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TWO NEW LOBBYISTS TO FIGHT PROTECTIONISM
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HONG KONG'S FIGHT AGAINST THE PROTECTIONIST JENKINS BILL IN THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN STEPPED UP WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO ADDITIONAL LOBBYING FIRMS.

THE TWO FIRMS ARE BILL HECHT AND ASSOCIATES INC AND R. DUFFY WALL AND ASSOCIATES INC. THEY WILL WORK IN CO-OPERATION WITH HONG KONG'S EXISTING LOBBYIST, FRENCH AND COMPANY. THE TWO NEW FIRMS ARE HIGHLY EXPERIENCED IN FIGHTING PROTECTIONIST LEGISLATION. THE LOBBYISTS WILL OPERATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH HONG KONG'S LEGAL CONSULTANTS IN WASHINGTON, MUDGE ROSE, GUIHRIE, ALEXANDER AND FERDON.

THE NEW APPOINTMENTS FOLLOWED SELECTION INTERVIEWS IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK CARRIED OUT BY MR HAMISH MACLEOD, DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR JACK TANG, OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MR KENNETH FANG, TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, AND MR WILLIAM DORWARD, COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS. A NUMBER OF FIRMS ON A SHORTLIST PRODUCED AFTER PRELIMINARY SCREENING WERE INTERVIEWED.

MR DORWARD WILL NOW CHAIR A WEEKLY CO-ORDINATION MEETING IN WASHINGTON OF OFFICIALS, LOBBYISTS AND CONSULTANTS.

A SHORT-TO-MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY FOR FUTURE ACTION HAS ALREADY BEEN PREPARED AND DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON, AND THIS WILL BE FURTHER CONSIDERED THIS WEEK BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF TEXTAB SET UP TO ADVISE ON THE FIGHT AGAINST THE JENKINS BILL AND OTHER PROTECTIONIST TEXTILE MEASURES.

THE STRATEGY INCLUDES OBJECTIVES AND DEPLOYMENT PLANS. THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IS REPRESENTED ON THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

+THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TWO ADDITIONAL LOBBYING FIRMS AND THE CONSIDERABLE STRENGTHENING OF THE WASHINGTON OFFICE RECENTLY SHOWS THAT HONG KONG HAS DEPLOYED MAJOR RESOURCES TO COUNTER THIS THREAT TO OUR TRADE,+ SAID MR MACLEOD.

+OUR EFFORT IS CONSIDERABLY GREATER THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER SINGLE DEVELOPING EXPORTING COUNTRY.+

+THE SITUATION, HOWEVER, DOES REMAIN CRITICAL. PROTECTIONIST FEELING IN THE UNITED STATES IS ALMOST OVERWHELMING. IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT WHILE THE TRADE DEPARTMENT, TEXTAB AND THE TDC WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO FIGHT THE JENKINS BILL, NEARLY ALL THE ODDS ARE AGAINST US. THERE WILL BE NO MAGIC SWING IN OUR FAVOUR.

+WE HAVE BEEN WORKING AGAINST THE JENKINS BILL SINCE LONG BEFORE IT ATTRACTED MEDIA AND PUBLIC ATTENTION. WE SHALL CONTINUE THE FIGHT AND WILL LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES KNOW JUST HOW MUCH PROTECTIONISM WOULD TAKE FROM THEIR POCKETS AND HOW DAMAGING IT WOULD BE TO WORLD TRADE.+

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LEGCO VOTERS TO GET EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORS IN CONTESTED CONSTITUENCIES WILL SOON RECEIVE A LEAFLET FROM THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION WHICH EXPLAINS THE VOTING SYSTEM AND OTHER BASIC INFORMATION TO HELP THEM TO VOTE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THEY WILL RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, URGING THEM TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC DUTY AND REMINDING THEM THAT HONG KONG NEEDED THEIR VOTE.

ELECTORS IN THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES WILL ALSO RECEIVE AN EXPLANATORY LEAFLET WHICH SETS OUT THE CORRECT WAY TO MARK A BALLOT PAPER IN THE PREFERENTIAL VOTING SYSTEM.

TO ALL ELECTORS, WHETHER OR NOT THEIR CONSTITUENCY IS CONTESTED, THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION IS ALSO SENDING OUT A NOTE ON THE BIOGRAPHICAL DATA AND ELECTION PLATFORM OF THE CANDIDATES IN THE CONSTITUENCY, PROVIDED BY THE CANDIDATES THEMSELVES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DIVISION EXPLAINED THAT SOME 43 500 PACKETS OF THE INFORMATION NOTES ARE BEING SENT OUT TODAY AND WITH THE PACKET, ELECTORS SHOULD HAVE BASIC INFORMATION ON THE CANDIDATES AND ON THE PROPER WAY TO MAKE A PREFERENCE FOR THEM ON THE BALLOT PAPER.

+THE NEXT STEP IS FOR THE ELECTORS TO GO TO THE POLLING STATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 26 AND TO CAST THEIR VOTES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT ELECTORS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED BY NOW A POLL CARD INFORMING THEM OF THE ADDRESS OF THE DESIGNATED STATION, AS WELL AS THE DATE AND TIME OF THE ELECTION. IF THEY HAVE ANY ENQUIRY, THEY SHOULD TELEPHONE THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION AT 5-270369 OR 5-270380.

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HONG KONG DISPLAY MOVES TO SCOTLAND
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+HONG KONG - INTO THE FUTURE+ - AN EYE-CATCHING AND INFORMATIVE GRAPHICS DISPLAY - WILL BE MOUNTED AT EDINBURGH AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 18 BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IT IS BEING MOUNTED OUTSIDE LONDON FOLLOWING ITS LAUNCH AT THE INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS IN APRIL AND AFTER BEING HELD IN SEVERAL VENUES IN THE BRITISH CAPITAL.

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THE DISPLAY SHOWS THAT HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE DYNAMIC, THRIVING AND PROSPEROUS CITY THAT IT IS TODAY FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE HISTORIC AGREEMENT ON THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE, WHICH HANDS OVER SOVEREIGNTY FROM BRITAIN TO CHINA IN 1997.

AIMED AT SCOTLAND'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY, IT IS DESIGNED TO SHOW THAT HONG KONG REMAINS A VIBRANT CITY, ATTRACTIVE TO INVESTORS AS A HIGH TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIAL CENTRE, A FINANCIAL CENTRE AND A MARKET IN ITS OWN RIGHT, AND A SPRINGBOARD FOR TRADE WITH CHINA AND COUNTRIES IN SOUTH EAST ASIA.

SPEAKING IN LONDON, THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID +AS EVIDENCE OF THE RESILIENCE OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE TERRITORY GREW BY NEARLY ONE HALF BETWEEN 1982 AND 1984, IN SPITE OF WORLD RECESSION AND UNCERTAINTY THEN ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS ON 1997.+

HE SAID THAT MANY FOREIGN INVESTORS HAD BEEN INCREASING THEIR STAKE IN HONG KONG DURING THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS, AND THE TREND WAS CONTINUING IN 1985.

+THE TIME IS RIPE FOR SCOTTISH BUSINESSMEN TO CAPITALISE ON THE TRADITIONAL LINKS WITH THE TERRITORY, THE CONDUCTIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT WHICH PREVAILS AS A RESULT OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S NON-INTERVENTIONIST POLICY AND THE PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH ARISING FROM THE COMMITMENT TO STABILITY AND PROSPERITY WRITTEN INTO THE AGREEMENT,+ HE ADDED.

THE SUBJECTS COVERED BY THE DISPLAY INCLUDE THE AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, INDUSTRY, TRADE, HONG KONG AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE, HONG KONG AS A REGIONAL CENTRE, BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

EACH SUBJECT IS ILLUSTRATED WITH COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS, AND STATISTICS ARE PRESENTED IN THE FORM OF GRAPHS, SELECTED TO SHOW THE MAIN AREAS OF GROWTH IN THE HONG KONG ECONOMY.

THE INTRODUCTORY SECTION DEALS WITH THE AGREEMENT AND INCLUDES QUOTES BY THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, HONG KONG'S GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND THE CHINESE LEADER, DENG XIAOPING. THIS SECTION ALSO INCLUDES A +MOVING MESSAGE DISPLAY+.

THE DISPLAY CONTINUES UNTIL OCTOBER 8 WHEN IT WILL MOVE TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT AND LATER TO MANCHESTER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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BRITISH MPS VISIT WAN CHAI
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TWO VISITING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MR ROGER SIMS AND MR DONALD THOMPSON, TOURED WAN CHAI THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON TO LEARN ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, THEY WALKED THROUGH LUN FAT STREET WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON STREET MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IN THE AREA, PARTICULARLY THE LACK OF OPEN SPACE.

AT THOMSON ROAD THEY WERE TOLD ABOUT DEVELOPMENT AT SOUTHOORN PLAYGROUND, FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

BEFORE THE TOUR, THE TWO MPS VISITED THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND MET THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR BARRIE WIGGHAM.

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VALUE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE STRESSED
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HONG KONG PRODUCERS ARE MORE AWARE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD OF THE NEED FOR STANDARDS, ALTHOUGH HONG KONG DOES NOT HAVE ANYTHING THAT COULD BE CALLED A HONG KONG STANDARD, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A TRAINING SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR STANDARDISATION (ISO) ON QUALITY ASSURANCE, CERTIFICATION AND LABORATORY ACCREDITATION AT THE NEW WORLD HOTEL, MR YAXLEY SAID, AS AN EXPORT-ORIENTATED ECONOMY, HONG KONG HAD TO CONFIRM WITH A MULTITUDE OF DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS LAID DOWN BY THE IMPORTING COUNTRIES.

+IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN IMPORTANT THAT MANUFACTURERS PRODUCE GOODS WHICH MEET THE DEMANDS OF CONSUMERS WHO HAVE OVER THE PAST DECADE OR SO BECOME INCREASINGLY VOCAL IN MAKING SURE THAT THEIR DEMANDS ARE HEARD AND ACTED ON.+

+IF THEY DON'T, THEN THEY GO OUT OF BUSINESS PRETTY QUICKLY,+ HE SAID.

TO PROMOTE QUALITY CONSCIOUSNESS IN LOCAL MANUFACTURERS, THE GOVERNMENT OPERATES A RANGE OF LICENSING SCHEMES FOR THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES, PRIMARILY FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS, HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECENTLY LAUNCHED THE +HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS) TO PROVIDE A BASIC INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITY TO ENCOURAGE BETTER QUALITY ASSURANCE IN THE TERRITORY.+

+A STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY SECOND TO NONE IN EAST ASIA HAS ALSO BEEN OPENED RECENTLY,+ HE SAID.

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DISCUSSION ON SPECIAL NIGHT N.T. MAXI-CAB SERVICES
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A PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE SPECIAL ALL-NIGHT MAXI-CAB SERVICES FROM KOWLOON TO SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 18).

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO REVIEW THE EXISTING MAXI-CAB SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE FINDINGS OF A TRANSPORT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT SHEK WU HUI, A COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE FOR FERRY SERVICES, AND A PROPOSAL TO RE-ROUTE BUS ROUTE NO. 70 AFTER THE OPENING OF TAI PO COASTAL ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MEETING AT 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, NEW TERRITORIES.

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TRAINING FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED STRESSED
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ALL MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN HAVE A CAPACITY FOR GROWTH AND LEARNING, AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY WILL BENEFIT THEM AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT, SHE SAID THAT CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO THE AGE OF TWO IDENTIFIED AS HAVING DISABILITIES OR DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH TRAINING IN EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRES FOR PRE-SCHOOL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN TO ENSURE THAT THEY DEVELOPED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

AT PRESENT THERE WERE 350 SUCH PLACES AVAILABLE IN SEVEN CENTRES.

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+WE HOPE TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL 60 PLACES IN 1986/87 AND BY THE END OF THE DECADE TO HAVE A TOTAL OF 950 PLACES,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWO AND SIX WHO COULD NOT BE INTEGRATED INTO AN ORDINARY CHILD CARE CENTRE COULD ATTEND SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES.

THERE WERE AT PRESENT 11 SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 480 PLACES TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH DIFFERENT HANDICAPS.

+IN 1986/87 THERE SHOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL 204 PLACES. BY THE END OF THE DECADE TOTAL PROVISION SHOULD REACH 1 400 PLACES,+ SHE SAID.

MILDLY DISABLED CHILDREN COULD BE CARED FOR AND TRAINED IN AN ORDINARY CHILD CARE CENTRE.

THERE WERE AT PRESENT 484 PLACES IN ORDINARY CHILD CARE CENTRES FOR CHILDREN WITH MINOR DISABILITIES, AND IT WAS PLANNED TO INCREASE PROVISION BY 120 PLACES EACH YEAR.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AN EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT TO DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED PROGRAMME IN KINDERGARTENS FOR LESS SEVERELY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AGED THREE TO SIX WOULD BE INTRODUCED THIS YEAR.

WHILE THERE WERE NO PRECISE FIGURES TO THE NUMBER OF MENTALLY RETARDED PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, A TOTAL OF 15 800 HAD REGISTERED WITH THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DISABLED PERSONS.

IF AN ESTIMATE WAS MADE BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED POPULATION HERE WOULD BE ABOUT 106 000.

+THESE FIGURES MAY SEEM ALARMING, BUT IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ALL BUT 4 000 OF THEM CAN BE TRAINED TO ACHIEVE SOME DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE WITH THE MINIMUM OF ASSISTANCE AND SUPERVISION,+ SHE SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROVISION OF SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND WORK ACTIVITY CENTRES WHICH PROVIDED VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION TO THE HANDICAPPED.

THE SHELTERED WORKSHOP SERVICE WAS STARTED IN THE LATE 1950S, AND THE FIRST SHELTERED WORKSHOP EXCLUSIVELY FOR MENTALLY RETARDED ADULTS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1973 BY ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT.

TODAY THERE ARE 2 360 SHELTERED WORKSHOP PLACES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, AND BY THE END OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR TOTAL PROVISION SHOULD INCREASE TO 2 780 PLACES.

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+IF GOOD PROGRESS IS MAINTAINED, WE EXPECT THAT BY THE END OF THIS DECADE, THERE WILL BE AT LEAST 4 800 PLACES IN SHELTERED WORKSHOPS FOR THE DISABLED WITH PRIORITY BEING GIVEN TO THE MENTALLY RETARDED,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

APART FROM CARE AND TRAINING FACILITIES, RESIDENTIAL, COUNSELLING, RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES WERE ALSO A NECESSARY PART OF SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION THOUGH NOT ALL WOULD REQUIRE SUCH SERVICES, MRS CHAN SAID.

+I DO NOT THINK WE CAN CLAIM THAT EXISTING SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED ARE ADEQUATE, BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE MADE A REASONABLY GOOD START IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION,+ SHE SAID.

ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, SHE SAID THE ROLE OF WORK ACTIVITY CENTRES WOULD BE EVALUATED.

ACCORDING TO ESTIMATES, A TOTAL OF 5 000 WORK ACTIVITY CENTRE PLACES WOULD BE REQUIRED. AT A COST OF \$18 000 PER PLACE PER YEAR, THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE WOULD AMOUNT TO \$90.36 MILLION.

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SHARE DISCLOSURES

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THE FOLLOWING IS ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING:

+THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS UNDER RULE 29 OF THE HONG KONG CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS ADVISES THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT OFFER BY FOXTON INVESTMENT LTD TO ACQUIRE THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL OF THE CHINA PAINT MANUFACTURING CO (1946), LTD ('CHINA PAINT'), THE FOLLOWING DISCLOSURE RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF SHARES IN CHINA PAINT HAD BEEN MADE TO HIM:

1. B.L. WONG (HOLDINGS) CO LTD WHICH IS ACTING IN CONCERT WITH FOXTON INVESTMENT LTD, PURCHASED 216 SHARES OF CHINA PAINT AT HK\$2 360 PER SHARE ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1985.
2. OXFORD CO LTD WHICH IS ALSO ACTING IN CONCERT WITH FOXTON INVESTMENT LTD, PURCHASED 420 SHARES OF CHINA PAINT AT HK\$2 271 PER SHARE ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1985.

HE WAS ALSO INFORMED BY THE LEGAL ADVISER TO FOXTON THAT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD SUPERCEDE THE ONE MADE ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1985.+

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SUBSIDISED YOUTH LEADERSHIP COURSES OFFERED
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THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH IS OFFERING MORE THAN 200 SUBSIDISED PLACES TO YOUNG PEOPLE WISHING TO TAKE PART IN LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES ORGANISED BY THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL.

THESE INCLUDE TWO DIPLOMA COURSES ON BOARD THE OUTWARD BOUND SHIP JI-FUNG; SEVERAL LAND-BASED AND A SEA-BASED PERSONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSES; TWO DISCOVERY COURSES FOR THOSE BELOW 16; AND THE MOUNTAIN LEADERSHIP COURSES FROM ELEMENTARY TO ADVANCED LEVELS.

THE COURSES, STARTING BETWEEN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER, ARE DESIGNED TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP CHARACTER, SELF-CONFIDENCE, PERSEVERANCE AND CO-OPERATIVENESS AND SO BUILD A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

THOSE INTERESTED AND WITH SOME EXPERIENCE IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR A GOVERNMENT-AIDED PLACE. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE SUBVENTION UP TO 50 PER CENT.

APPLICATION FORMS AND BROCHURES CONTAINING DETAILS OF VARIOUS COURSES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BRANCH AT 14TH FLOOR, RUTTONJEE HOUSE, 11 DUDELL STREET, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

FOR ENQUIRIES, CALL 5-253161.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL BE OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 20).

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY, MR PETER MORRISON, WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING THE CEREMONY AS GUEST OF THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, DR FRANCIS TIEN.

THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX, BUILT AND EQUIPPED AT A COST OF \$110 MILLION, IS ONE OF TWO OPERATED BY THE COUNCIL. THE NINE-STOURED BUILDING HOUSES FIVE TRAINING CENTRES PROVIDING INDUSTRIAL TRAINING TO YOUNG PEOPLE AT OPERATIVE, CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS.

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THE FIVE CENTRES ARE THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, HOTEL INDUSTRY, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY, PLASTICS INDUSTRY AND PRINTING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE COMPLEX AT KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE AT 3 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 20) AT 46 TAI YIP STREET, KOWLOON BAY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE BEFORE 2.45 PM.

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ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN SHA TIN
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THREE PEST CONTROL TEAMS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO INSPECT POTENTIAL MOSQUITO-BREEDING PLACES IN SHA TIN AS PART OF A TWO-WEEK ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN.

THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH STARTED TODAY (MONDAY), IS AIMED AT ELIMINATING MOSQUITO BREEDING IN STREAMS, VILLAGES, HOUSING ESTATES AND CONSTRUCTION SITES TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC HEALTH, AN RSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

PEST CONTROL STAFF WILL SPRAY INSECTICIDE OR LARVICIDAL OIL TO KILL THE INSECTS OR LARVAE IF MOSQUITO BREEDING IS DETECTED.

A BROADCASTING VAN WILL ALSO VISIT ALL HOUSING ESTATES IN THE DISTRICT TO SPREAD THE ANTI-MOSQUITO MESSAGE.

AS MOSQUITOES BREED ONLY IN STAGNANT WATER, THE PUBLIC IS URGED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES:

- * DISCARD ALL UNUSED TINS, BOTTLES, RECEPTACLES AND OLD TYRES;
- * KEEP WATER STORAGE TANKS WELL COVERED;
- * ENSURE PROPER DRAINAGE TO PREVENT CHOKAGE; AND
- * CHANGE WATER IN VASES AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK AND PREVENT WATER ACCUMULATING IN TRAYS AND FLOWER BEDS.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, ALLOWING MOSQUITO BREEDING IN PREMISES IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000 AND A DAILY FINE OF \$250.

RSD'S PEST CONTROL STAFF INSPECTED 30 840 HOUSES AND 17 491 BUILDING SITES AND OPEN SPACES IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 8 466 BREEDING PLACES WERE FOUND AND WERE ERADICATED SUBSEQUENTLY.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD 276 COMPLAINTS OF MOSQUITO BREEDING WERE RECEIVED RESULTING IN THE ISSUE OF 50 SUMMONSES AND 45 WARNING LETTERS TO OFFENDERS.

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ANOTHER BOARD DISCUSSES HOUSING GREEN PAPER
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SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR SIMON LI, WILL INTRODUCE THE PAPER AND LISTEN TO BOARD MEMBERS' VIEWS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO RAISE QUESTIONS ON WHETHER THEY ARE INSURED AGAINST ACCIDENTS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES AND ON GOVERNMENT'S RESOURCES FOR THE DAILY CLEARANCE OF REFUSE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR ADULT EDUCATION IN SHA TIN.

MEMBERS' APPROVAL WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT ON A PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF \$440 000 TO ORGANISE LIGHTING DECORATIONS IN SELECTED AREAS IN SHA TIN DURING FESTIVE SEASONS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE OVERCROWDING IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS, ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION ON SEPTEMBER 26, SECRETARIAL SUPPORT FOR DB WORKING GROUPS, AND PROGRESS REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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REFUSE COLLECTION POINT FOR CENTRAL

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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT GAGE STREET, CENTRAL.

OCCUPYING A SITE AREA OF 150 SQUARE METRES, THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WILL HAVE HANDCART WASHING SPACE, A STOREROOM, AND AN OFFICE WITH STAFF TOILET.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN SEVEN MONTHS.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 4.

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REROUTING IN TSIM SHA TSUI, YAU MA TEI

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MIDDLE ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES TO THE EAST OF THAT JUNCTION WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF TELEPHONE PLANT.

TRAFFIC ON NATHAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR MIDDLE ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA SALISBURY ROAD.

MEANWHILE, SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY IN YAU MA TEI FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIR WORK.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE:

- * SAIGON STREET BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND BATTERY STREET WILL BE CLOSED.
- * BATTERY STREET BETWEEN SAIGON STREET AND PAK HOI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY.
- * PAK HOI STREET BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.
- * TRAFFIC ON BATTERY STREET HEADING FOR RECLAMATION STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE BATTERY STREET AND PAK HOI STREET.
- * METERED GOODS VEHICLE PARKING SPACES AT BATTERY STREET BETWEEN SAIGON STREET AND PAK HOI STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

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TSIM SHA TSUI WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, KIMBERLEY ROAD, OBSERVATORY ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD AND AUSTIN ROAD INCLUDING KNUTSFORD TERRACE, OBSERVATORY COURT, AUSTIN AVENUE, LEE SHING VILLAS, CHATHAM COURT, PINE TREE HILL ROAD AND HILLWOOD ROAD.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 78.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 459.581 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 508.781 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 86.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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