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OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR EXPRESSING OPINIONS -- CS
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THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE EXPRESSION OF OPINIONS IN HONG KONG, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY, SIR DAVID SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE GOVERNOR HAD SAID THERE SHOULD NOT BE DISSENTING VIEWS.

+I DON'T THINK HE RULED OUT PEOPLE HAVING DISSENTING VIEWS, BUT IN THE END CONSENSUS MUST BE FOUND AND WE MUST GO FORWARD,+ HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER A TOUR OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT THERE WAS A HIGHLY DEVELOPED SYSTEM OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN HONG KONG, WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS BETTER THAN IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD.

+AND THERE ARE VERY FEW PARTS OF THE WORLD THAT HAVE AN INSTITUTION LIKE THE DISTRICT BOARDS, FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE IN LOCAL DISTRICTS YOU CAN DISCUSS MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE PLACE AS A WHOLE.

+SO I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY SHORTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG TO SAY WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND -- AND TO WRITE WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND AS WE CAN ALL SEE THIS AFTERNOON.+

ASKED IF THE GOVERNMENT HAD SOFTENED ITS STAND ON POLITICAL REFORM AS THERE WERE COMPARATIVELY LITTLE MENTION ON POLITICAL REVIEW IN THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH, SIR DAVID SAID: +NO, I THINK YOU'LL SEE THAT THE LAST WHITE PAPER -- IF YOU LOOK AT IT, GET IT OUT AND READ IT AGAIN -- IT SETS THE GROUND FOR THE NEXT REVIEW THAT WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT YEAR.

+THE GOVERNOR HAS ALREADY SAID A LOT ABOUT THAT REVIEW -- THAT IT WILL BE A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW, THAT IT WILL BE A MEANINGFUL REVIEW, AND I THINK THERE IS VERY LITTLE MORE THAT HE COULD SAY YESTERDAY UNTIL THAT REVIEW IS PUBLISHED, AND THEN PEOPLE HAVE TO COMMENT.+

SIR DAVID SAID THE COMPOSITION OF AND THE ELECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WOULD BE PART OF THE REVIEW.

HE SAID HE THOUGHT MORE MENTION WAS MADE OF THE REVIEW IN LAST YEAR'S POLICY SPEECH BECAUSE THE ELECTIONS HAD JUST BEEN COMPLETED THEN AND THAT THERE WAS SOME DOUBT IN PEOPLE'S MINDS ABOUT THE REVIEW ITSELF. AND SO IT WAS NECESSARY TO MAKE IT CLEAR LAST YEAR WHAT SORT OF A REVIEW IT WOULD BE.

/+NOW THE

+NOW THE REVIEW IS NEXT YEAR, AND THEREFORE THERE'S VERY LITTLE THAT COULD BE SAID YESTERDAY. WE MUST WAIT NOW FOR THE REVIEW.+

SIR DAVID ADDED THAT THE LAST WHITE PAPER HAD DESCRIBED IN SOME CONSIDERABLE DETAILS THE MATTERS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE COVERED IN THE NEXT REVIEW.

IN RESPONSE TO A REMARK THAT IN THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH POLLUTION CONTROL SEEMED TO GET VERY LOW PRIORITY IN GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH WAS A VERY COMPREHENSIVE ONE.

+OBVIOUSLY YOU CANNOT COVER EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN A SPEECH OF THAT KIND. BUT IT WAS A VERY COMPREHENSIVE SPEECH, BOTH ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AND WHAT IS GOING TO BE DONE IN THE FUTURE.+

SIR DAVID SAID PROPOSALS FOR WASTE DISPOSAL AND THE WASTE DISPOSAL LEGISLATION WERE NOW WELL ON THEIR WAY.

+AND YOU'RE PROBABLY AWARE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE BEING MADE IN POLLUTION CONTROL IN THE SHA TIN AND TOLO HARBOUR AREAS AND THE PLANS FOR GETTING RID OF PIGS ON A PHASED BASIS FROM THE URBAN AREAS AND FOR CONTROLLING PIGS IN RURAL AREAS.

+I THINK THOSE PLANS ARE FAIRLY WELL KNOWN,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

TURNING TO NOISE POLLUTION, SIR DAVID SAID LEGISLATION BEING DRAFTED AT THE PRESENT MOMENT AND ANTI-NOISE POLLUTION PROPOSALS WERE WELL UNDER WAY. THE LEGISLATION SHOULD COME BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DURING THE COURSE OF THIS SESSION.

REFERRING TO COMPLAINTS ABOUT NOISE FROM THE TELEGRAPH BAY CONSTRUCTION SITE, SIR DAVID SAID: +IN THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS, THEY ARE TRYING TO REDUCE THE NOISE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.+

HE ADDED THAT A SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER FROM THE BAGUIO VILLAS HAD TOLD HIM THAT AS A RESULT OF REPRESENTATION BY RESIDENTS, SOME IMPROVEMENT HAD AT LEAST BEEN MADE AND THEY WERE NOT SO MUCH TROUBLED BY DUST NOW THAN THEY WERE IN THE PAST.

IN RESPONSE TO A REMARK THAT THERE HAD BEEN TALK ABOUT HIS RETIRING, SIR DAVID SAID: +WE ALL HAVE TO RETIRE SOME TIME AND I WILL BE 60 NEXT YEAR. AND I WOULD HAVE WORKED IN HONG KONG FOR 30 YEARS NEXT YEAR, WHICH IS REALLY QUITE A LONG TIME.+

ASKED WHETHER THAT WOULD BE THE TIME TO LEAVE HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID: +NO, I WON'T BE LEAVING HONG KONG. MY WIFE AND I WOULD LIKE TO STAY ON IN HONG KONG. AND I HOPE IN SOME WAY WE WOULD BE ABLE TO GO ON SERVING THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.+

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SIR DAVID LOOKS AT SOUTHERN DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TOURED THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TO LOOK AT LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR KEVIN MAK, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM, HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS THE TELEGRAPH BAY RECLAMATION, THE KELLETT BAY RECLAMATION AND HOUSING PROJECT, THE AP LEI CHAU NORTH RECLAMATION AND THE LEI TUNG HOUSING PROJECTS.

RECLAMATION IN TELEGRAPH BAY STARTED IN 1982 AND WHEN COMPLETED IN 1989, WILL PROVIDE 23 HECTARES OF LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PARTY THEN WENT TO WAH FU ESTATE TO LOOK AT SITE FORMATION WORK AT THE NEIGHBOURING KELLETT BAY HOUSING SITE.

ABOUT 10.35 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE RECLAIMED BY 1988 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, HOME OWNERSHIP BLOCKS AND RELATED FACILITIES TO CATER FOR A POPULATION OF ABOUT 19 900 PEOPLE.

THE HOUSING PROJECTS, TO BE COMPLETED IN 1991, WILL ALSO FEATURE A COMMERCIAL CENTRE, A NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SUCH AS JOGGING TRACKS, BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COURTS AND A PLAYGROUND.

ON AP LEI CHAU, SIR DAVID FIRST HAD A PANORAMIC VIEW OF AP LEI CHAU NORTH RECLAMATION FROM THE ROOFTOP OF A BUILDING. THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY MID-1991 IN THREE PHASES TO PROVIDE 8.5 HECTARES OF LAND FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, GOVERNMENT SITES, PUBLIC LANDING POINTS AND ROADS.

SIR DAVID THEN SAW THE LEI TUNG ESTATE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, THE FIRST PHASE OF WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR. ABOUT 35 200 PEOPLE WILL BE HOUSED IN THE PUBLIC HOUSING AND THE NEIGHBOURING HOME OWNERSHIP BLOCKS. A COMMUNITY HALL AND A DISTRICT OFFICE BRANCH OFFICE WILL BE SET UP IN THE ESTATE WHEN THE WHOLE PROJECT IS COMPLETED BY 1988.

BEFORE WINDING UP HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID TOURED THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER ON BOARD A MARINE LAUNCH TO LOOK AT THE FISHING COMMUNITY IN THE BUSY WATERWAY.

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ANTI-PORNOGRAPHY BILL AIMS AT BALANCE
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THE CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES BILL IS AIMED AT STRIKING A BALANCE BETWEEN THE NEED TO PROTECT JUVENILES FROM THE INFLUENCE OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS AND THE NEED TO SAFEGUARD THE FREEDOMS OF EXPRESSION AND CHOICE OF ADULTS, THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR JAMES SO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HENCE, HE SAID, THE BILL PROPOSED A SYSTEM WHEREBY THE COMMUNITY COULD PARTICIPATE IN DETERMINING THE STANDARD OF MORALITY AND PROPRIETY ACCEPTABLE TO IT, THUS ENSURING THAT THE YOUNG WERE PREVENTED FROM ACCESS TO ARTICLES WHICH IT CONSIDERED UNSUITABLE FOR THEM.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF TAI PING SHAN, MR SO SAID THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL HAD GENERALLY ACHIEVED THIS AIM AND HAD SUCCEEDED IN ARRIVING AT THE GOLDEN MEAN.

THE BILL - PUBLISHED ON AUGUST 15 - PROVIDES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION INTO THREE CLASSES OF ALL ARTICLES TO BE PUBLISHED.

ARTICLES CLASSIFIED UNDER CLASS (1) CAN BE PUBLISHED WITHOUT RESTRICTION. CLASS (2) WILL COVER ARTICLES CLASSIFIED AS INDECENT AND THEIR PUBLICATION IS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS AND CONTROL GOVERNING THEIR DISPLAY, SALE AND ACCESS. CLASS (3) WILL COVER ARTICLES CLASSIFIED AS OBSCENE AND THESE WILL BE BANNED FROM PUBLICATION.

THE TASK OF MAKING THE CLASSIFICATION WILL FALL ON AN OBSCENE ARTICLES TRIBUNAL TO BE PRESIDED OVER BY A BILINGUAL MAGISTRATE SITTING WITH AT LEAST TWO LAY ADJUDICATORS DRAWN FROM A PANEL.

MR SO SAID THE BILL HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY A NUMBER OF DISTRICT BOARDS OR THEIR SUB-COMMITTEES, AND INTEREST GROUPS, ACADEMICS, THE MEDIA AND INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS HAD COMMENTED ON IT.

+THE TENOR OF PUBLIC COMMENTS GENERALLY WELCOMES THE BILL AS A POSITIVE STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IN CONTROLLING THE SPREAD OF PORNOGRAPHY IN OUR SOCIETY,+ HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO COMMENTS THAT THE LEGAL DEFINITIONS OF THE WORDS +OBSCENE+ AND +INDECENT+ WERE VAGUE AND UNCLEAR, MR SO SAID THE LEGAL DEFINITIONS IN THE BILL WERE, IN HIS VIEW, AS CLEAR AS ONE COULD EVER HOPE TO ACHIEVE ON SUCH MATTERS AND THE MAIN TEST WAS IN THEIR INTERPRETATION BY THE TRIBUNAL.

+IN THIS REGARD, WE MUST HAVE FAITH IN OUR PEERS. THAT IS WHY THE BILL PROPOSES TO PLACE THIS TASK IN THE HANDS OF A TRIBUNAL WHICH INCLUDES MEMBERS DRAWN FROM A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

/MR SO

MR SO SAID HE DID NOT CONSIDER PRACTICAL OR DESIRABLE THE SUGGESTION THAT ONE WAY TO OVERCOME THE DEFINITION PROBLEM WAS FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO LAY DOWN DETAILED GUIDELINES TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF THE TRIBUNAL.

NOTING THAT THE STANDARDS OF MORALITY, DECENCY AND PROPRIETY CHANGED WITH TIME, HE SAID THAT TO TRY TO LAY DOWN DETAILED GUIDELINES IN THE LAW WOULD CERTAINLY RESULT IN CONSTANT AMENDMENTS IF SUCH GUIDELINES WERE TO REFLECT THE COMMUNITY'S STANDARDS OF MORALITY AND PROPRIETY OF THE TIME.

+THE RULINGS OF THE TRIBUNAL WILL ESTABLISH A SERIES OF CASE LAWS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE, AND IN TIME A PATTERN WILL EMERGE PROVIDING CLEAR GUIDANCE TO ALL,+ HE SAID.

FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO CARRY OUT PUBLIC SURVEYS FROM TIME TO TIME TO ASSESS THE PUBLIC'S PERCEPTION OF ACCEPTABLE MORAL STANDARDS AND THESE SURVEY RESULTS WOULD HELP TO GUIDE MEMBERS OF THE TRIBUNAL IN THEIR ASSESSMENTS.

ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE TRIBUNAL, MR SO SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN A BALANCE, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF SEX, AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS, BUT ALSO OF AGE AND EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS.

+HENCE, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE PANEL WILL HAVE AS MANY AS 80 MEMBERS DRAWN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND COVERING A GOOD SPREAD OF ALL AGES, BELIEFS AND SEX,+ HE SAID.

AS REGARDS THE VIEWS THAT THERE WAS A LACK OF ANY REQUIREMENT IN THE BILL FOR A PUBLISHER TO BE COMPELLED TO SUBMIT ARTICLES TO THE TRIBUNAL FOR CLASSIFICATION BEFORE PUBLICATION, MR SO SAID COMPULSORY SUBMISSION COULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF STIFLING THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND PUBLICATION.

+THUS IN DECIDING ON VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION, THE GOVERNMENT AT THE SAME TIME PROPOSES VERY SEVERE PENALTIES AS A DETERRENT. THE BILL PROPOSES A PENALTY OF A FINE OF \$1 MILLION AND THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR ANY PUBLISHER PUBLISHING AN OBSCENE ARTICLE,+ HE SAID.

THIS HEAVY PENALTY WOULD CERTAINLY ACT AS A STRONG DETERRENT AGAINST THOSE WHO ATTEMPTED TO EXPLOIT THE VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION PROVISION IN THE BILL.

+IT WILL ALSO PERSUADE PUBLISHERS TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE TO THE TRIBUNAL FOR CLASSIFICATION BEFORE PUBLICATION WHENEVER IN DOUBT,+ HE SAID.

MR SO SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS STUDYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL IN THE LIGHT OF THE MANY PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED BEFORE IT WOULD BE PUT BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HE APPEALED TO ORGANISATIONS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHED TO COMMENT ON THE BILL AND HAD NOT YET DONE SO TO SEND THEIR VIEWS TO HIS OFFICE.

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BILL WILL PROVIDE BETTER RABIES CONTROL
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BETTER PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF RABIES IN HONG KONG WILL BE PROVIDED IN A NEW BILL WITH MUCH HIGHER PENALTIES TO DETER WOULD-BE OFFENDERS AND TO PUNISH THOSE WHO DO NOT GET THEIR DOGS VACCINATED.

THIS WAS STATED BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (AGRICULTURE), DR THOMAS YIP, WHEN HE ADDRESSED A DINNER MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH-WEST THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

THE NEW RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL BILL -- AT THE FINAL STAGE OF DRAFTING TO REPLACE THE DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE -- WOULD EXTEND RABIES PREVENTION MEASURES TO ALL MAMMALS WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO STRICT IMPORT AND QUARANTINE CONTROLS INCLUDING A GENERAL REQUIREMENT FOR PERMITS TO BE OBTAINED IN ADVANCE.

COMPULSORY VACCINATION OF DOGS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A REQUIREMENT OF THE BILL UNDER WHICH OTHER ANIMALS MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES.

THE BILL WOULD ALSO PROVIDE FOR STRICTER MEASURES TO CONTROL ALL ANIMALS PARTICULARLY STRAY DOGS, AND EXTEND CONTROLS TO RABIES VIRUS, RABIES VACCINE AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, TO DEAD AS WELL AS LIVING ANIMALS.

DR YIP SAID: +THESE MEASURES ARE PROPOSED TO REINFORCE OUR ABILITY TO RESPOND QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY TO A RABIES OUTBREAK OR EVEN A THREAT.

DESPITE THE IMPENDING ENACTMENT OF THE LAW, THE GOVERNMENT REGARDED THE ACTIVE SUPPORT FROM THE PUBLIC AS A VITAL PART OF THE DEFENCES AGAINST RABIES, HE ADDED.

DR YIP STRESSED THAT, DESPITE THE CURABILITY OF THE DISEASE, ANY PERSON BITTEN BY A DOG MUST REPORT TO THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY AND THE BITER DOG SURRENDERED TO A GOVERNMENT KENNEL FOR OBSERVATION FOR EARLY AND ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS OF RABIES INFECTION.

+THIS IS NOT ONLY A STATUTORY REQUIREMENT BUT ALSO IN THE INTEREST OF THE PERSON AFFECTED AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE,+ HE SAID.

DR YIP SAID THAT BECAUSE OF HONG KONG'S GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND THE LONG INCUBATION PERIOD FOR THE DISEASE, COUPLED WITH THE VERY HEAVY TRAFFIC ALONG THE EXTENDED LAND BORDER AND THE TERRITORY'S FISHING VESSELS GOING IN AND OUT OF CHINA REGULARLY, HONG KONG WAS VERY PRONE TO AN OUTBREAK OF THE DISEASE.

+PRIOR TO 1955, RABIES WAS ENDEMIC IN HONG KONG. IN 1949 ALONE, SOME 20 DEATHS OCCURRED IN HUMANS AND 40 CASES IN DOGS. NO CASE OF RABIES WAS DIAGNOSED IN HONG KONG BETWEEN 1955 AND 1980,+ HE SAID.

/+RABIES WAS

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+RABIES WAS RE-INTRODUCED IN 1980, RESULTING IN 35 RABIES CASES INVOLVING 27 DOGS, TWO CATS AND SIX HUMANS.

+SINCE THE 1980 OUTBREAK, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS STEPPED UP THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF THE DISEASE. RABIES INFECTED AREAS HAVE BEEN DECLARED AND CHECK-POINTS ESTABLISHED TO RESTRICT THE MOVEMENT OF DOGS INTO AND OUT OF THESE AREAS.

+IN ADDITION, CONTINUOUS EFFORTS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AT VACCINATING ALL DOGS IN THE TERRITORY ESPECIALLY IN THE RABIES INFECTED AREAS WHERE HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT. MUCH EFFORT HAS ALSO BEEN PUT INTO ROUNDING UP AND PUTTING DOWN STRAY DOGS.+

SINCE THEN, DR YIP SAID, OVER 160 000 DOGS HAD BEEN CAUGHT AND ELIMINATED AND ANOTHER 270 000 DOGS AND 3 000 CATS INOCULATED AGAINST THE DISEASE.

+WITH ALL THESE EFFORTS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO CONTAIN THE DISEASE AND CURB ITS SPREAD,+ HE SAID.

DR YIP URGED THE PUBLIC TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT'S RABIES CONTROL MEASURES BY HAVING THEIR DOGS INOCULATED AND REPORTING THE SIGHTING OF ANY STRAY DOG TO THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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HONG NIN BANK LIMITED
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FOLLOWING THE AGREEMENT, THE TERMS OF WHICH ARE PUBLISHED TODAY, FOR THE PURCHASE OF HONG NIN BANK LIMITED BY FIRST PACIFIC HOLDINGS LIMITED, THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING IS AUTHORISING FIRST PACIFIC TO ASSIST HIM IN CONTROLLING AND CARRYING ON THE BUSINESS OF THE BANK.

THE SERVICES OF MR ANTHONY GOULD, A SECONDEE FROM THE STANDARD CHARTERED BANK WHO HAS BEEN GIVING ABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMISSIONER, ARE ACCORDINGLY NO LONGER REQUIRED. MR GOULD WILL RETURN TO THE STANDARD CHARTERED BANK.

THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ASSUMED CONTROL OF HONG NIN BANK LTD. PURSUANT TO SECTION 52(1)(C) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1986. THE EXCHANGE FUND PROVIDED A LINE OF CREDIT SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE THE BANK TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS IN FULL ON TIME.

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FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE AGREEMENT TODAY FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BANK BY FIRST PACIFIC, THE COMMISSIONER, AFTER CONSULTING THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BANK, HAS DECIDED THAT FIRST PACIFIC SHOULD COMMENCE THEIR MANAGEMENT OF THE BANK NOW UNDER THE OVERALL CONTROL OF THE COMMISSIONER.

THE COMMISSIONER WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN CONTROL OF THE BANK UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PURCHASE BY FIRST PACIFIC, IN SEVERAL MONTHS' TIME.

DURING THIS PERIOD THE EXCHANGE FUND LINE OF CREDIT WILL REMAIN IN PLACE, BUT DRAWINGS ON IT WILL BE AT COMMERCIAL INTEREST RATES, RATHER THAN THE PENAL RATES CHARGED UP TILL NOW. THERE ARE AGREED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REPAYMENT IN FULL, OVER A PERIOD AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANY MONEY DRAWN ON THE EXCHANGE FUND.

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SIZE CRITERION FOR FOREIGN BANKS REVISED
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THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE SIZE CRITERION FOR FOREIGN BANKS APPLYING FOR BANKING LICENCES HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM U.S.\$12 BILLION TO U.S.\$14 BILLION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT APPLICATIONS FOR BANKING LICENCES ARE JUDGED AGAINST CERTAIN SPECIFIED CRITERIA, ONE OF WHICH IS SIZE AS MEASURED BY TOTAL ASSETS (LESS CONTRA ITEMS) FOR FOREIGN APPLICANTS, AND TOTAL ASSETS (LESS CONTRA ITEMS) AND DEPOSITS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR LOCAL APPLICANTS. THE SIZE CRITERIA FOR BOTH FOREIGN AND LOCAL APPLICANTS HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO REVIEW ON AN ANNUAL BASIS SINCE 1981.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SIZE CRITERION FOR FOREIGN BANKS HAD BEEN REVISED DUE TO THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE THIS YEAR IN THE NUMBER OF BANKS EXCEEDING THE U.S.\$12 BILLION THRESHOLD, AND BECAUSE THE THRESHOLD HAD REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE 1982. THE REVISED SIZE CRITERION OF U.S.\$14 BILLION APPLIES TO ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 7, 1986.

THE SIZE CRITERIA FOR LOCAL APPLICANTS, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT BEEN INCREASED DUE TO A DEARTH OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS. THEY REMAIN AT HK\$2 500 MILLION FOR TOTAL ASSETS (LESS CONRA ITEMS) AND AT HK\$1 750 MILLION FOR DEPOSITS FROM THE PUBLIC.

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FRIENDSHIP FORCE HOLDS CONFERENCE IN HK
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THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE, AN INTERNATIONAL CITIZEN EXCHANGE ORGANISATION, TODAY (THURSDAY) OPENED ITS 10TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG.

IT IS THE FIRST TIME THE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN HELD IN ASIA SINCE THE ORGANISATION WAS FOUNDED IN THE UNITED STATES 10 YEARS AGO.

THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR A.K. CHUI, WELCOMED MORE THAN 400 DELEGATES FROM 20 COUNTRIES TO THE OPENING SESSION HELD AT THE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL THIS EVENING.

HE SAID THAT IT WAS AN HONOUR FOR HONG KONG TO BE CHOSEN AS THE VENUE.

+MAY I SAY, WITH DUE MODESTY, THAT YOU MADE AN EXCELLENT AND TIMELY CHOICE. OUR CITY OF MORE THAN FIVE AND A HALF MILLION PEOPLE HAS ESTABLISHED A WORLDWIDE REPUTATION AS AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR WORLD CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS,+ HE SAID.

+IN HONG KONG, EAST AND WEST NOT ONLY MEET, BUT HAVE COMBINED MOST HARMONIOUSLY TO PRODUCE AN INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS STORY THAT IS UNIQUE.+

MR CHUI SAID THAT HONG KONG'S INVIGORATING COSMOPOLITAN ATMOSPHERE WOULD BE A STIMULATING INSPIRATION FOR DELEGATES AS THEY PLANNED THEIR PROGRAMME FOR 1987.

HE ADDED: +YOUR MOTTO - A WORLD FOR FRIENDS IS A WORLD OF PEACE - IS AN EXCELLENT IDEAL TO WHICH PEOPLE OF ALL CULTURES SHOULD HEARTILY SUBSCRIBE. WHEN YOU LEAVE HONG KONG NEXT WEEK, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BRING HOME WITH YOU FOND MEMORIES WHICH WILL ENHANCE YOUR COMMITMENT TO WORLD FRIENDSHIP, AND WITH A FEELING OF GRATIFICATION THAT YOUR VISIT HAS INDEED BEEN WORTHWHILE.+

A NON-PROFIT MAKING ORGANISATION, THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE HAS OVER 200 CHAPTERS IN 40 COUNTRIES. ITS OBJECTIVES ARE TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND TO PROVIDE ORDINARY CITIZENS THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL ABROAD AND TO LIVE IN THE HOME OF FAMILIES IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.

THE CONFERENCE WILL LAST FOR THREE DAYS, DURING WHICH DELEGATES WILL ATTEND VARIOUS WORKSHOPS.

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100 STUDENTS TO GET SCHOLARSHIPS

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A TOTAL OF 100 STUDENTS WILL BE AWARDED MATRICULATION SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME TO BE HELD AT THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 11).

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BEING AWARDED UNDER PHASE III OF THE SCHEME.

THE SCHEME, ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SPONSORED BY CINEMA CITY CO LTD, AIMS AT PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY AND DILIGENT FORM FIVE GRADUATES SO THAT THEY MAY CONTINUE STUDIES IN MATRICULATION COURSES.

THE PRESIDENT OF BAPTIST COLLEGE, DR DANIEL TSE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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WORSHIPPERS URGED TO GUARD AGAINST FIRE

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PEOPLE OBSERVING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL HAVE BEEN REMINDED THEY SHOULD TAKE CARE NOT TO CAUSE FIRES WHEN BURNING JOSS STICKS AND PAPER TRIBUTES IN WORSHIPPING THEIR ANCESTORS.

THE CARELESS BURNING OF JOSS STICKS IS ONE OF THE MAIN CAUSES OF FIRES IN HONG KONG, A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT TODAY (THURSDAY).

+FIRES OF THIS KIND OFTEN OCCUR DURING GRAVE-SWEEPING PERIODS SUCH AS THE CHING MING FESTIVAL (IN APRIL) AND THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL WHEN PEOPLE WORSHIP THEIR ANCESTORS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR THERE WERE 162 FIRES CAUSED BY CARELESS BURNING OF MATERIALS IN WORSHIPPING, AND 62 OCCURRED IN APRIL ALONE, HE SAID.

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+WORSHIPPERS SHOULD NOT LEAVE BURNING TRIBUTES UNATTENDED AND THESE SHOULD EVENTUALLY BE EXTINGUISHED,+ HE ADDED.

THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL FALLS ON SUNDAY.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO URGED PEOPLE TO TAKE EXTRA CARE GENERALLY IN PREVENTING FIRES AS THE DRY SEASON IS SETTING IN.

HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE 12 389 FIRE CALLS IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1986 COMPARED WITH 8 620 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1985.

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BOARD TO STUDY 'SIX STREETS' DEVELOPMENT PLAN
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A PAPER OUTLINING THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN FOR REDEVELOPING SIX STREETS IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE PUT BEFORE THE DISTRICT BOARD TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONGKONG HOUSING SOCIETY AND THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO HEAR MEMBERS' VIEWS ON THE PLAN.

OTHER MATTERS ON THE AGENDA ARE THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES, PUBLIC HOUSING RENT POLICY REVIEW AND HOUSING SUBSIDY REPORTS, CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES MEASURES, AND THE PROPOSED SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SYSTEM.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN AND PROGRESS REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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MEETING TO DISCUSS MA ON SHAN DEVELOPMENT
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MA ON SHAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING.

THE PROJECTS INVOLVE ROAD WORKS AND BUILDING A SITTING-OUT AREA AT LOK LO HA VILLAGE.

THE ROAD WORKS INCLUDE BUILDING A THROUGH ROAD LINKING MA ON SHAN AND SAI KUNG, FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE TRACKS, A SUBWAY AND A FOOTBRIDGE FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS TWO PUBLIC HOUSING SUBSIDY POLICY DOCUMENTS AND THE COMPILATION OF THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

THEY WILL RESUME DISCUSSION ON PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR AREA 75 AND THE DOMESTIC REMOVAL ALLOWANCE FOR TENANTS IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE SIXTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AT KCR HOUSE TOMORROW AT 9.30 AM.

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CAS BAND TO 'BEAT THE RETREAT'
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES BAND WILL BE +BEATING THE RETREAT+ FROM 8 PM TO 10 PM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 11) AT VICTORIA PARK.

AMONG THOSE ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CAS COMMISSIONER, SIR ROGER LOBO.

+BEATING THE RETREAT+ IS A TRADITIONAL MILITARY CEREMONY WHICH HAD THE PURPOSE OF RECALLING ALL SOLDIERS FROM A GARRISON TOWN AT NIGHT BEFORE CLOSING THE GATES. IT HAS NOW BECOME A SPECTACLE FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT.

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THE PROGRAMME FOR THE CEREMONY AT THE MINI-SOCCER PITCHES WILL INCLUDE DISPLAYS BY MARCHING BANDS AND BY PIPERS AND DRUMMERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE +BEATING THE RETREAT+ BY THE CAS BAND ON SATURDAY AT THE VICTORIA PARK MINI-SOCCER PITCHES 4, 5 AND 6, STARTING AT 8 PM.

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TUEN MUN GETS READY FOR MINI-OLYMPICS
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THE TUEN MUN MINI-OLYMPICS, A WIDE-RANGING SPORTS PROGRAMME INVOLVING FOOTBALL, BADMINTON, TABLE-TENNIS, TELEMATCHES AND DISTANCE RUNNING WILL BE HELD IN TUEN MUN NEXT MONTH.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE MONTH-LONG MINI-OLYMPICS ARE AIMED AT FOSTERING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND CEMENTING THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

TO MARK THE OPENING, A DISTANCE RUN AND TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTSGROUND ON NOVEMBER 2. RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART.

THE SIX-KILOMETRE DISTANCE RUN WILL START AT 9 AM AT THE SPORTSGROUND. THE ROUTE WILL COVER TAI HING ESTATE, LEUNG TIN VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL, THE LEUNG TIN ESTATE CONSTRUCTION SITE, SIU HANG VILLAGE, SIU HONG COURT AND CHING CHUNG KOON, BEFORE RETURNING TO THE SPORTSGROUND.

THE TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS WILL BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM. EACH PERSON MAY COMPETE IN NOT MORE THAN THREE EVENTS.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS OCTOBER 15. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS FOUR SUB-OFFICES AT TAI HING, ON TING-YAU OI, SIU HONG, WU KING BUTTERFLY ESTATE. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-851503.

THE TUEN MUN MINI-OLYMPICS ORGANISING COMMITTEE COMPRISES THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, TUEN MUN SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE.

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CHOI HUNG ROAD PLAYGROUND REDEVELOPMENT
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$2.2 MILLION CONTRACT TO JARDINE ENGINEERING CORPORATION LIMITED FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AN AIR-CONDITIONING AND VENTILATION SYSTEM FOR A COOKED FOOD CENTRE, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, TOILETS AND CHANGING ROOMS IN A MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL COMPLEX IN SAN PO KONG.

THE WORK IS PART OF A \$32.5 MILLION PROJECT TO REDEVELOP THE FORMER CHOI HUNG ROAD PLAYGROUND INTO A MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX, WORK ON WHICH BEGAN IN JANUARY.

INSTALLATION OF THE EQUIPMENT IS DUE TO START LATER THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-STOREY COMPLEX WITH A COOKED FOOD CENTRE AND AN INDOOR GAMES HALL; AN INDOOR BADMINTON COURT BUILDING ACCOMMODATING SIX COURTS, WITH TWO TENNIS COURTS ON THE ROOF; AND A BUILDING PROVIDING CHANGING FACILITIES AND TOILETS.

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MORE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY TO KOWLOON AND VICTORIA DISTRICT COURTS FOR CLOSURE ORDERS TO BE MADE AGAINST ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

ONE OF THE STRUCTURES IS AT THE REAR LANE OF 14-20, HAMILTON STREET, KOWLOON, AND WAS THE SUBJECT OF A DEMOLITION ORDER ISSUED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE (BOO) TWO YEARS AGO, BUT WHICH HAS BEEN IGNORED.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WANTS TO CLOSE IT AND THEN DEMOLISH IT WITHOUT ENDANGERING OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

IT HAS POSTED A NOTICE ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURE SAYING IT WILL APPLY TO KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 10 FOR THE CLOSURE ORDER.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WILL ALSO APPLY TO VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN RESPECT OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE MAIN ROOF OF 147, WONG NEI CHUNG ROAD, HONG KONG.

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IT HAS ALSO POSTED NOTICES ON THE STRUCTURES POINTING OUT WHAT IT INTENDS TO DO.

THE OCCUPANTS HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH A DEMOLITION ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOO IN NOVEMBER 1984.

IN BOTH CASES DEMOLITION WILL TAKE PLACE STRAIGHT AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER ARE OBTAINED FROM THE COURTS.

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REMINDER OF NT TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR FESTIVAL
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

ROAD CLOSURE:

- * BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 PM ON OCTOBER 11, 12, 13, 19 AND 26, THE SECTION OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD FROM WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT TO ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D6 WILL BE CLOSED TO PRIVATE CARS (INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs), EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES, HEARSEs, FRANCHISED BUSES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TAXIS AND COACHES CARRYING PASSENGERS.
- * BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, THE SECTION OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD BEYOND ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D6 WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC (INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs), EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs.
- * AT THE SAME TIME, THE EAST ACCESS ROAD TO WO HOP SHEK FROM KAU LUNG HANG WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC (INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs), EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs.
- * BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, THE SLIP ROAD AT WO HOP SHEK CONNECTION FROM NORTHBOUND NT TRUNK ROAD LEADING TO WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC (INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs), EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs.
- * ALSO BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT KMB BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND RESIDENTS FOR LOCAL ACCESS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE FANLING KCR STATION FORECOURT WILL BE CLOSED AT ITS ACCESS FROM ROAD D5 TO ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT KMB BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

- * LO WAI ROAD, SECTION BETWEEN LO WAI BUS TERMINUS AND YUEN YUEN HOK YUEN, WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 7 AM TO 4 PM ON OCTOBER 11, 12, 13 AND 19. DURING THE CLOSURE, THE LO WAI END TERMINATING POINT FOR NT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 81 AND 81M WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE LO WAI BUS TERMINUS.
- * THE OLD ACCESS ROAD TO TSUEN WAN CEMETERY FROM TEXACO ROAD IN TSUEN WAN IS NOW CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE. THE NEW ACCESS TO THE CEMETERY IS VIA WING SHUN STREET IN KWAI CHUNG. WING SHUN STREET AT ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI HEI STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON OCTOBER 11, 12, 13 AND 19. MEANWHILE, ROAD CLOSURE MEASURE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY POLICE AT THE JUNCTION OF WING SHUN STREET, KWAI HEI STREET AND KWAI YUE STREET. GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THE MTR AND GET OFF AT KWAI FONG STATION.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES:

- * FROM 7 AM TO 9 AM AND FROM 5 PM TO 7 PM ON OCTOBER 12, 13 AND 19, KCR TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE STRENGTHENED AND OPERATE AT FANLING AT A FIVE-MINUTE INTERVAL. TRAIN SERVICES WILL OPERATE AT A 10-MINUTE FREQUENCY FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON THE SAME DAYS.
- * A SPECIAL SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 70R, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN FANLING KCR STATION AND WO HOP SHEK AT ABOUT THREE-MINUTE INTERVAL ON OCTOBER 12, 19 AND 26. THE FARE WILL BE \$1 FOR SINGLE JOURNEY.
- * ANOTHER SPECIAL BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 70S, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN JORDAN ROAD FERRY BUS TERMINUS AND WO HOP SHEK VIA TOLO HIGHWAY ON OCTOBER 12 AND 19. THIS SPECIAL SERVICE WILL OPERATE AT ABOUT SIX-MINUTE INTERVAL AT A FARE OF \$4.
- * MEANWHILE, KMB ROUTES NO. 69, 70, 70X AND 73 WILL ALSO BE STRENGTHENED.
- * GRAVE-SWEEPERS WISHING TO GO TO SANDY RIDGE CAN TAKE THE REGULAR BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 73K, PLYING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND SAN UK LING OR THE TRAIN SERVICE TO LO WU.

AS THE ROAD TUNNELS (GOVERNMENT) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986 WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 13, MOTORISTS USING THE EXACT PAYMENT LANES AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL TO GO TO THE CEMETERIES FROM OCTOBER 13 WILL BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO TENDER EXACT TOLLS.

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GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES ON ISLAND ADJUSTED
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ONE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE SERVING THE PEAK AREA WILL BE WITHDRAWN WHILE FARES ON THREE OTHER ROUTES IN ABERDEEN WILL BE INCREASED FROM SUNDAY (OCTOBER 12).

THE ROUTE TO BE WITHDRAWN IS 30M OPERATING BETWEEN WATFORD ROAD AND MTR ADMIRALTY STATION.

+THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE ROUTE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT VARIOUS FACTORS, INCLUDING CONTINUOUS LOW PATRONAGE AND FINANCIAL LOSSES SUFFERED BY THE OPERATOR,+ A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE SUGGESTED THAT COMMUTERS USING 30M SHOULD CHANGE TO ROUTE 1 PLYING BETWEEN THE PEAK AND HMS TAMAR. THE TWO ROUTES ARE LARGELY SIMILAR.

SERVICES ON ROUTE 30 OPERATING BETWEEN WATFORD ROAD AND CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE INCREASED TO RUN AT 15-MINUTE INTERVALS DURING MORNING PEAK HOURS, MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

HIGHER FARES WILL BE LEVIED ON ROUTES 27 (WAI FUNG STREET IN AP LEI CHAU TO SAI ON STREET IN ABERDEEN), 29 (AP LEI CHAU ESTATE TO TAI CHUE WAN AT OCEAN PARK) AND 29A (AP LEI CHAU ESTATE TO HEUNG YIP ROAD IN WONG CHUK HANG).

THE NEW FARES FOR ROUTES 29 AND 29A WILL BE \$2, AND THE NEW FARE ON ROUTE 27 WILL BE \$1.10. TRIPS ON ROUTE 29 BETWEEN AP LEI CHAU ESTATE AND HEUNG YIP ROAD WILL COST \$1.20.

+THE NEW FARES REPRESENT AN AVERAGE INCREASE OF 20 CENTS TO 50 CENTS OVER THE EXISTING FARES, WITH ONLY ONE OF THE ROUTES CHARGING UP TO THE FARE CEILING EFFECTIVE FROM MARCH 1 THIS YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+APPROVAL FOR THE FARE RISE WAS GIVEN AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE OPERATING DETAILS AND FINANCIAL RETURNS SUBMITTED BY OPERATORS,+ HE ADDED.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE FARE INCREASE, THE OPERATING HOURS ON ROUTE 27 WILL BE EXTENDED FROM SUNDAY TO RUN DAILY BETWEEN 5 AM AND 12.15 AM.

AT THE SAME TIME, AN OVERNIGHT CIRCULAR SERVICE ON ROUTE 27 WILL START OPERATING DAILY BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 4.40 AM AT A FREQUENCY OF 20 MINUTES. HOWEVER, THIS OVERNIGHT SERVICE WILL TERMINATE AT AP LEI CHAU ESTATE INSTEAD OF WAI FUNG STREET. THE FARE IS SET AT \$1.50 PER JOURNEY.

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CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST RESTRICTED ZONE
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THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A PEAK HOUR (7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM) DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 11).

THE MEASURE, WHICH WILL LAST ABOUT FOUR WEEKS, IS TO FACILITATE UTILITY DIVERSIONS.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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ROAD CLOSURE AND RESTRICTED ZONES
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TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SECTIONS ARE ROAD D7 BETWEEN JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND ROAD L9 AND ROAD L9 BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D7 TO A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME TIME, THE TSING YI ESTATE BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY PROHIBITED ZONE. NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BUS TERMINUS.

BETWEEN MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM FROM TOMORROW TO OCTOBER 16, TUNG CHAU STREET IN TAI KOK TSUI BETWEEN TONG MEI ROAD AND WALNUT STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

MOTORISTS ON TONG MEI ROAD HEADING FOR TUNG CHAU STREET NORTHBOUND SHOULD USE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, SYCAMORE STREET AND TAI KOK TSUI ROAD.

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SPORTSMEN SHOW THEIR PACES TO ROYAL VISITOR * * * * *

HONG KONG'S ATHLETES WILL DISPLAY THEIR SKILLS TO A ROYAL VISITOR ON OCTOBER 22 WHEN THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH VISITS THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

PRINCE PHILIP WILL ARRIVE AT THE CENTRE BY HELICOPTER AT 11.15 AM AFTER HAVING OFFICIALLY DECLARED OPEN THE CASTLE PEAK 'B' POWER STATION.

ON LANDING AT THE CENTRE'S FOOTBALL GROUND HE WILL BE GREETED BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY, MR ALAN SCOTT, WHO WILL PRESENT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE BOARD, MR DENIS BRAY, AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE CENTRE, MR HOWARD WELLS.

ACCOMPANIED BY MR WELLS, PRINCE PHILIP WILL VISIT THE SWIMMING POOL, FOOTBALL PITCH AND ATHLETICS TRACK, GYMNASIUM, JUDO, BADMINTON AND TENNIS HALLS AND THE TABLE TENNIS AND FENCING HALLS.

DURING THE TOUR THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH WILL MEET STAFF OF THE CENTRE AND ATHLETES UNDER TRAINING AND MR WELLS WILL PRESENT COACHES OF THE VARIOUS SPORTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.

PRINCE PHILIP WILL SIGN THE CENTRE'S VISITORS' BOOK BEFORE LEAVING BY CAR TO JOIN THE QUEEN AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, SHA TIN.

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'YOUTH SPECTACULAR' REHEARSAL ON SUNDAY
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A REHEARSAL FOR THE 'YOUTH SPECTACULAR' TO BE STAGED BEFORE THE QUEEN WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 12), BEGINNING AT 4 PM.

PERFORMERS TAKING PART IN THE REHEARSAL WILL INCLUDE POPULAR SINGERS LESLIE CHEUNG, JACKY CHEUNG, KENNY BEE AND ALBERT AU.

THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE, WILL ATTEND AND ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE ROYAL PERFORMANCE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE REHEARSAL. PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELE-LENSES.