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KCRC ASKED TO TAKE ON TUEN MUN LRT
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS REAFFIRMED THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM AS THE MOST SUITABLE PRINCIPAL MODE OF INTERNAL TRANSPORT FOR THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION SHOULD BE INVITED TO CONSIDER TAKING ON THE LRT AS OWNER AND OPERATOR, AND TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SIX CONSORTIA WHICH HAVE SHOWN STRONG AND CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE PROJECT. THE KCRC WILL MAKE ITS OWN ASSESSMENT OF VIABILITY, BEFORE COMING TO ITS DECISION.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALAN SCOTT, SAID ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE CONSORTIA, BOTH FROM THE TRANSPORT AND ECONOMIC POINTS OF VIEW, INDICATED THAT PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN FUNDING THIS MAJOR PROJECT COULD BEST BE ACHIEVED BY COOPERATION WITH A PUBLIC CORPORATION.

THE DECISION BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL FOLLOWS A RE-EXAMINATION OF THE LRT AND BUS OPTIONS FOR THE CORE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR TUEN MUN, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES AND CHANGING TRANSPORT NEEDS AND TRAFFIC PATTERNS.

THE ORIGINAL TUEN MUN TRANSPORT STUDY OF 1978 FORECAST THAT 37 PER CENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT TRIPS WOULD BE MADE TO OR FROM LOCALITIES OUTSIDE THE NEW TOWN, OF WHICH 22 PER CENT WOULD BE TRIPS WITHIN THE REGION AND 15 PER CENT WOULD BE MADE BY PEOPLE COMMUTING TO OR FROM THE METROPOLITAN AREA. BUT IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT IN ALL THE NEW TOWNS, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN SLOWER THAN FORECAST AND NEW RESIDENTS HAVE TENDED TO HOLD THEIR EXISTING JOBS, WITH THE RESULT THAT COMMUTING TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA IS AT A HIGHER LEVEL THAN FORECAST. WITH SMALLER HOUSEHOLDS AND THEREFORE SLOWER POPULATION GROWTH THAN PREDICTED, REVISED FORECASTS WERE MADE.

MR SCOTT SAID AS A RESULT, THE REVISED FORECASTS PREDICTED THAT BY THE MID-1990S, ABOUT 47 PER CENT OF TRIPS WOULD BE MADE TO AND FROM LOCALITIES OUTSIDE THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES REGION.

+SUCH A MOVEMENT PATTERN WILL PLACE CONSIDERABLE DEMANDS ON BOTH THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND ON EXTERNAL SERVICES TO OTHER AREAS, AND RATHER THAN REDUCING THE VIABILITY OF THE LRT SYSTEM, THE REDISTRIBUTION OF THE PREDICTED POPULATION FROM A CONCENTRATION IN TUEN MUN TO A LARGER AREA MEANS THAT A MORE EXTENSIVE NETWORK WILL BE REQUIRED,+ HE EXPLAINED.

THE 1977-78 STUDY FORECAST 651 000 DAILY BOARDINGS IN 1991, OF WHICH 515 000 WOULD BE ON LRT SERVICES. THE LATEST PREDICTIONS (MADE IN AUGUST THIS YEAR) FORECAST THAT IN 1997, LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT BOARDINGS WILL RANGE FROM 666 000 TO 703 000 DAILY, OF WHICH 478 000 TO 515 000 WOULD BE ON LRT SERVICES.

THUS THE PREDICTED ULTIMATE RIDERSHIP OF THE SYSTEM HAD CHANGED VERY LITTLE, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD DEVELOP LATER THAN ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED, MR SCOTT POINTED OUT.

+THEREFORE, THE VIABILITY OF THE LRT IS ESSENTIALLY UNALTERED, EVEN IF THE TIMING HAS CHANGED,+ HE EMPHASISED.

HE ADDED THAT THE CONSULTANTS WHO CONDUCTED THE NORTH WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES BASE STRATEGY STUDIES HAD NOTED THAT THE LRT SYSTEM HAD THE POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE THE BEST LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN HONG KONG AND TO GIVE THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT.

HE SAID THAT BY THE MID-1990S, THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES WOULD BE A CONURBATION CONSISTING OF THE FOUR URBAN COMMUNITIES OF TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TIN SHUI WAI AND THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD CORRIDOR. THIS CONURBATION, WHICH WILL HOUSE 840 000 PEOPLE BY 1996, WOULD BE SERVED BY THE LRT SYSTEM.

MR SCOTT SAID CAREFUL CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE BUS OPTION, AND WHILE IT HAD A SHORT-TERM ADVANTAGE, THE LRT WAS JUDGED MORE SUITABLE IN THE LONGER TERM.

+THE CONSORTIA'S ANALYSES AND PROPOSALS SHOW THAT A HIGH QUALITY RAIL SERVICE WITH THE USER CONVENIENCE OF A TRAM, BUT THE PROTECTED TRACKS AND SERVICE QUALITY OF A CONVENTIONAL RAILWAY, CAN BE PROVIDED FOR A COST IMPLYING FARE LEVELS ACCEPTABLE TO PASSENGERS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

+THE BUS SYSTEM WOULD HAVE LOWER INITIAL USER COSTS, BUT WOULD BE MORE EXPENSIVE TO USE IN THE LONGER TERM. IT WOULD NOT HAVE THE SAME CAPACITY AS AN LRT TO EXPAND TO ABSORB ADDITIONAL DEMAND AS THE REGION EXPANDS, AND ITS QUALITY OF SERVICE WOULD EVENTUALLY BE SEVERELY AFFECTED BY CONGESTION.+

COMMENTING ON THE PROPOSED INVOLVEMENT OF THE KCRC IN THE PROJECT, MR SCOTT SAID THE CORPORATION WAS A NATURAL CHOICE. IT HAS THE POWER TO RAISE LOANS; IT IS PROJECTED TO BE GENERATING A CASH FLOW SURPLUS BY THE LATE 1980S; ITS MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED AND DEVELOPED TO MANAGE A MODERN ELECTRIC RAILWAY; IT HAS THE CAPACITY TO EXPAND AND TAKE ON THE LRT AND PROFITS WOULD GO TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR, RATHER THAN TO A PRIVATE OPERATOR.

HE ESTIMATED THAT, SUBJECT TO THE KCRC'S OWN INVESTIGATION OF VIABILITY AND ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITMENT, THE FIRST SERVICES OF THE LRT COULD BE COMMISSIONED LATE IN 1987, WHICH WAS IN GOOD TIME TO MATCH THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN.

LEGO TO DEAL WITH SEVEN BILLS, 13 QUESTIONS

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TWO NEW BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED, AND DEBATE WILL THEN RESUME ON FIVE OTHER BILLS WHICH ARE TO GO THROUGH THEIR COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READINGS AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

APART FROM THAT, 13 QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ON A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS.

THE TWO NEW BILLS ARE THE:

- * ENTERTAINMENTS TAX (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL 1983, WHICH WILL BE READ A SECOND TIME BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMIDGE, MAKING CLEAR THAT ADMISSION TO A RACE COURSE FOR CROSS BETTING IS SUBJECT TO TAX AND,
- * TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, WHICH WILL BE READ BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY.

THE FIVE BILLS DUE FOR THEIR COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READINGS ARE:

- * MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, CLARIFYING THE FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MTRC AND THE GOVERNMENT;
- * INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT)(NO. 4) BILL 1983, DEALING WITH THE REMOVAL OF INTEREST TAX ON HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS;
- * ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING-OFFENCE POINTS)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, RECTIFYING THE OMISSION OF TWO TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS;
- * INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) BILL 1983, ALLOWING COURTS TO IMPOSE THE SAME PUNISHMENT FOR ATTEMPTS, CONSPIRACIES AND INCITEMENTS AS FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE OFFENCE;
- * CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG BILL 1983, PROVIDING THE FINAL STEP TO BRING THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG INTO BEING.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE THREE STATEMENTS AND THREE MOTIONS AT THE MEETING.

THE STATEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY THE HON. LYDIA DUNN, ON THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT, BY THE HON. ALLEN LEE ON THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT, AND BY THE HON. WONG PO YAN ON THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT.

THE MOTIONS WILL DEAL WITH THE MEDICAL CLINICS ORDINANCE, THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE AND THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE.

THIRD QUARTER BUSINESS SURVEY REPORT RELEASED
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY CONDUCTED IN OCTOBER 1983.

ABOUT 800 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCE IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983, AND THEIR BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1983.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY INDICATE THAT BUSINESS RECOVERY CONTINUED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE 'MANUFACTURING' SECTOR IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983.

ON THE WHOLE, FIRMS IN THE 'MANUFACTURING' SECTOR ACHIEVED A MODERATE IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983 WHICH LARGELY ACCORDS WITH THE EXPECTATIONS RECORDED IN THE LAST ROUND OF THE SURVEY.

HOWEVER, FIRMS IN THE 'CONSTRUCTION' SECTOR EXPERIENCED A RATHER SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE WORSE THAN THEY ANTICIPATED IN THE LAST ROUND.

FOR THE 'WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS' SECTOR, RESPONDENTS REPORTED A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS WHICH WAS IN LINE WITH THEIR EARLIER EXPECTATIONS.

AS REGARDS THE 'OTHER SERVICES' SECTOR, A MILD IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS WAS ATTAINED BY FIRMS ALTHOUGH THE EXTENT OF IMPROVEMENT TURNED OUT TO BE LESS SIGNIFICANT THAN THAT EXPECTED IN THE PREVIOUS SURVEY.

RESPONDENTS IN THE 'MANUFACTURING', 'WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS' AND 'OTHER SERVICES' SECTORS ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1983.

SOME IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IS ANTICIPATED BY FIRMS IN THE 'MANUFACTURING' SECTOR WHILE FIRMS IN THE OTHER TWO SECTORS ARE ALSO CONFIDENT OF AN IMPROVED BUSINESS SITUATION.

IN CONTRAST, THE 'CONSTRUCTION' SECTOR SHOWS NO SIGNS OF RECOVERY AND RESPONDENTS EXPECT THE DOWNTREND IN BUSINESS TO CONTINUE INTO THE FOURTH QUARTER.

WITHIN THE 'MANUFACTURING' SECTOR, A FAVOURABLE BUSINESS SITUATION WAS EXPERIENCED BY FIRMS ACROSS INDUSTRIES IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

IN PARTICULAR, FIRMS IN THE 'FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO', 'PLASTICS', 'ELECTRONICS' AND 'ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES' INDUSTRIES EXPERIENCED A MORE SUBSTANTIAL BUSINESS RECOVERY.

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FIRMS IN THE OTHER INDUSTRIES ALSO EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS TO VARYING DEGREES. NOTABLY, THE BUSINESS UPTURN FOR THE 'TEXTILES' INDUSTRY IN THE THIRD QUARTER TURNED OUT TO BE MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN EARLIER EXPECTED.

FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER, FIRMS IN THE 'FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO' AND 'PLASTICS' INDUSTRIES EXPECT A DECLINE IN BUSINESS WHICH IS MAINLY DUE TO SEASONAL FACTORS.

RESPONDENTS IN THE 'WEARING APPAREL', 'TEXTILES', 'FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS' AND 'ELECTRONICS' INDUSTRIES ANTICIPATE THE IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS TO CONTINUE INTO THE FOURTH QUARTER, WHEREAS LITTLE CHANGE IN BUSINESS OUTLOOK IS INDICATED BY RESPONDENTS IN THE OTHER INDUSTRIES.

FIRMS IN THE 'CONSTRUCTION' SECTOR REPORTED A POORER PERFORMANCE IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND A CONTINUED DOWNTREND IS EXPECTED FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER.

FIRMS IN THE 'WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE' AS WELL AS THE 'RESTAURANTS' SECTORS EXPERIENCED AN UPTURN IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND ARE FAIRLY CONFIDENT ABOUT THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER.

BUSINESS IN THE 'HOTELS' SECTOR WAS MAINTAINED AT THE SECOND QUARTER LEVEL DURING THE THIRD QUARTER.

THIS WAS A FAVOURABLE SITUATION SINCE ACCORDING TO HISTORICAL PATTERNS, THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE IS NORMALLY MUCH BELOW SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE. FURTHERMORE, A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IS EXPECTED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER WHICH IS USUALLY THE SEASONAL PEAK.

THE 'OTHER SERVICES' SECTOR ACHIEVED A MILD UPTURN IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS ARE EXPECTED FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER, WITH FIRMS IN THE 'TRANSPORTATION' INDUSTRY PARTICULARLY OPTIMISTIC.

AS FOR BANKS, THE EARLIER EXPECTATION OF A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER DID NOT MATERIALISE ALTHOUGH THE BUSINESS CLIMATE, WHICH HAD BEEN UNFAVOURABLE FOR THREE OR FOUR QUARTERS, HAD IMPROVED. THEY ARE VERY CONSERVATIVE IN THEIR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

UNCERTAINTIES THROUGH EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS, HIGH MATERIAL PRICES AND HIGH INTEREST RATES WERE THE MAJOR PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY FIRMS IN THE 'MANUFACTURING' SECTOR IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

THESE PROBLEMS WERE REPORTED BY A LARGE MAJORITY OF MANUFACTURING FIRMS AND ARE EXPECTED TO PERSIST IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

AS REGARDS THE 'CONSTRUCTION' SECTOR, INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS CONTRACTS AND PRICE COMPETITION FROM FIRMS IN HONG KONG CONTINUED TO BE THE MAJOR PROBLEMS, WITH LITTLE PROSPECT OF EASING IN THE COMING QUARTER. INCREASING CONCERN WAS INDICATED BY RESPONDENTS WITH REGARD TO THE PROBLEM OF UNCERTAINTIES OVER EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS AND HIGH MATERIAL PRICES FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS.

FIRMS IN THE 'WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE' BUSINESS ALSO INDICATED UNCERTAINTIES OVER EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS, HIGH INTEREST RATES AND PRICE COMPETITION AS PREDOMINANT PROBLEMS IN THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS.

INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS AND PRICE COMPETITION STILL REMAINED THE PREDOMINANT PROBLEMS FOR THE 'RESTAURANTS' SECTOR.

RESPONDENTS IN THE 'HOTELS' SECTOR CONTINUED TO INDICATE PRICE COMPETITION AS THE MAIN PROBLEM FOR BOTH THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS.

AS FOR BANKS, RESPONDENTS INDICATED EXCHANGE RATE UNCERTAINTIES AS THE MAJOR PROBLEM BOTH FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE SURVEY RESULTS, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, WERE BASICALLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONE SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION OF HONG KONG.

PARTICIPATING FIRMS WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINIONS, THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AND LEVEL OF CAPACITY UTILISATION HAD 'IMPROVED', 'REMAINED THE SAME' OR 'DETERIORATED' IN THE IMMEDIATELY PAST QUARTER AS COMPARED WITH THE QUARTER BEFORE.

FOR THE FORTHCOMING QUARTER, THEY WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER THE SITUATION WILL 'IMPROVE', 'REMAIN THE SAME' OR 'DETERIORATE'.

THE BALANCE OF OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED.

THE SURVEY REPORT ALSO CONTAINS A SECTION ON BUSINESS PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED AND EXPECTED BY FIRMS IN DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SECTORS AND A BREAKDOWN OF VIEWS OF FIRMS BY SIZE GROUPS.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT FOR A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, THE RESULTS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH CARE AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS AND STATISTICAL TABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND TO OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN COPIES FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALE CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$3 PER COPY.

FURTHER DETAILS ON THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-423401.

HK BENEFITS FROM SINO-BRITISH TRUST FUND
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HONG KONG HAD BENEFITED ENORMOUSLY FROM THE SINO-BRITISH FELLOWSHIP TRUST FOUNDED BY MAJOR CHARLES FRANKLAND MOORE IN 1947, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR HAYE POINTED OUT THAT THE TRUST FUND AND ASSOCIATED SCHOLARSHIPS WERE SET UP TO FOSTER THE TIES BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF CHINA AND BRITAIN AND TO HELP CHINESE STUDENTS WITH FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IN BRITAIN TO COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES AND RETURN HOME TO HONG KONG TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

+WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME THE TRUST HAS GROWN TO ENABLE THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO POSTGRADUATES OF CHINESE ORIGIN TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

+HONG KONG HAS BENEFITED ENORMOUSLY FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRUST AND SINCE THE SETTING UP OF THE FUND MORE THAN 350 SCHOLARS IN HONG KONG HAVE BENEFITED,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

MR HAYE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE SINO-BRITISH FELLOWSHIP TRUST SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION AWARDS.

THE WIDOW OF MR MOORE, DR ELIZABETH MOORE, WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY.

TO COMMEMORATE DR MOORE'S VISIT TO HONG KONG, THE SINO-BRITISH FELLOWSHIP TRUST SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION, IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL CHARLES FRANKLAND MOORE AWARD FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION, HAS GIVEN FIVE ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS THIS YEAR.

THEY ARE:

- * A DONATION OF \$4 000 TO SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOOK AWARD TO BE GIVEN ANNUALLY TO THE BEST STUDENT IN THE COLLEGE'S SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT;
- * AN AWARD OF \$2 000 EACH TO THE BEST STUDENT IN THE CURRENT YEAR CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION WITH OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES IN BUDDHIST STUDIES AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES RESPECTIVELY;
- * AN AWARD OF \$2 000 TO THE BEST STUDENT RECOMMENDED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL; AND
- * AN AWARD OF \$2 000 TO THE BEST STUDENT AMONG HANDICAPPED STUDENTS IN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

MR HAYE ANNOUNCED THAT THIS YEAR'S CHARLES FRANKLAND MOORE AWARD WENT TO MISS KAM YEE TSUI OF YING WA GIRLS' SCHOOL.

CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE FAMILY HAPPINESS

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THE FAMILY EDUCATION MESSAGE HAS GRADUALLY GOT ACROSS TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH YEARS OF WORK BY THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THIS YEAR'S FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL START WITH A VARIETY SHOW NIGHT TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

SHE SAID THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN WAS ORGANISED TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE AND TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

+THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, THE PUBLIC MAY KNOW BETTER THE GROWTH AND BEHAVIOUR OF A PERSON AND HIS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FAMILY AND SOCIETY,+ SHE SAID.

MRS DOE SAID +BUILDING A HAPPY FAMILY+ HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN THEME.

THE ONE-AND-A-HALF-HOUR SHOW, FEATURING SINGING, DANCING, A SONG OPERA AND OTHER PERFORMANCES, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE CENTRAL GUIDING COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, WHICH COMPRISES A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEMBER AGENCIES OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BE SCREENED ON HK-TVBS JADE CHANNEL ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 26) BETWEEN 9.30 PM AND 10.30 PM.

APART FROM THE SHOW, A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED BY DISTRICT WELFARE UNITS AND ORGANISATIONS AND SUPPORTED BY PUBLICITY MATERIALS, SUCH AS RADIO PROGRAMMES, A SHORT TELEVISION FILM, RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS, POSTERS AND CALENDAR CARDS -- ALL BEARING CAMPAIGN MESSAGES AND SLOGANS.

ALSO ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE MR SIMON LUN AND MISS MARIA WAN OF RTHK, MISS LOLITA NG OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MRS BETTY SHUM OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, MR CHIU YU-HEI, A DONOR AND MR STEPHEN LAM OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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SURVEY ON EDUCATION ATTAINMENT OF TECHNOLOGISTS

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A SURVEY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON EDUCATION ATTAINMENT OF TECHNOLOGISTS EMPLOYED IN MAJOR INDUSTRIES WILL BE HELD FROM DECEMBER 5 TO JANUARY 9.

THE FIVE-WEEK SURVEY, SUPPLEMENTARY TO EXISTING MANPOWER SURVEYS, WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MANPOWER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY UNDER THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC).

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+FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WILL SERVE AS USEFUL REFERENCES FOR LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN FORMULATING FUTURE EDUCATION PLANS FOR THE TRAINING OF TECHNOLOGISTS,+ A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

EMPLOYERS WILL BE ASKED TO FURNISH INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF TECHNOLOGISTS EMPLOYED AND THEIR EDUCATION ATTAINMENTS INCLUDING DEGREES, ASSOCIATESHIP AND DIPLOMAS HELD.

LATEST STATISTICS SHOW THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 20 000 TECHNOLOGISTS EMPLOYED IN 34 000 ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WAS SET UP TO REVIEW THE MANPOWER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY CURRENTLY IN USE BY THE VTC, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT THE DATA COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICS SUMMARY WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT TO EMPLOYERS SELECTED FROM RANDOM SAMPLING.

OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO COLLECT AND HELP COMPLETE THE FORMS.

ALSO ASSISTING IN THE SURVEY ARE THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOUNG DELEGATES RETURNING
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A YOUTH DELEGATION WILL RETURN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON AFTER AN 11-DAY TRIP IN THE SULTANATE OF OMAN.

THE NINE LOCAL YOUTHS ARE AMONG 50 DELEGATIONS INVITED BY THE OMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO ATTEND THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS HELD ON NOVEMBER 19 AND 20.

THE YOUTHS WILL ARRIVE AT 3 PM TOMORROW BY FLIGHT CX 710. YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THEIR ARRIVAL.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS TO BE AUCTIONED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 26) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

THIRTY FIVE SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE OFFERED FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:-

DA 190	DA 928	CK 486	DA 8832	DA 8999
DA 7898	DA 288	XX 35	DA 8803	BB 33
CX 101	DA 662	DA 1328	AX 19	XX 3962
DA 218	BB 14	AS 686	DA 7228	CY 3388
CY 7	DA 2886	DA 760	CY 5	CB 1888
AK 486	CH 78	DA 1131	DA 6338	DA 738
DA 3882	DA 2188	HK 1234	CK 8833	CX 8

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL, AS USUAL, GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 88TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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PLAN TO EASE TRAFFIC AT HOSPITAL
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THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL WILL INTRODUCE NEW ARRANGEMENTS IN ITS COMPOUND NEXT WEEK TO EASE THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION THERE.

FROM NOVEMBER 30, ALL CARS, EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND THOSE WITH VALID PARKING PERMITS, WILL BE BANNED FROM THE PODIUM ON THE MAIN ENTRANCE LEVEL.

TAXIS ARRIVING FROM GASCOIGNE ROAD WILL HAVE TO LET OFF PASSENGERS AT THE ROUNDABOUT AREA. A TEMPORARY TAXI STAND WILL BE ERECTED AT A SITE ADJACENT TO THE TENNIS COURT.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963

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A HOSPITAL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT CARS WILL HAVE TO USE THE WYLIE ROAD ENTRANCE TO GET INTO THE HOSPITAL COMPOUND AND DRIVERS OF PRIVATE-CARS WILL HAVE TO USE THE BLOCK B ENTRANCE TO LET OFF PASSENGERS.

ALL ILLEGALLY PARKED CARS WILL BE TOWED AWAY AFTER NOVEMBER 30, HE SAID.

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SHORTER CLEARWAY HOURS AT HOI AN STREET
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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 25), CLEARWAY HOURS FOR ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AT HOI AN STREET, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 24 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE SHORTENED TO COVER THE PERIODS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

AT THE SAME TIME, CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS AT HOI AN STREET BETWEEN HING MAN STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 24 METRES NORTH OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WILL BE RESCINDED.

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WATER LEAKAGE TEST
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 25) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY JARDINE'S BAZAAR, KAI CHIU ROAD, LEE GARDEN ROAD, LAN FONG ROAD, YUN PING ROAD AND PENNINGTON STREET.

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