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40 000 PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS A YEAR: GOVERNOR
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PUBLIC HOUSING PRODUCTION FOR 1982-83 TO 1986-87 IS FORECAST TO BE 203 000 FLATS OR AN AVERAGE OF OVER 40 000 PER YEAR, AND CURRENT PLANS EXTEND WELL BEYOND THAT.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS TODAY WHILE OFFICIALLY OPENING MEI LAM ESTATE - THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S 106TH RENTAL ESTATE AND THE FIFTH IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN A CONSIDERABLE RATE OF HOUSING PRODUCTION OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS BUT MUCH REMAINED TO BE DONE, AND HE REITERATED THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

AT THE SAME TIME, SIR EDWARD SAID THE GROWING DEMAND OF RESIDENTS FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF THE ACCOMMODATION HAD NOT BEEN OVERLOOKED.

+OVER THE YEARS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS BEEN STEADILY IMPROVING THE DESIGN AND STANDARDS OF THEIR NEW ESTATES IN TERMS OF SERVICES AND FINISH.

+MEI LAM IS A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHICH EVERY ONE CONCERNED CAN BE PROUD.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID TENANTS OF OLDER ESTATES HAD NOT BEEN NEGLECTED EITHER AND A REAL EFFORT WAS BEING MADE TO UPGRADE THEM TOO.

+THE OBJECTIVE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT IS THE PROVISION OF DECENT SELF-CONTAINED ACCOMMODATION FOR ALL WHO NEED IT IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID, ADDING THAT IT COULD BE ACHIEVED BY SUSTAINED EFFORT.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF +WITHOUT WHOM THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE HOUSING PROGRAMME WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE+.

IN HIS WELCOME SPEECH, THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID MEI LAM WAS A PLEASING REMINDER THAT PROFESSIONAL TALENT AND HARD WORK COULD PRODUCE THE GOODS, AND MORE AND MORE OF ITS KIND WERE BEING PRODUCED IN VARIOUS PLACES OF THE TERRITORY.

+WE ARE CONSCIOUS THAT THERE IS A GREAT DEAL MORE TO BE DONE, BUT WE ARE VASTLY ENCOURAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF PRODUCTION AS WELL AS THE PRESENT HIGH STANDARDS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME,+ HE SAID.

ON ARRIVAL AT MEI LAM, SIR EDWARD ACCOMPANIED BY LADY YOUDE AND MR LIAO, WAS GREETED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR BERNARD WILLIAMS; CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY'S BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR T.C. LO.

/AFTER UNVEILING

AFTER UNVEILING A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OPENING, THE GOVERNOR LOOKED AT DISPLAYS OF PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN SHA TIN, TOURED THE ESTATE'S MODERN COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND THEN JOINED HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND OTHER GUESTS AT A RECEPTION THERE.

LATER HE VISITED A NURSERY RUN BY THE HONG KONG KAIFONG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, AND CALLED ON THE FIVE-MEMBER FAMILY OF MR LAI HONG-SANG AT THEIR 35.3 SQUARE-METRE FLAT AT MEI TAO HOUSE.

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MONTHLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND
FOR SEPTEMBER 1982

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED STATISTICS FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY FOR SEPTEMBER 1982.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES (CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979) AS WELL AS OF THE 43 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, BUT SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

TAKING ALL OF THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED AS A WHOLE, EMPLOYMENT DECLINED IN SEPTEMBER 1982 AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH. THE MORE SIGNIFICANT DROPS IN EMPLOYMENT OCCURRED IN THE PLASTICS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. THIS WAS LARGELY DUE TO TEMPORARY WORKERS LEAVING THE FACTORIES AT THE END OF THE SUMMER VACATION, AND TO THE RETRENCHMENT OF WORKERS BY SOME OF THE FACTORIES SURVEYED.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AS CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS OF SEVERANCE PAY WERE AWARDED TO THE WORKERS LAID OFF BY SEVERAL FACTORIES SURVEYED. THE INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS RECORDED FOR THE PLASTICS AND FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES WERE, HOWEVER, LESS SIGNIFICANT. THEY WERE DUE TO WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES IN A FEW CASES.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS ROSE IN RESPECT OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES SURVEYED OWING TO THE AWARD OF BACK PAY AND BONUSES TO THE STAFF OF TWO COMPANIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DROPPED SLIGHTLY IN BANKS AND IN THE +OTHERS+ CATEGORY OF THE SERVICES SECTOR SINCE BACK PAY AND CERTAIN ALLOWANCES WERE PAID BY A FEW COMPANIES IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

THE OVERALL VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) AS REPORTED BY THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED IN SEPTEMBER 1982 DECLINED SLIGHTLY FROM THAT IN THE PRECEDING MONTH. MORE ORDERS-ON-HAND WERE RECORDED FOR THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES, WHILE LESS ORDERS WERE RECORDED FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT, PER CAPITA EARNINGS AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1982 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1.50 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7221914).

A. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

<u>INDUSTRY/SERVICE</u>	<u>PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED</u>			<u>PER CAPITA EARNINGS</u>			<u>PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR SEPT. 1982</u> (HK\$)
	<u>(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)</u>						
	<u>JULY 1982</u>	<u>AUG. 1982</u>	<u>SEP. 1982</u>	<u>JULY 1982</u>	<u>AUG. 1982</u>	<u>SEP. 1982</u>	
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	1	-4	-3	1	1	2	2 214
FOOD AND DRINKS	1	1	2	2	3	-2	3 097
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	*	-1	-2	2	*	-2	1 862
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	1	-6	-1	1	1	-1	2 042
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4	-8	-9	2	*	6	1 971
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-4	-2	-5	3	3	24	2 396
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	*	-6	-5	-1	2	3	2 089
OTHERS	1	-2	-1	3	*	1	3 012
<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>	2	*	*	-1	1	1	3 400
<u>SERVICES</u>	1	1	*	8	-2	6	4 194
BANKS	1	*	*	1	7	-3	3 575
HOTELS	1	-1	-1	-2	2	1	2 438
PUBLIC UTILITIES	1	1	1	16	-6	17	4 484
OTHERS	1	1	1	5	-2	-3	5 636

B. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING

INDUSTRY	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR SEPTEMBER 1982
	JULY 1982	AUG. 1982	SEPT. 1982	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	-2	*	3	4.58
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	*	-4	-3	2.16
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-8	-3	-1	3.21
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-11	-8	5	2.44
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-4	-2	-5	4.49
OTHERS	3	*	-1	3.40
ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES	-3	*	-1	3.81

* CHANGES WITHIN + 0.5%

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STI MEETS UK PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR BILL DORWARD TODAY (TUESDAY) MET MEMBERS OF THE UK PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY, WHO ARE ON A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG.

THE COMMITTEE, LED BY SIR DONALD KABERRY, WERE BRIEFED BY MR DORWARD ON VARIOUS TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ISSUES AFFECTING HONG KONG AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, INCLUDING THE CURRENT TEXTILE TALKS WITH THE EEC, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

ALSO AT THE MEETING WERE THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR LEONARD BOYES; THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR PETER TSAO; THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MIKE CARTLAND; THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MR GEORGE BLANEY, AND THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR C.C. ADAMS.

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DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES VISITS TSUEN WAN
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THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SOUTH REGION) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR DAVID DOWDING TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND IN TSUEN WAN WHERE CONSTRUCTION WORK TO IMPROVE EXISTING FACILITIES IS NEARING COMPLETION.

DURING THE VISIT MR HEYWOOD WAS BRIEFED BY THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TSUEN WAN, MR CHAN YIU-CHEUNG, AND WAS TOLD THAT NEW FENCING AND CROWD CONTROL FACILITIES COSTING \$1.25 MILLION WOULD BE INSTALLED AND WOULD BE READY TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

ON COMPLETION, THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE SOCCER MATCHES TO BE HELD AT THE SPORTS GROUND WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE 4 000 SPECTATORS.

MR HEYWOOD WAS ALSO TOLD THAT A PLAN WAS IN HAND TO CONVERT THE SPORTS GROUND INTO A STADIUM WITH COVERED STANDS CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING MORE SPECTATORS.

THE PARTY NEXT VISITED A WORK SITE FOR A \$5.3 MILLION PROJECT AT TSUEN KING CIRCUIT WHERE A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, A REST GARDEN, A MODEL BOATING POOL, FOUR TENNIS COURTS AND A SERVICE BUILDING WAS BEING BUILT.

MR HEYWOOD THEN PROCEEDED TO ANOTHER CONSTRUCTION SITE AT ALLWAY GARDENS WHICH HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR A SWIMMING POOL AND MARKET COMPLEX. HE WAS TOLD THAT CONSULTANTS HAD BEEN ENGAGED TO PROVIDE A DETAILED DESIGN AND BUILDING SERVICES FOR THE \$45 MILLION PROJECT.

THE COMPLEX WILL HAVE A TRAINING AND TEACHING POOL, A SLIDE POOL AND A FREE FORM AMENITY POOL WITH SHADED SEATING AREAS AND A MARKET THAT CAN HOUSE ABOUT 280 STALLS.

MR HEYWOOD LATER TOURED THE YEUNG UK ROAD MARKET WHICH WILL BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR A NEW MULTI-STOREY MARKET COMPLEX IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE NEW MARKET COMPLEX WHICH WILL PROVIDE SPACE FOR MORE THAN 450 STALLS WILL ALSO HAVE AN INDOOR GAMES HALL WITH FOUR SQUASK COURTS AND OTHER COURTS FOR BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL.

THE UPPER FLOORS WILL BE GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

THE PROJECT WILL COST ABOUT \$60 MILLION.

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HEALTHY INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IMPORTANT
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A HEALTHY INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IS IMPORTANT TO TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS AS A SOURCE OF EMPLOYMENT AND PROSPERITY, THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE TSUEN WAN MODEL WORKER AWARD SCHEME PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE TOWN HALL, MR MACLEOD SAID 55 PER CENT OF THE DISTRICT'S WORKING POPULATION WAS EMPLOYED IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AS COMPARED WITH ONLY 41 PER CENT IN HONG KONG AS A WHOLE.

MOREOVER, HE SAID, TSUEN WAN WAS STILL HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON THE MANUFACTURE OF TEXTILES AND WEARING APPAREL.

+THE FACT THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS AN INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE AT ALL — I BELIEVE IT IS THE ONLY DISTRICT BOARD WHICH DOES HAVE ONE — UNDERLIES THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRY TO TSUEN WAN,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE HAD +VERY PROPERLY+ CONCENTRATED ON ACTIVITIES WHICH HELP THE WORKERS, FOR INSTANCE THE MODEL WORKER AWARD SCHEME HELD ANNUALLY SINCE 1980, PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND WORKERS' CANTEEN.

TEN FACTORY WORKERS WON THE AWARD THIS YEAR FOR THEIR INTEREST IN WORK AND CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL INDUSTRY. THEY EACH RECEIVED A CASH PRIZE OF \$2 000 AND A TROPHY.

THIS YEAR, THE AWARD SCHEME, WHICH AIMS TO CREATE A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG THE WORKERS AND TO PROMOTE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS, ALSO INCLUDES A SINGING CONTEST, AND FACTORY VISITS FOR THE 10 SELECTED MODEL WORKERS.

TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A TWO-HOUR VARIETY SHOW BY LOCAL SINGERS, RADIO PERSONALITIES AND WINNERS OF THE SINGING CONTEST.

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GROUP HOLDS FIRST MEETING ON WAYS TO HELP WORKERS
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THE WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE WAYS TO HELP WORKERS AFFECTED BY BUSINESS CLOSURES HELD ITS FIRST MEETING IN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

IT HAS DECIDED TO INVITE PERSONS OR ORGANISATIONS TO FORWARD IN WRITING THEIR VIEWS OR REPRESENTATIONS ON MATTERS WITHIN ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE.

SUCH REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR ALFRED CHAN WING-KIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, BEFORE DECEMBER 15.

ALL VIEWS AND REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE WORKING GROUP.

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THE GROUP'S TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE:

TO EXAMINE THE PROBLEMS FACED BY EMPLOYEES IN THE EVENT OF INSOLVENCY OF THEIR EMPLOYERS AND TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE COURSES OF ACTION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

- (A) THE REASONABLE CLAIMS OF THE WORKERS INVOLVED TO RECEIVE PROMPT PAYMENT OF WAGES DUE,
- (B) THE WIDER CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, AND
- (C) THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN THIS FIELD.

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VIEWS SOUGHT ON NEW SUBVENTION SYSTEM
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A NEW SUBVENTION SYSTEM FOR ELDERLY CENTRES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 18).

REPORTS OF AN OPINION SURVEY ON THE NEW SYSTEM, CONDUCTED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING TO BE CHAIRED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TONY COOPER.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS PROPOSALS OF BEAUTIFYING THE MAJOR THOROUGHFARES IN THE DISTRICT AND THE FORMATION OF A DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL INCLUDE THE BOARD'S TERMS OF REFERENCE, COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP, STANDING ORDERS, AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD CONSISTS OF FIVE ELECTED MEMBERS, FIVE APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, TWO URBAN COUNCILLORS AND EIGHT OFFICIALS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 18) AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT WILLIE BUILDING, 3RD FLOOR, AT 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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MANPOWER SURVEY OF BANKING AND DEPOSIT TAKING COMPANIES
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A SURVEY WILL BE HELD FROM DECEMBER 1 TO 18 TO ASCERTAIN THE MANPOWER AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS IN THE BANKING AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (DTCS) SECTORS.

THE SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

QUESTIONNAIRES, EXPLANATORY NOTES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF PRINCIPAL BANK AND DTC JOBS HAVE BEEN SENT TO BANKS AND DTCS. INTERVIEWERS WILL VISIT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND VACANCIES, TRAINING ACTIVITIES, PERIOD OF TRAINING AND OTHER RELATED MANPOWER AND TRAINING MATTERS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, MR DEREK F. WHARTON, SAID THAT THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WOULD ENABLE HIS TRAINING BOARD TO FORMULATE TRAINING PLANS AND RECOMMEND TRAINING POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION BY EMPLOYERS AND THE GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO 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 ESTABLISHMENTS.

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ENGLISH CLASS ON ANTENATAL HEALTH
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN RUNNING AN ENGLISH CLASS ON ANTENATAL HEALTH ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AFTERNOON AT TANG CHI NGONG MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE, WAN CHAI.

COURSES ON ANTENATAL HEALTH CONDUCTED IN CHINESE HAVE BEEN OFFERED AT ALL GOVERNMENT FULL-TIME MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES FOR MOTHERS AND MOTHERS-TO-BE EVER SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE 50 YEARS AGO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE ANTENATAL CLASSES ARE RUN WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF EDUCATING MOTHERS ON ALL HEALTH ASPECTS OF PREGNANCY AND BABY-CARE.

+THE COURSES IN CHINESE ARE VERY WELL RECEIVED, AND THERE IS A NEED FOR THIS HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME TO BE EXTENDED TO THOSE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND CHINESE,+ HE SAID.

THE CLASS WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM EVERY FRIDAY AND WILL LAST ABOUT AN HOUR.

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CAS HOLDING INSPECTION EXERCISE

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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT WILL CARRY OUT A SERIES OF EXERCISES IN HILLY AND COUNTRYSIDE AREAS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG FROM NOVEMBER 22 TO 27.

THE EXERCISES WILL BE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE BIENNIAL INSPECTION TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE INSPECTOR OF LAND RESCUE FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, SQUADRON LEADER GORDON BLACKBURN WHO WILL BE VISITING HONG KONG FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EXERCISES WILL BE A ONE-HOUR MOCK CLIFF RESCUE IN A RAVINE AT TAI TAU CHAU NEAR SHEK O ON NOVEMBER 23. OTHER EXERCISES WILL INCLUDE A CROSS-COUNTRY EXPEDITION AND CASUALTY EVACUATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLIFF RESCUE EXERCISE BY THE CAS MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT AT TAI TAU CHAU NEAR SHEK O.

THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 23), BEGINNING AT 10.30 AM.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE CAS HEADQUARTERS, 100 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, HONG KONG AT 9.15 AM. MR LEE CHUN-WAN, SENIOR MOUNTAIN RESCUE OFFICER WILL ACCOMPANY THEM TO THE EXERCISE SITE.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MR CHOW KA-PO, TRAINING OFFICER, TEL: 5-763236 EXT. 35.

A FACT SHEET ON THE CAS MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT IS BEING BOXED.

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WATER CUT IN WESTERN AND SHEUNG SHUI

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 19) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE INTERRUPTION WILL AFFECT PREMISES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY EASTERN STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, WESTERN STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

ON THE SAME DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN VILLAGES IN SHEUNG SHUI IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL ALSO BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 10 AM UNTIL 5 PM FOR A WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

THE VILLAGES AFFECTED WILL BE TIN PING SHAN TSUEN, WAH SHAN TSUEN, AND HO BIN TSUEN.

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