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'FULLEST CONFIDENCE' IN UMELCO TRIO - GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT HE HAS THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN SIR S.Y. CHUNG, MISS LYDIA DUNN AND DR Q.W. LEE.

+I THINK THEY ARE RESOLUTE AND CONSCIENTIOUS PEOPLE, AND THEY HAVE THE INTERESTS OF HONG KONG VERY MUCH AT HEART,+ HE SAID.

+AND I THINK THAT THEIR VISIT TO PEKING WAS A VERY USEFUL ONE.

+I THOUGHT I WOULD TELL YOU THAT BEFORE I LEAVE FOR PEKING RATHER THAN MAKE YOU WAIT UNTIL I GET BACK.+

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR PEKING FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

HE POINTED OUT THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE HAD BEEN ASKING HIM ABOUT HIS VIEWS ON THE VISIT OF SIR S.Y. CHUNG AND HIS COLLEAGUES TO PEKING.

+I THOUGHT I SHOULD SAY BEFORE I LEAVE HONG KONG THAT I AM GOING TO LEAVE YOU TO DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS FROM THAT VISIT,+ HE SAID.

+AND I AM NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN IT.+

THE GOVERNOR WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DENIS BRAY, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, AND THE VICE-CHIEF EDITOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR TAN GAN.

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LAND PRODUCTION LEVELS FELT SUFFICIENT

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THE EXISTING AND PLANNED LEVELS OF LAND PRODUCTION ARE MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO MEET HONG KONG'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND SUPPLY, STATES IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1983.

THE COMMITTEE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR W.C.L. BROWN, HAS RECOMMENDED TARGETS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF LAND AND HAS ASSESSED THE ADEQUACY OF GOVERNMENT PROJECTS IN RELATION TO THESE TARGETS.

IT HAS FOCUSED ITS ATTENTION ON THE PROVISION OF LAND FOR HOUSING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

/POLICY OBJECTIVES

POLICY OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW LAND, AND THESE HAVE BEEN COMPARED WITH THE CURRENT LAND PRODUCTION FORECAST TO ASSESS THE EXTENT TO WHICH POLICY OBJECTIVES COULD BE MET.

IN ITS ASSESSMENT OF LAND REQUIREMENTS FOR VARIOUS LAND USES, THE COMMITTEE HAS AGAIN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING A LONGER TERM VIEW OF THE MARKET POTENTIAL WHICH OUGHT NOT TO BE INFLUENCED BY SHORT TERM MARKET CONDITIONS.

THE COMMITTEE'S MAIN CONCLUSIONS ARE:

- * FORECAST LAND PRODUCTION SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN PRODUCTION OF PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING AT 27 000 FLATS A YEAR (A FURTHER 3 000 FLATS ARE TO BE PRODUCED THROUGH REDEVELOPMENT WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE NEW SITES) UP TO 1986-87, BUT GROWING DEFICITS ARE EXPECTED TO OCCUR AFTER 1987-88. CONTINUOUS EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY SITES TO MEET PART OF THE SHORTFALL AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FORMULATION OF AN OVERALL TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY CAN IDENTIFY SUITABLE AREAS FOR LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT TO SATISFY DEMAND.
- * FORECAST LAND SUPPLY SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN PRODUCTION AT 10 000 FLATS A YEAR FOR BOTH HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENT FOR 1985/86.
- * THERE SHOULD BE A MORE THAN ADEQUATE LAND SUPPLY FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO CONTRIBUTE AN AVERAGE OF 27 000 FLATS A YEAR FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WITH SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO ENABLE PRODUCTION TO INCREASE, SHOULD MARKET CONDITIONS IMPROVE. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT A DETAILED STUDY SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO EXAMINE THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS AND THE PATTERN OF PRIVATE HOUSING INVESTMENT WITH A VIEW TO ARRIVING AT AN APPROPRIATE HOUSING MIX TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL INCOME GROUPS.
- * THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN OVER-SUPPLY OF LAND FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY BOTH IN THE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM. THE COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXAMINE LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT TRENDS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN ORDER TO ASSESS WHETHER, IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S TRANSPORT AND OTHER OBJECTIVES, IT IS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE EMPLOYMENT BALANCE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION TO ITS WORK IN SETTING TARGETS, FORECASTING SUPPLY AND MONITORING PERFORMANCE IN LAND SUPPLY, THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO STUDIED SUCH RELATED TOPICS AS:

* THE RELEASE OF SITES WHICH ARE EARMARKED FOR GOVERNMENT/ INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY USES, BUT FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO DEFINITE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS AND PROGRAMMES FOR OTHER TEMPORARY USES.

* THE CONCEPT OF LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS AS A VEHICLE FOR IMPLEMENTING URBAN RENEWAL. THE CONSULTANCY STUDY ON LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS IS COMPLETED AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED IN APPLYING THIS CONCEPT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE OLDER URBAN AREAS. THE COMMITTEE, HOWEVER, CONSIDERS THAT FURTHER STUDIES OF DETAIL WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE A DECISION CAN BE MADE ON WHERE AND WHEN THIS METHOD COULD BE INTRODUCED. IN THE MEANTIME, BASED ON A RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMITTEE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED A CO-ORDINATING URBAN RENEWAL TEAM FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING AN EXPANDED URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAMME.

IN VIEW OF THE OVERALL LAND SUPPLY SITUATION WHICH INDICATES THAT THERE WILL BE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT LAND SUPPLY TO MEET DEMAND, THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDES THAT IT HAS NOW FULFILLED THE MAIN PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS ORIGINALLY FORMED. AS THE REMAINDER OF ITS WORK PROGRAMME IS LIKELY TO BE COMPLETED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE COMMITTEE HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOW REVIEW THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE REPORT, WHICH IS PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY) IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$22.

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BILL AIMS AT IMPROVING CONVEYANCING SYSTEM

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A BILL TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM OF CONVEYANCING IN HONG KONG WILL BE AMONG SIX BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW.

TWO OTHER BILLS ARE DUE FOR COMMITTEE STAGE AND FINAL READING.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON +THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG+ RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON MARIA TAM, AS WELL AS 12 QUESTIONS ASKED.

DUE TO BE INTRODUCED AND READ A SECOND TIME ARE:

* FOREIGN NOTES (PROHIBITION OF CIRCULATION) (REPEAL) BILL 1984, TO REPEAL THE FOREIGN NOTES (PROHIBITION OF CIRCULATION) ORDINANCE WHICH HAS BECOME OBSOLETE;

* INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1984, TO THWART ATTEMPTS TO USE THE OBJECTION OR APPEAL PROCEDURE AS A TAX DEFERRAL DEVICE;

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- * CONVEYANCING AND PROPERTY BILL 1984, TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM OF CONVEYANCING IN HONG KONG;
- * COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1984, TO RE-INSTATE A SUBSECTION OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE;
- * BANKRUPTCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, TO BRING THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE INTO LINE WITH THE WINDING-UP PROVISIONS OF THE AMENDED COMPANIES ORDINANCE; AND
- * EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1984, DEALING WITH THE PRACTICE OF END-OF-YEAR PAYMENT TO EMPLOYEES.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON:

- * THE PUBLIC OMNIBUS SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 AND,
- * THE ANTIBIOTICS, PHARMACY AND POISONS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1984.

PRIOR TO THEIR COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

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SUMMER YOUTH SCHEME GROWS * * *

THE 1984 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL HAVE A BROADER SCOPE OF EVENTS.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY) TO LAUNCH THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SYP POLICY COMMITTEE, SAID THAT MORE THAN 10 000 ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED UNDER THE NEW THEME +HEALTH, HELP, HAPPINESS+.

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE SOCIAL SERVICE PROJECTS, LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES, CAMPS, VISITS AND EXCURSIONS, COMPETITIONS, FUN FAIRS, SPORTS ACTIVITIES, MUSIC CAMPS AND THE +SWINGING SUMMER+ TV SERIES.

AS BEFORE, THE EVENTS WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

+WITH THE CONTINUING SHIFT OF RESPONSIBILITY TO DISTRICT MANAGEMENT, DISTRICTS HAVE NOW A MORE SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE ORGANISATION AND CO-ORDINATION OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES, AND THE SPENDING OF JOCKEY CLUB FUNDS FOR DISTRICT PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL BE DONE IN THE DISTRICTS RATHER THAN AT THE CENTRE,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

/HE ANTICIPATED

HE ANTICIPATED THAT THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WILL RISE ABOVE \$13 MILLION, OF WHICH \$5 MILLION IS CONTRIBUTED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, RHKJC HAS PROVIDED INVALUABLE SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAMME.

DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE, A CHEQUE PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY MR LI FOOK-WO, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, RHKJC.

TODAY'S CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE SYP POLICY AND CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES AS WELL AS THE CHAIRMEN OF THE 18 DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES. ALSO PRESENT WERE THREE OUTSTANDING YOUTH LEADERS WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME AND SERVICE TOWARDS LAST YEAR'S PROGRAMME.

MR AKERS-JONES STRESSED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME DEPENDED TO A LARGE EXTENT ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND CO-OPERATION AND THE SUPPORT OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

HE THANKED ALL THOSE CONCERNED FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN ORGANISING AND IMPROVING THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, AND THE MEDIA FOR PUBLICISING THE ACTIVITIES.

TO MAKE YOUNGSTERS AWARE OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, A NEW TV API (ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST) HAS BEEN PRODUCED AND WILL BE SCREENED ON TV FREQUENTLY IN THE COMING MONTHS. IT WILL BE SUPPORTED BY A WIDE DISPLAY OF POSTERS.

ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CAN OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION FROM THE 18 DISTRICT OFFICES.

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SEWAGE SCREENING FOR LARGEST PLANT

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SEWAGE SCREENING EQUIPMENT WORTH \$21.4 MILLION WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE KWUN TONG SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT, WHICH WILL BE THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.

A CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF PUMPS, SCREENS AND GRIT CHANNELS, WAS TODAY AWARDED TO GILMAN ENGINEERING LIMITED BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IT WAS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, AND MR T.P. BOWTLE, GILMAN'S MANAGING DIRECTOR.

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THE SCREENING PLANT IS BEING BUILT ON A 9 780-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF WAI YIP AND WING YIP STREETS, AND WILL HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF WATER BEING DISCHARGED INTO THE EASTERN PART OF VICTORIA HARBOUR.

IT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE TREATMENT FACILITIES TO SERVE A POPULATION OF CLOSE TO ONE MILLION, AND 122 HECTARES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND IN THE NGAU TAU KOK, SAU MAU PING, LAM TIN AND KWUN TONG AREAS.

ON COMPLETION BY THE END OF 1986, THE PLANT WILL TREAT EFFLUENT FROM THE AREA BEFORE DISCHARGING IT INTO THE SEA THROUGH A SUBMARINE OUTFALL CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

CONSISTING OF TWIN 2 100-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER PIPELINES, THE OUTFALL IS BEING LAID ON THE SEABED OFF WAI YIP STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 1 400 METRES OUT INTO THE HARBOUR. THE TREATED SEWAGE WILL THEN BE DILUTED AND DISPERSED IN DEEP WATER, REDUCING HARBOUR POLLUTION.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORK FOR THE PROJECT IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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\$149.6M FOR 2 448 FLATS
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CONSTRUCTION WORK IS TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH, UNDER A \$149.6 MILLION TENDER, ON THE FIRST THREE DOMESTIC BLOCKS FOR TIN PING ESTATE, THE THIRD PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT IN FANLING/SHEK WU HUI NEW TOWN.

+THE 35-STOREY TRIDENT II BLOCKS WILL PROVIDE ALTOGETHER 2 448 MODERN FLATS FOR SOME 11 000 PEOPLE ON COMPLETION BY 1986,+ SAID A HOUSING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN TODAY.

HE SAID THE WORKS WOULD ALSO INCLUDE A STANDARD SEVEN-STOREY PRIMARY SCHOOL, AND A PARKING AREA FOR 38 LORRIES, PLUS ASSOCIATED ROADS, DRAINAGE AND EXTERNAL WORKS.

TIN PING ESTATE IS BEING DEVELOPED IN TWO PHASES AND WILL HOUSE ALTOGETHER 22 200 PEOPLE, COMPLETE WITH WIDE-RANGING FACILITIES, ON FULL COMPLETION BY 1987.

THE SECOND PHASE WILL COMPRISE ANOTHER THREE DOMESTIC BLOCKS WITH 2 500 NEW FLATS FOR 11 200 PEOPLE.

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PRISONS CHIEF TO ATTEND TALKS
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HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, WILL BE SPEAKING ON THE SUBJECT +EDUCATION BEYOND PRISON+, AT A FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRISON EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

MR GARNER, WHO WILL ALSO BE GOING ON LEAVE TOMORROW, WILL BE AMONG 30 INVITED PARTICIPANTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES AT THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN SUSSEX BETWEEN JULY 3 AND 5. THE CONFERENCE IS ORGANISED BY THE OPEN UNIVERSITY, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE HOME OFFICE AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

FROM JULY 24 TO 28, MR GARNER AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR KAN KWOK-NAM, WILL ATTEND THE 5TH ASIAN AND PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS HOSTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TONGA.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AT THIS CONFERENCE INCLUDE THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY, THE ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS IN RELATION TO PROGRAMMES FOR INMATES, AND PROBLEMS OF THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED, IN PRISONS.

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MORE SEWERS FOR TAI O
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ADDITIONAL SEWERS WILL BE BUILT AT TAI O, LANTAU, TO SERVE EXISTING AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE TOWN.

A \$6.99 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK HAS BEEN AWARDED TO WONG KEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE PREPARATORY EARTH-FILLING WORK FOR ABOUT A HECTARE OF LAND NORTH OF TAI O PRIOR TO SITE FORMATION WORK.

IN ADDITION, A 40-METRE-LONG TRIAL SEAWALL WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE SOUTHERN BANK OF THE TAI O RIVER CHANNEL TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FLOODING.

IT WILL BE USED FOR DESIGN TESTING AND FORM PART OF A PERMANENT SEAWALL TO BE BUILT AT A LATER STAGE.

WORK ON THE WHOLE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES GUIDE REVISED

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ONE OF THE MANY USEFUL BOOKS PRODUCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, GUIDE TO COMMUNITY SERVICES, HAS JUST BEEN REPRINTED IN A REVISED EDITION.

THE POCKET-SIZE BILINGUAL BOOKLET, FIRST ISSUED IN 1978, PROVIDES THE PUBLIC WITH HANDY INFORMATION ON ALL UC FACILITIES AND OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

A NUMBER OF NEW SECTIONS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE LATEST EDITION. THESE INCLUDE EMERGENCY SERVICES, HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, CHANNELS FOR COMPLAINTS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF HOTELS AND CONSULATES, AS WELL AS BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH REGISTRATION.

IN ADDITION, IT CONTAINS TWO FOLDED MAPS SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE EXISTING COUNTRY PARKS AND THE MTR STATIONS. THERE IS ALSO A CONVERSION TABLE OF METRIC UNITS MOST COMMONLY ENCOUNTERED IN DAY-TO-DAY USE.

THE GUIDE TO COMMUNITY SERVICES IS NOW ON SALE AT \$2 A COPY FROM THE URBAN COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN ICE HOUSE STREET AND FROM THE UC BOOKSHOP IN THE LOBBY OF THE CITY HALL LOW BLOCK.

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COMPETITION ON BOOK REPORT

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A CHINESE +VERBAL BOOK REPORT+ COMPETITION IS BEING HELD TO ENCOURAGE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO READ EXTENSIVELY DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

ENTRIES TO THE COMPETITION SHOULD BE IN THE FORM OF TAPE-RECORDED REPORTS ON THE BIOGRAPHY OF A WELL-KNOWN ANCIENT OR MODERN CHARACTER.

PARTICIPANTS CAN READ FROM ONE OR MORE THAN ONE BOOKS.

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ALSO AIMS TO DEVELOP THE VERBAL SKILLS OF STUDENTS.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS: THE JUNIOR SECTION FOR STUDENTS IN FORMS 1 TO 3 AND THE SENIOR SECTION FOR THOSE IN FORMS 4 TO 7.

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TAPES SUBMITTED FOR THE JUNIOR SECTION SHOULD LAST FOR NOT MORE THAN EIGHT MINUTES, AND THOSE FOR THE SENIOR SECTION FOR NOT MORE THAN 10 MINUTES.

SCHOOLS SHOULD MAKE A PRELIMINARY SCREENING OF THEIR STUDENTS' ENTRIES AND SUBMIT THE BEST THREE ENTRIES FOR EACH SECTION TO THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE BEFORE OCTOBER 5.

SOUVENIRS AND BOOKS WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE BEST SIX ENTRIES OF EACH SECTION AND THE RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY 1985.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE CENTRE ON 3-7128476.

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GEOGRAPHY COURSES FOR MATRIC STUDENTS

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SIXTEEN RESIDENTIAL GEOGRAPHY COURSES WILL BE ORGANISED IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR FOR MATRICULATION STUDENTS AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S FIELD STUDY CENTRE IN SAI KUNG.

JOINTLY HELD BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, 13 OF THE COURSES WILL BE FOR LOWER AND UPPER VI GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS STUDYING FOR THE HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION, AND WILL BE FOR FOUR DAYS.

THREE OTHER COURSES WILL BE DESIGNED FOR MIDDLE VI GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THE HONG KONG HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION, AND WILL BE FOR TWO DAYS.

THE COURSES WILL INCLUDE FIELD WORK, LABORATORY WORK, DISCUSSIONS AND DATA PROCESSING.

EACH COURSE WILL BE LIMITED TO 40 PERSONS. AT LEAST ONE TEACHER FROM EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL WILL BE REQUIRED TO STAY IN THE CAMP WITH THE STUDENTS AND TO ASSIST IN CONDUCTING THE COURSES.

NO TUITION FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE COURSES, BUT ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS WILL BE PROVIDED AT \$90 FOR EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE ADVANCED LEVEL COURSE AND \$38 EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE HIGHER LEVEL COURSE.

HEADS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHO WOULD LIKE THEIR GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COURSES SHOULD APPLY TO THE INSPECTOR, FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, PAK KONG, NEW TERRITORIES, ON OR BEFORE JULY 6.

ENQUIRIES ON THE COURSES MAY BE MADE TO THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE AT 3-2814009.

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LONE SAILOR RESCUED
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A YACHTSMAN WAS RESCUED FROM HIS SINKING VESSEL BY A CONTAINER SHIP NEAR HONG KONG EARLY TODAY.

THE SHIP 'CHINA CONTAINER' RESCUED MR V. LUNACOK, FROM HIS YACHT 'LAMBRACE', WHICH WAS SINKING ABOUT 85 MILES TO THE EAST OF THE TERRITORY.

THE 'CHINA CONTAINER' WAS ON A VOYAGE FROM KAOHSIUNG TO HONG KONG, SAID A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN. THE 'LAMBRACE' WAS ON AN IDENTICAL TRIP.

THE 'CHINA CONTAINER' IS NOW DOCKED AT KWAI CHUNG.

IT WAS INITIALLY BELIEVED THAT A SECOND YACHT, THE 'KENNEBECK', THOUGHT TO HAVE A CREW OF TWO ON BOARD, MIGHT ALSO BE IN DIFFICULTY. HOWEVER, THE YACHT WAS LATER LOCATED AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

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TRAINEE RECRUITMENT
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THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 11.30 AM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 28), AT ROOM 1405, HARBOUR CENTRE, WAN CHAI, TO ANNOUNCE THE ARRANGEMENT FOR TRAINEES RECRUITMENT FOR ITS FIVE TRAINING CENTRES IN THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX.

MR M.C. MORGAN, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VTC, WILL INTRODUCE THE MANAGERS OF THE CENTRES TO THE PRESS. STAFF OF THE COUNCIL WILL ALSO EXPLAIN DETAILS OF THE YEARLY COURSES TO BE OFFERED.

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REST GARDEN TO BE OPENED
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A REST GARDEN IN THE HEART OF YAU MA TEI WILL BE OPENED TO RESIDENTS FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE MARKET STREET ROTARY GARDEN IS AN EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE STREET PLAYGROUND, AND A JOINT PROJECT OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST.

OF THE \$240 000 THAT THE PROJECT COST, \$90 000, WAS GRANTED BY THE BOARD AND THE REST BY THE ROTARY CLUB.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILFRED WONG, THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT ADVISER, DR K.F. NIP, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST, MR DENNIS SIN.

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