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## MONETARY STATISTICS FOR JULY 1987

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DEPOSITS IN HONG KONG DOLLAR GREW FASTER IN JULY THAN IN PREVIOUS MONTHS, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ALSO INCREASED IN JULY.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS CONTINUED TO GROW IN JULY. THE BROAD DEFINITION OF MONEY SUPPLY, TOTAL M3, GREW FASTER IN JULY THAN IN PAST MONTHS.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED FASTER IN JULY THAN IN RECENT MONTHS. GROWTH IN LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG PICKED UP CONSIDERABLY AND THOSE FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG CONTINUED TO REGISTER VERY RAPID GROWTH. HOWEVER, LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE GREW ONLY MODESTLY.

## DEPOSITS

IN JULY, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS INCREASED ONLY SLIGHTLY, BY 0.6 PER CENT AFTER THE RAPID INCREASE OF 8.9 PER CENT IN JUNE. SAVINGS DEPOSITS FELL BY 0.8 PER CENT BUT TIME DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE BY 2.6 PER CENT IN JULY AFTER INCREASES OF 0.2 PER CENT IN MAY AND 2.4 PER CENT IN JUNE.

OVER THE YEAR (I.E. FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JULY), TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 23.8 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 2.5 PER CENT IN JULY AFTER HAVING FALLEN BY 0.4 PER CENT IN JUNE. OVER THE YEAR, THESE DEPOSITS GREW BY 34.4 PER CENT.

OF THE TOTAL, DEPOSITS IN US DOLLARS ROSE BY 0.9 PER CENT IN JULY AFTER INCREASES OF 2 PER CENT IN MAY AND 0.2 PER CENT IN JUNE. DEPOSITS IN OTHER FOREIGN CURRENCIES INCREASED FASTER IN JULY, BY 5 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 1.5 PER CENT IN MAY AND A DECREASE OF 1.4 PER CENT IN JUNE.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 3.2 PER CENT IN JULY. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 2.7 PER CENT IN JULY WHILE ADJUSTED FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 2.4 PER CENT.

DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 2.4 PER CENT IN JULY WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 3.4 PER CENT. FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JULY, THE FORMER GREW BY 4.5 PER CENT AND THE LATTER BY 4.2 PER CENT.

/MONEY SUPPLY .....

## MONEY SUPPLY

REFLECTING THE SLOWDOWN IN GROWTH IN DEMAND DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR M1 GREW BY 0.8 PER CENT IN JULY AFTER AN INCREASE OF 4.3 PER CENT IN JUNE.

HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 INCREASED BY 1.8 PER CENT AND 2.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN JULY COMPARED WITH GROWTH RATES OF 2.1 PER CENT AND 2.2 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

OVER THE YEAR, THE GROWTH RATES IN HK\$M1, M2 AND M3 WERE 35.7 PER CENT, 29 PER CENT AND 24.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY M1 FELL BY 2.6 PER CENT IN JULY AFTER AN INCREASE OF 7.4 PER CENT IN JUNE. TOTAL M2 GREW BY 2.2 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 0.9 PER CENT IN JUNE, WHILE TOTAL M3 GREW BY 2.4 PER CENT IN JULY COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE OF 0.8 PER CENT IN JUNE.

OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 34.8 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 33.7 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 29.4 PER CENT.

## LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW FASTER IN JULY, BY 5.8 PER CENT, AFTER INCREASES OF 2.8 PER CENT IN MAY AND 5.1 PER CENT IN JUNE.

THE RAPID INCREASE IN OUTSTANDING LOANS IN JULY WAS DUE PARTLY TO THE CONTINUED INCREASE IN LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG AND PARTLY TO A MORE RAPID INCREASE IN LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG.

WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 2.3 PER CENT IN JULY WHILE THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE THE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG ROSE BY 0.4 PER CENT AFTER THE RAPID INCREASE OF 5.7 PER CENT IN JUNE; OVER THE YEAR THESE LOANS GREW BY 21.7 PER CENT. GROWTH IN OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ACCELERATED IN JULY, RISING BY 4.1 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 1.8 PER CENT IN MAY AND 0.6 PER CENT IN JUNE.

OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 28.5 PER CENT. LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG GREW BY 9.6 PER CENT IN JULY AFTER AN INCREASE OF 13.8 PER CENT IN JUNE.

## NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS INCREASED BY TWO TO 153. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 35 WHILE THE NUMBER OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY FOUR TO 241.

## MONETARY STATISTICS - JULY 1987

	Jul 1987	Earlier months (% change to July 1987)		
		Jun 1987	Apr 1987	Jul 1986
<b>Money Supply</b>				
M1 - HK\$	57,624	57,157 ( 0.8 %)	55,319 ( 4.2 %)	42,474 ( 35.7 %)
Foreign currency	6,277	8,437 (-25.6 %)	6,293 ( -0.3 %)	4,946 ( 26.9 %)
Total	63,902	65,594 ( -2.6 %)	61,612 ( 3.7 %)	47,420 ( 34.8 %)
M2 - HK\$	271,329	266,480 ( 1.8 %)	259,603 ( 4.5 %)	210,350 ( 29.0 %)
Foreign currency	329,359	321,060 ( 2.6 %)	314,984 ( 4.6 %)	238,903 ( 37.9 %)
Total	600,688	587,541 ( 2.2 %)	574,587 ( 4.5 %)	449,253 ( 33.7 %)
M3 - HK\$	304,773	298,050 ( 2.3 %)	290,150 ( 5.0 %)	245,513 ( 24.1 %)
Foreign currency	358,265	349,550 ( 2.5 %)	343,964 ( 4.2 %)	266,863 ( 34.3 %)
Total	663,038	647,601 ( 2.4 %)	634,115 ( 4.6 %)	512,376 ( 29.4 %)
Notes and coins in circulation of which held by public	24,585 21,394	24,185 ( 1.7 %) 21,126 ( 1.3 %)	23,739 ( 3.6 %) 20,705 ( 3.3 %)	20,165 ( 21.9 %) 17,501 ( 22.2 %)
<b>Deposits</b>				
Demand deposits	42,508	44,468 ( -4.4 %)	40,907 ( 3.9 %)	29,919 ( 42.1 %)
Savings deposits	142,462	141,408 ( 0.7 %)	140,858 ( 1.1 %)	105,460 ( 35.1 %)
Time deposits with banks	384,838	370,350 ( 3.9 %)	363,340 ( 5.9 %)	289,997 ( 32.7 %)
Time deposits with dtcs	58,028	56,139 ( 3.4 %)	55,681 ( 4.2 %)	59,248 ( -2.1 %)
HK\$ deposits	276,002	268,996 ( 2.6 %)	262,167 ( 5.3 %)	222,886 ( 23.8 %)
US\$ deposits	215,569	213,562 ( 0.9 %)	208,978 ( 3.2 %)	185,470 ( 16.2 %)
Other foreign currency deposits	136,266	129,807 ( 5.0 %)	129,640 ( 5.1 %)	76,267 ( 78.7 %)
All deposits	627,836	612,364 ( 2.5 %)	600,785 ( 4.5 %)	484,623 ( 29.6 %)
Foreign currency swap deposits	34,110	33,058 ( 3.2 %)	29,421 ( 15.9 %)	30,810 ( 10.7 %)
<b>Loans and advances</b>				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	42,599	42,447 ( 0.4 %)	39,515 ( 7.8 %)	35,014 ( 21.7 %)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	6,473	5,497 ( 17.8 %)	4,563 ( 41.9 %)	4,492 ( 44.1 %)
Other loans for use in H.K.	322,870	310,044 ( 4.1 %)	302,643 ( 6.7 %)	251,309 ( 28.5 %)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	227,405	207,446 ( 9.6 %)	177,205 ( 28.3 %)	162,861 ( 39.6 %)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	38,130	37,076 ( 2.8 %)	34,065 ( 11.9 %)	27,735 ( 37.5 %)
Loans in HK\$	293,549	286,934 ( 2.3 %)	277,950 ( 5.6 %)	234,900 ( 25.0 %)
Loans in foreign currencies	343,929	315,576 ( 9.0 %)	280,042 ( 22.8 %)	246,510 ( 39.5 %)
Total loans and advances	637,477	602,510 ( 5.8 %)	557,992 ( 14.2 %)	481,410 ( 32.4 %)

THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE A LONG-TERM POSSIBILITY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THERE ARE LONG-TERM PLANS BEING LOOKED AT FOR A POSSIBLE THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING TWO FACTORIES AT THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE THIS AFTERNOON, SIR DAVID SAID THAT IT TOOK A LONG TIME TO DEVELOP AN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

"AT THE MOMENT, THERE IS STILL ROOM ON THIS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, SOME 11 HECTARES AS I BELIEVE, AND IN YUEN LONG SOME 50 HECTARES. SO THERE IS ROOM FOR DEVELOPMENT ON THE TWO EXISTING ESTATES. BUT THINKING LONG-TERM, THERE ARE ALSO THOUGHTS BEING GIVEN TO WHERE THE THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE MIGHT GO AND WHEN," HE ADDED.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE RECENT LABOUR SHORTAGE, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS ONE OF THE PROBLEMS OF A SUCCESSFUL AND HIGHLY BUOYANT ECONOMY.

NOTING THAT THERE WERE NO SIMPLE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM, SIR DAVID SAID ONE OF THE WAYS TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM WAS TO IMPROVE THE AMOUNT OF AUTOMATION AND THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY.

SIR DAVID SAID WHAT PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE WAS A WORKFORCE WHICH COULD ADJUST TO THE CHANGE IN THE ECONOMY.

"ONE WANTS TO SEE IN THE ECONOMY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WORKFORCE WHICH WHEN THERE IS A DOWN-TURN OF THE ECONOMY, ADJUST TO A DOWN-TURN, AND WHEN THERE IS AN UP-TURN OF THE ECONOMY, IT MUST ADJUST TO AN UP-TURN."

TALKING ABOUT THE RECENT SUGGESTION TO SET UP AN INDUSTRIAL ZONE NEAR THE BORDER, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THERE WERE A LOT OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED.

"THERE ARE A LOT OF ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS LIKE THE VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN IF YOU HAVE THAT SORT OF ARRANGEMENT. ALL THIS SORT OF ASPECTS HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT VERY CAREFULLY INDEED BEFORE ONE TRIES TO EMBARK ON EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS WHICH MAY HAVE RISKS INHERENT IN THEM WHICH HAVEN'T ALWAYS BEEN THOUGHT THROUGH VERY CAREFULLY.

"ONE NEEDS TO LOOK THROUGH ALL THE INHERENT RISKS, ALL THE INHERENT PROBLEMS BEFORE MAKING A DECISION ON WHAT THE RIGHT THING TO DO IS."

SIR DAVID ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE WITH INDUSTRIALISTS TO SEE HOW ALL THESE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH.

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COMMENTING ON HIS VISIT THIS AFTERNOON, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS HIS FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT FACTORIES IN HONG KONG AND IT WAS VERY IMPRESSIVE TO SEE WHAT HAD BEEN DONE IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY.

NOTING THAT IT WAS QUITE CLEAR THAT HONG KONG HAD TO TRY TO KEEP AHEAD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGY, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE WAY IN WHICH IT WAS BEING DONE IN THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

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GOVERNOR VISITS TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED TWO FACTORIES AT THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SIR DAVID TOOK A HELICOPTER TO THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THE GOVERNOR WAS GREETED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR TONY EASON, AND THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE CORPORATION, MR A.N. SAVAGE, WHEN THE HELICOPTER LANDED.

SIR DAVID THEN TOOK A ROUND TRIP THROUGH THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND WAS BRIEFED BY MR SAVAGE ON ITS DEVELOPMENTS.

HE THEN VISITED THE CHEN HSONG MACHINERY CO LTD WHICH PRODUCES PLASTIC INJECTION MOULDING MACHINES INCLUDING COMPUTER-CONTROLLED ONES. SIR DAVID WAS RECEIVED BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY, MR CHIANG CHEN, AND SAW THE FACTORY'S NUMERICAL CONTROL MACHINERY CENTRE, MASS PRODUCTION ASSEMBLY LINE AND MANUFACTURING OF INDUSTRIAL ROBOTS.

SIR DAVID THEN VISITED HONG KONG CAD-CAM SERVICES LTD WHERE HE MET THE COMPANY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR GEORGE AU-YOUNG HONG LOK. THERE HE WATCHED A DEMONSTRATION OF COMPUTER-AID DESIGN AND COMPUTER-AID MANUFACTURE FACILITIES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PLASTIC MOULDS.

ALTHOUGH THE MAJORITY OF THE MOULD AND DIE MANUFACTURERS STILL RELY ON STANDARD MACHINERY, THERE IS A GROWING AWARENESS OF SOPHISTICATED FACILITIES SUCH AS CAD/CAM TECHNIQUES. THIS MODERN EQUIPMENT IS MAINLY USED BY MOULD MAKING WORKSHOPS IN LARGE FACTORIES WHICH REQUIRE PRECISION AND HIGHER QUALITY MOULDS.

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LANTAU BUS FRANCHISE EXTENDED

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A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE FRANCHISE OF THE NEW LANTAU BUS COMPANY (NLB) TO MARCH 31, 1993 HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE BUS COMPANY'S PERFORMANCE WOULD BE REVIEWED AGAIN WITHIN ONE YEAR TO SEE WHETHER THE FRANCHISE SHOULD BE FURTHER "ROLLED FORWARD" FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS.

"THE DECISION TO EXTEND NLB'S FRANCHISE WAS BASED ON A RECOMMENDATION BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE COMPANY'S PERFORMANCE SINCE THE LAST EXTENSION OF ITS FRANCHISE IN 1986 HAD SHOWN CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT AND WAS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY.

"IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE COMPANY IS CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING A PROPER AND EFFICIENT SERVICE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN PARTICULAR, THE COMPANY HAD DEPLOYED LARGER SINGLE-DECK BUSES ON ROUTE 2 TO NGONG PING FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO NGONG PING ROAD AND HAD STEADILY EXPANDED THE PROVISION OF BACK-UP MAINTENANCE FACILITIES.

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FEE SCALE FOR OBSCENE ARTICLES TRIBUNAL CLASSIFICATIONS

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REGULATIONS SETTING OUT THE LEVEL OF FEES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF VOLUNTARY SUBMISSIONS OF AN ARTICLE FOR CLASSIFICATION BY AN OBSCENE ARTICLES TRIBUNAL AND FOR THE VARIOUS SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES REGULATIONS 1987, THE FEE FOR APPLICATION FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF AN ARTICLE BY A TRIBUNAL IS \$1,000, WHILE THE FEES FOR APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF AN INTERIM CLASSIFICATION BY A TRIBUNAL AND FOR APPLICATION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF AN ARTICLE CLASSIFIED BY A TRIBUNAL ARE SET AT \$500 AND \$1,000 RESPECTIVELY.

SEARCH OF THE REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATIONS MAINTAINED BY THE REGISTRAR OF SUPREME COURT AND A CERTIFIED EXTRACT FROM THE REGISTER WILL COST \$15 AND \$65 RESPECTIVELY.

THE FEE FOR THE SEARCH OF THE REPOSITORY OF ARTICLES SUBMITTED FOR CLASSIFICATION WILL BE \$200.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) EXPLAINED THAT THE FEES BASICALLY COVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF RUNNING THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE COSTS OF PUBLISHING STATUTORY NOTICES IN NEWSPAPERS BY THE SUPREME COURT REGISTRAR RELATING TO A CLASSIFICATION.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR THE FEES TO BE WAIVED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR EXAMPLE, NON-COMMERCIAL OR EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO SEEK GUIDANCE FROM A TRIBUNAL, OR BONA FIDE RESEARCHERS HAVING GOOD GROUNDS FOR SEARCHING THE REGISTER OF NOTICES OR THE REPOSITORY OF ARTICLES KEPT BY THE REGISTRAR MAY APPLY FOR THE FEES TO BE WAIVED.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO STIPULATE THAT THE REMUNERATION FOR AN ADJUDICATOR SERVING ON A TRIBUNAL WAS \$800 PER DAY AND \$400 FOR A HALF OR PART DAY SESSION.

THE CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES ORDINANCE, PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 18, WILL BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION ON SEPTEMBER 1.

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#### TEACHING CENTRES HELP IMPROVE TEACHING QUALITY

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MORE THAN 16,000 TEACHERS VISITED VARIOUS SUBJECT-BASED TEACHING CENTRES AND RESOURCE CENTRES AND ATTENDED IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF TEACHING LAST YEAR, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES DURING A TOUR TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRES AT PAK FUK ROAD, MR LAN SAID IT WAS VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE A LARGE NUMBER OF TEACHERS MAKING FULL USE CONSTANTLY OF THE TEACHING CENTRES.

THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OPERATES A NUMBER OF TEACHING CENTRES FOR THE TEACHING OF CHINESE, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, SOCIAL SUBJECTS AND CULTURAL CRAFTS, AND RESOURCE CENTRES IN CONNECTION WITH CIVIC EDUCATION, SEX EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS/ETHICAL/MORAL EDUCATION. IN ADDITION, A FIELD STUDIES CENTRE WAS OPEN TO SIXTH-FORM STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, SAID MR LAN.

ACCOMMODATING UNDER THE ROOF OF THE PAK FUK ROAD TEACHING CENTRES ARE THE: KINDERGARTEN RESOURCE CENTRE, ACTIVITY APPROACH RESOURCE CENTRE; PRIMARY SOCIAL STUDIES AND HEALTH EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE; SEX EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE; SCIENCE TEACHING CENTRE; CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE; MATHEMATICS TEACHING CENTRE; RELIGIOUS AND ETHICAL EDUCATION TEACHING CENTRE; AND CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE.

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TEACHERS WHO VISITED THE TEACHING AND RESOURCE CENTRES WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO EXAMINE A VARIETY OF RESOURCE MATERIALS AND AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS, BOOKS, MAGAZINES, TEACHING KITS, CHARTS, TAPES AND SLIDES FOR VARIOUS SUBJECTS. THEY WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO DUPLICATE SOME OF THE MATERIALS ON DISPLAY.

THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE ALSO FEATURED A NUMBER OF DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITIONS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WORK, INCLUDING PAINTING, DRAWING, SCULPTURE, PRINTS, PHOTOGRAPHY, POTTERY, GRAPHICS, CRAFTS, NEEDLEWORK AND DRESS-MAKING. THESE EXHIBITIONS ATTRACTED SOME 30,000 VISITORS INCLUDING TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS LAST YEAR, MR LAN NOTED THAT THESE PROVED TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS.

ON THE NEWLY SET UP HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE LOCATING AT PAK FUK ROAD TEACHING CENTRES, MR LAN SAID IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 1. THE CENTRE PROVIDES MEETING PLACES AND FACILITIES FOR INFORMAL CONTACT AND DISCUSSION AMONG TEACHERS AND VENUES FOR ORGANISING LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITIONS OF TEACHING MATERIALS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING TEACHERS TO EXCHANGE THEIR EXPERIENCE, TO PROMOTE CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT, AND TO FOSTER A GREATER SENSE OF UNITY AMONG THE TEACHERS.

ON THE OTHER TEACHING CENTRES WHICH WERE NOT HOUSED IN PAK FUK ROAD TEACHING CENTRES, MR LAN SAID THEY WERE THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, THE COMPUTER EDUCATION CENTRE AND THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE.

CITING THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR ASSISTING TEACHERS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF TEACHING, MR LAN SAID THE CENTRE CONDUCTED 71 REFRESHER TRAINING COURSES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS FOR 3,850 TEACHERS OF CHINESE IN BOTH SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS LAST YEAR. AMONG THE COURSES AND SEMINARS, NINE OF THEM WERE ON PUTONGHUA TEACHING ATTENDED BY 560 TEACHERS.

TALKING ON PUTONGHUA TEACHING IN SCHOOLS, MR LAN SAID 310 PRIMARY SCHOOLS OFFERED PUTONGHUA AS AN OPTIONAL SUBJECT DURING LAST ACADEMIC YEAR. AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL, A PILOT PUTONGHUA SCHEME HAD ENTERED ITS THIRD AND FINAL SUCCESSFUL YEAR WITH 51 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE LAST ACADEMIC YEAR. ANOTHER 62 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WERE ALSO OFFERING PUTONGHUA AS A SUBJECT OUTSIDE THE PILOT SCHEME.

TURNING TO CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, MR LAN SAID THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CDC) AND ITS 10 SUBJECT COMMITTEES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR CURRICULUM RENEWAL AT PRE-PRIMARY, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS.

ON MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS LAST YEAR, MR LAN SAID IT INCLUDED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROVISIONAL HUMAN BIOLOGY SYLLABUS INTO A FORMAL SYLLABUS; THE COMPLETION OF A NEW SYLLABUS FOR COMPUTER STUDIES; AND REVISED SYLLABUSES FOR CHINESE LITERATURE, BIOLOGY AND GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

TO COPE WITH THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION, MR LAN SAID THE CDC SECONDARY SYLLABUS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAS UNDER REVIEW. THE FEASIBILITY OF INCLUDING PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION WAS ACTIVELY UNDER STUDY, HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING TO INTRODUCE A NEW SUBJECT - ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES - TO BROADEN THE SENIOR SECONDARY CURRICULUM IN SCHOOLS. IT WOULD GIVE STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THEIR ENVIRONMENT AND TO EXAMINE PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ARISING FROM THE USE AND ABUSE OF RESOURCES, MR LAN SAID.

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EASY TRAVEL SCHEME TO CHINA OPERATIONAL AT LO WU AND HUNG HOM

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THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME (ETS) TO CHINA WHICH IS NOW OPERATIONAL AT LO WU AND HUNG HOM, IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TAI KOK TSUI PIER AND THE HONG KONG-CHINA FERRY TERMINAL IN CENTRAL.

"THESE ARE ONLY TEMPORARY IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS TO CHINA AND WILL NOT BE COMPUTERISED," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID.

"AT THIS STAGE, THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME TO CHINA IS ONLY OPERATIONAL AT LO WU AND HUNG HOM. THIS SERVICE WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED TO MAN KAM TO TERMINAL, SHA TAU KOK TERMINAL, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SHA TIN-MEI SHA TERMINAL, LOK MA CHAU TERMINAL AND THE NEW HONG KONG-CHINA TERMINAL IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT A LATER STAGE," HE ADDED.

UNDER THE SCHEME, TRAVELLERS USING THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD (HKIC) AT THE COMPUTERISED IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN THE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS.

HOLDERS OF HKIC'S BEARING THE '\*\*\*' SYMBOL WILL FURTHER BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME BY BEING EXEMPTED FROM PRODUCING A HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMIT FOR IMMIGRATION EXAMINATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID, "ALL CHILDREN AGED BELOW 18 AND SOME ADULT TRAVELLERS WILL STILL NEED TO OBTAIN HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMITS WHEN TRAVELLING TO AND FROM CHINA AND MACAU. THESE ADULT PERSONS INCLUDE THOSE WHOSE HKIC'S \*\*\* HAVE BEEN PERFORATED, DEFACED, LOST OR THOSE WHO ARE EXEMPTED FROM OBTAINING HKIC."

HE REITERATED THAT TRAVELLERS WHO DO NOT CARRY HKIC'S WHEN TRAVELLING THROUGH COMPUTERISED CONTROL POINTS SHOULD PRODUCE COMPLETED ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS. TO FACILITATE IMMIGRATION EXAMINATION, PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE ARRIVAL/ DEPARTURE CARDS ON BEHALF OF THEIR MINORS WHO ARE NOT ISSUED WITH HKIC'S.

THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME TO MACAU AT THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL AND SHAM SHUI PO PIER HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE MAY 1.

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#### WATER POLLUTION CONTROL IN TOLO HARBOUR

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL SPEND MORE THAN \$400 MILLION ON A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF MEASURES OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS TO RESTORE THE WATER QUALITY OF TOLO HARBOUR TO AN ACCEPTABLE STATE, PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, MR PAUL HOLMES, SAID.

SPEAKING AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE INSTITUTION OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT HONG KONG BRANCH, MR HOLMES SAID AS THE BIGGEST INLET OF THE SEA ON HONG KONG'S NORTH-EASTERN COAST, TOLO HARBOUR SHOULD BE A MAJOR RECREATIONAL RESOURCE FOR THE RAPIDLY GROWING POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWNS ON ITS SHORES, AS WELL AS SUPPORTING A VALUABLE FISH CULTURE, FISHING AND SHELL FISHING INDUSTRY.

"IN FACT, ITS DECLINING WATER QUALITY WAS RAPIDLY TURNING IT INTO A LIFELESS LIABILITY RATHER THAN AN ASSET.

" DEVELOPMENT OF A RESERVOIR IN THE MID-70'S TOOK UP 16 PER CENT OF THE WATER AREA. RECLAMATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TWO NEW TOWNS, STARTING IN THE LATE 70'S, FURTHER REDUCED THE WATER AREA TO 72 PER CENT OF ITS ORIGINAL EXTENT.

"THE NEW TOWNS REPLACED THE REMAINING AREAS OF MANGROVES WITH HIGH-RISE HOUSING AND INDUSTRIAL BLOCKS, TERMINATING AT VERTICAL SEA WALLS.

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"ALTHOUGH PROVIDED WITH WELL-DESIGNED SEWERAGE SYSTEMS AND BIOLOGICAL SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, THE POLLUTION LOAD FROM THE NEW URBAN POPULATION, CURRENTLY STANDING AT AROUND 700,000 AND AN ESTIMATED 200 FACTORIES, ADDED TO THE PRE-EXISTING UNTREATED LOADS FROM 50,000 VILLAGE DWELLERS AND 600,000 PIGS, IS FAR MORE THAN THE SEVERELY STRESSED ECOSYSTEM CAN STAND.

"RED TIDES, IN THIS CASE UNQUESTIONABLY CORRELATED WITH POLLUTION BY NUTRIENTS FROM SEWAGE AND ANIMAL WASTES, HAVE INCREASED IN NUMBER FROM THE FIRST-EVER RECORD IN 1979 TO 10 IN 1983, 19 IN 1986, AND ALREADY 16 IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1987."

MR HOLMES SAID THIS DECLINE IN THE QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT IS REFLECTED IN EVERY COMPONENT OF THE ECOSYSTEM. IF UNCHECKED IT WILL LEAD TO ECONOMIC LOSSES FAR MORE SEVERE THAN ANY SO FAR EXPERIENCED, TOTAL LOSS OF TOLO HARBOUR AS A VISUAL AND RECREATIONAL AMENITY, AND A VERY REAL HEALTH HAZARD TO THE POPULATION.

TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM, THE GOVERNMENT IS IMPLEMENTING COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS.

ENFORCEMENT OF STATUTORY CONTROLS ON INDUSTRIAL WASTE HAS ALREADY BEGUN. SEWAGE DISPOSAL FACILITIES FOR VILLAGE AREAS, TO COMPLEMENT THE SEWERAGE NETWORKS IN THE NEW TOWNS, ARE BEING PLANNED AND BUILT. SOME IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TREATMENT PLANT AT SHA TIN AND TAI PO SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS ARE BEING CONSIDERED, AND IT IS PLANNED TO ELIMINATE ENTIRELY THE POLLUTION LOADS FROM THESE WORKS IN A FEW YEARS.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, STRICT CONTROLS ON LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

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#### ROAD SAFETY ESSAY COMPETITION ENTRIES ADJUDICATED

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ENTRIES OF THE ROAD SAFETY CHINESE STUDENTS ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION WERE ADJUDICATED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY A PANEL COMPRISING UNIVERSITY LECTURERS, WRITERS, AND SCHOLARS.

"THE STANDARD IS GENERALLY HIGH, MOST OF THE ENTRIES WERE VERY IMPRESSIVE, SHOWING A GOOD BALANCE IN CONTENT, STYLE, AND LANGUAGE. IT HAD BEEN A DIFFICULT TASK FOR US TO SELECT THE WINNERS," ONE OF THE ADJUDICATORS REMARKED AFTER SPENDING FOUR HOURS STUDYING THE ENTRIES.

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THE ESSAY COMPETITION WAS ONE OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY COMMITTEE THIS YEAR TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF ROAD SAFETY AMONG LOCAL YOUNGSTERS.

"AS CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN FIVE AND 14 REMAIN TO BE A HIGH RISK GROUP TO READ ACCIDENTS, IT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO BRING TO THEIR ATTENTION THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY," A SPOKESMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MISS ELAINE TSUI, SAID.

"WE HAVE RECEIVED SOME 500 ENTRIES, WHICH IS A RATHER ENCOURAGING RESPONSE," SHE ADDED.

THE COMPETITION WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS: THE PRIMARY SECTION; THE LOWER SECONDARY SECTION (F.1 TO F.3); AND THE UPPER SECONDARY SECTION (F.4 TO F.7).

PRIZES WERE IN THE FORM OF SCHOLARSHIPS, TOTALLING \$24,500, DONATED BY ZUNG FU COMPANY LIMITED.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE ROAD SAFETY NIGHT SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 4) AT THE CENTENARY GARDENS, TSIM SHA TSUI. IT WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON TVB'S ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT PROGRAMME.

ADJUDICATORS FOR THE COMPETITION ARE DR LAM LIN SEN, DR CHAN YIU-NAM, DR KENNETH P.H. HO, MR KEE-SHUN WAI, MR T.H. KAN, MR YUNG YEE-YIN, AND MISS LO TSUI-YING.

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#### VOTER REGISTRATION IN MARICULTURE ZONES

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STAFF OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED MARINE CULTURE ZONES IN SAI KUNG NORTH TO HELP ELIGIBLE VOTERS SIGN UP.

TODAY'S VISITS TO TAP MUN, KO LAU WAN AND SHUM WAN WERE PART OF THE ON-GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS TO HOUSEHOLDS IN THE DISTRICT CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS ELECTORS.

ALTHOUGH THE THREE PLACES WERE REMOTE AND ONLY ACCESSIBLE BY SEA, THEY HAD NOT BEEN NEGLECTED IN THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WHICH WAS BEING LAUNCHED UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

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HE ADDED THAT THE STAFF WOULD CONTINUE THE REGISTRATION VISITS TO SHAP SZE HEUNG, ANOTHER PLACE IN SAI KUNG NORTH, ON SEPTEMBER 4. IT WAS HOPED THAT SOME 16,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN TAI PO WOULD BE COVERED BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

OTHER ACTIVITIES ORGANISED TO PROMOTE THE REGISTRATION EXERCISE INCLUDE EMPLOYING A BROADCASTING VAN TO TOUR THE DISTRICT ON SEPTEMBER 2 AND 29 TO SPREAD THE CAMPAIGN MESSAGE AND SETTING UP OF REGISTRATION COUNTERS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN TAI PO.

IN ADDITION, BANNERS AND POSTERS BEARING THE CAMPAIGN SLOGAN OF "EXERCISE YOUR RIGHTS, REGISTER AS ELECTORS" HAVE BEEN PUT UP IN PROMINENT PLACES IN THE DISTRICT.

APPEAL LETTERS HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT TO LOCAL INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITH A WORKFORCE OF 200 OR MORE TO SOLICIT THEIR SUPPORT.

A CINEMA SLIDE URGING ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS TO REGISTER IS ALSO BEING SHOWN IN ALL FIVE THEATRES IN THE TAI PO NEW TOWN.

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#### SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME HELPS BOOST CIVIC AWARENESS

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN KWUN TONG HAD REALISED THE OBJECTIVE OF "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY" BY TAKING PART IN THE SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THEM, KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, SAID TONIGHT (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP), MR CHAN SAID, "THE MORE THAN 400 EVENTS HAD HELPED TO PROMOTE AMONG YOUNGSTERS A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY AND ENHANCE THEIR CIVIC AWARENESS."

MR CHAN COMMENDED THE DISTRICT'S SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE 100-ODD LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR SUCCESSFULLY STAGING THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMMES.

AT TONIGHT'S CEREMONY, OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECTS AWARDS WERE PRESENTED TO FIVE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

MR CHAN HOPED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WOULD KEEP UP THEIR EFFORTS IN PROMOTING COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A 'YOUTH DISCO NITE' IN WHICH HUNDREDS OF YOUTHS DANCED THE NIGHT AWAY TO THE SOUNDS OF THE LATEST DISCO BEAT.

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TWO CHEUNG CHAU LOTS FOR TENDER

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TWO NON-INDUSTRIAL SITES ON CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND ARE BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

ONE, AT PAK SHE SECOND LANE, MEASURES 260 SQUARE METRES.

UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE BUYER HAS TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 520 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE SITE BY DECEMBER 31, 1989.

THE OTHER SITE OF 235 SQUARE METRES IS AT PAK SHE THIRD LANE. THE PURCHASER IS REQUIRED TO DEVELOP AT LEAST 470 SQUARE METRES OF SUPERSTRUCTURE BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1989.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 25.

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ILLEGAL COCKLOFT TO BE DEMOLISHED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF SHOP NO.1 AND ITS ILLEGAL COCKLOFT ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF 677, KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, SO THAT THE ILLEGAL ADDITION CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THIS FOLLOWS THE OWNER'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON FEBRUARY 12, 1985, REQUIRING THE STRUCTURE'S DEMOLITION.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 14, WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER IS MADE.

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VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE MEDICARE FOR ISLANDERS

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ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF SHA LO WAN ON LANTAU ISLAND ARE ABLE TO OBTAIN FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS TODAY (FRIDAY) AND TOMORROW FROM A GROUP OF MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS.

MORE THAN 100 ISLANDERS CALLED AT THE SERVICE CENTRE SET UP AT THE SHA LO WAN SCHOOL TODAY TO HAVE THEIR BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED AND DIABETES SCREENED.

ISLANDERS AGED 60 AND OVER WERE ACCORDED THE PRIORITY TO GET THE SERVICE AS THEY MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY TRAVELLING A LONG DISTANCE TO SEEK HEALTH ADVICE IN THE URBAN AREA.

THE 'HEALTH DAY' PROJECT WAS ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, WENDELL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF YAU MA TEI AND CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA LANTAU CHAPELS.

MORE THAN 20 VOLUNTEERS, INCLUDING SOME REGISTERED NURSES, TOOK PART IN THE PROJECT TODAY AND THEY WILL STAY THERE OVERNIGHT.

THEY WILL BE JOINED BY ANOTHER GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS, INCLUDING DOCTORS AND SOCIAL WORKERS TOMORROW WHEN FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE IN NEED. HOME VISITS WILL ALSO BE CONDUCTED TO GIVE ADVICE TO THE RESIDENTS IN SEEKING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT SHA LO WAN PARK TOMORROW AFTERNOON. CHINESE OPERATIC SINGING AND GAMES WILL BE ORGANISED TO ENTERTAIN THE ISLANDERS.

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INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL GROWTH EXPECTED IN EASTERN

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THE SIGNIFICANT INFLOW OF POPULATION INTO THE EASTERN DISTRICT HAD HELPED STIMULATE BOTH COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT, THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE SECOND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT INDUSTRIALISTS' ASSOCIATION, MR LEUNG SAID THAT THE COMPLETION OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND PHASE III OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WOULD FURTHER IMPROVE THE INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES WHICH WOULD BE CONDUCIVE TO FURTHER INDUSTRIAL GROWTH.

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"SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1985, THE EASTERN DISTRICT INDUSTRIALISTS' ASSOCIATION HAS PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN PROMOTING THE INTERESTS OF THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IN THE DISTRICT," MR LEUNG SAID.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAD ALSO HELPED MAINTAIN A CLOSE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALISTS AND THE GOVERNMENT AND HAD GIVEN STRONG SUPPORT TO VARIOUS COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

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#### YOUTH ORCHESTRA RECRUITS NEW MEMBERS

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THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE IS RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR 1987/88.

THE ORCHESTRA COMPRISING MORE THAN 80 MEMBERS WILL BE TRAINED BY THE RESIDENT CONDUCTOR OF THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, MISS YIP WING-SIE, AS ITS PRINCIPAL GUEST CONDUCTOR AND BY THE ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR (PROFESSIONAL) OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, MR THOMAS WANG.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE SIX OR ABOVE IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATION, OR EQUIVALENT, IN AT LEAST ONE ORCHESTRAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.

APPLICATIONS FROM FULL-TIME MUSIC STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RECOMMENDATION LETTER FROM THEIR MUSIC INSTITUTIONS.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 14 AND QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION LATER NEXT MONTH.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE, GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 138 AUSTIN ROAD, 3/F, KOWLOON.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON 3-7962873 OR 3-7226240.

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CELEBRITIES JOIN HANDS IN VOTER REGISTRATION APPEAL

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A HOST OF CELEBRITIES INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN, POPULAR SINGERS AND TV ARTISTES WILL PERFORM OR TAKE PART IN A CARNIVAL AND TV SHOW ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 30) IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

THE SHOW, JOINTLY PRESENTED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION AND INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST FROM 12 NOON TO 1 PM AND BROADCAST LIVE ON TVB-JADE.

TARGETED AT YOUNG PEOPLE AGED OVER 21, THE PROGRAMME WILL FOCUS ON THE CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CITIZEN, ONE OF WHICH IS TO REGISTER AS ELECTOR.

THE COMPERE OF THE SHOW WILL BE MISS MARY CHEUNG AND MR CHAN YUK-CHEUNG. MISS LIZA WANG, MR MICHAEL KWAN, MR TERENCE CHOI, MR LEON LAI, MR ANDY HUI, MISS MAN PUI-LING, MISS EILEEN CHENG, AND MISS KWONG YAN-YIN FROM THE SHOW BUSINESS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT.

BEFORE THE SHOW, A SOUVENIR PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE OFFICIATED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR BOWEN LEUNG, AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, MISS MARIA WAN, WILL BE HELD AT 11.30 AM.

A VOTER REGISTRATION COUNTER WILL ALSO BE SET UP AT THE VENUE THAT MORNING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VOTER REGISTRATION CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT 11.30 AM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 30) AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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OPENING CEREMONY OF GREEN PAPER EXHIBITION  
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AN OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION ON THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT GROUND FLOOR, CITYPLAZA, PHASE II, TAIKOO SHING.

THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON GREEN PAPER. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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OPENING HOURS OF LABOUR RELATIONS OFFICES EXTENDED  
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THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL EXTEND THE OPENING HOURS OF TWO OF ITS BRANCH OFFICES UNTIL 7 PM EVERY TUESDAY STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER 1.

THE SCHEME WHICH WILL BE PUT ON TRIAL FOR THREE MONTHS, IS AIMED AT ENABLING OFFICE WORKERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF INFORMATION CONCERNING LABOUR RELATIONS TO SEEK ADVICE OR MAKE ENQUIRIES AFTER NORMAL WORKING HOURS.

THE TWO OFFICES ARE LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG AND ON THE 1ST LEVEL OF LAI HO HOUSE, LAI KOK ESTATE, KOWLOON, RESPECTIVELY.

ENQUIRIES CAN ALSO BE MADE TO THE HONG KONG OFFICE ON 5-282213 AND TO THE KOWLOON OFFICE ON 3-7295444.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WANG TAU HOM

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WANG TAU HOM BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO SEPTEMBER 4 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS WANG TAU HOM CENTRAL ROAD.

WANG TAU HOM CENTRAL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC WHILE FU KEUNG STREET BETWEEN FU MEI STREET AND WANG TAU HOM CENTRAL ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND.

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CLOSURE OF HARBOUR VIEW STREET IN CENTRAL

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TO FACILITATE DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF ESCALATORS FOR THE EXCHANGE SQUARE, HARBOUR VIEW STREET IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) AND WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 2).

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICES

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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL STAY OPEN ON AUGUST 30 (SUNDAY) AND AUGUST 31 (LIBERATION DAY) WHICH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY, BUT WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE EIGHT CLINICS WHICH WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ARE THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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