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CONSULTATIONS IN UK
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE WILL VISIT LONDON AGAIN EARLY IN SEPTEMBER FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE FAR EAST.

THE GOVERNOR HAS INVITED FIVE UMELCO MEMBERS TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS VISIT. THE FIVE MEMBERS ARE: SIR S.Y. CHUNG, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGERIO LOBO, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR LI FOOK-WO, MISS LYDIA DUNN AND MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE UNOFFICIALS WILL TRAVEL TO LONDON OVER THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 4-5 AND RETURN TOWARDS THE END OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK. IT IS EXPECTED THAT AN APPOINTMENT WILL BE ARRANGED FOR A CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER MINISTERS.

DURING THE GOVERNOR'S ABSENCE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL BE THE ACTING GOVERNOR.

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VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER - MRS MARGARET THATCHER
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FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT, EDITORS WILL PROBABLY LIKE TO KNOW THAT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR PRESS COVERAGE OF MRS THATCHER'S PROGRAMME.

DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEARER THE TIME WHEN THE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN FINALISED BUT THE PATTERN OF ARRANGEMENTS WILL FOLLOW THOSE NORMALLY ORGANISED FOR VISITS BY IMPORTANT PERSONAGES. IT WILL BE NECESSARY, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR EDITORS TO NOMINATE REPORTERS AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO WILL BE ASSIGNED TO COVER PARTICULAR EVENTS.

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HONG KONG SHOWS TO BE HELD IN BRITAIN

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THE EYES OF BRITONS WILL BE CAUGHT BY A FAST-MOVING HONG KONG AGAIN THIS YEAR WHEN A SERIES OF +ON-THE-ROAD+ HONG KONG GALA EVENINGS ARE LAUNCHED IN BRITIAN IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER.

AND, IN CASE THEY MISS THESE LIVELY EVENINGS, THEY WILL STILL BE ABLE TO HAVE A FIRM GRASP OF +WHAT-IS-HONG KONG+ AT A HONG KONG EXHIBITION AT THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE IN LONDON.

THE EVENTS ARE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON WITH THE SUPPORT OF CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS AND VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL COMPANIES IN HONG KONG.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE EVENTS ARE A CONTINUATION OF OUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HONG KONG IN THE TRUE TRADITION OF THE +HONG KONG IN LONDON FESTIVAL+ IN 1980 AND THE +HONG KONG GALA EVENINGS+ AT THE BARBICAN CENTRE LAST YEAR.

THIS YEAR'S HONG KONG +ON-THE-ROAD+ PRESENTATIONS WILL START ON SEPTEMBER 30 AT THE ROYAL NORTHERN COLLEGE OF MUSIC IN MANCHESTER, MOVE TO THE MUSIC HALL AND ASSEMBLY ROOM IN EDINBURGH ON OCTOBER 5, AND TO THE ALBANY HOTEL IN BIRMINGHAM ON OCTOBER 7.

EACH EVENT WILL CONSIST OF A RECEPTION FOR ABOUT 600 GUESTS, DURING WHICH THERE WILL BE A STAGE PRESENTATION COMPRISING A 25-MINUTE AUDIO-VISUAL SHOW AND LIVE THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE BY THE 16-MEMBER HONG KONG JING YING DANCE TROUPE.

THE AUDIO-VISUAL SHOW WILL INTRODUCE A PANORAMA OF HONG KONG TO THE BRITISH GUESTS, WHO ARE TOP PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT, THE PROFESSIONS, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS THE MEDIA. IT WILL EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE TO THE U.K. OF ITS TRADE WITH HONG KONG.

THE +LIVE+ ELEMENTS OF THE STAGE PRESENTATION WILL ALSO BE FEATURED AT THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE RENOVATED HONG KONG EXHIBITION AT THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE IN LONDON ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 12.

LORD BELSTEAD, MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, FOLLOWING WHICH THERE WILL BE A RECEPTION HOSTED BY SIR S.Y. CHUNG SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND SIR JACK CATER, HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON FOR THE PROMINENT GUESTS FROM BOTH HONG KONG AND BRITAIN.

THE EXHIBITION AT THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE WILL FEATURE HONG KONG IN ITS VARIOUS ASPECTS, ILLUSTRATED BY PHOTOGRAPHS AND MODELS. A SELECTION OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS SUCH AS TEXTILES, TOYS, ELECTRONIC APPLIANCES, JEWELLERY AND ART WORKS WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS YEAR'S PROMOTIONAL EVENTS ARE BEING HELD IN BIRMINGHAM, MANCHESTER AND EDINBURGH BECAUSE THEY ARE THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT REGIONAL CENTRES OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, BANKING AND FINANCE.

HE SAID THE MAIN OBJECT OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMMES, LIKE THOSE OF PREVIOUS YEARS, IS TO INFORM THE TOP PEOPLE IN PUBLIC LIFE IN THE U.K. ABOUT THE SOCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF HONG KONG, THEREBY CORRECTING ANY LINGERING MISAPPREHENSIONS AND CREATING A RESERVOIR OF GOODWILL FOR HONG KONG AMONG THE MOST INFLUENTIAL SECTIONS OF THE BRITISH COMMUNITY.

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INFORMATION SOUGHT FROM RATEPAYERS

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FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY), THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT WILL SEND SOME 650 000 FORMS (FORM R.1A) TO RATEPAYERS, REQUIRING THEM TO FURNISH INFORMATION ON RENTS AND OTHER PARTICULARS OF THEIR PROPERTY.

THE FORMS ARE IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH AND MAY BE COMPLETED IN EITHER LANGUAGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE INFORMATION WAS REQUIRED TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN DETERMINING UP-TO-DATE RATEABLE VALUES.

BUT HE STRESSED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE DEPARTMENT WOULD SPEND CONSIDERABLE TIME OVER THE NEXT YEAR REVIEWING EXISTING RATEABLE VALUES, NO DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN AS TO WHETHER OR WHEN UPDATED VALUES SHOULD TAKE EFFECT.

BEFORE NEW VALUATION LISTS CAN BE PREPARED AND BROUGHT INTO EFFECT, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNOR TO GIVE A DIRECTION UNDER THE RATING ORDINANCE. NO SUCH DIRECTION HAS BEEN GIVEN YET.

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, IN A SPEECH IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, STATED THAT A REVALUATION WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE NOT EARLIER THAN 1984.

IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THE UNDERLYING PURPOSE OF UPDATING RATEABLE VALUES WAS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CHANGES IN RELATIVE VALUES TO ENSURE THAT THE BURDEN OF RATES WAS EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED.

SINCE THE LAST REVALUATION IN 1976, RENTALS, ON WHICH SUCH VALUES ARE BASED, HAVE GENERALLY INCREASED.

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BUT THE INCREASES OFTEN DIFFER BETWEEN CLASSES OF PROPERTY AND AREAS, DIFFERENCES WHICH MAY NOT BE REFLECTED IN CURRENT RATEABLE VALUES.

A REVALUATION IS IN ITSELF NOT A REVENUE-RAISING EXERCISE, FOR THE YIELD FROM RATES IS ESTABLISHED BY THE PERCENTAGE RATES, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

RATES FOR BOTH GOVERNMENT AND URBAN COUNCIL PURPOSES ARE SET BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHICH DETERMINES WHAT THE PERCENTAGE RATES SHOULD BE FOR ANY YEAR.

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A CHANGE FOR 1982-83 IN THE PROPORTION OF RATES ALLOCATED TO THE URBAN COUNCIL, THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE TOTAL PERCENTAGE RATE IN THE URBAN AREAS SINCE 1977-78.

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT ON THE LAST TWO OCCASIONS WHEN REVISED RATEABLE VALUES CAME INTO FORCE ON APRIL 1, 1973 AND APRIL 1, 1977, THE INCREASED VALUES WERE LARGELY OFFSET BY REDUCTIONS IN THE PERCENTAGE CHARGES SO THAT RATEPAYERS IN SOME CASES FOUND THEMSELVES PAYING LESS THAN BEFORE.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED RATEPAYERS TO FURNISH CORRECT INFORMATION AND RETURN THE FORMS TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 21 DAYS.

FAILURE TO DO SO IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE RATING ORDINANCE.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RATEPAYERS, A POSTAGE-PREPAID RETURN ENVELOPE IS ENCLOSED WITH EACH FORM.

THOSE WHO NEED HELP IN COMPLETING THE FORM MAY VISIT OR TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT ON THE 17TH FLOOR OF HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG (TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-7957888).

ASSISTANCE MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED AT ANY OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES OR DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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GREATER SAFETY AWARENESS AMONG EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

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THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED 55 000 INSPECTIONS OF FACTORIES AND CONSTRUCTION SITES AND INVESTIGATED 4 000 INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR.

AS A RESULT, 3 800 PROSECUTIONS WERE TAKEN OUT FOR BREACHES OF SAFETY REGULATIONS, WITH FINES TOTALLING $4.7 MILLION, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FACTORY INSPECTORS, MR GEORGE KOTWALL, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF VICTORIA, MR KOTWALL POINTED OUT THAT APART FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE INSPECTORATE UNDERTOOK SAFETY TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

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LAST YEAR, 7 900 PEOPLE ATTENDED COURSES RUN BY THE INSPECTORATE'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE.

TRAINING OFFICERS OF THE CENTRE ALSO GAVE LECTURES TO A FURTHER 10 000 PEOPLE IN TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS, FACTORIES AND VARIOUS TRADE ASSOCIATIONS.

FURTHERMORE, THE INSPECTORATE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, CONDUCT A ONE-YEAR PART-TIME EVENING COURSE LEADING TO THE AWARD OF A CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES WERE CARRIED OUT TO PROMOTE SAFETY AWARENESS AMONGST EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES, MR KOTWALL SAID.

THESE INCLUDED SAFETY SEMINARS, TELEVISION PROGRAMMES AND SAFETY COMPETITIONS.

AN AUDIO-VISUAL, SOUND-ON-SLIDE PRESENTATION, +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+, HELD AT HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC EARLIER THIS YEAR WAS SO SUCCESSFUL THAT IT WOULD BE RE-STAGED IN MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREAS THIS YEAR.

MR KOTWALL SAID THAT AS PART OF A CONTINUING CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS, THE NEED TO INTRODUCE NEW REGULATIONS OR TO AMEND EXISTING ONES WAS ALWAYS KEPT UNDER REVIEW.

THE MAIN EFFORT IN 1981, HE ADDED, WAS DIRECTED TOWARDS INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR BREACHES OF SAFETY REGULATIONS.

LAST YEAR ALSO SAW THE INTRODUCTION OF A SET OF REGULATIONS DEALING WITH FIRE PRECAUTIONS IN FACTORIES.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY AND PROTECTION OF WORKERS' HEARING IN A NOISY ENVIRONMENT WERE ENACTED.

IN CONCLUSION, MR KOTWALL NOTED: +WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE EVERYONE IN INDUSTRY ACCEPTS HEALTH AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AS A ROUTINE WAY OF LIFE. GREATER EFFORT AND CO-OPERATION ARE STILL NEEDED IF THERE IS TO BE A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.+

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SIXTY-THREE SITES TO BE SOLD IN NEXT SIX MONTHS

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SELL 63 SITES IN THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS FROM OCTOBER.

ANNOUNCING THE PROVISIONAL SALES FORECAST TODAY, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT (DISPOSAL), MR D.M. SCOTT-WILL, NOTED THAT THE TOTAL AREA TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE AMOUNTED TO ABOUT 737 700 SQUARE METRES.

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IN THE URBAN AREA, TWO SITES IN THE VICTORIA BARRACKS FRONTING QUEENSWAY ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST.

THE FIRST SITE, HAVING AN AREA OF ABOUT 9 000 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND WILL ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THREE TOWER BLOCKS OVER A PODIUM, WITH AN OPTION TO DEVELOP THE LARGEST OF THE TOWERS AS A HOTEL.

NEXT TO THIS SITE IS ANOTHER LOT MEASURING ABOUT 11 400 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND WHICH IS ALSO INTENDED FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROVISIONAL SALES FORECAST ARE ABOUT 5 400 SQUARE METRES OF SHOP AREA ALONG NATHAN ROAD FLANKING THE NORTHERN SIDE OF KOWLOON PARK. MR SCOTT-WILL SAID THAT THE BUILDING DESIGN AND USE OF THE SITE WOULD BE SO CONTROLLED BY LEASE CONDITIONS AS TO ENABLE THE VISUAL IMPACT OF THE SHOPS TO BLEND IN WITH THE AMENITY VALUE OF THE PARK.

+THERE WILL ALSO BE A HEIGHT RESTRICTION TO THE SHOPS WHICH MUST BE BELOW THE ADJACENT PARK LEVEL,+ HE SAID.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES A 40-HECTARE MARINA SITE IN TUEN MUN, WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER IN DECEMBER. OF THE TOTAL AREA, ABOUT 21 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED BY RECLAMATION, AND THE BALANCE OF THE AREA WILL BE FOR MOORING PURPOSES.

TWO HOTEL SITES IN SHATIN TOWN CENTRE WILL ALSO BE OFFERED FOR SALE. THESE WILL BE SOLD BY LETTER A/B TENDERS.

TENDERS WILL ALSO BE INVITED FOR A TOTAL OF SIX SITES FOR DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME.

TWO ARE IN TUEN MUN, ONE EACH IN TAI PO, YUEN LONG, KOWLOON BAY AND HAMMER HILL ROAD.

THE SITE IN KOWLOON BAY IS FOR MIDDLE INCOME HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

MR SCOTT-WILL SAID THAT THE SALES PROGRAMME WAS PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

SALE DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE NORMAL WAY.

COPIES OF THE LAND SALES FORECAST MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, AND THE KOWLOON BRANCH OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

PLANS SHOWING THE LOCATIONS OF THE LOTS MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THESE ADDRESSES.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO SUPPORT EMPLOYEE CANDIDATES FOR DB

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EMPLOYERS WERE URGED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TO SUPPORT THEIR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE STANDING AS CANDIDATES IN NEXT MONTH'S URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR GRAHAM BARNES, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION EXHIBITION AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE.

FROM HIS OWN EXPERIENCE, MR BARNES SAID, IT WAS NOT TRUE TO SAY THAT SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS OR PEOPLE HAVING THE STATUS OF AN EMPLOYER WERE MORE INTERESTED IN THE WORK OF DISTRICT BOARDS THAN EMPLOYEES, ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF SELF-EMPLOYED CANDIDATES WAS FAR GREATER THAN THAT OF EMPLOYEE CANDIDATES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ONLY 51 OUT OF THE 167 CANDIDATES NOMINATED SO FAR COULD BE CLASSIFIED AS EMPLOYEES IN THE TRUE SENSE.

+BUT MANY WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS THINK THAT PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT BOARD WORK WOULD UPSET THEIR WORKING ROUTINES AND CREATE TROUBLE WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS,+ HE SAID.

+I AM SURE THAT EMPLOYERS WILL NOT DISLIKE STAFF MEMBERS' PARTICIPATION IN THIS MOST IMPORTANT COMMUNITY SERVICE, BUT IT WOULD HELP TO EASE THE MINDS OF THE EMPLOYEES IF THEY CAN BE ASSURED OF THEIR EMPLOYERS' FULL SUPPORT.

+SO IF YOU EMPLOY A CANDIDATE, PLEASE ASSURE HIM OF YOUR CO-OPERATION,+ MR BARNES URGED, ADDING THAT IN FACT MOST OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS ONLY HELD THEIR MEETINGS ONCE EVERY SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS AND THAT THE CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARDS HAD ENSURED THAT THE MEETING SCHEDULES WERE SO ARRANGED AS TO CAUSE THE LEAST INCONVENIENCE TO THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS.

EXPERIENCE SHOWED THAT MEMBERS WERE REQUIRED TO ATTEND MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE DISTRICT BOARDS ON AN AVERAGE OF NO MORE THAN THRICE A MONTH, HE SAID.

WITH ONLY A FEW MORE DAYS TO GO BEFORE THE NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, MR BARNES URGED ALL THOSE WHO WISHED TO BETTER THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THEIR DISTRICTS TO COME FORWARD AS CANDIDATES.

THE FIVE-DAY EXHIBITION AIMS AT INTRODUCING THE DISTRICT BOARD SYSTEM AND ITS WORK TO CITIZENS OF HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY THOSE LIVING IN YAU MA TEI.

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+ALTHOUGH PERFECTION IS WHAT MOST OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD WISH TO WORK TOWARDS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT CITIZENS SHOULD REALISE THAT THIS IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE IN THE REAL WORLD AND THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD CANNOT SOLVE ALL DISTRICT PROBLEMS STRAIGHT AWAY,+ HE SAID.

+THE IMPORTANT MESSAGE OF THIS EXHIBITION IS THAT WHILE BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE DISTRICT BOARD NEED TO BE FRANK AND HONEST TO THE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT, THE PUBLIC ALSO NEED TO PLAY THEIR PART BY BRINGING FORWARD SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT AT AN EARLY STAGE AND ENSURE THAT THEIR VIEWS ARE KNOWN.

+IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD REALISE THAT MANY OF THE PROBLEMS ARE IN FACT CAUSED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND WILL ONLY BE CURED BY PEOPLE LEARNING TO LIVE IN A PUBLIC-SPIRITED AND SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE WAY.

+IT IS ONLY THROUGH THIS CO-OPERATION WILL THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE DISTRICTS BE IMPROVED,+ HE ADDED.

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MORE MAXICAB ROUTES TO BE OPENED

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A NUMBER OF NEW MAXICAB ROUTES WOULD BE OPENED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SOME OF THESE ROUTES WILL BE IN KOWLOON, TSUEN WAN AND YUEN LONG.

+OTHERS WILL SERVE AS FEEDERS TO THE TAI PO KCR STATION TO CATER FOR THE INCREASING TRANSPORT NEEDS AS A RESULT OF THE KCR'S ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DETAILS OF THESE MAXICAB SERVICES WILL BE GAZETTED NEXT MONTH, WHEN APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPEN TO REGISTERED OWNERS OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 507 MAXICABS OPERATING 83 ROUTES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW ROUTES WOULD FURTHER EXPAND THIS FLEET.

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YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD TO DISCUSS WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES

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THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS FIFTH MEETING AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (YAU MA TEI) ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 27) AT 3 PM.

AT THE MEETING, BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE INFORMED ABOUT THE DESIGNATED USE OF THE ROOF OF THE HUNG HOM MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AS A HELIPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS.

THE BOARD WILL EXAMINE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR KOWLOON PARK AND A SITE BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND ARTHUR STREET.

MEMBERS' VIEWS WILL BE SOUGHT ON THE NEW WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LEGISLATION PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS DRAFT STANDING ORDERS FOR DISTRICT BOARDS, AS WELL AS THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE BOARD'S ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE DISTRICT'S NEWSPAPER.

IT WILL CONSIDER WHETHER FUNDS SHOULD BE GRANTED TO THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE, A SUBVENTED VOLUNTARY AGENCY, FOR CARRYING OUT A SURVEY ON THE ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO FREQUENT KOWLOON PARK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (YAU MA TEI) AT 490-492 NATHAN ROAD ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 27) AT 3 PM.

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JAPANESE IMPRESSED BY SERVICE FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS

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EIGHT VISITING JAPANESE SCHOLARS WERE VERY MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE AFTERCARE SERVICE FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS IN HONG KONG'S PENAL SYSTEM DURING THEIR VISIT TO THE LAI KING TRAINING CENTRE ADMINISTERED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

LED BY PROFESSOR Y. OBATA AND PROFESSOR G. TAKASHIMA, THE GROUP FROM THE LAW FACULTY OF THE RYUKOKU UNIVERSITY IN KYOTO ARE ON A FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG.

THEY WERE TAKEN TO LAI KING TRAINING CENTRE WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFE CUSTODY OF ALL YOUNG MALE OFFENDERS REMANDED UNDER THE TRAINING CENTRES ORDINANCE, PENDING SUITABILITY REPORTS ON THEM FOR ADMISSION TO A TRAINING CENTRE.

HERE THEY HEARD SUPERINTENDENT J.A.D.G. DE ASSIS DESCRIBE THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE AFTERCARE OFFICERS.

PRIOR TO THIS VISIT, THEY WENT TO THE HIGH-RISE MAXIMUM SECURITY LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE, WHERE THEY WERE SHOWN AROUND THE RECEPTION OFFICE, CONTROL ROOM, CELLS, KITCHEN, HOSPITAL AND WORKSHOPS, BY SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT FRANCIS WONG.

THE GROUP LATER HAD DINNER AT THE OFFICERS' CLUB WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THEY WILL BE VISITING MA HANG PRISON AND TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TOMORROW (THURSDAY) BEFORE LEAVING ON FRIDAY.

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RAIN-DAMAGED ROAD QUICKLY REPAIRED

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WO YIP HOP ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG, ONE OF THE ROADS MOST SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY THE RECENT TORRENTIAL RAINS, WAS REPAIRED AND REOPENED TO TRAFFIC WITHIN ONE WEEK.

DAMAGE WAS SO EXTENSIVE THAT IT WAS INITIALLY ESTIMATED THAT IT WOULD TAKE WEEKS TO REPAIR THE FOUR-LANE ROAD.

+WORK STARTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RAINSTORMS EARLIER THIS MONTH, INVOLVING EXCAVATORS, ROLLERS AND PAVERS,+ THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER, MR T.S. NG, SAID.

+TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO MOTORISTS, REPAIR WORK WAS CARRIED OUT ROUND THE CLOCK. OUR CONTRACTORS DID A REMARKABLE JOB AND FINISHED THE WORK WITHIN A WEEK,+ HE SAID.

ABOUT 1 700 TONNES OF BITUMINOUS MATERIAL WERE USED TO RESURFACE THE ROAD, AND THE COST OF THE REPAIR PROJECT WAS ESTIMATED AT $1.5 MILLION.

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POSTER DESIGN CONTEST FOR SHA TIN ARTS FORTNIGHT
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A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION IS BEING LAUNCHED TO PUBLICISE AND PROMOTE THE SHA TIN ARTS FORTNIGHT TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER.

THE WINNING DESIGN WILL BE USED IN A TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN FOR THE ARTS FESTIVAL.

THE DESIGN COMPETITION WOULD BE OPEN TO ANY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, WITH NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES BY EACH INDIVIDUAL, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION, MR BENJAMIN NG, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SHA TIN DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE IN LEK YUEN ESTATE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 1982.

THE POSTER DESIGN CAN BE IN THE FORM OF PHOTOGRAPHS, ILLUSTRATIONS, OR DRAWINGS.

ARTWORK OF A2 (420 MM X 590 MM) OR A3 (297 MM X 420 MM) SIZE IS PREFERRED.

EACH POSTER MUST CONTAIN THE TITLE OF SHA TIN ARTS FORTNIGHT, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

ENTRIES WOULD BE JUDGED BY A PANEL OF EXPERTS ON FINE ARTS TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR NG SAID.

THE BEST ENTRY WILL WIN $800, WITH CASH PRIZES OF $500 AND $300 FOR THE RUNNERS-UP.

FIVE CONSOLATION PRIZES OF $100 EACH WILL ALSO BE AWARDED.

ORGANISERS OF THE ARTS FORTNIGHT, INCLUDING THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE MUSIC OFFICE, WILL SPEND A TOTAL OF $750 000 ON THE PROGRAMME THIS YEAR.

THE FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE A WIDE RANGE OF ARTS PERFORMANCES, INCLUDING CONCERTS, CANTONESE OPERA SHOWS AND OUTDOOR VARIETY SHOWS.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE ARTS FORTNIGHT POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MR STEPHEN WONG AT 0-6050525.

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CAS TO HOLD RECREATIONAL FUNCTIONS
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL BE HOLDING TWO RECREATIONAL FUNCTIONS FOR MEMBERS NEXT MONTH.

ON SEPTEMBER 4, OVER 330 MEMBERS AND CADETS WILL COMPETE IN THE CAS ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA AT THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL, STARTING AT 1 PM.

THE CAS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, MR SO YUN-LAM, WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES.

ON SEPTEMBER 12, THE CAS WILL HOLD THE FINALS OF ITS INTER-UNIT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, STARTING AT 2.45 PM AT THE MACPHERSON INDOOR PLAYGROUND IN YIM PO FONG STREET.

THE HON ALLEN LEE WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES AFTER THE TOURNAMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CAS ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4 (SATURDAY) AT THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL STARTING AT 1 PM. THE CAS INTER-UNIT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FINAL WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12 (SUNDAY) AT 2.45 PM AT THE MACPHERSON INDOOR PLAYGROUND IN YIM PO FONG STREET.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TWO EVENTS.

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NEW TRAFFIC MEASURES IN MONG KOK

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NEW TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN MONG KOK FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 27) TO EASE CONGESTION IN THE AREA.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, FOUR STREETS WILL BE RE-ROUTED.

SAI YEE STREET BETWEEN ARGYLE STREET AND NELSON STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND; FA YUEN STREET BETWEEN ARGYLE STREET AND NELSON STREET FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND; NELSON STREET BETWEEN SAI YEE STREET AND FA YUEN STREET FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND; AND SHANTUNG STREET BETWEEN SAI YEE STREET AND FA YUEN STREET FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

AS A RESULT, THREE KMB BUS ROUTES WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE DIVERTED.

ON ROUTE NO. 2C, JOURNEYS TO TAI HANG TUNG WILL BE VIA YIM PO FONG STREET, NELSON STREET AND SAI YEE STREET.

ON ROUTE NO. 45, JOURNEYS TO LAI KING WILL BE VIA ARGYLE STREET, NATHAN ROAD, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, TAI NAN STREET, CEDAR STREET AND YU CHAU STREET.

ON ROUTE NO. 72M, JOURNEYS TO ARGYLE MTR STATION WILL OPERATE VIA ARGYLE STREET, HAK PO STREET, NELSON STREET AND SAI YEE STREET.

TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES AT THE JUNCTION OF ARGYLE STREET AND SAI YEE STREET, THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM ARGYLE STREET WESTBOUND INTO SAI YEE STREET NORTHBOUND AND THE STRAIGHT-ON MOVEMENT IN SAI YEE STREET SOUTHBOUND AT ITS JUNCTION WITH ARGYLE STREET WILL BE BANNED.

WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON ARGYLE STREET WISHING TO TRAVEL TO SAI YEE STREET NORTHBOUND WILL THEN HAVE TO USE HAK PO STREET, NELSON STREET AND SAI YEE STREET.

IN ORDER TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION, SECTIONS OF HAK PO STREET AND SAI YEE STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AS PUBLIC LIGHT BUS CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

METERED PARKING SPACES ON BOTH SIDES OF NELSON STREET BETWEEN YIM PO FONG STREET AND SAI YEE STREET WILL BE CANCELLED AND DESIGNATED AS A +NO WAITING+ ZONE.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN WAN CHAI

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SPRING GARDEN LANE IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND A POINT 30 METRES NORTH OF THAT JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM THIS FRIDAY (AUGUST 27).

VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE SECTION FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THIS ALSO APPLIES TO TAI WONG STREET EAST BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND A POINT 30 METRES NORTH OF THAT JUNCTION.

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WATER CUT IN MONG KOK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 27) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR WATER MAIN CONNECTION.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL AFFECT PREMISES ON 698-730 SHANGHAI STREET, 1-33 LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND 37 BUTE STREET.

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