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HK/EEC TEXTILE AGREEMENT
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THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR PETER TSAO, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A NEW TEXTILE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE EEC WAS INITIALLED IN BRUSSELS LAST NIGHT (TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30).

+WE ARE AWAITING FULL DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT FROM THE HONG KONG DELEGATION IN BRUSSELS,+ HE SAID.

+THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN VERY LONG AND DIFFICULT, AND THERE HAS BEEN GIVE AND TAKE ON BOTH SIDES. ALTHOUGH HONG KONG HAS HAD TO MAKE SOME CONCESSIONS, THE FINAL PACKAGE REPRESENTS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE ORIGINAL EEC DEMANDS. MOREOVER, I CAN SAY THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS DO NOT INCLUDE CUTBACKS ON CURRENT TRADE LEVELS, AND IN MOST CATEGORIES HONG KONG'S TRADING OPPORTUNITIES IN 1983 ARE HIGHER THAN CURRENT TRADE LEVELS.+

+AS ALWAYS WITH AGREEMENTS SUCH AS THIS ONE THERE IS SOME TIDYING UP WORK TO BE DONE, BUT THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR LAWRENCE MILLS, WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON HIS RETURN TO HONG KONG ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 3),+ MR TSAO SAID.

THE AGREEMENT IS FOR A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 1983.

COMMENTING ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR PETER LO SAID: +THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IS GEARED UP TO ISSUE PRELIMINARY QUOTAS FOR 1983 AND, AS ALREADY ANNOUNCED, THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION ON DECEMBER 15.+

THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR LAWRENCE MILLS, COMMENTING ON THE EEC'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE CONTENT OF THE NEW FOUR-YEAR TEXTILE AGREEMENT INITIALLED LAST NIGHT IN BRUSSELS, SAID: +WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT. THE COMMUNITY IS PRESENTING IT AS ONE IN WHICH THEY HAVE SECURED CUTBACKS FROM HONG KONG. HONG KONG WAS NOT PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE DEPTH OF CUTBACK, BUT WAS PREPARED TO CONSIDER ANY FORMULAE THAT ENSURED THAT IMPORTS IN 1983 WOULD BE NO LESS THAN IMPORTS IN 1981. IT HAS ACHIEVED THIS WITH SOME ROOM TO SPARE. SO FROM HONG KONG'S POINT OF VIEW THERE HAS BEEN NO CUTBACKS.

+TAKING THE AGREEMENT AS A WHOLE, THE TRADE OPPORTUNITIES FOR 1983 ARE HIGHER - IN SOME CASES CONSIDERABLY HIGHER - THAN IMPORTS IN 1981,+ SAID MR MILLS.

+WE ALSO OBTAINED VALUABLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY'S PROPOSALS ON GROWTH AND FLEXIBILITY. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR AUTOMATIC SWING, AUTOMATIC CARRYOVER, CARRYFORWARD AND ALL THE USUAL FEATURES. GROWTH RATES FOR GARMENTS ARE BETWEEN 0.5 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT,+ CONCLUDED MR MILLS.

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GOVERNOR TOURS LANTAU

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TOURED LANTAU ISLAND BY HELICOPTER THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING TO SEE THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER (ISLANDS) MR RICKY FUNG, AND THE GOVERNMENT ENGINEER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR GEORGE CHIEN.

SIR EDWARD FIRST FLEW OVER THE CHI MA WAN PENINSULA, THEN DISCOVERY BAY, CHEK LAP KOK, TUNG CHUNG, CHEUNG SHA, SHEK PIK AND NGONG PING BEFORE LANDING AT TAI O.

HE THEN WENT TO LUNG TIN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, MR K.W. CHOY, ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ESTATE WHICH ACCOMMODATES MORE THAN 1 000 PEOPLE REHOUSED FROM NEARBY STILT STRUCTURES.

SIR EDWARD WAS LATER GIVEN A WARM WELCOME WHEN HE VISITED A FAMILY IN TIN KWAI HOUSE IN THE ESTATE. THE GOVERNOR CHATTED WITH THE TENANT, MR CHEUNG CHO-LAI, FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES.

LATER HE WENT TO THE ROOF OF A PRIMARY SCHOOL WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY MR CHIEN ON DIFFERENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

THE GOVERNOR THEN FLEW TO MUI WO AND LUNCHEDED WITH THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), MR IAN MACPHERSON, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MUI WO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR TSANG LIN, AND OTHER LOCAL LEADERS.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE OPENED

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME FOR OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION MOVED FURTHER FORWARD WITH THE SETTING UP OF THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE YESTERDAY (TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30).

THE OPENING WAS MARKED BY THE DOTTING OF A CHINESE LION'S EYES BY MAYOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN OF SAN FRANCISCO, FOLLOWED BY A LION DANCE.

THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED BY THE MAYOR, THE BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL, MR JOHN L. BEAVEN AND THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ALEC PURVES.

THANKING THE MAYOR, MR PURVES SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD CHOSEN SAN FRANCISCO FOR ITS FOURTH INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICE AFTER TOKYO, LONDON AND STUTTGART BECAUSE IT WAS IN THE CENTRE OF THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE PACIFIC RIM AND HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PACIFIC BASIN.

/+THIS OFFICE

+THIS OFFICE HAS BEEN CREATED TO HELP THOSE WHO WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN HONG KONG, WHICH IS THE CENTRE OF THE PACIFIC BASIN. IF THEY WISH TO SHARE YOUR HONOUR'S CONFIDENCE, THEY WILL FIND IT IS A CONFIDENCE WHICH WILL NOT HAVE BEEN MISPLACED,+ STATED MR PURVES.

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**ENTRIES INVITED FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS GYMNASTICS COMPETITIONS
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PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE GYMNASTICS COMPETITIONS TO BE HELD ON MARCH 25 AND 26 NEXT YEAR.

THE COMPETITIONS ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

PUPILS CAN COMPETE FOR TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS WILL INCLUDE FLOOR EXERCISE, VAULTING, HORIZONTAL BAR, PARALLEL BAR AND BALANCE BEAM.

EACH SCHOOL MAY ENTER ONE TEAM OF BOYS AND ONE TEAM OF GIRLS IN THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS AND NOT MORE THAN THREE BOYS AND THREE GIRLS IN EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT. ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1983.

EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL WILL HAVE TO NOMINATE ONE TEACHER TO SERVE AS JUDGE FOR THE COMPETITIONS, AND PAY AN ENTRY FEE OF \$20 PER TEAM AND \$4 PER HEAD IN EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT.

SCHOOLS WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITIONS SHOULD SEND COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS AND THE REQUIRED FEES TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR, PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 1983.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, SCHOOLS SHOULD CONTACT THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION AT 3-884111 EXTENSION 277.

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SAI KUNG D.B. MEETING ON FRIDAY
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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE VILLAGE LAYOUT PLANS IN CONNECTION WITH SMALL HOUSE DEVELOPMENT AT THE BOARD'S FIFTH MEETING ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 3).

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STANDING CONFERENCE ON ROAD SAFETY WILL BE PRESENT TO TALK ABOUT THE ROLE AND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE STANDING CONFERENCE AND ITS FUTURE PLANS.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO EXAMINE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF ITS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND THE PROGRESS REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS AND PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 3) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT AT AMOY PLAZA, 2ND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

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CAD HOLDS SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE
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A TWO-DAY SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE INVOLVING THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, THE ROYAL NAVY AND THE U.S. AIR FORCE AND NAVY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 3) AND SATURDAY.

THE EXERCISE IS TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND FAMILIARISATION IN SEARCH AND RESCUE TECHNIQUES FOR THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL STAFF OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, AIRCREWS AND STAFF OF THOSE EMERGENCY UNITS LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN SUCH OPERATIONS. IT WILL ALSO SERVE TO TEST THE ALERTING PROCEDURES, CO-ORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES.

THE EXERCISE WILL START WITH A SIMULATED INCIDENT OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA WHICH WILL ACTIVATE A FULL-SCALE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION.

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TWO NTSD ANTI-LITTER FOREMEN COMMENDED
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TWO ANTI-LITTER FOREMEN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WERE COMMENDED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, FOR BRINGING MORE THAN 1 100 LITTERBUGS TO COURT DURING THE CURRENT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

THEY WERE MR KWAN CHIU-TONG OF YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AND MR HO LAM-HAY OF TSUEN WAN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE WHO RECEIVED THE COMMENDATIONS AT A CEREMONY AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS.

MR KWAN ISSUED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF 636 SUMMONSES TO LITTER OFFENDERS.

AMONG THEM WAS A YUEN LONG PIG FARMER WHO WAS FINED \$2 000 FOR DISCHARGING PIG MANURE INTO KAM TIN RIVER, THE HIGHEST FINE EVER IMPOSED BY ANTI-LITTER COURTS.

MR HO EARNED HIS AWARD FOR BOOKING 205 LITTER OFFENDERS IN SEPTEMBER, THE HIGHEST MONTHLY RECORD.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, MR HO ISSUED A TOTAL OF 504 SUMMONSES IN TSUEN WAN.

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LICENSING CHIEF RECEIVES PERSONALISED NUMBER PLATE
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A DELEGATION OF 22 OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A., RECENTLY PAID A VISIT TO THE HONG KONG OFFICE OF THE LICENSING DIVISION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

DURING THEIR VISIT, THEY DISCUSSED LICENSING PROCEDURES AND MANAGERIAL PROBLEMS WITH TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT STAFF AND WATCHED THE PROCESSING OF DRIVING AND VEHICLE LICENCES BY THE COMPUTERISED SYSTEM.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR VISIT, THEY PRESENTED A PERSONALISED CALIFORNIA NUMBER PLATE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (LICENSING) MR C.J. PRISTON.

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SITE FOR OFF-STREET DRIVER TRAINING

THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A SITE IN WONG CHUK HANG FOR USE AS AN OFF-STREET DRIVER TRAINING CENTRE.

THE SITE, ADJOINING OCEAN PARK COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1.25 HECTARES.

THE TENANCY SHALL BE FOR THREE YEARS INITIALLY, AND QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS 12 NOON ON DECEMBER 17, 1982.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (HONG KONG SOUTH), ROOM 601, NEW WORLD TOWER, 16-18 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD 5/F., HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10/F., KOWLOON.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SHEUNG SHUI PUMPING STATION

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FRESH WATER PUMPING STATION AT ORB HILL, SHEUNG SHUI, AND THE LAYING OF ABOUT 650 METRES OF PUMPING MAIN FROM ORB HILL TO MAN KAM TO ROAD.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF A NEW WATER TREATMENT SCHEME FOR NORTHEASTERN NEW TERRITORIES WHICH ALSO INCLUDES A TREATMENT WORKS AT ORB HILL, A SERVICE RESERVOIR AT TABLE HILL AND ASSOCIATED WATER MAINS.

THE NEW SCHEME WILL COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND FROM ON-GOING AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS PART OF THE TERRITORY WHICH IS PRESENTLY HANDLED BY THE EXISTING SUPPLY SYSTEM AT TAI PO TAU.

TOGETHER WITH THE ASSOCIATED MAINS, THE PUMPING STATION WILL SERVE TO TRANSFER WATER FROM THE PROPOSED SHEUNG SHUI TREATMENT WORKS TO THE PROPOSED TABLE HILL SERVICE RESERVOIR AND ALSO TO THE EXISTING SERVICE RESERVOIR AT TONG HANG.

WORK ON THE PUMPING STATION WILL START TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 19 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WHOLE PUMPING SYSTEM IS EXPECTED TO BE COMMISSIONED, ON COMPLETION OF THE TREATMENT WORKS AND THE TABLE HILL SERVICE RESERVOIR, BY THE END OF 1984.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN KWUN TONG
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CLEARWAY RESTRICTION WILL BE IMPOSED ON MUT WAH STREET AND TUNG YAN STREET IN KWUN TONG FROM 4 PM THIS FRIDAY (DECEMBER 3).

VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE BANNED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THESE SECTIONS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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WATER CUT IN KWUN TONG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN THE KWUN TONG AREA WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 PM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 4) TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA BOUNDED BY HUNG TO ROAD, TSUN YIP STREET, HOI BUN ROAD AND KING YIP STREET.

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