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HONG KONG EXPERIENCE A SUCCESS, SAYS SIR DAVID
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THE SHAPE AND CONTENT OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH MANAGED HONG KONG, HAD EVOLVED IN RESPONSE TO HUMAN, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PRESSURES AND NOT AS THE RESULT OF THE PURSUIT OF ANY PARTICULAR MODEL, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HONG KONG, HE SAID, HAD DEVELOPED ITS OWN SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT BY CONSENSUS. THIS SYSTEM HAD NOT DEVELOPED BY ITSELF, NOR HAD IT FOLLOWED A CONSISTENT AND WELL-TRODDEN PATH, NOR WAS IT BASED ON ANY SOCIAL OR POLITICAL THEORY.

AN IMPORTANT AND DISTINCTIVE FEATURE OF THE HONG KONG SYSTEM, HE ADDED, WAS THAT PRAGMATIC ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES DISCOURAGED UNNECESSARY INTRUSION AND INTERFERENCE BY GOVERNMENT IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

SIR DAVID DESCRIBED THE HONG KONG EXPERIENCE AS LETTING +GOVERNMENTS GOVERN AND MANAGERS MANAGE+.

ADDRESSING MORE THAN 800 SENIOR MANAGERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD ATTENDING THE 20TH WORLD MANAGEMENT CONGRESS IN KUALA LUMPUR, HE SAID THAT +IT IS A TENET OF THE SYSTEM THAT PRIVATE CITIZENS, OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT, WILL MAKE MORE SENSITIVE AND MANAGERIALLY EFFICIENT DECISIONS THAN CIVIL SERVANTS, WHO HAVE NO DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CONSEQUENCES, AND WHO CAN SHELTER BEHIND THE ANONYMITY OF A GOVERNMENT MACHINE.+

SIR DAVID TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE SIMPLE COLONIAL STYLE OF GOVERNMENT HAD DEVELOPED INTO A COMPLEX WEB OF INTERLOCKING RELATIONSHIPS, UPON WHICH A GOVERNMENT OF CONSENSUS HAD BEEN BUILT.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY THEN OUTLINED BRIEFLY THE GRADUAL TRANSITION FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ORGANISATIONS OF THE EARLY POST-WAR PERIOD, WHICH SERVED AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT, TO +SETTING UP SHOP IN EACH AREA OF THE CITY+.

HE DESCRIBED THIS AS +A SHOP-WINDOW ON THE STREET OPENING UP A NEW CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE+.

UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM, PUBLIC SERVANTS WERE MADE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE THEY SERVED AND CITIZENS WERE BEING INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS OF POLICY FORMULATION.

+NO ELECTIONS WERE TAKING PLACE, NO POLITICAL PARTIES WERE FORMED. HONG KONG SEEMED, IF SUCH A SITUATION IS POSSIBLE, TO BE A PLACE WITHOUT POLITICS,+ HE SAID.

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+THUS, IN THIS UNUSUAL AND CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT, THE HONG KONG TECHNIQUE OF MANAGEMENT, THE HONG KONG PHILOSOPHY, DEVELOPED: IT WAS TO PROVIDE THE ENVIRONMENT, THE FREEDOM, THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ALLOW THE HUMAN SPIRIT, HUMAN JUDGEMENT AND ABILITY THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE.

+AND ALL THIS HAD TO BE DONE WITHOUT POLITICAL DOGMA, WITHOUT POLITICAL PARTIES. FROM THIS UNPROMISING SOIL HAS GROWN THE STABLE AND PROSPEROUS HONG KONG OF TODAY, THIS TINY PLACE WITH A WORLD-WIDE REPUTATION,+ HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT HONG KONG'S LEVEL OF TAX ON CORPORATE PROFITS AT 18.5 PER CENT NEVER FAILED TO ASTONISH OUTSIDE OBSERVERS.

IT ATTRACTED INVESTMENT AND ENCOURAGED ENTERPRISE, HE ADDED.

PROFITS WERE MADE, BUT THEY WERE PLOUGHED BACK INTO FURTHER GROWTH.

+THERE IS ANOTHER SIDE TO THE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT OF AN ECONOMY IN WHICH MARKET FORCES AND COMMERCIAL JUDGEMENTS ARE DECIDING FACTORS.

+A SAFETY NET IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT EDUCATION, HEALTH, WELFARE, HOMES AND WORK ARE PROPERLY AND SUFFICIENTLY PROVIDED BY SOME OF THE SURPLUS WEALTH FLOWING FROM ECONOMIC GROWTH,+ HE SAID.

+THUS, IN HONG KONG, THERE IS FREE EDUCATION TO SECONDARY LEVEL FOR EVERY CHILD, INFANT MORTALITY IS AMONG THE LOWEST IN THE WORLD, LIFE EXPECTANCY IS AMONG THE LONGEST, AND A PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME ENSURES THAT ON ANY DAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, HOMES FOR NEARLY A MILLION PEOPLE ARE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION.+

ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID THAT ONLY A YEAR AGO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINA WAS INITIALLED WHICH JOINTLY DECLARED THAT HONG KONG, AS IT WAS, SHOULD CONTINUE ... +THAT THE SYSTEM OF LAW, ADMINISTRATION AND THE ECONOMY, THE LIFE-STYLE AND THE FREEDOMS WOULD REMAIN FOR A FURTHER 50 YEARS, WITHOUT CHANGE INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE NEXT CENTURY.+

THE CHIEF SECRETARY THEN TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO, A NEWLY-COMPOSED LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MET, WITH 24 OF ITS MEMBERS ELECTED FOR THE FIRST TIME, PARTLY BY POPULIST VOTES AND PARTLY BY THE MAIN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND PROFESSIONAL GROUPS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

+THIS CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTED LEGISLATURE CONTINUES THE HONG KONG STYLE OF EVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT,+ HE SAID.

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IN TWO YEARS' TIME THE SYSTEM WOULD AGAIN BE REVIEWED TO SEE WHAT CHANGES WOULD IMPROVE ITS EFFECTIVENESS SO AS GRADUALLY TO DEVELOP AN ADMINISTRATION WHICH WOULD EXERCISE A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY AS A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION WITHIN THE ENVELOPE OF CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY, HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT HONG KONG'S USEFULNESS AS A COMMERCIAL CENTRE FOR DOING BUSINESS WITH CHINA COULD BE REFLECTED IN THE 184 FOREIGN FIRMS AND THREE FOREIGN BANKS WHICH ESTABLISHED BRANCHES IN HONG KONG DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

+AND THERE CAN BE NO GREATER SYMBOL OF HONG KONG'S DETERMINATION TO EQUIP ITSELF FOR THE FUTURE THAN THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BUILDING OF A THIRD UNIVERSITY,+ HE ADDED.

UNFOLDING FURTHER THE CONTINUING STORY OF HONG KONG TO HIS INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE, SIR DAVID SAID THAT AS A PLACE IT HAD LITTLE ADVANTAGE BEYOND A HARBOUR OF DEEP AND SHELTERED WATER SURROUNDED BY BEAUTIFUL HILLS.

+ITS FIVE-AND-A-HALF MILLION PEOPLE HAVE DEVELOPED AN INDIVIDUAL STYLE OF MANAGING THEIR AFFAIRS WHICH HAD BROUGHT THEM A HIGH LEVEL OF PROSPERITY.

+PERHAPS, THERE ARE, AFTER ALL, LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM THE MANAGEMENT OF HONG KONG THROUGH THESE TURBULENT YEARS OF THE SECOND HALF OF THIS CENTURY.

+LOW TAXATION; RESTRICTING REGULATION TO THE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE RULES OF THE MARKET PLACE AND NOT THE JUNGLE PREVAIL; CONSENSUS AND CONSULTATION RATHER THAN ADVERSARIAL POLITICS, RESTRICTING GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT TO INFRASTRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS AND TO ESSENTIAL PROGRAMMES OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE; NOT SUBSIDISING WEAK AND AILING PARTS OF THE ECONOMY; RESTRAINING THE BUREAUCRATS FROM MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE WHICH ARE BEST LEFT TO THE MANAGERS AND EXECUTIVES OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

+IN A SENSE, FROM A MANAGEMENT POINT OF VIEW, THE HONG KONG EXPERIENCE CAN BE SUMMED UP IN THE WORDS 'LET GOVERNMENTS GOVERN AND MANAGERS MANAGE',+ SIR DAVID SAID.

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OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN LEGCO ANNOUNCED
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THE SUBJECT AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY TO BE HANDLED BY THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DURING COUNCIL MEETINGS, AS A RESULT OF THE REDUCTION FROM 16 TO 10 OFFICIALS FROM THE OPENING OF THE CURRENT SESSION ON OCTOBER 30.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD NOT AFFECT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BRANCH SECRETARIES AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS BUT THOSE WHO ARE NOT ON THE COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR THE COUNCIL THROUGH THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

BILLS WILL BE MOVED AND QUESTIONS REPLIED TO IN EITHER ORAL OR WRITTEN FORM, ON THEIR BEHALF BY THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS, ON THE VARIOUS SUBJECT AS FOLLOWS:

- * THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL BE THE SPOKESMAN ON ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH SUBJECTS AND ON THE FOLLOWING SECURITY BRANCH MATTERS: INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL DEFENCE, THE DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS), THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE;
- * THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL MOVE BILLS ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES AND WILL BE THE SPOKESMAN IN QUESTION TIME FOR ALL ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH MATTERS EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BELOW;
- * THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL BE THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE FOLLOWING SECURITY BRANCH SUBJECTS: MAINTENANCE OF ORDER, IMMIGRATION CONTROL AND DOCUMENTATION; CORRECTIONAL SERVICES REFUGEES; AND LEGAL ISSUES RELATING TO NARCOTICS;
- * THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WILL BE THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE FOLLOWING SECURITY BRANCH MATTERS: FIRE AND SPECIAL SERVICES, AMBULANCE MATTERS; AND NATURAL AND OTHER DISASTERS. HE WILL ALSO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES ON RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL MATTERS AND FOR THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES ON CERTAIN AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT MATTERS (E.G. COUNTRY PARKS);

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- * THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE WILL TAKE OVER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES ON MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT MATTERS, THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES ON PUBLIC HYGIENE MATTERS, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY ON NARCOTICS MATTERS (EXCEPT LEGAL ISSUES) AND THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES FOR AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION;
- * THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER WILL TAKE OVER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ON EDUCATION DEPARTMENT MATTERS AND FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON LABOUR DEPARTMENT MATTERS, AND
- * THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY OR THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WILL TAKE OVER FROM THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES AS SPOKESMAN ON METRICATION MATTERS DEPENDING ON THE ASPECT OF THE SUBJECTS; THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY WILL ALSO TAKE OVER FROM THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES AS SPOKESMAN ON CONSUMER PROTECTION.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES IN COUNCIL OF THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING ARE NOT ALTERED UNDER THESE ARRANGEMENTS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE BACK TO BUSINESS
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FUNDS WILL BE SOUGHT TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) DURING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN THE 1985/86 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION TO ENABLE THE MARINE POLICE TO REPLACE THREE SEMI-RIGID INFLATABLE BOATS TO COMBAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, SMUGGLING AND OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

THE THREE INFLATABLES, COSTING SOME \$1.7 MILLION, ARE PART OF THE MARINE POLICE SMALL BOAT UNIT WHICH OPERATES A FLOTILLA OF 17 BOATS - NINE HEAVY DUTY INFLATABLES, SIX SEMI-RIGID INFLATABLES AND TWO SPEED BOATS.

THE SIX SEMI-RIGID INFLATABLES CAME INTO SERVICE IN MAY 1981. THEY ARE EQUIPPED WITH TWIN 90 HORSEPOWER ENGINES AND ARE USED MAINLY FOR HIGH SPEED PURSUIT.

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BY THE NATURE OF THEIR CONSTRUCTION, THESE CRAFT HAVE A LIMITED LIFE-SPAN AND THE INFLATABLES AND THEIR ENGINES ARE NOW APPROACHING THE END OF THEIR SERVICEABLE LIFE.

TO ENSURE THAT SUFFICIENT RELIABLE INFLATABLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE SMALL BOAT UNIT, IT IS NECESSARY TO REPLACE THREE OF THE SIX SEMI-RIGID INFLATABLES IN 1986-87 AND THE REMAINING THREE IN 1987-88.

ALSO AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SCALE OF REWARDS PAYABLE FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE SEIZURE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND THE ARREST OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE:

- * SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION TO MEET THE NEW AND REVISED RATES OF HONORARIA PAID TO THE UNOFFICIAL CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARDS;
- * AN INCREASE IN THE COMMITMENT FOR INVESTIGATIONS INTO COMMERCIAL CRIME;
- * AN INCREASE IN THE GROSS PROVISION UNDER THE SUBHEAD OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES MATERIALS;
- * TRANSFER OF OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT RECRUITMENT OFFICE (AUSTRALASIA) TO THE BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL (AUCKLAND) UPON THE CLOSURE OF THE RECRUITMENT OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1985;
- * A CAPITAL GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND TO THE SHENG KUNG HUI DIOCESAN WELFARE COUNCIL FOR ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMERCIAL COMPLEX;
- * FUNDS TO MEET THE COST OF REMOVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY FROM LEASED ACCOMMODATION TO A GOVERNMENT BUILDING, AND
- * CHANGES TO THE APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985-86.

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FIRST MEETING FOR LEGCO
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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, IN ITS FIRST REGULAR MEETING FOLLOWING THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS LAST WEEK, WILL BE DEALING WITH THREE BILLS AND 12 QUESTIONS RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE THREE BILLS DUE FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS ARE:

- * CHIT-FUND BUSINESS (PROHIBITION)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1985;
- * MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985; AND
- * BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL 1985.

THE 12 QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS THE SETTING UP OF A COURT OF FINAL APPEAL IN HONG KONG, ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION FROM CHINA, CONCRETE DETERIORATION IN BUILDINGS, AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION.

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SECOND QUARTER SHIPPING STATISTICS RELEASED
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IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985, 3 332 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 19.1 MILLION NRT (NET REGISTERED TONNAGE) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 409 IN NUMBER AND OF 14 PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984, ACCORDING TO THE +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS+ REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED (MEASURED IN TONNES) IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT WHILE THE NUMBER OF CONTAINERS (MEASURED IN TEUS) DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG ALSO ROSE BY 13 PER CENT.

WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER VESSELS (+135), DRY BULK CARRIERS (+72) AND ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF VESSELS (+65), WHILE THE NUMBER OF OIL TANKERS DROPPED (-36). INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR SHIPS REGISTERED IN PANAMA (+156), CHINA (+73) AND LIBERIA (+36), BUT THERE WAS A DECLINE FOR SINGAPOREAN SHIPS (-12). THE NUMBER OF SHIPS WITH CAPACITY UNDER 10 000 DWT INCREASED (+297).

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IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985, THERE WERE 3 304 OUTGOING SHIPS, WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 18.8 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 395 IN NUMBER AND OF 12 PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984. THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED IN HONG KONG ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS ROSE BY 15 PER CENT, AND THE NUMBER OF CONTAINERS (MEASURED IN TEUS) LOADED IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 10 PER CENT. ABOUT 67 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING VESSELS STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN TWO DAYS.

BASED ON INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS, 89 PER CENT IN TERMS OF GROSS WEIGHT OF THE INWARD SEABORNE CARGO WAS IMPORTS AND 11 PER CENT WAS FOR TRANSHIPMENT. OF THE OUTWARD SEABORNE CARGO, 61 PER CENT WAS EXPORTS (INCLUDING RE-EXPORTS) AND 39 PER CENT WAS FOR TRANSHIPMENT.

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS IN TERMS OF GROSS WEIGHT WERE JAPAN (18 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (14 PER CENT), TAIWAN (11 PER CENT) AND THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (11 PER CENT), AND THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE CHINA (25 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (20 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (12 PER CENT). TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED IN THE U.S.A. (36 PER CENT) AND CHINA (26 PER CENT), AND TRANSHIPPED TO CHINA (21 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (14 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985 WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984, INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR IMPORTS FROM SOUTH KOREA (+120 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (+88 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+32 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+24 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE NOTED FOR IMPORTS FROM CHINA (-31 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (-FOUR PER CENT).

AS A WHOLE, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 13 PER CENT. AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, INCREASES IN CARGO TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORTS OF INORGANIC CHEMICALS (+241 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (+50 PER CENT) AND CEMENT AND CEMENT CLINKER (+47 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS NOTED FOR IMPORTS OF CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS (-28 PER CENT).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE TONNAGE OF TOTAL SEABORNE EXPORTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT. INCREASE IN TONNAGE WAS RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO CHINA (+326 PER CENT), BUT DECREASES WERE NOTED FOR THOSE TO JAPAN (-14 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (-SIX PER CENT). AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, INCREASES IN CARGO TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR EXPORTS OF INORGANIC CHEMICALS (+811 PER CENT) AND CEMENT AND CEMENT CLINKER (+165 PER CENT), BUT A DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR THE EXPORTS OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (-14 PER CENT).

SHIPPING STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIPOWNERS OR AUTHORISED SHIPPING AGENTS, AND COVER ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT.

PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS ARE COMPILED FROM OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A SAMPLE OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE MANIFESTS IS USED FOR COMPILING THE STATISTICS. THE SAMPLING METHOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE REPORT.

MORE DETAILS ON SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985 ARE CONTAINED IN THE +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS+ REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 1985, WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$12 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON STATISTICS PROVIDED IN THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SHIPPING STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, AT TELEPHONE NUMBERS 5-452701 AND 5-455422.

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CO-OPERATION IMPROVING STANDARDS OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
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THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR PIERS JACOBS, TODAY (TUESDAY) UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CONSUMER COUNCIL IN IMPROVING THE STANDARDS OF CONSUMER PROTECTION.

ADDRESSING A MEETING OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, MR JACOBS NOTED THAT QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT UNFAIR PRACTICES BY A MINORITY OF DISHONEST RETAILERS HAD ILLUSTRATED THE VALUE OF WORKING TOGETHER.

+THE CONSUMER COUNCIL AND INDEED THE MEDIA, DID MUCH TO DRAW THE ADMINISTRATION'S ATTENTION TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT STEPPED-UP ENFORCEMENT ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN UNDER THE EXISTING LAW AND THE GOVERNMENT WAS DEVISING NEW LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS. HOWEVER, HE CAUTIONED THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT WANT TO OVERDO THE LEGISLATION BECAUSE OVER-REGULATION COULD BE AS DAMAGING AS NO REGULATION.

+I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT STATISTICS SHOW THAT OUR INITIAL EFFORTS AND THE PUBLICITY THAT HAS ATTENDED THEM ARE HAVING AN EFFECT. COMPLAINTS ABOUT MALPRACTICE BY RETAILERS HAVE BEEN DECREASING,+ HE SAID.

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OUTLINING THE WORK THE CONSUMER COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN DOING OVER THE PAST YEAR, MR JACOBS REMARKED THAT 1985 HAD BEEN A GOOD YEAR FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION IN HONG KONG.

+IN APRIL, THE MONEY CHANGERS (DISCLOSURE OF RATES, CHARGES AND COMMISSIONS) ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT. I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A DECREASE IN COMPLAINTS ABOUT MONEY CHANGERS REPORTED BY THE CONSUMER COUNCIL SINCE THE LAW WAS PASSED.

+TOURISTS, IN PARTICULAR, SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS MEASURE. THERE ARE STILL SOME PROBLEM AREAS, BUT BY AND LARGE I BELIEVE THAT OUR APPROACH HAS BEEN GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL.+

ANOTHER LEGISLATION -- THE TRAVEL AGENTS ORDINANCE -- WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN AUGUST. THIS ORDINANCE PROVIDED FOR THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF TRAVEL AGENTS AND ALSO ESTABLISHED A RESERVE FUND TO PROVIDE EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS TO CLIENTS OF LICENSED TRAVEL AGENTS WHO HAD OBTAINED A COURT JUDGMENT OR LODGED A PROOF OF DEBT IN RESPECT OF A LICENSEE FOR ANY LOSS INCURRED AS A RESULT OF PAYMENT MADE FOR TRAVEL SERVICES.

+WE HOPE TO BRING THE ORDINANCE INTO EFFECT EARLY NEXT YEAR,+ MR JACOBS SAID.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE CONSUMER COUNCIL FOR LEADING HONG KONG'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CONSUMER PROTECTION, MR JACOBS REITERATED THAT THE BEST CONSUMER PROTECTION WAS THAT PROVIDED BY CONSUMERS THEMSELVES AND THE EDUCATION OF CONSUMERS WAS THEREFORE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE.

+IN THE 11 YEARS SINCE ITS FOUNDATION, THE CONSUMER COUNCIL HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARDS INCREASING CONSUMERS' AWARENESS OF THEIR RIGHTS. THE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE FINDINGS OF THE COUNCIL BOTH THROUGH REGULAR PRESS CONFERENCES AND THROUGH THE PUBLICATION OF THE MAGAZINE 'CHOICE' IS A VITAL PART OF THIS PROCESS,+ HE SAID.

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1.4 MILLION ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN MARCH POLLS * * * * *

ABOUT 1.4 MILLION PEOPLE WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 6 NEXT YEAR.

MORE THAN 67 000 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED DURING THE RECENT ANNUAL REGISTRATION VOTER EXERCISE, BUT ONLY 38 330 ELECTORS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PROVISIONAL ELECTORAL ROLL, AFTER NAMES WERE DELETED BECAUSE OF DOUBLE REGISTRATION OR INELIGIBILITY.

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THIS REPRESENTED A NET INCREASE OF 18 226 ELECTORS IN THE OVERALL ELECTORAL ROLL FIGURE AS 20 104 ENTRIES WERE DELETED DUE TO DEATHS, EMIGRATION AND FAILURE TO CONTACT ELECTORS DURING THE PAST YEAR, MAKING A GRAND TOTAL OF 1 439 617 ELECTORS ON THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER.

A REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION SPOKESMAN SAID:
+DELETIONS WERE MADE IN RESPECT OF 8 547 DEATHS, 3 072 CASES OF EMIGRATION AND 8 485 CASES WHERE THE DIVISION HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE ELECTORS.+

THE BIGGEST INCREASE IN NEW ELECTORS WAS RECORDED IN KWUN TONG WHERE 7 820 PEOPLE WERE REGISTERED, FOLLOWED BY SHA TIN WITH 5 147 AND 4 035 IN TUEN MUN.

+HOWEVER THE LARGEST INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE TERMS WAS RECORDED IN THREE NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES: 9.18 PER CENT IN TAI PO= 8.34 PER CENT IN SHA TIN; AND 5.59 PER CENT IN TUEN MUN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 8) TO NOVEMBER 20 AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND RED.

+DURING THIS PERIOD, ELIGIBLE PERSONS WILL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER AS VOTERS. APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES OR LODGED IN PERSON WITH THE REGISTRATION OFFICER.+

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE RED UP TO NOVEMBER 25, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A FINAL REGISTER OF ALL ELECTORS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON JANUARY 3.

FOR ANY CHANGE OF REGISTERED PARTICULARS, HE SAID NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE MADE BY DECEMBER 10 AND CORRECTIONS WILL BE INCORPORATED IN THE FINAL REGISTER.

+FOR CHANGES REPORTED AFTER DECEMBER 10, AMENDMENTS WILL THEN BE MADE IN THE NEXT PROVISIONAL REGISTER LATER NEXT YEAR AND THE ELECTORS CAN ONLY VOTE IN THE ORIGINALLY ALLOCATED CONSTITUENCY IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

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EQUAL CONCERN FOR CRIME VICTIMS URGED
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, TODAY URGED THAT EQUAL CONCERN SHOULD BE GIVEN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME AS THAT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE OFFENDERS.

+ONLY WHEN THE NEEDS AND THE INTERESTS OF THE VICTIMS ARE FULLY CATERED TO CAN WE CLAIM THAT WE HAVE A BALANCED CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTHWEST, MR CHAN SAID THAT IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, CERTAIN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAD BEEN PROVIDING MORE MEANS OF HELPING VICTIMS TO COPE WITH THE AFTERMATH OF CRIME.

+SUCH SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF SAFE HOUSES FOR BATTERED WIVES AND CHILDREN, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO ASSAULT AND RAPE VICTIMS, COUNSELLING, LEGAL AID OR OTHER FORMS OF ADVICE, AND PREVENTIVE AND SAFEGUARD MEASURES,+ HE SAID.

IN HONG KONG, HE SAID, COMPENSATION SCHEMES FOR CRIME VICTIMS WERE GOVERNMENT RUN AND FUNDED BY THE PUBLIC.

ONE IS THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SCHEME WHICH PAYS COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE. A TOTAL OF 8 683 CRIMES WERE REPORTED TO THE POLICE LAST YEAR ON MURDER, MANSLAUGHTER, ROBBERIES IN WHICH VICTIMS WERE INJURED, ASSAULTS, ARSON, RAPE AND INDECENT ASSAULT ON FEMALE. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, 1 159 APPLICATIONS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHEME FOR ASSISTANCE.

ANOTHER COMPENSATION SCHEME IS THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME WHICH AIMS AT PROVIDING PROMPT FINANCIAL HELP TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS, OR THEIR DEPENDANTS, REGARDLESS OF WHOEVER PARTY IS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT. A TOTAL OF 20 135 PERSONS WERE INJURED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT LAST YEAR AND 6 398 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WERE RECEIVED BY THE SCHEME.

MR CHAN NOTED THAT THE RELUCTANCE OF MANY VICTIMS TO REPORT AN OFFENCE WAS WELL KNOWN IN CRIMINOLOGICAL AND POLICE CIRCLES.

ACCORDING TO A VICTIMIZATION STUDY COMPLETED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN 1979, IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT ONLY 28.6 PER CENT OF THE CRIMES OF RAPE AND INDECENT ASSAULT WERE REPORTED TO THE POLICE- WHILE REPORTING RATES FOR OTHER CRIMES WERE ALSO NOT HIGH.

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+WHILST THE POLICE HAVE TAKEN A NUMBER OF STEPS TO SIMPLIFY REPORTING PROCEDURES, IT APPEARS THAT MUCH MORE WILL NEED TO BE DONE BY OTHER AGENCIES TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE RIGHTS OF THE VICTIMS, THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THEM AS WELL AS THE VENUE FOR REPARATION,+ HE SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE STAFF WHO DEALT WITH OR SERVICED VICTIMS SHOULD HAVE THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND BE TRAINED TO SHOW THE CORRECT ATTITUDES IN ORDER TO FURTHER ENCOURAGE REPORTING, HE ADDED.

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SAFETY OF DB MEMBERS TO BE DISCUSSED
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KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE SECURITY OF DB MEMBERS IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR DUTIES AND PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE TSING YI BRIDGE AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 7).

BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DEVELOPMENT PROFILES, AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO TEXACO ROAD.

LOCAL ISSUES TO BE RAISED BY DB MEMBERS INCLUDE THE MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY HALLS AND CENTRES, THE CAUSE OF THE BURST OF UNDERGROUND WATER PIPES NEAR TAI WO HAU ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD IN EARLY OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING, WILL ALSO MOVE A MOTION THAT THE BOARD'S PRESENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL CONTINUE IN THE POST FOR TWO YEARS AFTER THE COUNCIL IS ESTABLISHED NEXT YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.30 PM THIS THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 7) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO THE KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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YUEN LONG COMMITTEE TO HOLD FIRST MEETING
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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

IT WILL DISCUSS THE WORK OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON THE MAINTENANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND THE PROVISION OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT.

THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING. NO SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

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SHA TIN PROHIBITED ZONES FOR RACE DAYS
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NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE RAMP LEADING FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI PO ROAD TO THE BUS TERMINUS IN SHA TIN RACECOURSE FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 8).

IN ADDITION, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SAME RAMP WHEN RACE MEETINGS ARE HELD IN SHA TIN RACECOURSE.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE RAMP LEADING FROM THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI PO ROAD TO THE MEMBERS' MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE GRANDSTAND IN SHA TIN RACECOURSE AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TOLO HIGHWAY TO THE SAME ENTRANCE.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT BUSES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI PO ROAD TO THE NORTHERN TERMINAL INSIDE SHA TIN RACECOURSE WHEN RACE MEETINGS ARE HELD IN SHA TIN RACECOURSE.

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FROM THE SAME DAY, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD SOUTHBOUND IN TUEN MUN WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY:

- * BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 370 METRES NORTH OF CASTLE PEAK POLICE STATION AND A POINT ABOUT 430 METRES NORTH OF KADOORIE BEACH CAR PARK.
- * BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 400 METRES NORTH OF KADOORIE BEACH CAR PARK AND THE CAR PARK.

WITH THE RESTRICTED ZONES, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS.

THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 370 METRES NORTH OF CASTLE PEAK POLICE STATION AND KADOORIE BEACH CAR PARK WILL BE RESCINDED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE UNNAMED ROAD ADJACENT TO HOUSE NO. 38 ON HIU KWONG STREET AT KWUN TONG WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE. ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THIS ROAD.

ALSO FROM THE SAME DAY, THE VEHICLE TURN-ROUND AREA OF SHA TAU KOK ROAD AT 110 METRES WEST OF SHUN LUNG STREET WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

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LUNCH-TIME CONCERT FOR FACTORY WORKERS

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FACTORY WORKERS IN SAN PO KONG AREA WILL BE TREATED TO A RELAXING LUNCH HOUR WITH MUSIC ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 7).

THE LUNCH HOUR DELIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA, TO BE HELD AT THE KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND BETWEEN NOON AND 2.30 PM, WILL BE THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF LUNCH HOUR CONCERTS ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE SAN PO KONG INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE.

APART FROM PERFORMANCES BY BANDS AND WELL-KNOWN SINGERS, THERE WILL ALSO BE A QUIZ. PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, ANTI-CRIME, AND OTHER COMMUNITY RELATED SUBJECTS.

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THE LUNCH HOUR CONCERT WAS FIRST ORGANISED IN SEPTEMBER 1983, AND SINCE THEN, HAS BECOME A WELL ESTABLISHED DISTRICT BOARD PROGRAMME AMONG SAN PO KONG FACTORY WORKERS.

THE CONCERTS HAVE BEEN A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMME ATTRACTING AN AVERAGE OF 4 000 PARTICIPANTS AT EACH CONCERT.

FUTURE CONCERTS TO BE HELD AT THE SAME VENUE ARE ON DECEMBER 5 AND JANUARY 2. ADMISSION IS FREE AND FACTORY WORKERS IN THE VICINITY ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR SEEKS NEW MEMBERS
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CHILDREN INTERESTED IN SINGING ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE WAN CHAI CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

ESTABLISHED IN 1982 UNDER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ARTS, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE CHOIR AIMS TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN SINGING AND MUSIC AMONG CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR THEM.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT, THE CHOIR HAS BECOME THE +SINGING AMBASSADOR+ FOR THE DISTRICT, PERFORMING ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AND RECEIVING WARM SUPPORT FROM VARIOUS SECTORS.

A TRAINING PROGRAMME CONSISTING OF 26 SESSIONS ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS WILL START SOON. CHILDREN, AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 14, WHO LIVE OR STUDY IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CHOIR AFTER AN AUDITION.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD, AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-742281 EXT. 221. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOVEMBER 20.

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DETAILS OF HEALTH PROJECT
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DETAILS OF THIS YEAR'S TAI PO COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 10 AM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 7) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, THIRD FLOOR, TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO MARKET.

THE CONVENER OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT WORKING GROUP, MR MICHAEL LAI, AND THE TAI PO ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS) MS ANISSA WONG, WILL BE PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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MORE PARKING METERS IN TUEN MUN
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TO REGULATE ON-STREET PARKING SPACES IN TUEN MUN, 112 PARKING METERS FOR PRIVATE CARS AND GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE INSTALLED AT TSENG CHOI STREET, YAN OI TONG CIRCUIT, THE CAR PARK AT TSING WU SQUARE, AND THE UNNAMED ROAD FRONTING KWONG CHOI MARKET.

THESE PARKING METERS WILL BECOME OPERATIVE FROM THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 7).

FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), TWO-HOUR GOODS VEHICLE PARKING METERS AT YAN CHING CIRCUIT, KIN FUNG CIRCUIT, SAN ON STREET, AND HUNG CHEUNG ROAD IN TUEN MUN WILL BE CONVERTED TO ONE-HOUR PARKING METERS.

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ROAD OPENING IN CHAI WAN
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TWO UNNAMED NEW ROADS LINKING HENG FA CHUEN AND WING TAI ROAD IN CHAI WAN WILL BE OPENED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 8).

MEANWHILE, SHOUSON HILL ROAD WEST IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING THREE TONNES GROSS FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY.

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