND 30 VOLUNTEERS. THE MURAL MEASURES THREE METRES BY 40 METRES.

"BESIDES BEAUTIFYING THE AREA, THE MURAL, DEPICTING VARIOUS FRUITS, IS ALSO IN TUNE WITH THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT," A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A "KEEP CLEAN" MESSAGE, TO REMIND RESIDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEANLINESS, WAS ALSO PAINTED ON THE WALL.

SO FAR THIS YEAR, THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HAS EMBARKED ON 11 MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE REPLENISHMENT OF PLANTER BOXES, CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS AND BEAUTIFICATION WORKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

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RECLAMATION AT TAI PO HOI PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM ABOUT 9,093 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TAI PO HOI TO FORM LAND FOR DIFFERENT USES.

THE FORMED LAND WILL BE LEASED BY OPEN TENDER FOR USE AS A CEMENT/AGGREGATE DEPOT, A SAND DEPOT AND A SITE FOR A MARINE WORKSHOP.

THE AREA AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION NEAR TING KOK ROAD AND SAM MUN TSAI ROAD IN TAI PO AREA 27 IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BEFORE DECEMBER 15,

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INVITATIONS FOR SHA TIN ATHLETIC MEET

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SPORTSMEN WHO EITHER LIVE, WORK OR STUDY IN SHA TIN WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW OFF THEIR ATHLETIC SKILLS AT THE 12TH SHA TIN DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND REGIONAL COUNCIL AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE MEET IS AIMED AT PROMOTING SPORTSMANSHIP AND SELECTING OUTSTANDING ATHLETES TO REPRESENT SHA TIN IN THE COMING 3RD NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET.

COMPETITIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DIVISIONS AND SUB-DIVIDED ACCORDING TO AGE. EVENTS WILL INCLUDE RUNNING RACES, RELAYS, HURDLES, HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP, TRIPLE JUMP, SHOT PUT, AND JAVELIN AND DISCUS THROWING.

COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND IN YUEN WO ROAD ON NOVEMBER 22. PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD MUST HAVE THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

ENTRY IS FREE. APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE ENQUIRY CENTRE, SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S SHA TIN OFFICE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-6989750 AND 0-6915657.

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STORAGE SITE TO LET BY TENDER

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A STORAGE SITE AT SHA TIN IS TO BE LET ON SHORT TERM TENANCY BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE SITE, NEXT TO SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, MEASURES ABOUT 7,700 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR STORAGE OF GOODS (EXCLUDING CONTAINERS).

THE TENANCY IS INITIALLY FOR TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON NOVEMBER 6.

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POST SERVICE TO CANADA DELAYED

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION IN THE CANADIAN POSTAL ADMINISTRATION, THERE WOULD BE SOME DELAY IN THE DELIVERY OF SPEEDPOST, LETTER AND PARCEL MAIL FROM HONG KONG.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AIRMAIL FROM CANADA WAS ALSO SUBJECT TO DELAY.

THE PUBLIC WOULD BE INFORMED AS SOON AS THE SITUATION RETURNED TO NORMAL, HE ADDED.

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FRESH WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 23) FROM 10 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT TAI CHUNG HAU VILLAGE, MA NAM WUT VILLAGE, PAK KONG VILLAGE, TSUI HANG VILLAGE, CHE KENG TUK VILLAGE AND TA HO TUN VILLAGE.

ALSO, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE TURNED OFF ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 23) FROM 9 PM TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY SO THAT WATER MAINS WORK CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, A SECTION OF COX'S ROAD BETWEEN JORDAN ROAD AND TAK SHING STREET, AND 1-5, 11, TAK SHING STREET.

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WONG TAI SIN TEMPORARY NIGHT CLOSURE  
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THE SECTION OF TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD BETWEEN MING TAK STREET AND SHATIN PASS ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5.15 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 23) FOR FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC ON TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR SHATIN PASS ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHING TAK STREET.

VEHICLES ON SHATIN PASS ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHING TAK STREET AND MING TAK STREET.

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WAN CHAI TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE  
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THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL APPROACH ROAD LEADING FROM THE WESTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM DAILY FROM FRIDAY TO NEXT FRIDAY (OCTOBER 30) FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA GLOUCESTER ROAD SERVICE ROAD, STEWART ROAD, LOCKHART ROAD, MARSH ROAD FLYOVER, HUNG HING ROAD, TONNOCHY ROAD TO JOIN THE TUNNEL TRAFFIC ON GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND.

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