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PM MEETS GOVERNOR, EXCO MEMBERS

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TODAY (WEDNESDAY):

THE PRIME MINISTER HAD A MEETING THIS AFTERNOON WITH THE GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG. THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FCO WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, MR TIM RENTON, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

THE MEETING REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG SINCE THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE TERRITORY IN DECEMBER 1984 AND THE RATIFICATION IN MAY 1985 OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG. THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF THE CONTINUING CLOSE CONSULTATION BETWEEN MINISTERS AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG, AND OF THE VALUABLE ROLE PLAYED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL IN GIVING ADVICE AND IN REFLECTING THE VIEWS AND INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

THE MEETING EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN IMPLEMENTING THE JOINT DECLARATION OVER THE 15 MONTHS SINCE IT CAME INTO EFFECT. THEY NOTED WITH PARTICULAR SATISFACTION THE POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP, WHICH HAS NOW HELD FOUR MEETINGS, AND OF THE LAND COMMISSION, WHICH HAS NOW MET ON TEN OCCASIONS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL STRESSED TO THE PRIME MINISTER THE IMPORTANCE OF THE REVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN 1987. THE PRIME MINISTER REAFFIRMED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE 1987 REVIEW, AND CONFIRMED THAT FULL ACCOUNT WOULD BE TAKEN OF THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WHEN DRAWING CONCLUSIONS FROM THE REVIEW.

THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL CONVEYED TO THE PRIME MINISTER THE CONCERN EXPRESSED IN HONG KONG OVER SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE DAYA BAY PROJECT. THE PRIME MINISTER ASSURED THEM THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS FULLY AWARE OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE WELFARE AND WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, AND HAD STRESSED THESE CONCERNS TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. IN THE LIGHT OF ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, IT WAS CONFIDENT THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PLANT WOULD BE CARRIED OUT TO THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE SAFETY STANDARDS.

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NEW TRANSPORT STUDY TO BEGIN THIS YEAR
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONDUCT A SECOND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY LATER THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE A BALANCED AND OPTIMUM FRAMEWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM TO THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR HARNAM GREWAL, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

ADDRESSING THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST, MR GREWAL SAID THE STUDY WOULD PRODUCE AN IMPROVED PLANNING TOOL FOR USE ON A CONTINUING BASIS IN FUTURE TRANSPORT STUDIES.

+THIS WILL BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN FUTURE APPRAISALS OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROPOSALS OR PROGRAMME AND TRANSPORT POLICY OPTIONS,+ HE SAID.

THE STUDY, WHICH WOULD TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE, WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WITH ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM CONSULTANTS, HE SAID.

MR GREWAL SAID THE SECOND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY WOULD REVIEW THE CURRENT PRIORITY OF TRANSPORT ITEMS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME TO ENSURE THAT THE BEST VALUE WAS OBTAINED FROM THE PROPOSED INVESTMENT.

IT WOULD ALSO EXAMINE WHAT ITEMS OF TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MEET TRANSPORT DEMAND UP TO 2 001 AND RECOMMEND A PROGRAMME FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION.

THESE ITEMS INCLUDE:

* NEW HIGHWAY CONNECTING THE NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES AND KWAI CHUNG SOUTH, CODENAMED ROUTE X.

* WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY LINKING TSUEN WAN AND WEST KOWLOON.

* A THIRD HARBOUR CROSSING LINKING THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND WITH WEST KOWLOON.

* NEW RAILWAY LINES IN NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN, YUEN LONG AND EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

* EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING MTR INTO JUNK BAY, SHA TIN AND GREEN ISLAND RECLAMATION AS WELL AS THE CONTRUCTION OF THE EAST KOWLOON LINE.

* ROUTE 7 ALONG THE WESTERN COAST OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND TO LINK SAI YING PUN AND ABERDEEN.

/MR GREWAL .....

MR GREWAL SAID THAT AS IN THE CASE OF THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY CONDUCTED IN THE 70'S, THE SECOND STUDY WOULD SEEK TO DETERMINE WHAT POLICIES AND INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORT FACILITIES WERE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE A BALANCE BETWEEN THE DEMAND FOR AND SUPPLY OF TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES UP TO THE END OF THE CENTURY.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE PRESENT STUDY WOULD NOT INVOLVE EXTENSIVE HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEWS LIKE THE PREVIOUS ONE.

INSTEAD, IT WOULD MAKE USE OF THE WIDE RANGE OF DATA AVAILABLE FROM MANY SURVEYS AND STUDIES CARRIED OUT IN RECENT YEARS.

+ALSO THE EXISTING CTS TECHNICAL APPROACH AND COMPUTER MODELS WILL BE REVIEWED AND ENHANCED TO REFLECT THE CHANGING DEVELOPMENT AND TRAVEL PATTERNS, AND TO MAKE USE OF THE NEW GENERATION OF COMPUTERS AND SOFTWARE, AND THE DEVELOPMENTS IN TRANSPORT MODELLING TECHNIQUES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE LAST SURVEY,+ HE SAID.

MR GREWAL SAID ANOTHER DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO STUDIES WAS THAT THE SECOND STUDY WOULD NOT ONLY LOOK INTO HOW TRANSPORT DEMAND COULD BE MET, BUT WOULD ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RESOURCE LIMITATIONS, AND WOULD RECOGNISE THAT RESOURCES WERE UNLIKELY TO SATISFY UNRESTRAINED TRANSPORT DEMAND.

+IT WILL EXAMINE THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF DIFFERENT PROGRAMMES AND ALTERNATIVE POLICY OPTIONS TO MATCH DIFFERENT RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS.

+IT WILL ALSO EXAMINE THE EFFECTS OF DELAYING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS OR EXPANSION TO THE TRANSPORT NETWORK, AND WAYS TO AMELIORATE THESE EFFECTS,+ HE SAID.

MR GREWAL SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S CENTRAL TRANSPORT OBJECTIVE, AS STATED IN THE 1979 WHITE PAPER ON INTERNAL TRANSPORT POLICY, IS TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE MOBILITY OF PEOPLE AND GOODS.

A GREAT DEAL HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE TO ACHIEVE THIS AIM, AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO DO ALL IT COULD TO BRING ABOUT THE CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WOULD BE NEEDED IN THE YEARS AHEAD, HE SAID.

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SPECIAL MEETING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

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A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT 1987-88 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE DOCUMENT CONTAINS PROPOSALS CONCERNING BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENTS AND FERRY SERVICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP AT 10 AM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD.

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TEXTILES AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH FINLAND

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HONG KONG AND FINLAND HAVE INITIALLED A NEW FIVE-YEAR TEXTILE AGREEMENT, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE AGREEMENT, CONCLUDED AFTER TALKS IN HELSINKI LAST WEEK, WILL RUN FROM THE EXPIRY OF THE CURRENT AGREEMENT AT THE END OF THIS YEAR UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1991.

IT PROVIDES FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SOME ASPECTS IN RELATION TO THE CURRENT AGREEMENT. THE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE FOR THE THREE CATEGORIES UNDER RESTRAINT - BRIEFS, SHIRTS AND BLOUSES, AND BRASSIERES - WILL REMAIN AT TWO PER CENT.

THE SUB-LIMITS FOR BRIEFS FOR MEN AND BOYS AND BLOUSES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE ALLOWED AN ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF 2.75 PER CENT AS AGAINST 2 AND 2.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY UNDER THE CURRENT AGREEMENT.

THE SWING PROVISION FOR THE FIRST TWO CATEGORIES ALSO REMAINS UNCHANGED WHILE THAT FOR THE THIRD CATEGORY IS INCREASED FROM THREE PER CENT IN THE CURRENT AGREEMENT TO FIVE PER CENT.

THE AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED WITH REGARD TO THE ARRANGEMENT CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES AS EXTENDED BY THE PROTOCOL DATED JULY 31 THIS YEAR, A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING RATIFICATION.

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SIX LOTS SOLD BY LETTERS A AND B
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SIX LOTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE BEEN SOLD BY VINTAGE LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A AND B) BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENTS .

THREE OF THE SITES ARE IN YUEN LONG AND THE OTHERS IN FANLING, TUEN MUN AND SHA TIN.

LOCATED CLOSE TO THE RAILWAY STATION, THE FANLING LOT OF 2.28 HECTARES IS THE LARGEST OF THE SIX.

IT IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OVER A COMMERCIAL PODIUM, THE FIRST DEVELOPMENT OF ITS TYPE LOCALLY.

THE SITE WAS JOINTLY PURCHASED BY KWONG KAY INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED, MILLAP LIMITED, CAMLEIGH INVESTMENT LIMITED, SHUNG KING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED, EVERCOT ENTERPRISE COMPANY LIMITED, EGERIA INVESTMENT LIMITED AND GOLDEN DRAGON DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS ARE REQUIRED UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT TO BUILD UP TO 2 500 RESIDENTIAL FLATS, WITH A TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA NOT EXCEEDING 100 000 SQUARE METRES, ABOVE THE THIRD LEVEL OF THE DEVELOPMENT.

THE COMMERCIAL PODIUM WILL PROVIDE A MAXIMUM OF 27 500 SQUARE METRES FOR SHOPS, PARKING SPACES, RECREATIONAL AREAS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND POSSIBLY A CHILDREN'S NURSERY.

THE SUPERSTRUCTURE SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 31, 1990.

THE YUEN LONG SITES - OF 760 710, AND 412 SQUARE METRES - HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO MILLAP LIMITED, KIN FUNG GARMENTS AND INVESTMENTS LIMITED, AND EVERCOT ENTERPRISE COMPANY LIMITED. THEY ARE AT YAU SAN STREET AND ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, BUT EXCLUDING GODOWN DEVELOPMENT.

THE TUEN MUN SITE, MEASURING 6 849 SQUARE METRES, LIES TO THE SOUTH OF CHI LOK FA YUEN. THE LOWER THREE FLOORS OF THE DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING ANY BASEMENT, ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE, WHILE THE REMAINING FLOORS ARE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

UNDER THE LEASE CONDITIONS, THE DEVELOPERS, EVERCOT ENTERPRISE COMPANY LIMITED, EGERIA INVESTMENT LIMITED, GOLDEN DRAGON DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED, MILLAP LIMITED AND SHUNG KING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED, HAVE TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 25 000 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE SITE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1990.

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ALSO FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, THE SITE AT TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD IN SHA TIN HAS AN AREA OF 5 598 SQUARE METRES. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS, EVERCOT ENTERPRISE COMPANY LIMITED AND MILLAP LIMITED, ARE REQUIRED TO BUILD NOT LESS THAN 17 000 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1990.

A BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID A TOTAL OF 987 058 SQUARE FEET OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 4 945.5 SQUARE FEET OF BUILDING LAND HAD BEEN REDEEMED BY THE SURRENDER OF THE VINTAGE LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS.

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15 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT

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FIFTEEN STANDARD SECONDARY SCHOOLS, EACH WITH 24 CLASSROOMS, 12 SPECIAL ROOMS AND ONE HALL, WILL BE BUILT TO REPLACE 18 SUB-STANDARD SCHOOLS UNDER A REPROVISIONING PROGRAMME TO ACHIEVE A MORE EVEN DISTRIBUTION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES.

A TOTAL OF $270 MILLION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR BUILDING AND EQUIPPING THE 15 SCHOOLS. SEVEN WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1990-91 AND EIGHT IN 1991-92 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SCHOOLS WILL PROVIDE 17 400 PLACES WHICH ARE EQUIVALENT IN NUMBER TO THAT PROVIDED BY THE EXISTING 18 SUB-STANDARD SCHOOLS LOCATED MAINLY ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON WHERE THERE IS A SURPLUS OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOLS WILL FORM THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROGRAMME TO REPROVISION 28 SUB-STANDARD SCHOOLS DESIGNED TO HELP EVEN OUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL PLACES AS A RESULT OF POPULATION MOVEMENT TO NEW TOWNS.

THE PROGRAMME IS BEING UNDERTAKEN IN ADDITION TO A SCHEME TO BUILD 35 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE MORE SUBSIDISED SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES. FUNDS FOR THE SCHEME WERE APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN NOVEMBER 1985.

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UC, DB JOIN HANDS TO IMPROVE FACILITIES

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UNDER THE INITIATIVE OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TODAY BEGAN THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF BI-MONTHLY JOINT SITE VISITS INTENDED TO ENABLE BETTER PLANNING OF THE COUNCIL'S RECREATIONAL PROJECTS IN URBAN DISTRICTS.

AFTER VISITING PARKS AND SPORTS VENUES IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, MR SAMUEL WONG, SAID: +THIS HAS BEEN A FRUITFUL TRIP DURING WHICH WE FRANKLY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE COUNCIL'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICTS.+

+WHILE THE COUNCIL CONTINUES TO KEEP CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE BOARDS IN SEEKING THEIR VIEWS ON DISTRICT RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, JOINT ON-SITE INSPECTIONS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FOSTER BETTER CO-OPERATION AND ENABLE BOTH PARTIES TO GET A BETTER PICTURE OF THE REAL SITUATION,+ HE SAID.

WELCOMING THIS MOVE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR VINCENT KO, SAID THE JOINT VISIT HAD DEMONSTRATED THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE BOARD AND TO ADOPT A MORE PRAGMATIC APPROACH IN ITS DISTRICT RECREATIONAL PROJECTS.

+THE VISIT HAS HELPED US IDENTIFY SPECIFIC AREAS OF POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT, WHICH WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES AT THEIR MEETINGS,+ SAID MR KO.

ALSO IN TODAY'S VISIT WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, AND FIVE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS SEVEN OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

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MONG KOK BOARD TO DISCUSS REDRESS DOCUMENT

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MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

MEMBERS WILL COMMENT ON THE ADEQUACY OF EXISTING COMPLAINT CHANNELS AND ON OPTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE REDRESS SYSTEMS THAT ARE PRESENTED IN THE DOCUMENT.

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THE BOARD WILL ALSO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD INTO AN AMENITY AREA.

THERE ARE PLANS TO MERGE A PETROL STATION, A TRAFFIC ISLAND AND A SECTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD INTO A LARGE TRIANGULAR SITE WHERE LANDSCAPED PLANTING, SCULPTURE FORMATION, FOUNTAINS AND DISPLAY BOARDS WILL BE PROVIDED.

THE PROJECT WAS INITIATED BY A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY USABLE SITES TO OFFSET THE ACUTE SHORTFALL OF COMMUNITY, RECREATIONAL AND OPEN SPACE FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE LAND USE ZONING PROPOSALS SET OUT IN THE DRAFT MONG KOK OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

VIEWS WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT ON A SET OF CRITERIA FOR SELECTING TARGET BUILDINGS WHICH MAY REQUIRE MANAGEMENT ADVICE FROM THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, ON FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS HOUSING ISSUES

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MEMBERS OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A NUMBER OF LOCAL ISSUES RELATING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES ON HOUSING AT THEIR MEETING ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 12) AFTERNOON.

BOARD MEMBER MR LEUNG YIU-CHUNG WILL MOVE A MOTION TO ALLOW A CONSULTATION PERIOD BEFORE DISCUSSING THE DOMESTIC RENT POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION.

QUESTIONS ON SERVICES AND FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WILL BE ALSO RAISED AT THE MEETING.

/BOARD MEMBERS .....

BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SYSTEM AND THE PEDESTRIAN STUDY IN KWAI CHUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON FRIDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174, HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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TEMPORARY STAFF REQUIRED FOR SURVEY

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THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS RECRUITING ABOUT 100 TEMPORARY STAFF FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ASSIST IN COLLECTING SURVEY RETURNS FROM BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS BETWEEN OCTOBER 20 AND NOVEMBER 7, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LES SAID.

APPLICANTS, PREFERABLY AGED 25 OR UNDER, SHOULD HAVE PASSED THE CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

THE JOB OFFERS DAILY WAGE OF $135 AND IS OPEN TO MEN AND WOMEN.

THOSE INTERESTED MAY APPROACH ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONES 5-270622, 3-666615, 3-695525, 3-265123 AND 0-420154.

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SITE FORMATION, ROADWORKS FOR NORTHERN JUNK BAY

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WORK WILL START IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS ON SITE FORMATION AND ROADWORKS NEAR TSEUNG KWAN O VILLAGE IN NORTHERN JUNK BAY.

A $32-MILLION CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE PROJECT MANAGER, NT/SOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR TOM ARMOUR, AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CONTRACTORS, AOKI CORPORATION, MR AKIRA SHIMADA.

/WORK ON .....

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE CONTSTRUCTION OF ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE OF ROAD WITH AN ASSOCIATED SUBWAY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS.

THE WHOLE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 33 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ENGINEERS FOR THE CONTRACT ARE MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA WHO HAVE DESIGNED AND WILL SUPERVISE THE WORK ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CARNIVAL AND CONCERT

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WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO FUN AND GAMES AT A CARNIVAL AND CONCERT TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 19 (FRIDAY).

THE CARNIVAL, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT'S ARTS COUNCIL, WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM IN THE MORSE PARK OPEN-AIR THEATRE.

THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN SINGERS AND A LANTERN QUIZ.

TICKETS TO THE CARNIVAL.ARE AVAILABLE FREE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS THREE BRANCH OFFICES.

ALSO HELD ON THE SAME DAY WILL BE THE MID-AUTUMN CONCERT ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE WANG TAU HOM AREA COMMITTEE.

IT WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM AT THE LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE OPEN AREA AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

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DRAWING COMPETITION FOR YAU MA TEI YOUNG

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A DRAWING COMPETITION WITH THE THEME +LIVING IN HONG KONG+ WILL BE HELD IN THE PIAZZA OF THE HONG KONG COLISEUM ON SEPTEMBER 28 (SUNDAY).

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE EAST AREA COMMITTEE, THE EVENT IS AIMED AT HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR ARTISTIC TALENTS.

/PARTICIPANTS WILL .....

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS, ONE FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND 12 YEARS OLD AND THE OTHER FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN 13 AND 20 YEARS OLD.

THREE WINNING AND 30 OUTSTANDING ENTRIES FROM EACH GROUP WILL BE SELECTED AND AWARDED PRIZES. THESE ENTRIES WILL ALSO BE EXHIBITED IN THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE FROM OCTOBER 25 TO 27 AND IN THE CHINESE YMCA AT WATERLOO ROAD FROM OCTOBER 28 TO NOVEMBER 2.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS SEPTEMBER 23.

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TWO SITES TO LET BY TENDER

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TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR SHORT-TERM TENANCIES ON TWO SITES AT TUEN MUN AND HO MAN TIN.

THE TUEN MUN SITE, MEASURING 2 040 SQUARE METRES, IS AT WU KING ROAD BETWEEN MELODY GARDEN AND THE NEW HOVERFERRY PIER WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START OPERATION NEXT MONTH.

IT IS FOR A FEE-PAYING CAR PARK TO SERVE FERRY USERS.

THE INITIAL TENANCY IS TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE OTHER LOT, AT CARMEL VILLAGE STREET, HO MAN TIN, MEASURES ABOUT 1 370 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR STORAGE OF GOODS, INCLUDING VEHICLES.

THE INITIAL TENANCY IS THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

CLOSING DATE FOR BOTH TENDERS IS SEPTEMBER 26.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK COURT HELP IN A CASE IN WHICH A DEMOLITION ORDER ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KOWLOON ISSUED 18 MONTHS AGO HAD NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

IT IS TO SEEK A CLOSURE ORDER FROM KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT ON NOVEMBER 12 FOR THE STRUCTURES WHICH ARE ON THE MAIN ROOF OF 11, TAK HING STREET.

/NOTICES TO .....

NOTICES TO THIS EFFECT WERE POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE CLOSURE ORDER IS NEEDED SO THAT DEMOLITION, WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT IS OBTAINED, CAN GO AHEAD WITHOUT ENDANGERING OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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SLIP ROAD CLOSED FOR RESURFACING

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THE SLIP ROAD LINKING HONG TAI PATH AND HONG CHONG ROAD IN HUNG HOM WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM ON SEPTEMBER 13 (SATURDAY) AND SEPTEMBER 14 FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND AUSTIN ROAD HEADING FOR HONG CHONG ROAD SHOULD USE CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, THE FLYOVER, GASCOIGNE ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD NORTH.

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SHEUNG SHUI PARKING SPACES SUSPENDED

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THE ON-STREET PARKING SPACES IN LUNG SUM AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI, WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK.

MOTORISTS SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE NEW OFF-STREET CAR PARK NEAR THE JUNCTION OF JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND LUNG SUM AVENUE.

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PROHIBITED ZONE, SPEED LIMIT REDUCED

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NO VEHICLE EXCEEDING FOUR TONNES GROSS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF SOUTHBOUND ARSENAL STREET BETWEEN JAFFE ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 12).

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF WATER MAINS.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY, THE EXISTING SPEED LIMIT OF 70 KILOMETRES AN HOUR ON THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL EXIT ROADS WITHIN THE TUNNEL AREA LEADING TO CAUSEWAY BAY, NORTH POINT, CENTRAL AND CANAL ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE REDUCED TO 50 KILOMETRES AN HOUR.

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PRESS RELEASE

Royal Visit

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1986

ROYAL VISITORS TO TOUR POLYTECHNIC

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HUNDREDS OF HONG KONG STUDENTS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH WHEN THEY VISIT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC IN KOWLOON ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 21.

THE ROYAL VISITORS WILL BE SHOWN HOW THE POLYTECHNIC, ONE OF THE BIGGEST INSTITUTIONS OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD, HELPS TO KEEP THE TERRITORY ABREAST OF THE LATEST IN DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY.

ON THEIR ARRIVAL, THE QUEEN AND PRINCE PHILIP WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, AND THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, MR ALLEN LEE PENG-FEI.

HER MAJESTY AND HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE POLYTECHNIC'S DIRECTOR, DR JOHN CLARK, WILL VIEW A TECHNOLOGY DISPLAY WHICH WILL BE EXPLAINED BY DR LEONARD LEES, CHAIRMAN OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION.

THE STUDENTS' UNION CHOIR AND THE CHINESE INSTRUMENTAL GROUP AND DANCING ASSOCIATION WILL GIVE A BRIEF PERFORMANCE BEFORE THE QUEEN AND PRINCE PHILIP BEGIN A TOUR OF THE SWIRE SCHOOL OF DESIGN.

HER MAJESTY AND HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL TAKE SEPARATE ROUTES THROUGH THE SCHOOL. THE QUEEN, ACCOMPANIED BY THE HEAD OF THE SWIRE SCHOOL OF DESIGN, MR MICHAEL FARR, WILL SEE CLASSROOMS AND WORKSHOPS WHERE FASHION DESIGN AND HAND PRINTING, POTTERY AND INDUSTRIAL DESIGN ARE BEING TAUGHT.

PRINCE PHILIP, ACCOMPANIED BY SENIOR PRINCIPAL LECTURER, MR MICHAEL KITT, WILL SEE STUDENTS BEING INSTRUCTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY, INTERIOR DESIGN AND INDUSTRIAL DESIGN.

THE STUDENTS WHO WILL SEE THE ROYAL VISITORS WILL COMPRISE JUST A SMALL SECTION OF THE MORE THAN 28 000 NOW TAKING FULL OR PART-TIME COURSES AT THE POLYTECHNIC IN ITS 22 ACADEMIC UNITS. THE COURSES RANGE IN LEVEL FROM THOSE LEADING TO CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS UP TO FULL HONOURS DEGREE COURSES.

FORMER STUDENTS AT THE POLYTECHNIC CONTINUE TO BE IN BIG DEMAND IN ALL SECTIONS OF HONG KONG INDUSTRY.

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