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EX-GRATIA RATES FOR RESUMED LAND REVISED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED REVISED EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION RATES FOR RESUMED LAND.

THE RATE FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND IN THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WILL BE \$48 PER SQUARE FOOT INSTEAD OF THE EXISTING \$40.80 PER SQUARE FOOT.

THE RATE FOR BUILDING LAND WITHIN THE NEW TOWN AREAS WILL BE \$84 PER SQUARE FOOT, COMPARED WITH THE PRESENT RATE OF \$66.

THE RATES FOR LAND RESUMED OUTSIDE THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE THE APPROPRIATE PERCENTAGE OF THE BASIC RATES OF \$40 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND AND \$70 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR BUILDING LAND.

THE PRESENT BASIC RATES FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND AND BUILDING LAND ARE CALCULATED AT \$34 AND \$55 PER SQUARE FOOT.

+THE NEW RATES REPRESENT 18 TO 27 PER CENT INCREASE ON THE EXISTING RATES AND REVERT APPROXIMATELY TO THOSE APPLICABLE IN APRIL 1983,+ A LANDS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE GAZETTE ALSO CONTAINS A LIST OF REVISED CURRENCY VALUES OF NEW TERRITORIES LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A/B).

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, THE NEW VALUES REPRESENT INCREASES BETWEEN 15 TO 30 PER CENT OF THE PRESENT CURRENCY VALUES, DEPENDING ON THE YEAR THE LETTER B WAS ISSUED.

BOTH THE NEW EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION RATES FOR RESUMED LAND AND CURRENCY VALUES FOR LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 1.

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PROGRESS ON JENKINS BILL MONITORED

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REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, CONGRESSMAN DAN ROSTENKOWSKI, HAS ANNOUNCED HIS COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE JENKINS BILL ON SEPTEMBER 19.

COMMENTING ON THIS, MR DONALD TSANG, ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, SAID: +THIS IS NOT AN UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT. IT HAS BEEN CLEAR FOR SOME TIME THAT THINGS WOULD COME TO A HEAD FAIRLY SOON AFTER CONGRESS RESUMED.

/+MR MACLEOD,

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+MR MACLEOD, DIRECTOR OF TRADE, WHO IS IN WASHINGTON, WILL REVIEW THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS MOVE WITH MR WILLIAM DORWARD AND MR PETER LO, AND WITH OUR ADVISERS IN THE U.S.

+WE HAVE IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS ALLOCATED MUCH OF OUR RESOURCES IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN HONG KONG TO THE FIGHT AGAINST THE BILL, AND WE EXPECT TO ANNOUNCE ADDITIONAL MOVES IN STEPPING UP OUR LOBBYING EFFORTS SHORTLY.

+NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME TO MAXIMISE OUR EFFORTS, AND THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT WE WILL BE DOING.+

MR TSANG SAID THAT FURTHER DETAILS OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE'S TIMETABLE FOR CONSIDERING THE BILL ARE BEING SOUGHT FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WASHINGTON OFFICE.

+THE QUESTION OF TIMING AND TACTICS ON THE BILL REMAINS VERY COMPLICATED. WE WILL BE MONITORING DEVELOPMENTS VERY CLOSELY IN WASHINGTON, AND ADJUSTING OUR TACTICS MORE OR LESS ON A DAILY BASIS,+ MR TSANG SAID.

CONSIDERATION IN THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE WAS THE FIRST FORMAL STEP IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS WITHIN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. IF THE BILL PASSED THE COMMITTEE IT COULD THEN BE CONSIDERED BY THE FULL HOUSE. IF PASSED BY THE HOUSE, SIMILAR PROCEDURES WOULD HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE SENATE BEFORE THE BILL COULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT.

ANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BILLS PASSED BY THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE SUBMISSION TO THE PRESIDENT, HE SAID.

THE PRESIDENT HAS 10 DAYS IN WHICH TO CONSIDER ANY BILL. IN THAT TIME HE MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO SIGN THE BILL AND THEREBY PASS IT INTO LAW, OR TO EXERCISE HIS VETO.

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LAND COMMISSION HOLDS 4TH MEETING
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THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION HELD ITS FOURTH MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12-13 TO DISCUSS THE LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR IN RELATION TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION.

THE TWO SIDES EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE PRESENT STATE OF THE PROPERTY MARKET AND FUTURE LAND REQUIREMENTS. THIS DISCUSSION FORMED A USEFUL BASIS FOR FURTHER DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF THE LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 9 TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION ON THE LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME.

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MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES SET OUT
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A NOTICE ON THE INTEREST RATES FOR MORTGAGES OF FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW RATES WILL APPLY TO FLATS WHOSE MORTGAGES COME INTO EFFECT OR ARE DUE FOR A RECALCULATION OF INTEREST IN THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6, 1985.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT PARTICIPATING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, HOWEVER, WERE AT LIBERTY TO CHARGE INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE LEGAL CHARGE AT A LOWER RATE THAN THOSE INDICATED IN THE NOTICE.

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STEADY GROWTH IN HANG LUNG BANK BUSINESS
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THE BOARD OF HANG LUNG BANK LIMITED ANNOUNCES THAT FOR THE YEAR TO MARCH 31, 1985 THE GROUP MADE A LOSS OF \$123 MILLION. THIS COMPARES WITH A LOSS OF \$352 MILLION INCURRED IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY GROWTH IN THE BANK'S BUSINESS, REFLECTING AMONG OTHER FACTORS CONTINUED CONFIDENCE IN THE BANK ITSELF, AND THIS HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE IMPROVEMENT SHOWN BY THESE FIGURES.

CUSTOMERS DEPOSITS HAVE GROWN AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS HAVE INCREASED.

THE BANK CONTINUES IN A HEALTHY LIQUID CONDITION. GROUP SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS AT MARCH 31, 1985 TOTALLED \$357 MILLION AND GROSS ASSETS \$4 096 MILLION.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, IMPROVEMENT WILL CONTINUE IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

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BEACHES CLOSED FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL CONSTRUCTION
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THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY (FRIDAY) GAVE ITS APPROVAL TO THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PARTS OF ANGLER'S BEACH AND A SMALL PART OF THE HILLSIDE BEHIND GEMINI (WEST) BEACH IN TSUEN WAN TO FACILITATE WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECLAMATION OF LAND FOR A NEW CONTAINER TERMINAL IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE PROJECT MANAGER (TSUEN WAN) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, DR EDWARD PRYOR, SAID THAT THE SHAM TSENG AREA HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE MAJOR SOURCE OF FILL FOR THE RECLAMATION OF LAND FOR THE PROPOSED CONTAINER TERMINAL 6. RECLAMATION IS PROGRAMMED TO START IN 1986 AND TO BE COMPLETED BY LATE 1989.

HE ESTIMATED THAT 9.4 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF FILL WOULD BE REQUIRED. AND THE OVERALL RATE OF EXTRACTION WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 20 000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY FOR 25 DAYS A MONTH.

+TO REMOVE THIS QUANTITY OF FILL BY ROAD TO THE RECLAMATION SITE WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT 230 TRUCK MOVEMENTS PER HOUR ONE WAY THROUGHOUT A PERIOD OF THREE TO FOUR YEARS. THIS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE FROM THE TRANSPORT POINT OF VIEW,+ DR PRYOR SAID.

IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THE FILL COULD BE MOVED FAR MORE ECONOMICALLY AND EFFICIENTLY BY A SYSTEM OF OVERHEAD CONVEYOR BELTS NEAR THE BEACHES AND ONTO BARGES TO THE RECLAMATION SITES.

THIS WOULD, HOWEVER, NECESSITATE THE PARTIAL CLOSURE OF THE TWO BEACHES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE TO FOUR YEARS FROM JANUARY 1986 TO ESTABLISH BARGE LOADING POINTS.

COMMENTING ON THE DECISION TO CLOSE THE TWO BEACHES TEMPORARILY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT IN CONSIDERING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE THE DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE FACT THAT UPON COMPLETION OF THE WORK, ANY LAND AFFECTED ABOVE THE SHORELINE WOULD BE RESTORED AND THE RECLAMATION REQUIRED TO FORM THE BARGE LOADING POINT WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION PROJECTS.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ANGLER'S BEACH WAS ALREADY POLLUTED AND +CLOSED TO SWIMMERS+.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT IN SPITE OF THE POLLUTION, THE ANGLER'S BEACH IS VERY POPULAR FOR PICNICKING AND BARBECUING ACTIVITIES AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO AGREE TO ALLOW WORKS TO BE DONE THERE WHICH WOULD DETRACT FROM ITS AMENITY VALUE FOR THREE YEARS.

+BUT HAVING REGARD TO THE ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG OF CONTAINER TERMINAL 6 AND IN VIEW OF THE PROJECT MANAGER (TSUEN WAN)'S ASSURANCES THAT DISRUPTION TO THE EXISTING BARBECUE PICNIC FACILITIES WILL BE REDUCED TO THE MINIMUM, THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED THE PROPOSED PARTIAL CLOSURE WHICH WOULD AFFECT A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT ONE HECTARE TO BE ACCEPTABLE,+ THE SPOKEMAN SAID.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS' ROLE CLARIFIED
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, REITERATED TODAY THAT DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES WOULD SERVE ONLY ON A PERSONAL BASIS.

HE WAS COMMENTING ON NEWSPAPER REPORTS ON THE APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

REFERRING TO SUGGESTIONS THAT DISTRICT BOARDS SHOULD BE INVITED TO NOMINATE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE DISTRICT COMMITTEES, MR CHEUNG POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS ALREADY AN ARRANGEMENT FOR DISTRICT BOARDS TO BE FORMALLY REPRESENTED ON THE COUNCIL.

+THEY ARE THE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS WHO ARE FULL MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL. THEY ARE ELECTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THEY PROVIDE A FORMAL TIE BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS,+ MR CHEUNG SAID.

+FURTHERMORE, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS WILL BE APPOINTED AS CHAIRMEN OF THE NINE DISTRICT COMMITTEES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS, THEREBY ENSURING THAT THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE DISTRICT ARE COORDINATED BY SOMEONE WHO HAS A DEEP KNOWLEDGE AND KEEN UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL CONDITIONS.+

MR CHEUNG RECALLED THAT AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 9, MEMBERS HAD TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE DESIRABILITY OF FORGOING A LINK WITH THE DISTRICT BOARDS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL.

+WE HAVE THEREFORE DECIDED TO INVITE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ALSO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO JOIN OUR DISTRICT COMMITTEES ON A PERSONAL BASIS,+ MR CHEUNG SAID.

MR CHEUNG SAID THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE DISTRICT COMMITTEES WAS STRICTLY AN INTERNAL MATTER FOR THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 11 OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, THE COUNCIL IS VESTED WITH THE POWER TO APPOINT COMMITTEES WITH THE PROVISO THAT MORE THAN ONE HALF OF THOSE APPOINTED TO COMMITTEES MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT FORMAL LETTERS SHOULD NOW BE SENT TO THOSE NOMINATED TO INVITE THEM TO JOIN THE DISTRICT COMMITTEES AS CO-OPTED MEMBERS IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITY.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL TO GET LOGO
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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IS TO HAVE ITS OWN LOGO AFTER IT COMES INTO BEING IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY, AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY DR HO MAN-WUI, WAS APPOINTED TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE ORGANISATION OF AN OPEN DESIGN COMPETITION TO ACQUIRE THE LOGO.

IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT A PANEL OF JUDGES WILL BE FORMED TO PICK THE 10 BEST DESIGNS FOR FINAL SELECTION BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IN APRIL.

DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE.

ROAD SCHEME INCLUDED IN DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT SAI YING PUN AND SHEUNG WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

A BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMENDMENTS WERE NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THE UPGRADED CONNAUGHT ROAD SCHEME WHICH HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED BY CONSULTANTS TO REPLACE THE PROPOSED ELEVATED ROAD ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD. THE SCHEME INCLUDES A FLYOVER AT RUMSEY STREET.

HE SAID THAT BEFORE APPROVING THIS AMENDMENT THE BOARD HAD GIVEN CONSIDERATION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVES, SUCH AS AN UNDERPASS, TO THE RUMSEY STREET FLYOVER.

THE CONSULTANTS HAD RECOMMENDED IN THEIR +STUDY OF THE TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE MID-LEVELS AND CENTRAL DISTRICT+ AN ELEVATED STRUCTURE INSTEAD OF AN UNDERPASS FOLLOWING A STUDY OF ENGINEERING IMPLICATIONS.

+A COMPARISON WAS MADE OF COST, PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION, LIKELY DISRUPTION TO EXISTING UTILITIES AND TRAFFIC FLOW AND THE COST OF POSSIBLE CONNECTION INTO THE PROPOSED WATERFRONT ROAD SYSTEM IN THE LONG TERM.

+ACCORDING TO THE CONSULTANTS' REPORT, AN UNDERPASS WOULD COST \$600 MILLION COMPARED WITH \$165 MILLION FOR THE FLYOVER, TAKE SEVEN YEARS TO BUILD AS AGAINST FOUR YEARS FOR THE FLYOVER AND THE COST OF CONNECTING AN UNDERPASS TO THE PROPOSED WATERFRONT ROAD WOULD BE ABOUT \$56 MILLION AS AGAINST \$5 MILLION FOR A FLYOVER CONNECTION,+ HE SAID.

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CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERPASS, IT WAS NOTED, WOULD INVOLVE MORE EXTENSIVE DIVERSION OF UTILITIES AND WOULD CAUSE GREATER UPHEAVAL TO TRAFFIC OVER A LONGER PERIOD THAN WOULD A FLYOVER.

IT WOULD ALSO BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE THE EXTENSIVE WORKS AREA REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERPASS UNDER PRESENT TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

WORK ON THE PROPOSED RUMSEY STREET FLYOVER IS EXPECTED TO START IN MID-1986 AND TO BE COMPLETED BY 1990. LANDSCAPING IS ALSO INCORPORATED IN THE PROJECT.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 38 PIER ROAD, HARBOUR BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, AND 11TH FLOOR, HONG KONG- PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG- AND THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING BEFORE OCTOBER 3.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP SALES SECTION, SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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NEW FOOTBRIDGE PLANNED

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A PLAN FOR A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS WONG TAI SIN ROAD WILL PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE PEDESTRIAN NETWORK LINKING CHUK YUEN ESTATE TO UPPER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE AND THE MTR STATION.

THE PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON AND AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 4TH AND 5TH FLOORS, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MURRAY BUILDING, 20TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE NOVEMBER 12.

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DB MEMBERS LEARN ABOUT FIRE FIGHTING
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TODAY (FRIDAY) HAD A CLOSER LOOK AT THE WORK OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT DURING VISITS TO A FIRE STATION AND THE FIRE BOAT PIER IN ABERDEEN.

THE VISIT IS PART OF A PROGRAMME ARRANGED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO FAMILIARISE MEMBERS WITH THE OPERATION OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE GENERAL ASPECTS OF FIRE FIGHTING AND FIRE PREVENTION WORK AS WELL AS THE TRAINING OF FIREMEN.

DURING THE TOUR OF THE ABERDEEN FIRE STATION, MEMBERS WATCHED A DEMONSTRATION ON THE USE OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

IT WAS NOTED THAT FIRE WATCH TEAMS SET UP IN SQUATTER AREAS RECEIVED TRAINING AND ADVICE FROM LOCAL FIRE STATIONS. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 24 FIRE WATCH TEAMS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, AND ANOTHER TEN WILL BE FORMED IN 1985-86 WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SPONSORSHIP.

AT THE ABERDEEN FIRE BOAT PIER, MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THE FIRE BOAT, MANNED 24 HOURS, WAS BACKED UP BY FIRE-FIGHTING SERVICES FROM THE ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU FIRE STATIONS TO SERVE THE POPULATION IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER AS WELL AS AREAS ON THE SOUTHERN SHORE OF ABERDEEN AND THE NORTHERN SHORE OF AP LEI CHAU.

BOARD MEMBERS WERE THEN TAKEN ON A TOUR OF ABERDEEN HARBOUR IN ONE OF THE FIRE BOATS.

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BOATS' USE OF RADIOS MADE EASIER
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IT WILL BE EASIER FOR PLEASURE CRAFT OWNERS TO INSTALL AND OPERATE RADIO-COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT SEA, UNDER NEW LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS, BASED ON ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 'OSPREY' INQUIRY.

UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) REGULATIONS 1985 PUBLISHED TODAY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS INTRODUCED A +PLEASURE VESSEL RADIO NETWORK STATION LICENCE+, DESIGNED FOR OWNERS OF PLEASURE VESSELS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE FITTING OF RADIO EQUIPMENT TO PLEASURE CRAFT REMAINS ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS.

+THE MAIN INTENTION IS TO SIMPLIFY LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO INSTALL RADIO EQUIPMENT IN THEIR BOATS,+ HE SAID.

/PLEASURE CRAFT

PLEASURE CRAFT OWNERS WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE LICENCE WITHOUT HAVING FIRST REGISTERED THEIR YACHT IN HONG KONG, AND WITHOUT THE NEED TO PASS AN EXAMINATION IN THE USE OF THE RADIO INSTALLATION, UNLESS IT IS INTENDED FOR OPERATION ON INTERNATIONAL CHANNELS OR FOR LONG-DISTANCE COMMUNICATION.

APPLICATION FORMS AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NEW LICENCE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENSING CENTRES IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CENTRAL, OR KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, YAUMATI. YACHT CLUBS AND MARINAS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PARTICULARS OF THE LICENCE. THEY WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE APPLICATION FORMS TO PLEASURE VESSEL OWNERS.

THE ANNUAL LICENCE FEE IS \$130.

+THIS IS COMPARABLE TO THE LEVEL OF FEE ALREADY BEING PAID FOR A NUMBER OF OTHER RADIO COMMUNICATIONS LICENCES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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INTELPOST ACCEPTANCE OFFICES DOUBLED * * * *

ELEVEN MORE POST OFFICES WILL BE ACCEPTING INTELPOST FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 16), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS WILL BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INTELPOST ACCEPTANCE OFFICES IN HONG KONG TO 22.

THE ADDITIONAL POST OFFICES ARE IN ABERDEEN, CAUSEWAY BAY, TSAT TSZ MUI AND WONG CHUK HANG ON HONG KONG ISLAND- CHEUNG SHA WAN, GILLIES AVENUE, KOWLOON EAST AND SAN PO KONG IN KOWLOON- AND KWAI FONG, TSUEN WAN AND TSUEN WING STREET IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THE INTELPOST SERVICE OFFERS HIGH-SPEED FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND 32 OVERSEAS DESTINATIONS. IT COMBINES THE TRANSMISSION SPEED OF TELEX WITH THE REPRODUCTIVE QUALITY OF A PHOTOCOPIER. DELIVERY AT OVERSEAS DESTINATIONS CAN USUALLY BE WITHIN HOURS,+ HE SAID.

THE ESSENCE OF INTELPOST IS RELIABILITY AND SPEED, HE ADDED.

+IT IS ALREADY ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST PUBLIC ELECTRONIC MAIL SERVICES AND THE INTELPOST NETWORK OF COUNTRIES IS GROWING FAST.+

THOSE HAVING FACSIMILE MACHINES IN THEIR OFFICES CAN, BY ARRANGEMENT, TRANSMIT ITEMS DIRECT TO THE POST OFFICE INTELPOST TERMINAL IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION OVERSEAS AT NO EXTRA COST.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INTELPOST MANAGER ON TELEPHONE 5-2671148.

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COLOMBIA JOINS SPEEDPOST NETWORK

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO COLOMBIA FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 16), BRINGING TO 35 THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK SERVED FROM HONG KONG.

SPEEDPOST ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION TO BOGOTO, MEDELLIN, CALI, BARRANQUILLA, CARTAGENA, CUCUTA, BUCARAMANGA, PEREIRA, SANTA MARTA, ARMENIA, MANIZALES AND PASTO IN COLOMBIA, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GENERAL POST OFFICE SAID.

+ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEES ON THE SECOND WORKING DAY. CONTRACT AND ON DEMAND SERVICES ARE BOTH AVAILABLE,+ HE SAID.

BUT THE SERVICE WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ITEMS ACCEPTED IN THE LETTER POST SERVICE WITH A MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT PER ITEM OF TWO KILOGRAMMES AND THE POSTAGE RATES ARE:

ITEMS WEIGHING UNDER 250G	:\$ 80
ITEMS WEIGHING BETWEEN 250G AND 500G	:\$110
EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500G	:\$ 50

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE POST SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF MANILA AND HONG KONG CAPITAL CORPORATION LIMITED AS DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THEIR OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 14(2) OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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RECORD ENTRIES FOR TOLO HARBOUR SWIM

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A RECORD NUMBER OF SWIMMERS HAVE ENTERED THE CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 15).

THE TOTAL OF 1 400 APPLICATIONS IS THE LARGEST NUMBER RECEIVED IN 18 YEARS FOR THE ANNUAL SWIM FROM SHA LAN TO TAI MEI TUK.

/APPLICANTS INCLUDE

APPLICANTS INCLUDE 182 WOMEN AND 13 HANDICAPPED SWIMMERS WITH THE YOUNGEST ENTRANT BEING 12 YEARS OLD AND THE OLDEST SWIMMER BEING 82 YEARS OLD.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE STARTING CEREMONY AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

SWIMMERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE RACE WILL START AT 10 AM AND THEY HAVE TO REPORT TO THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE AT TIN HAU TEMPLE FUNG SHUI SQUARE, TING KOK ROAD, AT 8.30 AM.

SWIMMERS SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT IF TYPHOON SIGNAL NO. 1 IS HOISTED AT 6 AM ON THAT DAY, THE RACE WILL BE POSTPONED.

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COMPETITION TO TEST MARTIAL ARTS SKILLS
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ENTHUSIASTS OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS SELF-ATTAINMENT AWARD SCHEME, WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND THE HONG KONG CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION.

THE SCHEME, AIMED AT PROMOTING TRADITIONAL ART AND PUBLIC FITNESS, ENCOURAGES PARTICIPANTS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS IN COMPETITIONS.

THE SEMI-FINALS WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 20 AND THE FINALS ON OCTOBER 27, AT MACPHERSON STADIUM.

THE COMPETITIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS FOR MEN, JUNIORS AND WOMEN. THEY MAY ALSO COMPETE IN THE GROUP PERFORMANCE SECTION.

GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE MOST OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 5 AND FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BRANCH AT 14TH FLOOR, RUTTONJEE HOUSE, 11 DUDELL STREET, CENTRAL.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE BRANCH FROM OCTOBER 1.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE AT 5-224415 OR 3-944803.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1985

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CLEVERLY STREET CLOSURE PROPOSED

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CLEVERLY STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD AND WING LOK STREET TO FACILITATE WORK ON THAT SECTION OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

THE PROPOSED WORK WOULD INVOLVE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CARRIAGEWAY, FOOTPATH AND SEWAGE DRAINAGE SYSTEM WITHIN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND THE SECTION BETWEEN WING WO STREET AND MORRISON STREET.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSAL MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, HARBOUR CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS AT MURRAY BUILDING, 20TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY SEPTEMBER 24.

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