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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID THIS EVENING THERE IS A SOUND PROPSECT OF POSITIVE GROWTH EVERYWHERE, AND FOR SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE LEVEL OF WORLD TRADE.

+HONG KONG'S COMPETITIVE POSITION IS LIKELY TO IMPROVE, AND PROSPECTS OVERALL ARE THEREFORE FAR FROM BAD,+ SIR MURRAY TOLD A GATHERING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

BUT, SIR MURRAY OBSERVED : +IT IS DISAPPOINTING THAT THE ECONOMIES OF OUR MAJOR MARKETS HAVE NOT RECOVERED IN 1977 AS FAST AS ONE HAD HOPED IN 1976, AND DO NOT LOOK LIKE DOING ANY BETTER IN 1978 UNLESS RAPID AND EFFECTIVE ACTION IS TAKEN TO STIMULATE THEM,+

ON HONG KONG'S TEXTILE EXPORTS, HE WARNED THAT AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF EXPANSION IN OTHER INDUSTRIES, AND OF THE CAPACITY FOR ADAPTATION AND TRADING UP IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY, IT WOULD BE MISLEADING TO OVERDRAMATISE THE PROBLEM POSED BY INCREASING RESTRICTIONS ON OUR TEXTILE EXPORTS.

BUT THE TIME WAS CERTAINLY RIPE TO CONSIDER WHAT COULD BE DONE TO FACILITATE A WIDER AND LESS VULNERABLE INDUSTRIAL BASE AND ECONOMY, SIR MURRAY SAID.

+FOR THIS REASON I HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION WILL START WORK UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, AND ITS MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE WILL BE ANNOUNCED VERY SHORTLY.+

COMMENTING ON THE WORK OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, SIR MURRAY GAVE ASSURANCE OF THE +CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FEDERATION AND FOR THE WAYS IN WHICH IT HELPS THE INDUSTRY OF HONG KONG.+

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SIR MURRAY'S SPEECH :

+THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME. I AM GLAD TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION, PARTICULARLY ON AN OCCASION TO HONOUR MR. T.K. ANN AND MRS. SUSAN YUEN, BOTH OF WHOM IN VERY DIFFERENT WAYS HAVE DONE SO MUCH TO FURTHER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG.

+MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU HAVE REMINDED US THAT THE FEDERATION HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR OVER 17 YEARS, AND YOU HAVE INDICATED SOME OF THE QUESTIONS TO WHICH IT IS ADDRESSING ITSELF.

+IF I MIGHT SAY SO I MYSELF ATTACH PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE FEDERATION'S EFFORTS TO OFFER PRACTICAL SERVICES TO HONG KONG INDUSTRY IN FIELDS IN WHICH NEEDS BECOME APPARENT.

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+FOR INSTANCE THE STANDARDS AND TESTING CENTRE WAS AN IMAGINATIVE INNOVATION AND HAS PROVED A GREAT SUCCESS, AND IS ABLE TO PROVIDE A MAJOR SERVICE AT A TIME WHEN ALL OUR MAJOR MARKETS ARE INSISTING ON HIGHER STANDARDS.

+SIMILARLY THE INDUSTRIAL DESIGN COUNCIL AND THE PACKAGING COUNCIL HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE IMPROVEMENTS IN QUALITY, DESIGN AND PACKAGING OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS APPARENT IN RECENT YEARS.

+THEY HAVE DONE MUCH TO BRING TO OUR MANUFACTURERS, PARTICULARLY SMALL COMPANIES, A KNOWLEDGE OF IMPROVED TECHNIQUES.

+THEY HAVE FURTHERMORE ENCOURAGED AWARENESS OF DESIGN IN THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WISH TO PURSUE A CAREER IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

+AGAIN THE FEDERATION HAS SET ITSELF TO IMPROVE TECHNIQUES IN MANAGEMENT. THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION IS NOW FULLY INDEPENDENT OF THE FEDERATION, BUT IT WAS THE FEDERATION'S CREATION.

+IT IS BY A RECORD OF SUCH PRACTICAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUPPORT AND EVOLUTION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRY THAT THE FEDERATION WILL RETAIN THE INTEREST OF ITS MEMBERS, THE RESPECT OF THE PUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT, AND - IF I MIGHT SAY SO - THE RIGHT TO A RESPECTFUL HEARING IN MATTERS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF INDUSTRY IN OUR CITY.

+THERE IS NO VOICE SO LOUD AND EFFECTIVE AS THE VOICE OF SERVICES RENDERED THAT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

+AS YOUR CHAIRMAN HAS SAID HONG KONG IS AN EVOLVING ECONOMY THAT HAS CHANGED IN CHARACTER AND COMPOSITION VERY FAST DURING THE LAST 20 YEARS. ONE MIGHT EVEN SAY THAT THE ONLY CONSISTENTLY CONSTANT ELEMENT - ON AVERAGE OVER THE YEARS - HAS BEEN GROWTH OF STARTLING RAPIDITY. GROWTH WHICH HAS BROUGHT A GREAT INCREASE IN THE STANDARD OF LIVING, ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH, EXPANDED PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY, AND GREAT CHANGES IN NOT ONLY THE APPEARANCE OF OUR CITY, BUT IN WHAT IT HAS TO OFFER ITS INHABITANTS.

+AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF EXPANSION IN OTHER INDUSTRIES, AND OF THE CAPACITY FOR ADAPTATION AND TRADING UP IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY, IT WOULD BE MISLEADING TO OVER-DRAMATISE THE PROBELM POSED BY INCREASING RESTRICTIONS ON OUR TEXTILE EXPORTS. BUT THE TIME IS CERTAINLY RIPE TO CONSIDER WHAT CAN BE DONE TO FACILITATE A WIDER AND LESS VULNERABLE INDUSTRIAL BASE AND ECONOMY.

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+HONG KONG'S COMPETITIVE POSITION IS LIKELY TO IMPROVE, AND PROSPECTS OVER-ALL ARE THEREFORE FAR FROM BAD.

+IN THANKING YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU OF THE CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FEDERATION AND FOR THE WAYS IN WHICH IT HELPS THE INDUSTRY OF HONG KONG. IT HAS COMPLETED 17 VERY SUCCESSFUL YEARS AND I WISH IT CONTINUING SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.+

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PRIME TSIM SHA TSUI SITE FOR SALE

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ANOTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENT SITE AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE TOMORROW (OCTOBER 14) BY THE P.W.D.'S LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

THE SITE, OCCUPYING AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,500 SQUARE METRES, HAS BEEN ZONED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE.

ANOTHER LOT OF CROWN LAND AT PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE ON THE SAME DAY.

THE SITE HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 93 SQUARE METRES AND IS ALSO FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE.

AT THE SAME AUCTION, A FLAT SITUATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR, OF NO. 6 HOI KING STREET, KOWLOON WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE. IT HAS AN AREA OF 52.5 SQUARE METRES.

THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO EXISTING TENANCIES.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 P.M. TOMORROW ON THE 8TH FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK, CITY HALL.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405, NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICES DURING CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL

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SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED TO WO HOP SHEK DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL PERIOD, ON OCTOBER 16 (SUNDAY), OCTOBER 21 (FRIDAY) AND OCTOBER 23 (SUNDAY), TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN COMMUTERS.

DURING THESE THREE DAYS, FACILITIES FOR PASSENGERS GOING TO WO HOP SHEK WILL BE IMPROVED BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SEATS AVAILABLE BY 30 PER CENT AS IN LAST YEAR.

ALSO AS IN LAST YEAR, TRAINS ON OCTOBER 23, THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING CHUNG YEUNG, WILL ADDITIONALLY GO TO WO HOP SHEK AND FANLING.

ON OCTOBER 16, UP-TRAINS WILL RUN AT ABOUT HOURLY INTERVALS BETWEEN THE KOWLOON STATION AT HUNG HOM AND WO HOP SHEK BETWEEN 8.07 A.M. AND 3.48 P.M, THE SAME NUMBER OF DOWN-TRAINS WILL BE OPERATED ALSO AT ABOUT HOURLY INTERVALS BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 5.49 P.M.

ON OCTOBER 21 AND 23, UP-TRAINS WILL BE OPERATED AT HOURLY INTERVALS BETWEEN 6 A.M. AND 5 P.M. WHILE DOWN-TRAINS WILL RUN AT ABOUT HOURLY INTERVALS BETWEEN 7.01 A.M. AND 6.04 P.M.

THESE SPECIAL TRAINS WILL NOT PICK UP PASSENGERS AT THE MONG KOK STATION. PASSENGERS NORMALLY BOARDING TRAINS AT MONG KOK ARE ADVISED TO GO TO KOWLOON STATION AT HUNG HOM DURING THIS PERIOD AND HOLDERS OF MONTHLY TICKETS WILL BE PERMITTED TO BOARD THE ABOVE TRAINS WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID THAT MORE SPECIAL TRAINS MIGHT BE OPERATED IN THE LATE EVENINGS IF DEMAND WARRANTED.

HE SAID THAT ALL THE UP-TRAINS FROM KOWLOON TO THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE EXPECTED TO BE FULL BETWEEN 6 A.M. AND 3 P.M., WHILE DOWN-TRAINS WOULD PROBABLY BE FULL FROM 3 P.M. TO 9 P.M. TICKETS FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAINS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE MONG KOK STATION.

ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE NO ADVANCE BOOKING OF RAILWAY TICKETS, SPECIAL CONCESSION RETURN TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON STATION ON THE THREE DAYS FOR ORDINARY CLASS FROM KOWLOON TO WO HOP SHEK, AND FOR ORDINARY CLASS FROM KOWLOON TO LO WU AND THEN TO SANDY RIDGE, AND SINGLE JOURNEY TICKETS FROM WO HOP SHEK TO KOWLOON.

PASSENGERS ARE ADVISED TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY POLICEMEN AND THE RAILWAY STAFF IN FORMING ORDERLY QUEUES AND TO READ CAREFULLY NOTICES WHICH ARE EXHIBITED AT THE KOWLOON STATION. IN ADDITION, THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM INSTALLED OUTSIDE THE STATION WILL ENABLE PASSENGERS IN QUEUES TO RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED PASSENGERS GOING TO SANDY RIDGE CEMETERIES THAT THEY SHOULD TRAVEL ON TRAINS GOING TO LO WU AND THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE CLOSED AREA BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 6 P.M. DURING THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 16 TO 23 PROVIDED THAT THEY WERE BONA FIDE WORSHIPPERS AND IN POSSESSION OF A HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD.

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SEPTEMBER WAS WETTER THAN USUAL

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SEPTEMBER HAD MUCH MORE RAINFALL AND LESS SUNSHINE THAN USUAL, BUT IT WAS SLIGHTLY WARMER AND LESS HUMID THAN NORMAL, ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

THE MONTHLY TOTAL RAIN OF 415.9 MM WAS ABOUT 49 PER CENT MORE THAN AVERAGE. HOWEVER, THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO ONLY 1470.2 MM, WHICH WAS STILL 27 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL.

DURING THE MONTH, TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS WERE HOISTED FOR THREE OF THE FIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES THAT WERE REPORTED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

TROPICAL STORM CARLA DEVELOPED ABOUT 260 MILES SOUTH OF HONG KONG EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 3 AND MOVED WESTWARDS. THE STANDBY SIGNAL NUMBER 1 WAS HOISTED IN THE MORNING ON THAT DAY AND THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NUMBER 3 WAS HOISTED IN THE SAME EVENING. ALL SIGNALS WERE LOWERED IN THE AFTERNOON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

DURING MID-SEPTEMBER THE STANDBY SIGNAL NUMBER 1 WAS HOISTED FOR A RECORD TIME OF 124 HOURS AND 40 MINUTES FROM 4.30 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 16 TO 9.10 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 21 WHEN TYPHOON DINAH CONTINUED TO MOVE IRREGULARLY OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

ON THE HEELS OF DINAH, SEVERE TROPICAL STORM FREDA ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 23 WHEN STANDBY SIGNAL NUMBER 1 WAS HOISTED.

AS FREDA INTENSIFIED IN THE AFTERNOON THE FOLLOWING DAY, FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR, STORM SIGNAL NUMBER 8 WAS HOISTED IN THE AFTERNOON TO REPLACE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NUMBER 3 PUT UP EARLY THAT MORNING.

THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH WERE MAINLY FINE AND HOT, BUT WEATHER DETERIORATED ON SEPTEMBER 3 AS TROPICAL STORM CARLA DEVELOPED OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

THERE WERE HEAVY SQUALLY SHOWERS OVERNIGHT AND THE RAIN WAS HEAVIEST ON SEPTEMBER 5, WITH A TOTAL OF 267.6 MM OF RAINFALL RECORDED FROM SEPTEMBER 4 TO 6.

THE WEATHER GRADUALLY IMPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 6, AND THE WEATHER REMAINED FINE AND HOT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 20 ALTHOUGH SOME SHOWERS WERE REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 13 AND 19.

ON THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 19, TEMPERATURES ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 33.8 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST RECORDED IN THE MONTH.

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AN INTENSE NORTHEAST MONSOON OVER SOUTH CHINA AND THE NORTHERN PART OF SOUTH CHINA SEA COUPLED WITH TYPHOON DINAH TO THE SOUTHEAST OF HONG KONG RESULTED IN A PERIOD OF STRONG WINDS ON HILL-TOPS AND OTHER EXPOSED LOCATIONS FROM THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 21 TO THE FOLLOWING MORNING,

THE WEATHER BECAME GENERALLY CLOUDY AND MUCH COOLER AND TEMPERATURES FELL TO A MINIMUM OF 21.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 22, WHICH WAS THE LOWEST RECORDED IN THE MONTH.

ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 23, WINDS GRADUALLY FRESHENED FROM THE NORTH OVERNIGHT AND BECAME STRONG THE NEXT MORNING AS SEVERE TROPICAL STORM FREDA ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

THE WINDS CHANGED TO EASTERLY DURING THE DAY AND INCREASED TO GALE FORCE LATE IN THE AFTERNOON. THE GALES SUBSIDED AFTER 10 P.M. AND BY THE NEXT MORNING THE WINDS WERE MODERATE TO FRESH FROM THE SOUTHEAST.

IT WAS MAINLY FINE ON SEPTEMBER 23 BUT BECAME CLOUDY WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS. THE WEATHER IMPROVED RAPIDLY ON SEPTEMBER 27 AND THE REST OF THE MONTH WAS MAINLY FINE.

DURING THE MONTH UNDER REVIEW, FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE IN FORCE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 10 AND 15.

A TOTAL OF 14 AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND THUNDERSTORM AND HEAVY RAIN WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON SEVEN OCCASIONS.

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RECREATION CENTRE FOR MA WAN VILLAGERS
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THE GOVERNMENT, A NORTH AMERICAN RELIEF AGENCY AND THE MA WAN RURAL COMMITTEE ARE POOLING THEIR RESOURCES TO PROVIDE YOUNGSTERS ON THE ISLAND OF MA WAN WITH A MODERN RECREATION CENTRE.

THE CENTRE IS TO BE BUILT LATER THIS YEAR NEAR THE ISLAND'S FERRY PIER, WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE COOPERATIVE FOR AMERICAN RELIEF EVERYWHERE (C.A.R.E.) AND THE LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEE.

ON COMPLETION BY JUNE NEXT YEAR, IT WILL PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE ISLANDERS.

IT WILL ALSO SERVE AS A VENUE FOR CEREMONIES, GATHERINGS AND SMALL EXHIBITIONS ON THE ISLAND, AS WELL AS FOR FUNCTIONS RUN BY THE GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL GROUPS.

AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, TSUEN WAN, MR. MICHAEL STONE, SAID TODAY THAT THE RECREATION CENTRE WOULD COST AN ESTIMATED $160,000 TO BUILD.

+TO HELP MEET THE COST THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL PROVIDE $25,000 FROM ITS LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE, WHILE C.A.R.E. IS TO GIVE A SUBSIDY OF $100,000.

+THE REST WILL BE RAISED BY THE MA WAN RURAL COMMITTEE,+ HE SAID.

MR. STONE ADDED THE PROJECT WOULD BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE WORKS SECTION OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

+WITH THE CENTRE, MA WAN WILL BE DRAWN CLOSER TO THE DEVELOPED PARTS OF THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN THROUGH THE CREATION OF LOCAL INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES,+ MR. STONE SAID.

+IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE VERY WELCOME RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ADDITIONAL TO THE EXISTING PLAYGROUND ON THE ISLAND.+

THE CENTRE WILL BE ADMINISTERED AND MAINTAINED BY THE MA WAN RURAL COMMITTEE.

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DETOXIFICATION CENTRE FOR CHEUNG CHAU

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A NEW DETOXIFICATION CENTRE WILL BE OPENED IN CHEUNG CHAU FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 17) TO PROVIDE TREATMENT FOR DRUG ADDICTS THERE.

THE NEW CENTRE, WHICH IS LOCATED AT ST. JOHN HOSPITAL, WILL OPERATE FROM 2 P.M. TO 8 P.M. EACH DAY, INCLUDING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

IT WILL BE THE FIRST CENTRE OF ITS KIND TO BE SET UP ON AN OUTLYING ISLAND TO COMPLEMENT THE EXISTING FACILITIES FOR TREATMENT OF DRUG ADDICTION THROUGHOUT HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A STEADY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DRUG ADDICTS SEEKING TREATMENT AT BOTH THE METHADONE DETOXIFICATION AND METHADONE MAINTENANCE CENTRES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND ADDICTS HAVE NOW REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S 16 METHADONE DETOXIFICATION CENTRES AND ANOTHER TEN THOUSAND WITH THE FOUR MAINTENANCE CENTRES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

PRIZES FOR MODEL DRIVERS

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THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN TAI PO'S SIX DISTRICTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE TAI PO FOOTBALL GROUND ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 15) AT 10.30 A.M.

THE CHAIRMEN OF SIX RURAL COMMITTEES WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO A TOTAL OF 12 MODEL DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS SELECTED IN THE SIX DISTRICTS — TA KWU LING, TAI PO, SHA TAU KOK, SAI KUNG NORTH, SHEUNG SHUI AND FANLING.

MR. CLIVE OXLEY, THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A PARADE IN +ROAD SAFETY+ COSTUMES BY LOCAL MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL, A MOTOR-CYCLE DISPLAY BY CIVIL AID SERVICES AND PAINTINGS BY STUDENTS FROM THE SIX DISTRICTS.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY. YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE ASKED TO MEET MR. DENNIS LEUNG OF N.T.A.'S PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 9.30 A.M. SHARP. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SENIOR MARINE OFFICER RETIRING

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SENIOR MARINE OFFICER, MR. G.A. MILWARD IS RETIRING AFTER 17 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR. P.E.J. DAVY, WILL TOMORROW PRESENT HIM WITH A FAREWELL GIFT ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

MR. MILWARD FIRST JOINED THE DEPARTMENT AS A MARINE OFFICER IN FEBRUARY 1960 AND WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR MARINE OFFICER (SMO) IN AUGUST 1970.

HE IS ALSO THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER.

MR. MILWARD WILL BE LEAVING HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 24 ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT MR. DAVY'S OFFICE AT MARINE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 102 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AT 4 P.M. TOMORROW.

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COURSE FOR TOURISM CO-ORDINATION OFFICERS

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A FULL-TIME COURSE FOR TOURISM CO-ORDINATION OFFICER, WHICH IS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM OF THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, IS NOW OPEN TO APPLICANTS.

CLASSES IN ENGLISH WILL COMMENCE ON NOVEMBER 1 AND THE COURSE WILL LAST FOR SIX MONTHS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENT WAS A PASS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION WITH GRADE C OR ABOVE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B) OR THE EQUIVALENT.

PREFERENCE WOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED IN A RELATED CAPACITY IN THE TOURISM AND HOTEL INDUSTRY OR WHO CAN SHOW THAT THEY HAVE THE NECESSARY MATURITY AND PERSONAL QUALITIES FOR THIS INTERESTING BUT DEMANDING WORK.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 19. APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE OF HAKING WONG INSTITUTE, 702 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SAI WAN HO STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF SAI WAN HO STREET BETWEEN HOI NING STREET AND SHING ON STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 15) TO FACILITATE CABLE LAYING WORKS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF HOLY CROSS PATH BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND SAI WAN HO STREET WILL BE OPEN TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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