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GOVERNOR TO ATTEND UK DEBATE

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THE GOVERNOR SIR EDWARD YOUDE WILL BE LEAVING FOR LONDON TO ATTEND THE DEBATE IN THE PARLIAMENT ON THE DRAFT SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND TO MEET MINISTERS IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

THE GOVERNOR'S TRIP TO LONDON WILL COINCIDE WITH THE VISIT OF A UMELCO DELEGATION WHICH WILL ALSO BE IN LONDON TO ATTEND THE DEBATE.

FOLLOWING THE TRIP TO LONDON, THE GOVERNOR WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG BRIEFLY BEFORE PROCEEDING TO JAPAN TO JOIN THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC MISSION LED BY SIR S.Y. CHUNG IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG/JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE.

PRECISE DATES OF THESE EVENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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EXPATRIATE STAFF MUCH VALUED, GOVERNOR SAYS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, STRESSED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE EXPATRIATE ELEMENT IN THE CIVIL SERVICE WAS MUCH VALUED.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE IN KOWLOON BAY, SIR EDWARD SAID PRESS REPORTS ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPATRIATES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE HAD GONE A LITTLE FAR.

+YOUR BEST SOURCE IS WHAT THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY,+ HE SAID.

+TWO THINGS HAVE HAPPENED. WE HAVE INFORMED THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IN THE UK THAT WE WILL NOT BE USING THEIR SERVICES. BUT THE POLICY IS UNDER REVIEW, AS THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID YESTERDAY.

+AND LET ME MAKE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE EXPATRIATE ELEMENT IN THE CIVIL SERVICE IS A MUCH VALUED ELEMENT IN THE CIVIL SERVICE. AND I WOULDN'T WANT THERE TO BE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THAT.+

SIR EDWARD TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE WOULD BE GOING TO LONDON ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE UMELCO DELEGATION.

+THE MAIN PURPOSE IS TO ATTEND THE DEBATE -- AS SOON AS THE DATES ARE FIXED WE'LL BE THERE -- AND TO TALK TO THE MP'S,+ HE SAID.

+IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE REACTION HERE IN HONG KONG, WE'LL BE ABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS DIRECTLY,+ HE SAID.

/ASKED WHETHER .....

ASKED WHETHER HE EXPECTED TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER, SIR EDWARD SAID EXACT PLANS WERE NOT YET FIXED, BUT THAT HE CERTAINLY WOULD BE SEEING MINISTERS WHILE THERE.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHEN THE DEBATE WOULD BE HELD, HE SAID HE HAD NOT YET GOT A DATE FOR IT. +BUT THEY OFTEN DON'T FIX THE DATE UNTIL THE WEEK BEFORE. PARLIAMENTARY TIME-TABLES ARE NOT FIXED A LONG TIME IN ADVANCE,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD ADDED THAT HE EXPECTED TO STAY IN LONDON FOR ABOUT A WEEK. +THEN I SHALL COME BACK -- MAY BE FOR ABOUT 24 HOURS -- AND THEN I AM GOING OFF TO JAPAN WITH THE ECONOMIC MISSION.+

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHEN MRS THATCHER WOULD BE COMING TO HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID, +YOU WILL HAVE TO ASK HER OFFICE THAT.+

ASKED WHO WOULD BE REPRESENTING THE UK GOVERNMENT FOR THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, HE SAID THOSE PLANS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

REPLYING TO A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION ON WHETHER HE WOULD BE THERE, THE GOVERNOR SAID, +I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED.+

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE DOING MORE TO TRY TO PURSUADE THE UNITED STATES TO CHANGE ITS MIND ON THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN RULES, HE SAID, +I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE USING EVERY EFFORT WE HAVE TO GET A MODIFICATION, AND I HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THOSE EFFORTS TOO.+

ON WHETHER HE WAS OPTIMISTIC IN THIS ISSUE, HIS REPLY WAS +I AM ALWAYS OPTIMISTIC.+

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HK TO REMAIN EXPORT-ORIENTED -- GOVERNOR

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HONG KONG WOULD REMAIN AN EXPORT-ORIENTED ECONOMY AND HAD TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE TO BE AS SUCCESSFUL IN THE FUTURE AS IT HAD BEEN IN THE PAST, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE SAID TODAY.

+THIS REQUIRES THAT OUR INDUSTRIES SHOULD ADAPT TO CHANGING MARKET CONDITIONS, SHOULD KEEP ABREAST OF THE LATEST MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES, AND SHOULD CONTINUALLY IMPROVE THE SKILLS OF ITS WORKFORCE,+ HE SAID.

AND EVERY EFFORT HAD TO BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT THE COMING GENERATION WAS ADEQUATELY TRAINED AND PROPERLY EQUIPPED FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD, HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SECOND CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE IN KOWLOON BAY THIS AFTERNOON.

/HE SAID .....

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THAT THE EDUCATION SYSTEM HAD TO KEEP PACE WITH THE CHANGING NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND HAD APPOINTED THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IN APRIL THIS YEAR -- +TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT WITH CONSOLIDATED ADVICE ON THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.+

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+SEVEN YEARS AGO, THE FIRST CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE WAS OPENED IN KWAI CHUNG. IT PROVIDES PRACTICAL TRAINING IN THE SKILLS REQUIRED BY WORKERS IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY. TODAY WE ARE HERE TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF A SECOND, MUCH LARGER CENTRE.

+THE DECISION BY THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE A SECOND CENTRE TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR TRAINING IS ENCOURAGING. IT IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY OFFERS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER, TO SCHOOL-LEAVERS AND TO YOUNG WORKERS.

+HONG KONG IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST EXPORTER OF GARMENTS; AND THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY REMAINS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF OUR ECONOMY. HONG KONG WILL REMAIN AN EXPORT-ORIENTED ECONOMY, AND MUST REMAIN COMPETITIVE IF IT IS TO BE AS SUCCESSFUL IN THE FUTURE AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST. THIS REQUIRES THAT OUR INDUSTRIES SHOULD ADAPT TO CHANGING MARKET CONDITIONS, SHOULD KEEP ABREAST OF THE LATEST MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES, AND SHOULD CONTINUALLY IMPROVE THE SKILLS OF ITS WORKFORCE.

+THE SKILLS OF OUR WORKFORCE DEPEND LARGELY ON THE TYPE AND EXTENT OF TRAINING AVAILABLE TO IT. WE HAVE MADE RAPID AND SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN RECENT YEARS IN IMPROVING VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN HONG KONG. BETTER OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACQUIRE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE IN A WIDE AND GROWING RANGE OF JOBS. BUT THIS IS A CONTINUING PROCESS. IF THE HONG KONG +ECONOMIC MIRACLE+ IS TO BE SUSTAINED, TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED STAFF MUST BE FORTHCOMING; THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

+IMPROVEMENTS TO EDUCATION, BOTH IN TERMS OF QUANTITY AND QUALITY, ARE MATTERS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE. THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THAT OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM MUST KEEP PACE WITH THE CHANGING NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY. AND EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT THE COMING GENERATION IS ADEQUATELY TRAINED AND PROPERLY EQUIPPED FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD.

+FOR THESE REASONS, THE EDUCATION COMMISSION WAS APPOINTED IN APRIL THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT WITH CONSOLIDATED ADVICE ON THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AS A WHOLE. IT HAS COMPLETED ITS INITIAL TASK AND SUBMITTED A FIRST REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT. THE COMMISSION HAS MADE A NUMBER OF WIDE-RANGING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT, LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, IMPROVEMENTS IN TEACHER TRAINING, AND EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AS WELL AS VOCATIONAL TRAINING. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL SHORTLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

/+LET ME .....

+LET ME CONCLUDE BY CONGRATULATING MR TIEN, MEMBERS OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AND ALL CONCERNED FOR THE HARD WORK THEY HAVE PUT INTO THE PLANNING AND PREPARATION OF THIS CENTRE.

+I NOW HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN DECLARING OPEN THIS IMPRESSIVE BUILDING.+

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NEW POLITICAL ADVISER NAMED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF MR JOHN BOYD AS POLITICAL ADVISER IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN SUCCESSION TO MR ROBIN MCLAREN. MR MCLAREN WILL BE LEAVING HONG KONG IN JANUARY 1985 TO TAKE UP A FURTHER SENIOR APPOINTMENT IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

MR JOHN DIXON IKLE BOYD

MR BOYD WAS BORN IN JANUARY 1936. HE WAS EDUCATED AT WESTMINISTER SCHOOL, CLARE COLLEGE (CAMBRIDGE) AND YALE UNIVERSITY (USA). BETWEEN 1962 AND 1965 HE WAS A CHINESE LANGUAGE STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

A BRIEF RESUME OF MR BOYD'S CAREER IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE FOLLOWS:-

1965 - THIRD SECRETARY (PEKING)

1966 - SECOND SECRETARY (PEKING)

1967 - FCO (NORTHERN DEPARTMENT AND FAR EASTERN DEPARTMENT)

1969 - FIRST SECRETARY (WASHINGTON)

1973 - FIRST SECRETARY, CHANCERY (PEKING)

1976 - FCO (ASSISTANT HEAD OF FAR EASTERN DEPARTMENT)

1977 - COUNSELLOR, ECONOMIC (BONN)

1981 - COUNSELLOR, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS (UK MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK)

1984(AUGUST - NOVEMBER) - ON TEMPORARY DUTY AS ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE (ASIA) IN THE FCO.

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'BIGGER FUTURE ROLE FOR HK PEOPLE'

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IN YEARS TO COME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT WOULD REST MORE AND MORE ON PEOPLE CHOSEN BY HONG KONG PEOPLE, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY OF THE KING GEORGE V SCHOOL, HE SAID THAT NEXT YEAR HONG KONG COULD EXPECT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BE CHOSEN BY HONG KONG PEOPLE - NOT BY THE GOVERNOR.

+THEY WILL BE IN POWER FOR THREE YEARS. THEY WILL HAVE A GREAT INFLUENCE ON AFFAIRS IN HONG KONG.

+THE MOVES TOWARDS A MORE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, FORESHADOWED IN THE GREEN PAPER, AND DUE FOR THEIR FIRST STAGE OF IMPLEMENTATION NEXT YEAR, WILL GRADUALLY MOVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR OWN WELL-BEING MORE AND MORE FIRMLY ONTO OUR OWN SHOULDERS,+ HE SAID.

HONG KONG PEOPLE WOULD LOOK BACK ON 1984 AS A HISTORIC YEAR, AS IT MARKED AN IMPORTANT TURNING POINT FOR HONG KONG.

+ITS RATHER UNCERTAIN FUTURE AS A BRITISH COLONY DUE TO TERMINATE WITH THE END OF THE NEW TERRITORIES LEASE HAS BEEN REPLACED BY ONE ENSHRINED IN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA DUE TO LAST INTO THE MIDDLE YEARS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY,+ HE SAID.

WHILE NOTING THAT THIS DOCUMENT WHICH SETS DOWN THE INTENTIONS OF THE TWO GREAT NATIONS IS NOT COMPLETE, MR BRAY NEVERTHELESS URGED THE COMMUNITY TO GET THEIR SENSE OF PROPORTION RIGHT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WAS NO MORE THAN A FOUNDATION, AND REITERATED THAT THE FUTURE LAY IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE.

+THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITAIN AND CHINA HAVE DONE THEIR PART IN EXPRESSING IN AS CLEAR A WAY AS POSSIBLE THEIR HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR A PROSPEROUS AND STABLE FUTURE FOR HONG KONG.

+MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT: HONG KONG WILL BE WHAT HONG KONG PEOPLE MAKE IT, NOT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE MAKE IT,+ HE STRESSED.

TODAY'S CEREMONY ALSO MARKED THE OPENING OF A NEW BLOCK OF THE SCHOOL IN HO MAN TIN.

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+CONTINUITY IN EDUCATION VITAL+

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A HIGH DEGREE OF CONTINUITY IN HONG KONG'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, CONTAINED IN A PROVISION OF THE SINO-BRITISH DRAFT AGREEMENT, IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG'S FUTURE, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+FOR HONG KONG'S ONLY NATURAL RESOURCES IS ITS PEOPLE AND IF THEY CANNOT CONTINUE TO RECEIVE A PROPER EDUCATION IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HONG KONG TO CONTINUE AS THE PROSPEROUS DYNAMIC CITY STATE WHICH IT IS TODAY AND WHICH, I AM SURE, IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

MR JONES WAS SPEAKING AT THE 6TH GRADUATION AND PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE YU CHUN KEUNG MEMORIAL COLLEGE THIS EVENING.

CITING THE PROVISIONS FOR EDUCATION CONTAINED IN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT, MR JONES SAID: +STUDENTS SHALL ENJOY FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF EDUCATION AND FREEDOM TO PURSUE THEIR EDUCATION OUTSIDE OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.+

MR JONES URGED STUDENTS TO READ THE DOCUMENT, TO THINK ABOUT ITS CONTENTS, TO DISCUSS IT WITH FRIENDS AND TEACHERS, AND TO HOLD DEBATES.

+THIS IS WITHOUT QUESTION THE MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENT IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG AS IT LAYS DOWN A BLUE-PRINT FOR OUR FUTURE -- YOURS AND MINE,+ HE TOLD THE GATHERING.

+WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT AND WHAT WILL BE SUBSEQUENTLY CONTAINED IN THE BASIC LAW WILL HAVE A VERY INTIMATE BEARING ON THE WAY YOU WILL LEAD YOUR FUTURE ADULT LIVES AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE OF VERY CONSIDERABLE CONCERN TO YOU HERE AND NOW,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS A VERY REMARKABLE DOCUMENT AS IT PROVIDES FOR THE ESSENTIAL CONTINUITY OF HONG KONG'S EXISTING SYSTEMS, LIFE-STYLES AND FREEDOMS AFTER 1997 WHEN CHINA WILL RESUME SOVEREIGNTY OVER HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+THIS IS WHERE THE ROLE OF HONG KONG SCHOOLS IS SO IMPORTANT AS THROUGH STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES, BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM, STUDENTS ARE BEING EDUCATED TO BECOME MATURE, THINKING AND CARING PEOPLE WITH A COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG AND ITS WAY OF LIFE,+ MR JONES SAID.

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SEMINAR ON MORAL EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS

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ABOUT 300 STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN WONG TAI SIN WILL ATTEND A SEMINAR TOMORROW (SATURDAY), AIMED AT PROMOTING MORAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

THE SEMINAR IS PART OF THE MORAL EDUCATION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY THE SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE IN WONG TAI SIN AND IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND IS SPONSORED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE THEME FOR TOMORROW'S SEMINAR, ENTITLED +HOW TO STRIKE A BALANCE IN A HIGHLY MATERIALISTIC SOCIETY+, AIMS AT REINFORCING STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF MORAL PRINCIPLES AND TO ADVISE THEM ON HOW TO MAINTAIN A RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN MATERIAL DESIRES AND PERSONAL INTEGRITY.

THE ASSISTANT DEAN OF BASIC STUDIES DIVISION OF HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, DR EDDIE HO AND THE PRINCIPAL OF CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE CHEUNG WING-GEE COLLEGE, MR LI PAK-HUNG WILL BE AMONG THE GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR.

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NEED FOR GOOD MANAGERS STRESSED

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, DESIGNATE, MR MICHAEL LEUNG TODAY PRAISED LINGNAN COLLEGE FOR TRAINING TALENTED BUSINESS MANAGERS WHO PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS.

SPEAKING AT THE COLLEGE GRADUATION CEREMONY MR LEUNG SAID THAT 77 PER CENT OF ITS GRADUATES IN 1983-84 HAD MAJORED IN BUSINESS STUDIES.

AS A MAJOR MANUFACTURING AND COMMERCIAL CENTRE AS WELL AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE, HONG KONG HAD ALWAYS REQUIRED PEOPLE SKILLED IN MANAGEMENT.

+IN COMPETING WITH OTHERS FOR AN EQUITABLE SHARE OF THE REWARDS OF INDUSTRY AND ENDEAVOUR, THE TALENTS OF HONG KONG'S MANAGERS ARE STRONGLY TESTED.

+IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS LINGNAN ARE OFFERING MANAGEMENT AND ALLIED PROGRAMMES OF STUDY AND THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE COMING FORWARD TO PARTICIPATE IN THEM,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

WITHIN AN EDUCATION SYSTEM AS LARGE AS OURS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS MUST AND SHOULD HAVE DIFFERING CONCEPTS OF WHAT THEIR ROLE SHOULD BE.

/DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS .....

DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS SHOULD EXCEL IN DIFFERENT THINGS AND EACH ESTABLISH CLEARLY ITS OWN AIMS AND OBJECTIVES AND SET VIGOUROUSLY ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF ATTAINING THEM, MR LEUNG SAID.

+WE LIVE IN A TIME OF VERY RAPID CHANGES IN MOST FIELDS. INDEED CHANGE IS AN INCREASINGLY INESCAPABLE AND A PERVASIVE FACT OF LIFE MAKING ADAPTABILITY ESSENTIAL FOR SURVIVAL, FOR BOTH INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS ALIKE.

+I AM OPTIMISTIC OF LINGNAN'S STRENGTH AND POTENTIAL IN THIS REGARD,+ HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG NOTED THAT THE COLLEGE HAD RECENTLY SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING FOR ITS BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTANCY STUDENTS COMPLETE OR PARTIAL EXEMPTIONS FROM A NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES INCLUDING THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS, THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATORS AND THE INSTITUTE OF MARKETING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE COLLEGE HAD ALSO RECENTLY DECIDED TO ADMIT LIMITED NUMBERS OF ASSOCIATE, PART-TIME AND AUDITING STUDENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS POLICY OF TAKING IN THE COLLEGE MATURE STUDENTS WITH WORKING EXPERIENCE.

THIS VENTURE WOULD BENEFIT ALL CONCERNED AND HELP ENSURE THE CONTINUED RELEVANCE OF LINGNAN'S POST +A+ LEVEL COURSES TO THE WORLD OF WORK, MR LEUNG SAID.

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CAREERS '85 EXHIBITION OPENS

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IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIETY THAT YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE HELPED TO UNDERSTAND ALL THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IT HAS TO OFFER AND BE PUT ON THE RIGHT TRACK, THE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC, DR DAVID JOHNS SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CAREERS '85 EXHIBITION AT THE CITY HALL, DR JOHNS SAID THE RIGHT JOB WOULD NOT ONLY BRING TO THE INDIVIDUAL THE KIND OF REWARD AND WAY OF LIFE THAT BEST FITTED HIS INTEREST, ABILITY AND NEEDS, BUT WOULD ALSO ENABLE SOCIETY TO MAKE OPTIMUM USE OF ITS HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE WELL-BEING OF ALL.

HE SAID HONG KONG'S HIGHLY DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY HAD MADE AVAILABLE TO YOUNG PEOPLE A WIDE SPECTRUM OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS HAD PROVIDED PLENTY OF AVENUES IN FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO PREPARE THEM FOR THESE JOBS.

CAREERS '85 MARKED AN OCCASION WHERE ALL SECTORS POOLED THEIR RESOURCES TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE JOB MARKET, HE SAID.

/+GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY, ...

+GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES HAVE AGAIN WORKED TOGETHER TO PRESENT CAREERS INFORMATION COVERING MANY MAJOR FIELDS OF EMPLOYMENT IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

AN EXHIBITION OF THIS SCALE REPRESENTED A LOT OF WORK AND DEMONSTRATED HONG KONG'S FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF ITS YOUNG PEOPLE, DR JOHNS SAID.

EARLIER, IN HIS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT A QUARTER OF THIS YEAR'S 21 EXHIBITORS WERE TAKING PART FOR THE FIRST TIME.

HE SAID THE CAREERS EXHIBITION, HELD EVERY YEAR SINCE 1972, WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE MANY OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

IN HIS VOTE OF THANKS, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL WHICH CO-SPONSORED THE ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, SAID THE EVENT HAD ALWAYS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS, ATTRACTING MORE THAN 100 000 VISITORS IN RECENT YEARS.

+WHILE WE TREASURE THE GOOD FOUNDATION WE HAVE LAID, WE HAVE ALSO COMMITTED OURSELVES TO MAKING IMPROVEMENTS AND INNOVATIONS WHEREVER POSSIBLE, TO BRINGING THE EXHIBITION IN LINE WITH CHANGES IN THE WORKPLACE BROUGHT ABOUT BY TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS,+ HE SAID.

MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITS REPRESENTED A BALANCED SELECTION OF THE WIDE RANGE OF EMPLOYMENT IN HONG KONG.

THE CAREERS '85 EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, WILL BE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DAILY FROM 9.30 AM TO 6.30 PM AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL UNTIL NOVEMBER 19.

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THIS EXHIBITION, AN ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME OF LIVE CAREERS SHOWS WILL BE STAGED AT EDINBURGH PLACE ON NOVEMBER 10, 11, 17 AND 18 BY THE DISCIPLINED FORCES.

ON SUNDAY, SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES USED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE PUT ON SHOW AT EDINBURGH PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXHIBITION.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE THE WEST GERMAN-MADE 50-METRE TURNTABLE LADDER, WHICH IS ONE OF THE MOST MODERN FIRE APPLIANCES IN THE WORLD.

AT THE SAME TIME THE SPECIALLY-DESIGNED FIRE BOAT 6 WILL BE MOORED AT QUEEN'S PIER, AND CONDUCTED TOURS OF THE BOAT WILL BE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM.

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ON DISPLAY ALSO WILL BE AN AMBULANCE, AN AMBULANCE MOTOR-CYCLE, A PUMP ESCAPE SNORKEL, A MOBILE COMMAND UNIT AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY OF FIRE OFFICERS AND MEN AT WORK AND AT LEISURE, SOME OF THE WORST FIRES THAT OCCURRED IN RECENT YEARS, AS WELL AS FIRE FIGHTING OPERATIONS ON LAND, AIR AND SEA.

A TEMPORARY RECRUITMENT CENTRE WILL BE SET UP FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FIRE SERVICES.

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SECOND QUARTER SHIPPING STATISTICS RELEASED

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IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984, 2 923 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 16.8 MILLION NRT (NET REGISTERED TONS) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, ACCORDING TO THE +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS+ REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 109 IN NUMBERS AND A DROP OF TWO PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1983.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD, AND THE NUMBER OF CONTAINERS (MEASURED IN TEUS) DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG ROSE BY SIX PER CENT.

WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER VESSELS (+56) AND ROLL-ON/ROLL-OF VESSELS (+48), WHILE THE NUMBER OF CONVENTIONAL VESSELS DROPPED (-103). CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN NUMBER WERE ALSO NOTED FOR SHIPS REGISTERED IN CHINA (+91) AND IN TAIWAN (+37), BUT DECLINES WERE REGISTERED FOR LIBERIAN SHIPS (-25) AND SINGAPOREAN SHIPS (-39). THE NUMBER OF SHIPS OF CAPACITY UNDER 10 000 DWT (DEADWEIGHT TONS) INCREASED CONSIDERABLY (+157).

IN THE SECOND QUARTER, THERE WERE 2 909 DEPARTING SHIPS, WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 16.8 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 88 IN NUMBER AND A DROP OF TWO PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1983.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS ROSE BY 16 PER CENT AND THE NUMBER OF CONTAINERS (MEASURED IN TEUS) LOADED IN HONG KONG ALSO ROSE, BY 11 PER CENT. ABOUT 56 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING VESSELS HAD STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN 36 HOURS.

BASED ON INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM THE OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS, 90 PER CENT IN TERMS OF GROSS WEIGHT OF THE INWARD SEABORNE CARGO WAS IMPORTS AND 10 PER CENT WAS FOR TRANSHIPMENT. OF THE OUTWARD SEABORNE CARGO, 63 PER CENT REPRESENTS EXPORTS (INCLUDING RE-EXPORTS) AND 37 PER CENT WAS FOR TRANSHIPMENT.

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THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS WERE JAPAN (21 PER CENT IN TERMS OF GROSS WEIGHT), CHINA (14 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (13 PER CENT), AND THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE THE U.S.A. (24 PER CENT), TAIWAN (14 PER CENT) AND CHINA (SEVEN PER CENT). TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED FROM CHINA (36 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (23 PER CENT), AND TRANSHIPPED TO THE U.S.A. (19 PER CENT), TAIWAN (SEVEN PER CENT) AND THE PHILIPPINES (SEVEN PER CENT).

A COMPARISON OF THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984 WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1983, SHOWS SIGNIFICANT INCREASES REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM THE PHILIPPINES (+98 PER CENT IN TERMS OF GROSS WEIGHT), AUSTRALIA (+77 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (+33 PER CENT). HOWEVER, THE TONNAGE OF SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. DECLINED (-25 PER CENT). AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORTS OF CHEMICAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS (+201 PER CENT); PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD (+42 PER CENT); AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (+30 PER CENT).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, SEABORNE EXPORTS TO CHINA ROSE RAPIDLY, BY EIGHT TIMES IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, WHILE SEABORNE EXPORTS TO THAILAND AND AUSTRALIA ROSE BY 128 PER CENT AND 40 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, SEABORNE EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (ALL BEING RE-EXPORTS) ROSE BY 58 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, WHILE THOSE OF TOYS ROSE BY 51 PER CENT, AND THOSE OF MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES BY 36 PER CENT.

SHIPPING STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIP MASTERS 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 LISTS IN THE MANIFEST IS USED FOR COMPILING THE STATISTICS. THE SAMPLING METHOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE REPORT.

MORE DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS+ REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 1984, ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT $12 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON STATISTICS PROVIDED IN THIS 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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BIG WORKS SPENDING GOES ON
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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING REITERATED GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF FUNDING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME.

MR CHAN WHO WAS SPEAKING AT THE JOINT ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH ARCHITECTS, THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BUILDING AND THE INSTITUTION OF STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS, SAID MANY MAJOR PROJECTS COULD BE EXPECTED TO START. THESE PROJECTS INCLUDED THE CULTURAL FACILITIES AT TSIM SHA TSUI, SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN= COURT AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT WAN CHAI, QUEENSWAY AND CENTRAL (HARBOUR BUILDING).

+NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDINGS FOR BOTH THE POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES ARE ALSO IN THE PIPELINE, AS ARE MAJOR HOSPITALS FOR TUEN MUN AND SHAU KEI WAN,+ HE SAID.

IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, MR CHAN HAD SAID THAT $3.8 BILLION WORTH OF NEW PROJECTS WOULD BE INJECTED IN 1985-86 INTO THE PROGRAMME, AN INCREASE OF $200 MILLION OVER THIS FINANCIAL YEAR AND $500 MILLION OVER 1983-84.

MR CHAN SAID THAT ONE OF THE MOST LASTING MEMORIES THAT THE MILLIONS OF VISITORS TO HONG KONG TOOK BACK WITH THEM EACH YEAR WAS THE VIEW FROM THE PEAK TOWARDS KOWLOON.

+NOTWITHSTANDING THE MAGNIFICENCE OF OUR NATURAL HARBOUR, IT IS PERHAPS THE JUXTAPOSITION OF THE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF BUILDINGS IN A CROWDED URBAN SETTING THAT MUST BE UPPERMOST IN THEIR MEMORIES, AS THESE CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO WHAT HAS BEEN RIGHTLY DESCRIBED AS THE MOST SPECTACULAR PANORAMA IN THE WORLD,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS BUILDINGS THAT FORM THE HEART OF THIS BUSTLING CITY AND THEY HAVE A PROFOUND INFLUENCE NOT ONLY ON THE PLACE BUT ALSO ON ITS PEOPLE AND THEIR LIFE STYLE.+

WHILE ADMITTING THAT HONG KONG'S HILLY TERRAIN, CONGESTED SITES, DIFFICULT GEOTECHNICAL CONDITIONS ALL CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE PROBLEMS, HE SAID IT WAS THESE ASPECTS THAT MADE HONG KONG SUCH AN EXCITING AND CHALLENGING PLACE FOR THE ENGINEERS TO WORK.

+THE MANY VARYING TYPES AND COMPLEXITY OF BUILDING ARE THE TESTIMONY TO YOUR INGENUITY AND RESOURCEFULNESS IN OVERCOMING THESE PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

+MOREOVER, THEY ARE GENERALLY ACCOMPLISHED IN SUCH A SHORT TIME SCALE THAT OUR SPEED OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IS NOW THE ENVY OF THE WORLD.+

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY
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THE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CENOTAPH THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

THIS CEREMONY, LIKE THE ONE HELD LAST YEAR WILL COMBINE THREE SEPARATE OBSERVANCES.

THERE WILL BE NO CEREMONY AT THE CHINESE MEMORIAL IN THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS AND NO OFFICIAL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

WREATHS WILL BE LAID BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE; THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS; THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL DEREK BOORMAN; REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS; COMMONWEALTH COMMISSIONERS; THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN; SERVICE COMMANDERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, SERVICE UNITS, TRADITIONAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM AND WILL END ABOUT 11.30 AM, WHEN ALL WHO WISH TO LAY WREATHS AT THE CENOTAPH MAY DO SO.

SPECIAL TRAFFIC PLANS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CENTRAL FOR THE CEREMONY.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE:

* JACKSON ROAD BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON. THE SAME ROAD BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM TO NOON.

* HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER AND THE SECTION OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND BETWEEN MURRAY ROAD AND ICE HOUSE STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10.30 AM TO NOON. DURING THE PERIOD, WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON HARCOURT ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA COTTON TREE DRIVE.

* MURRAY ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10.30 AM TO NOON.

* CLUB STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM 10 AM TO NOON.

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* FROM 10.30 AM TO NOON, VEHICLES FROM THE ADMIRALTY MTR STATION CONCOURSE WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THE BUS-ONLY LANE WEST OF THE TAXI STANDS TO PROCEED TO QUEENSWAY EASTBOUND.

* ALL PARKING SPACES IN JACKSON ROAD BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 10) UNTIL NOON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

* BUSES ON CMB ROUTES 1, 23B, 24, 70, 80, 81M, 780, CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE 103, AND MAXICABS ON ROUTES 6, 22 AND 32 WILL BE DIVERTED TO AVOID THE CLOSED OR RE-ROUTED ROADS BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON.

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WORKING UNDER ONE ROOF

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STAFF OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, AS WELL AS THE DISTRICT OFFICE, AND THE BRANCH OFFICE WILL BE WORKING UNDER ONE ROOF FROM TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 13), WHEN THEY MOVE INTO THE NEW SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, OFF MAN NIN STREET, IN THE TOWN CENTRE OF SAI KUNG.

THE THREE OFFICES ARE AT PRESENT LOCATED SEPARATELY -- IN NGAU TAU KOK, SAN PO KONG AND SAI KUNG.

+THE NEW PREMISES WILL MAKE IT MORE CONVENIENT FOR SAI KUNG RESIDENTS TO SEE DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF AND TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY.

IT WILL ENABLE THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD TO HAVE MORE DIRECT AND FREQUENT CONTACTS AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH THE PUBLIC, HE SAID.

THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING.

THE MAIN EXCHANGE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE IS 3-2814455.

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SUPPORT FOR SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES URGED

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THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES WAS STRESSED TODAY BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE.

MRS DOE MADE THE APPEAL AT THE OPENING OF AN EXHIBITION ON +SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES IN HONG KONG+ AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL.

SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES, SHE SAID, OFTEN FACED FINANCIAL AND EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS WHICH DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AFFECTED THEIR FAMILY LIVES.

+SINCE 1978, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS JOINED HANDS WITH VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES TO PROMOTE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE LINKS AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS,+ MRS DOE SAID.

+SERVICES SUCH AS COUNSELLING, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND HOUSING ACCOMMODATION ARE OFFERED TO NEEDY FAMILIES.+

SHE SAID THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF BETTER AND QUICKER RESULTS WOULD DEPEND VERY MUCH ON THE COMMUNITY'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM AND ITS SUPPORT.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM TODAY UNTIL SUNDAY, BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM DAILY.

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VACCINATION FOR BOAT CHILDREN

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LOCAL FISHERMEN ARE BEING URGED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN VACCINATED AGAINST INFECTIOUS CHILDHOOD DISEASES.

FREE VACCINATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN WHO ARE FROM SIX MONTHS TO 10 YEARS OF AGE, ON SUNDAY AT THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER.

AN INOCULATION TEAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT WILL COVER ALL DWELLING BOATS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

+THE VACCINATION PROGRAMME WILL COVER MEASLES, DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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LAND TO BE RECLAIMED FOR PARK

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT A 1 700-METRE-LONG SEAWALL OFF TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND KWONG FUK ESTATE, TAI PO TO ENABLE RECLAMATION TO BE CARRIED OUT.

ABOUT 29.2 HECTARES OF LAND ARE TO BE RECLAIMED MAINLY FOR USE AS A PARK, A PLAYGROUND, SITTING-OUT AREAS AND A FERRY TERMINAL.

IN ADDITION, A PROPOSED GAS PRODUCTION PLANT WILL BE BUILT ON THE RECLAMATION ALONGSIDE TING KOK ROAD.

RECLAMATION WILL BE FORMED BY PUBLIC DUMPING AND CONTROLLED TIPPING, AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MID-1985.

THE EXTENT OF THE AFFECTED AREA IS DESCRIBED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A NOTICE AND A RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO MARKET, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY OBJECTIONS AND/OR CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS BY JANUARY 8, 1985.

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LOOKING INTO UC PROJECTS

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SOME MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE KENNEDY TOWN AND MOUNT DAVIS AREA COMMITTEE WILL VISIT KENNEDY TOWN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING TO INSPECT VARIOUS URBAN COUNCIL PROJECTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN THE AREA.

ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THEY WILL VISIT THE KENNEDY TOWN WHOLESALE MARKET, THE KENNEDY TOWN SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, THE CATTLE DEPOT AT SMITHFIELD ROAD AND THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND.

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OUTWARD BOUND COURSES OFFERED

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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING ANOTHER 132 SUBSIDISED PLACES FOR DESERVING YOUTHS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL COURSES.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL HAVE THEIR COURSE FEES REDUCED TO ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF THE FULL COST, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

TRAINING INCLUDE SEVERAL OUTWARD BOUND DIPLOMA COURSES TO BE HELD ON BOARD THE OUTWARD BOUND SHIP, JI FUNG, FOR THOSE WHO ARE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THE SKILLS OF MANAGING A SAILING SHIP.

THE COURSES WILL START ON JANUARY 7 AND 30 AND MARCH 14, NEXT YEAR, WITH EACH LASTING FOR 18 DAYS.

THREE LAND BASED TRAINING COURSES KNOWN AS PERSONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSES AND SUITABLE ONLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 23, FEBRUARY 5 AND MARCH 6.

PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCED IN CANOEING AND ARE AGED 18 OR ABOVE MAY JOIN THE ADVANCED CANOE ADVENTURE COURSE ON MARCH 7.

THOSE BETWEEN 12 AND 16 CAN TAKE PART IN A SEVEN-DAY DISCOVERY COURSE, HELD ON THE HILLS AND COAST OF THE SAI KUNG PENINSULA IN FEBRUARY, NEXT YEAR. THEY WILL BE INTRODUCED TO BASIC SKILLS IN VARIOUS LAND SPORTS.

ALL COURSES ARE DESIGNED TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP CONFIDENCE, A CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT, COURAGE AND LEADERSHIP.

APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN AND FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RSS HEAD OFFICE IN WING ON CENTRE, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL OR ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-458511.

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NEW CAUSEWAY BAY ROAD WORKS

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CARRY OUT SEVERAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS IN THE VICINITY OF CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY, TO PROVIDE A DIRECT LINK FOR TRAFFIC BETWEEN TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD AND HING FAT STREET.

THE PROJECTS WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO FINISH ARE:

* THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED ROAD LINKING TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD - AT ITS JUNCTION WITH LAU SIN STREET - TO HING FAT STREET;

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* GROUND LEVEL ROAD WORKS AT LAU SIN STREET, TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, DRAGON ROAD, DRAGON TERRACE AND ELECTRIC ROAD;

* THE WIDENING OF HING FAT STREET, AND

* A PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE OVER KING'S ROAD.

THESE PROPOSALS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE JANUARY 8.

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16 YOUTHS TO VIE FOR QUIZ PRIZE

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THE FINALS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION QUIZ WILL BE HELD AT A SCHOOL IN WESTERN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 11).

THE COMPETITION, AIMED AT TESTING PEOPLE'S KNOWLEDGE ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND CURRENT AFFAIRS, WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN A LOCAL CHINESE NEWSPAPER IN JULY THIS YEAR. THE 16 FINALISTS WHO OBTAINED FULL MARKS IN ANSWERING THE 30 QUESTIONS, WERE SELECTED FROM AMONG SCORES OF ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION.

THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION QUIZ IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND A LOCAL CHINESE NEWSPAPER TO PROMOTE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AMONG YOUTHS AND TO INSTILL IN THEM A SENSE OF SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS.

DURING THE FINALS, CONTESTANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR GROUPS AND WILL HAVE TO ANSWER 200 QUESTIONS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND CURRENT AFFAIRS. THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A MICRO COMPUTER DONATED BY THE ST. LOUIS GROUP OF SCHOOLS, WHILE THREE RUNNERS-UP WILL GET A TYPEWRITER, A CAMERA AND A CALCULATOR.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FINALS TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE ST. LOUIS OLD BOYS' COLLEGE-WEST, 38 HILL ROAD IN WESTERN.

PRESENT AT THE EVENT WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR C.M. LEUNG; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS PAULINE NG CHOW MEI-LIN; CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR LEE TAT-YU; THE SUPERVISOR OF THE ST. LOUIS GROUP OF SCHOOLS, REV. PATRICK DEANE; AND THE ADVISERS OF THE COMPETITION, MR WONG MUNG-HEA OF SING TAO WEN PAO AND MR CHEUNG CHOK-LEUNG OF THE EXPRESS.

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MP'S TO MEET PRESS

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TWO CONSERVATIVE MP'S, SIR HECTOR MONRO AND MR HAL MILLER, WILL MEET THE PRESS TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 11 AM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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