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STATE MINISTER EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES  
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MR RICHARD LUCE, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HONG KONG, HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, EXPRESSING HIS CONDOLENCES TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF TYPHOON ELLEN.

IN HIS TELEGRAM, MR LUCE ALSO CONGRATULATED THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR COPING SO WELL WITH THE STORM.

THE TEXT OF MR LUCE'S TELEGRAM READS:

+I WAS MOST SADDENED TO HEAR OF THE RECENT DEATHS AND INJURIES CAUSED BY TYPHOON ELLEN. PLEASE PASS MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED AND MY SYMPATHY TO THE INJURED AND THOSE WHOSE HOUSES WERE DAMAGED.

+GLAD TO KNOW EMERGENCY SERVICES COPING SO WELL. MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS.+

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MR HEATH VISITS NEW TOWNS  
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THE FORMER BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, MR EDWARD HEATH, VISITED TWO NEW TOWNS THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON TO SEE DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

MR HEATH FIRST SPENT HALF AN HOUR AT THE LION'S PAVILION IN SHA TIN WHERE HE HAD A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE NEW TOWN AND WAS BRIEFED ON HOUSING AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG, AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, MR RICHARD BURN.

HE ALSO LEARNT THAT SINCE HIS LAST VISIT TO SHA TIN IN APRIL 1978, THE POPULATION THERE HAD GROWN FROM 80 000 TO ITS PRESENT 210 000.

HE THEN WENT TO TUEN MUN, WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, AND THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR S.K. KWEI ON SOME OF THE PROJECTS TAKING PLACE IN THE NEW TOWN.

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HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR FULL  
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HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR, THE BIGGEST RESERVOIR IN HONG KONG, IS NOW FULL FOR THE FIRST TIME, AS A RESULT OF THE RAINS BROUGHT BY TYPHOON ELLEN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE TYPHOON YIELDED MORE THAN 32 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER TO THE RESERVOIRS.

OF HONG KONG'S 17 RESERVOIRS, 11 ARE FULL.

AT 9 AM TODAY, THE STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS STOOD AT 566.881 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 96.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

THIS COMPARES WITH 457.868 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 78.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

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STORM CAUSES \$1-MILLION TRAFFIC LIGHT DAMAGE  
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REPAIRS TO TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND BOLLARDS DAMAGED BY TYPHOON ELLEN WILL COST ABOUT \$1 MILLION.

ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR MICHAEL HUTTON, ALTOGETHER 1 092 TRAFFIC LIGHTS WERE DAMAGED - 124 ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND 968 IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, A TOTAL OF 542 BOLLARDS WERE DAMAGED, INCLUDING 90 ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND 452 IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR HUTTON SAID THAT SOME PEDESTRIAN SIGNS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WERE ALSO DAMAGED.

EVERY EFFORT WAS BEING MADE TO BRING THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS BACK TO NORMAL OPERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HE SAID.

+REPAIR WORK, WHICH BEGAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PASSAGE OF TYPHOON ELLEN, IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ANOTHER TWO DAYS TO COMPLETE,+ MR HUTTON SAID.

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LIBRARY BUILDING FOR KOWLOON  
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A 12-STOREY LIBRARY BUILDING IS TO BE BUILT ON PUI CHING ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE UPPER STOREYS OF THE BUILDING WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR THE DISTRICT LIBRARY, AS WELL AS A CENTRAL LIBRARY FOR KOWLOON.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE LOWER STOREYS WILL INCLUDE A PUBLIC TOILET, STORE ROOMS, A COVERED SITTING-OUT AREA AND RECEPTION AREA FOR THE LIBRARIES.

THE WATERLOO ROAD LIBRARY, AT PRESENT SITUATED IN LEASED PREMISES, WILL BE MOVED TO THE NEW BUILDING WHEN IT IS COMPLETED.

TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING ARE BEING SOUGHT BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START IN DECEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MAY 1985.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL TO BE BUILT  
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A NEW, FIVE-STOREY PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL SOON BE BUILT AT HIRAM'S HIGHWAY IN HO CHUNG, SAI KUNG.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE NEW SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT ON A 3 921-SQUARE METRE SITE, AND WILL HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS, SPECIAL ROOMS, TEACHING FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES ON THE UPPER FLOORS, AND A COVERED PLAY AREA AND CHANGING ROOMS ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT TEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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CONTEST TO HELP INTEGRATE HANDICAPPED  
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FIVE HANDICAPPED AND FIVE ABLE-BODIED STUDENTS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN WILL WORK IN PAIRS ON A REHABILITATION POSTER DESIGN CONTEST AT 3 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THEY WILL EXCHANGE IDEAS AND TOGETHER WORK OUT THEIR DESIGNS AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

TOMORROW'S EVENT IS BEING ARRANGED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROVIDE A VENUE FOR THESE STUDENTS TO WORK TOGETHER.

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THE COMPETITION, ENTITLED +FRIENDSHIP - A WAY TO INTEGRATION+ IS OPEN TO PRIMARY, SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TOGETHER WITH ADULTS IN THE DISTRICT.

A JOINT GROUP SECTION IS SPECIALLY ARRANGED FOR BOTH HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE.

ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION IN REHABILITATION, THE CONTEST IS BEING HELD IN ALL 18 DISTRICTS TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE HANDICAPPED AND HELP INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY.

ALL ENTRIES FROM CENTRAL AND WESTERN MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR ITS SUB-OFFICE BEFORE OCTOBER 17.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER TOMORROW'S EVENTS AT 3 PM ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE IN WESTERN STREET, HONG KONG.

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JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD VISITS GIS  
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MEMBERS OF THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL VISITED THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES TODAY.

THEY WERE MET BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR, MR JOHNNIE JOHNSTON; THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NEWS, MRS IRENE YAU, AND THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY, MR ARTHUR HACKER.

TAKING PART IN THE VISIT WERE THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; MR CLIFF BALE OF THE HONG KONG JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION; MISS HELEN CHAU, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC; MR S.S. KWONG OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT; MR PETER OLAES, GIS; MR G.A. PILGRIM, SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST; MR WARREN ROOKE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG; DR JOSEPH W.C. WONG, CHINESE UNIVERSITY; AND MR RAYMOND R. WONG, HK-TVB.

DURING THE VISIT, THE GROUP TOURED THE NEWS DIVISION, THE CREATIVE SUB-DIVISION AND THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION.

MEMBERS LATER STAYED ON TO HOLD THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON TRAINING NEEDS.

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TEXTILE INDUSTRY MANPOWER BEING SURVEYED  
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THE BIENNIAL MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 21 AND OCTOBER 2 THIS YEAR.

PLANNED BY THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, THE SURVEY IS HELD TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE MANPOWER SITUATION AND TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

+THE RECENT BOOM IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY HAS UNDOUBTEDLY AFFECTED THE EMPLOYMENT ASPECT OF THE TEXTILE TRADE AS MORE PEOPLE ARE TAKING UP JOBS WITH TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS,+ A TRAINING BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID.

ON THE BASIS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS, THE BOARD CAN MAKE TRAINING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, HE EXPLAINED.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED EMPLOYERS TO COOPERATE BY SUPPLYING ACCURATE INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED AND THOSE UNDER TRAINING, EXISTING VACANCIES AND A FORECAST OF TOTAL WORKERS.

BI-LINGUAL QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES WILL BE SENT TO THE RANDOMLY SELECTED MILLS WITHIN THESE FEW DAYS.

OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL THEN VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS DURING THE SURVEY PERIODS TO COLLECT THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND IF REQUIRED, ASSIST IN COMPLETING THEM.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL MILLS.

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EXPORT CREDIT RISKS SEMINAR TO BE HELD  
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A SEMINAR ON +EXPORT CREDIT RISKS AND BUSINESS PROMOTION+ WILL BE HELD FOR INDUSTRIALISTS IN SHA TIN ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) AFTERNOON.

THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (ECIC) AND THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TDC).

AT THE SEMINAR, INDUSTRIALISTS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COMMITTEE, THE ECIC AND THE TDC IN PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THEIR EXPORT BUSINESS.

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ABOUT 100 LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE SEMINAR.

THE SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, MR FRANKLIN SHAM, A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER OF ECIC, MR PETER MOK, AND THE MANAGER OF THE TSUEN WAN OFFICE OF THE TDC, MR K.L. CHIU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON +EXPORT CREDIT RISKS AND BUSINESS PROMOTION+ AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) AT MEI SHING RESTAURANT IN MEI LAM ESTATE, SHA TIN.

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ONE LANE OPEN ON ROAD SECTION  
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TWO OF THE THREE LANES ON THE TING KAU BRIDGE SECTION OF THE TUEN MUN BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD, WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 17), TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF ANTI-SKID MATERIALS.

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