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TO ATTEND FIRST JLG TALKS
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MR E.P. HO AND MR JOHN BOYD, MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH SIDE OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP, WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON ON JULY 17 TO ATTEND THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GROUP.

THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LAW OFFICER (SPECIAL DUTIES), MR FRED BURROWS, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (GENERAL DUTIES), MR RICHARD HOARE, AND CHIEF INTERPRETER, MR Y.P. CHENG.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP WILL MEET IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE ON THE MORNINGS OF JULY 22, 23 AND 25. A PHOTOCALL WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM ON JULY 22.

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR RICHARD LUCE, WILL HOST A DINNER FOR THE TWO DELEGATIONS ON JULY 22.

A PRESS STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE MEETING ON JULY 25.

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LAND COMMISSION TO MEET AGAIN JULY 31
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THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION HELD ITS FIRST MEETING ON JULY 10 AND 11. THE TWO SIDES REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE WORKING PROCEDURES OF THE COMMISSION AND HELD CONSULTATIONS ON THE DETAILS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMISSION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE. THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED IN A FRIENDLY AND BUSINESSLIKE ATMOSPHERE.

THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE LAND COMMISSION WILL BEGIN ON JULY 31. THE QUESTION OF LEASE DOCUMENTATION WILL CONSTITUTE THE AGENDA FOR THAT MEETING.

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BILL PROPOSES PROTECTION FOR TRAVELLING PUBLIC
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING A THREE-PRONGED APPROACH TO PROTECT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM UNSCRUPULOUS TRAVEL AGENTS.

A TRAVEL AGENTS BILL, TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WILL PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRAVEL AGENTS' RESERVE FUND, AN OFFICE FOR A REGISTRAR OF TRAVEL AGENTS, AND AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL AGENTS.

THE RESERVE FUND WILL BE EMPLOYED TO HELP CLIENTS WHO ARE OWED SUMS OF MONEY BY A LICENSED TRAVEL AGENT AND WHO HAVE NO OTHER RESORT TO OBTAIN SATISFACTION.

THE FUND WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE REGISTRAR, WHO WILL ALSO BE CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF VETTING LICENCE APPLICATIONS AND ENFORCING THE REGULATIONS.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WILL PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE LAW AND IN PARTICULAR THE LICENSING SCHEME.

DETAILED REGULATIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IF THE BILL RECEIVES THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. IT WILL RECEIVE ITS FIRST READING ON JULY 24 AND ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMEICO AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT LEGISLATION FOR THE CONTROL OF TRAVEL AGENCIES WAS REQUIRED BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS.

IN THE CASE OF OUTBOUND TRAVEL AND TOUR ACTIVITIES, MEMBERS OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC ARE VULNERABLE TO UNSCRUPULOUS OR BOGUS FLY-BY-NIGHT OPERATORS WHO VANISH WITH DEPOSITS OR WHO GO BANKRUPT, HE SAID.

ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO ABSCONDMENTS IN 1983 AND 1984 AND THERE WAS ONLY ONE INSTANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT, THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY AND THE PUBLIC ALL REMAIN CONCERNED AT THE VULNERABILITY OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC, GIVEN THE INCREASING NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO SPEND THEIR HOLIDAYS OUTSIDE HONG KONG EACH YEAR, HE SAID.

THE PROPOSALS TO BE PUT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WERE FORMULATED BY A WORKING PARTY CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES AND WITH REPRESENTATION FROM THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL, HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, THE POLICE AND THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

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IN FUTURE, IN ORDER TO OPERATE AN OUTBOUND TRAVEL SERVICE, A PERSON WILL HAVE TO OBTAIN A LICENCE FROM THE REGISTRAR OF TRAVEL AGENTS. IN ADDITION, ANY ADVERTISEMENT OF TRAVEL SERVICES WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED IF THE AGENT IS LICENSED AND IF IT STATES THE AGENT'S LICENCE NUMBER.

THE REGISTRAR MAY REFUSE TO ISSUE A LICENCE IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT A +FIT AND PROPER PERSON+, FOR EXAMPLE, IF HE HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF AN OFFENCE INVOLVING FRAUD, CORRUPTION OR DISHONESTY, OR IS INSOLVENT; OR IF HIS OFFICE IS UNSUITABLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS OF A TRAVEL AGENT.

A LICENSED TRAVEL AGENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN PRIOR PERMISSION FOR A CHANGE OF CONTROL OR OWNERSHIP AND ANY CHANGE IN HIS BUSINESS ADDRESS WILL REQUIRE AN APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE LICENCE.

THE REGISTRAR WILL BE EMPOWERED TO INVESTIGATE THE ACTIVITIES OF A TRAVEL AGENT AND TO REQUEST A MAGISTRATE TO STOP A PERSON WHO CAN ASSIST IN HIS INQUIRIES FROM LEAVING HONG KONG.

AS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESERVE FUND, THE PROPOSAL IS FOR EACH LICENSED TRAVEL AGENT TO MAKE A ONE-OFF CONTRIBUTION OF \$2 500. WITH ABOUT 2 000 LICENSEES EXPECTED TO BE REGISTERED, THE FUND WILL START OFF WITH ABOUT \$5 MILLION.

THERE IS PROVISION IN THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR A FURTHER LEVY SHOULD THE FUND BE DEPLETED AND NEEDED TOPPING UP.

AN EX-GRATIA PAYMENT CAN BE MADE FROM THE FUND BY THE REGISTRAR UPON APPLICATION BY A PERSON WHO HAS OBTAINED JUDGMENT FOR A SUM OF MONEY AGAINST A LICENSEE OR WHO HAD LODGED A PROOF OF DEBT, EITHER OF WHICH IS UNSATISFIED.

THE JUDGMENT OR PROOF OF DEBT HAS TO BE RELATED TO TRAVEL SERVICES PROVIDED BY A LICENSED TRAVEL AGENT WHO IS REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS YET TO BE FINALISED, BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY, THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION AND A FEW OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY. THE REGISTRAR WILL BE AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER AND THE SECRETARY.

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HE NOTED THAT THE PROPOSALS IN THE BILL WOULD UNLIKELY HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT INFLATIONARY IMPACT ON TRAVEL SERVICES, CONSIDERING THE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE NATURE OF THE OUTBOUND TRAVEL INDUSTRY.

+ALTHOUGH THERE MIGHT BE AN INITIAL CONTRACTION IN THE NUMBER OF TRAVEL AGENTS, THIS CAN BE REGARDED AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF CONSOLIDATION OF THE INDUSTRY.

+IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY BONA FIDE BUSINESSMAN WOULD BE DISCOURAGED BY THE LICENSING SCHEME TO ENTER INTO OR STAY IN THE TRADE,+ HE SAID.

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EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES, PAYROLL STATISTICS FOR MARCH RELEASED

THERE WERE 867 900 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN MARCH 1985, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 0.2 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1984, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IN MARCH 1985, EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADE, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 573 400, WAS 7.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN MARCH 1984.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 171 600, WAS UP BY 4.0 PER CENT.

BUT EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES DROPPED BY 5.4 PER CENT RELATIVE TO THE MARCH 1984 LEVEL.

A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE STATISTICS FOR MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN MARCH 1985 WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED EACH QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT, COVERING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

THERE IS A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

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THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR MARCH 1985 BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1984 AND DECEMBER 1984, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	MAR. 84	DEC. 84	MAR. 85	MAR. 85 ON MAR. 84	MAR. 85 ON DEC. 84
MANUFACTURING	869 300	898 900	867 900	-0.2	-3.5
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	71 600	68 600	67 700	-5.4	-1.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	533 100	573 800	573 400	+7.6	-0.1
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	165 000	169 500	171 600	+4.0	+1.2

* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

COMPARING MARCH 1985 WITH DECEMBER 1984, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES AND THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR DECREASED BY 3.5 PER CENT, 1.3 PER CENT AND 0.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.2 PER CENT.

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THE SURVEY ALSO PROVIDES VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE MAJOR SECTORS, OTHER THAN FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION. THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1984 AND DECEMBER 1984, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	MAR. 84	DEC. 84	MAR. 85	MAR. 85 ON MAR. 84	MAR. 85 ON DEC. 84
MANUFACTURING	49 060	23 810	29 010	-40.9	+21.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	6 580	6 160	7 710	+17.2	+25.2
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	2 500	2 330	2 900	+16.0	+24.7

* BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES.

RELATIVE TO MARCH 1984, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED BY 40.9 PER CENT IN MARCH 1985. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES INCREASED BY 17.2 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND BY 16.0 PER CENT FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

COMPARING WITH DECEMBER 1984, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES INCREASED BY 21.8 PER CENT, 25.2 PER CENT AND 24.7 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

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ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE
	1ST QTR. 1984	1ST QTR. 1985	1ST QTR. 1985 ON 1ST QTR. 1984
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	7 006	7 899	+12.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	4 793	5 912	+23.3
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	2 421	2 752	+13.7

COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 12.7 PER CENT, 23.3 PER CENT AND 13.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985.

AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN MARCH 1984 AND MARCH 1985 ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED.

TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED. THESE TWO INDICES FOR MARCH 1984 AND MARCH 1985 ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW:

/NOMINAL INDEX

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	MAR. 84	MAR. 85	MAR. 85 ON MAR. 84
MANUFACTURING	171.5	181.0	+ 5.5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	166.8	187.6	+12.5
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	164.0	185.9	+13.4

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	MAR. 84	MAR. 85	MAR. 85 ON MAR. 84
MANUFACTURING	113.6	115.1	+ 1.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	110.5	119.3	+ 8.0
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	108.6	118.2	+ 8.8

BETWEEN MARCH 1984 AND MARCH 1985, INCREASES OF 5.5 PER CENT, 12.5 PER CENT AND 13.4 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

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OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WERE 1.3 PER CENT, 8.0 PER CENT AND 8.8 PER CENT.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS, MARCH 1985, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT HK\$11 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AND AT THE SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 1904, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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SOUTH AFRICA URGED TO CONTINUE SEARCH
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IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS IN TOUCH WITH HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN LONDON WHICH, IN TURN HAD CONTACTED THE SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES URGING THEM TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO PURSUE THE SEARCH FOR THE MISSING SHIP +ARCTIC CAREER+ AND POSSIBLE SURVIVORS.

THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FATE OF THE MISSING PANAMANIAN VESSEL AND ITS LARGELY HONG KONG CREW, AND IS CONTINUING TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES, HE SAID.

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INSPECTORS APPOINTED
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE HAS APPOINTED INSPECTORS UNDER THE TERMS OF SECTION 143(1)(C) OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE TO INVESTIGATE THE AFFAIRS OF C.T. NOMINEES LIMITED, MIDLAND NOMINEES LIMITED AND STANDARD NOMINEES LIMITED AND TO REPORT TO HIM THEREON.

THE INSPECTORS APPOINTED ARE MR THOMAS BRIAN STEVENSON AND MR ANTHONY TING YUK WU, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, BOTH OF MESSRS ERNST AND WHINNEY, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.

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FREE TEXTILE QUOTA SCHEME ANNOUNCED

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE 1935 FREE QUOTA EXPORT AUTHORIZATION SCHEME III FOR TEXTILE EXPORT TO THE U.S. WILL BE OPERATED FROM JULY 15.

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME ARE CONTAINED IN A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS ISSUED ON JULY 8. COPIES OF THE NOTICE ARE AVAILABLE FROM COUNTER NOS. 47 AND 48 OF THE DEPARTMENT'S U.S.A. BRANCH ON THE 15TH FLOOR OF OCEAN CENTRE, KOWLOON.

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LADY YOUDE OPENS CHINESE CERAMICS COLLECTION IN U.K.

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LADY YOUDE, WHO IS NOW ON HOLIDAY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF A COLLECTION OF CHINESE CERAMICS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HULL'S ART COLLECTION TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE CEREMONY WAS HELD IN THE MIDDLETON HALL OF THE UNIVERSITY IN YORKSHIRE AT 6 PM (LONDON TIME).

THE COLLECTION OF CHINESE CERAMICS OF THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD (CIRCA 1620-1680 AD) HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE UNIVERSITY ON LONG-TERM LOAN BY MR PETER THOMPSON AND HIS WIFE NANCY.

MR THOMPSON, A HULL GRADUATE (BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB), 1958), IS A SOLICITOR, NOW LIVING IN HONG KONG.

THE COUPLE HAVE BEEN COLLECTING CHINESE ART, ESPECIALLY CERAMICS, SINCE THE LATE 1960S. THEIR COLLECTION OF CHINESE CERAMICS WILL BE ON DISPLAY WITH THE UNIVERSITY'S ART COLLECTION IN THE MIDDLETON HALL AND WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEEKDAYS DURING TERM TIME.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WAS PRESENT AT THE OPENING OF THE CERAMICS COLLECTION.

AMONG SOME 100 GUESTS ATTENDING THE FUNCTION WERE MR THOMPSON HIMSELF, AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DR Q.W. LEE, WHO WILL BE CONFERRED HONORARY DEGREES OF DOCTOR OF LAWS AT CONGREGATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HULL TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL, KINGSTON UPON HULL, ON FRIDAY (JULY 12) AT 2.30 PM AND 10.30 AM (LONDON TIME) RESPECTIVELY.

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SIR DAVID VISITS IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TOURED THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST TO SEE THE MANY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SIR DAVID, CURRENTLY ON A FAMILIARISATION TOUR OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR, MR JAMES MURPHIE, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTORATE.

FOLLOWING A SHORT BRIEFING ON THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, HE WAS SHOWN THE INFORMATION OFFICE WHICH HANDLED ENQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS SECTION, WHERE HE SAW THE PASSPORT-HANDLING ARRANGEMENTS AND THE NATIONALITY AND CONSULAR FACILITIES PROVIDED.

SIR DAVID WAS ALSO SHOWN THE EXTENSION SECTION, THE CROSS BORDER PERMIT OFFICE, THE ENTRY VISA SECTION AND THE TRAFFIC INDEX SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE ONE-AND-A-HALF HOUR VISIT ENDED WITH A BRIEFING BY THE DIRECTORATE STAFF.

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CNTA BIDS ALBERT LAM FAREWELL

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THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, WHO HAS BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE PROMOTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, WILL BE LEAVING THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION NEXT MONTH.

AT A DINNER YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) IN HONOUR OF MR LAM, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, PRAISED HIM FOR HIS DEVOTION AND HARD WORK DURING HIS YEARS IN THE CNTA.

MR LIAO NOTED THAT MR LAM DEDICATED MUCH OF HIS TIME IN THE PROMOTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

MR LAM JOINED THE FORMER HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN JUNE 1981. HE BECAME DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHEN THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WERE AMALGAMATED IN APRIL 1982.

MR LAM WILL GO ON LEAVE ON AUGUST 8, BEFORE HIS NEXT POSTING.

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COUNCIL TO REVIEW RSD'S POLICIES

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MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL EXAMINE THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S POLICIES ON SEVERAL ASPECTS OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THEY WILL DISCUSS THE RSD'S POLICY ON RENTS FOR PUBLIC MARKET STALLS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS AND CONSIDER WHETHER IT SHOULD BE REVISED.

ANOTHER RELATED ISSUE THAT WILL COME UP FOR DISCUSSION IS PROPOSED RENTALS TO BE CHARGED AT THE NEW MUI WO COOKED FOOD MARKET WHICH WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION IN OCTOBER.

OTHER POLICIES THAT WILL COME UP FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE THOSE RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND ABATEMENT OF SANITARY NUISANCES, THE LICENSING OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT, PUBLIC CLEANSING, THE PROVISION OF MUSEUMS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS, THE SERVICING OF SWIMMING POOLS AND BEACHES, AND THE MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE GENERAL POSITION REGARDING TOLERATED UNLICENSED SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE NUMBER OF CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME FALLING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT WHICH ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR PLANNING.

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PROVISIONAL RC CALLS FOR GUIDANCE BY UC

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, TONIGHT CALLED ON THE URBAN COUNCIL TO OFFER CRITICISMS AND ASSISTANCE SO THAT THE NEWLY-FORMED COUNCIL CAN DISCHARGE ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS SMOOTHLY.

THE CALL WAS MADE AT A DINNER GIVEN IN HONOUR OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE UC.

IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, MR CHEUNG DESCRIBED THE DINNER AS A +CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE FOURTH KIND+ - A KIND OF URBAN REGIONAL ENCOUNTER AND TERRITORIAL CO-OPERATION.

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HE REFERRED TO THE THREE-TIER SYSTEM OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND SAID THE +CREATION OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IN THE REGIONAL AREA COMPLETES A SYMMETRICAL ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE TWO COUNCILS WILL WORK SIDE BY SIDE TO SERVE THE CIVIC NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.+

MR CHEUNG SAID: +NATURALLY, BOTH THE RESIDENTS IN THE REGIONS AND WE WOULD BE MAKING INCESSANT COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE GOOD WORK OF THE TWO COUNCILS.+

HE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMPARISON WOULD BREED WELL-INTENTIONED COMPETITION AND CREATIVE IDEAS IN THE DELIVERY OF URBAN AND REGIONAL SERVICES.

IN REPLY, MR CHEUNG-LEEN ASSURED THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL WOULD GIVE ALL THE COOPERATION AND HELP IT COULD WHENEVER REQUESTED.

HE SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE SIMILAR NATURE OF THE SPHERES OF WORK, HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE TWO COUNCILS SHARED THE COMMON GOAL OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

ALTHOUGH THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WAS STILL IN THE FORMATIVE STAGE, HE ADDED, HE WAS SURE IT WOULD QUICKLY SETTLE DOWN TO THE WIDE RANGE OF RESPONSIBILITIES IT FACED IN SERVING THE CIVIC NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR CHEUNG-LEEN WAS CONFIDENT THAT WITH THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WHITE PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WOULD BE GIVEN MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK HAND IN HAND FOR THE BETTERMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO CALL AT BOARD OFFICES

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD SHOULD BECOME MORE ACCESSIBLE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS NOW THAT ITS OFFICES ARE OPENED, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

+WHETHER THEY WANT TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON VARIOUS ISSUES, OR BRING OUR ATTENTION TO CERTAIN PROBLEMS, I HOPE RESIDENTS WILL COME FORWARD AND GET IN TOUCH WITH THE BOARD,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS ONLY WITH THE PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE THAT THE BOARD, AND IN FACT THE ENTIRE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, COULD FUNCTION PROPERLY AND EFFECTIVELY,+ HE ADDED.

/MR LAM

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MR LAM WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW OFFICES FOR THE BOARD CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS.

THE OFFICES ARE SITUATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET, AND THE CHAIRMAN WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT HIS OFFICE FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY BETWEEN 2 AND 4 PM.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE CHAIRMAN'S AND MEMBERS' OFFICES ARE 3-418014 AND 3-898134 RESPECTIVELY.

RENOVATION WORK ON THE OFFICES STARTED IN APRIL, AND THE FLOOR ACCOMMODATES THE DB SECRETARIAT, A LIBRARY AND AN INTERVIEW-MEETING ROOM.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING WAS THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK.

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SEMINARS FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS ARRANGED
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THE WONG CHUK HANG AND BAYS AREA COMMITTEE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL HOLD A SEMINAR WITH LOCAL RESIDENT ORGANISATIONS ON SATURDAY (JULY 13) TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

THE EVENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE AREA COMMITTEE, IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF SEMINARS ORGANISED FOR THE DISTRICT'S SIX CONSTITUENCIES.

A SEMINAR BETWEEN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND THE AREA COMMITTEES WILL BE HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR TO WRAP UP THE WHOLE EXERCISE OF STRENGTHENING TIES AMONG THE BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND RESIDENT BODIES.

SATURDAY'S SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE A SLIDE SHOW ON THE AREA COMMITTEE'S WORK, FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION ON TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING MATTERS.

ABOUT 80 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AREA'S MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, RESIDENT ASSOCIATION AND SHOPOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR MAYER NG, WILL TALK ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR. SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANGELA TSE, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

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CHILD CARE SERVICE EXPANDS TO MEET DEMAND
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ABOUT 25 000 CHILDREN ARE AT PRESENT BEING CARED FOR IN SOME 250 CHILD CARE CENTRES AND MORE THAN 60 PER CENT OF THOSE IN AIDED CENTRES ARE RECEIVING FEE ASSISTANCE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR LAW CHI-KIN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE FOURTH CHILD CARE CERTIFICATE COURSE OF LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, MR LAW SAID THE NUMBER OF CHILD CARE CENTRES AND PLACES WAS EXPECTED TO INCREASE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

THIS WOULD HELP MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR CHILD CARE SERVICE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE INCREASING NUMBER OF WORKING MOTHERS.

OUTLINING THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILD CARE SERVICES OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS, MR LAW NOTED THAT GOVERNMENT'S DIRECT SUBSIDIES TO CHILD CARE CENTRES CATERING FOR CHILDREN FROM LOW INCOME FAMILIES BEGAN IN THE 1960S.

+BY 1975, THE SERVICE HAD DEVELOPED SO EXTENSIVELY THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO REGULATE ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE ENACTMENT OF THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ORDINANCE AND THE SETTING UP OF THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ADVISORY INSPECTORATE.

+THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE SERVICE HAS BEEN ABLE TO HELP OPERATORS TO PROVIDE AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF SERVICE FOR THE YOUNG CHILDREN UNDER CARE.+ HE SAID.

THE SERVICE WAS EXPANDED IN 1978 TO INCLUDE THE MILDLY DISABLED CHILDREN IN AN INTEGRATED PROGRAMME SO THAT THEY COULD GROW UP IN A NORMAL ENVIRONMENT.

IN 1982 THE FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME WAS IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE THAT CHILD CARE SERVICE WAS AVAILABLE TO ALL FAMILIES IN NEED AND THAT PARENTS PAID FOR THE SERVICE ACCORDING TO THEIR INCOME.

MR LAW ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO CHILD CARE WORKERS WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE SERVICE THROUGH THEIR DEDICATION AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS.

HE TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT THEY WOULD NOT ONLY BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TO THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILDREN BUT ALSO TO PROVIDE THE STIMULATION AND EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD PROMOTE THEIR SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND INTELLECTUAL GROWTH.

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FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE VISITS ANTI-THEFT DISPLAY
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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CRIME PREVENTION METHODS AND FACILITIES.

THE AIM OF THEIR VISIT TO THE BUREAU'S ANTI-THEFT EXHIBITION, WAS TO ENHANCE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CRIME PREVENTION OPERATIONS, SO AS TO BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO PLAN FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGNS FOR THE DISTRICT.

THE COMMITTEE HAS PLANNED A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1985-86 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN, AND TODAY'S VISIT IS THE FIRST FUNCTION OF THE CAMPAIGN.

A SIMILAR VISIT WILL BE ARRANGED FOR MEMBERS OF RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS IN SAI KUNG NEXT MONTH, WHILE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL VISIT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE EMERGENCY REPORTING CENTRE IN SEPTEMBER.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A CRIME PREVENTION CARNIVAL IN THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND TO BE HELD AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS A CRIME PREVENTION SEMINAR AND SLIDE SHOWS FOR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS= QUIZ, ESSAY AND SLOGAN COMPETITIONS FOR YOUTHS HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR THE COMING MONTHS.

NEW 1986 CALENDARS CONTAINING CRIME PREVENTION MESSAGES WILL BE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL RESIDENTS IN SAI KUNG AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. SPECIAL PAMPHLETS DESCRIBING CRIME PREVENTION MEASURES WILL ALSO BE PRINTED FOR THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY IN THE DISTRICT.

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FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE FOR SHEUNG SHUI RESIDENTS
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A VARIETY SHOW FOR RESIDENTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (JULY 13), TO DRIVE HOME THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE.

THE VARIETY SHOW, TO BE HELD AT THE COVERED PLAYGROUND IN CHOI YUEN ESTATE AT 7 PM, WILL BE A THREE-HOUR ENTERTAINMENT SHOW FEATURING POPULAR SONGS, TRADITIONAL CANTONESE SONGS, A MAGIC SHOW, ACROBATICS AND AN EDUCATIONAL DRAMA PERFORMANCE.

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THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR TAO MAN-KWONG, SAID: +AS THE POPULATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN SHEUNG SHUI HAS GROWN TO ABOUT 35 000 PEOPLE, IT IS TIME FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO SHOW CONCERN BY ORGANISING LARGE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

+THE PRIMARY AIM OF THIS VARIETY SHOW IS TO INSTIL RESIDENTS WITH THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND HOME SAFETY THROUGH ENTERTAINMENT.+

THE VARIETY SHOW IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, THE FRONTIER POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIVISION, THE FINNISH MISSIONARY SOCIETY CHOI YUEN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICE CENTRE, THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OF CHOI YUEN ESTATE, THE YUK PO COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION AND CHOI PO COURT REPRESENTATIVES.

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COUNCIL CO-SPONSORS WORKSHOP ON TREES
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A WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE VICTORIA PARK CENTRE COURT ON SATURDAY IN CONNECTION WITH A SURVEY ON TREES IN THE URBAN AREAS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WILL OPEN THE WORKSHOP WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE DR. C.Y. JIM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR Y.K. CHEUNG, STAFF OFFICER (HORTICULTURE) AND MR CHOY NIM-CHO, SENIOR AMENITIES ASSISTANT (TREE SECTION), BOTH FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THEY WILL SPEAK RESPECTIVELY ON THE SURVEY IN GENERAL, THE USD'S RESPONSIBILITY ON TREE MAINTENANCE AND IDENTIFICATION OF TREES.

ABOUT 40 TEACHERS WILL ATTEND THE WORKSHOP AND THEY WILL IN TURN BRIEF ABOUT 1 000 STUDENTS WHO WILL TAKE PART IN THE SURVEY DUE TO BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH.

A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID THE AIM OF THE SURVEY IS TO COLLECT INFORMATION THROUGH FIELD RESEARCH, TO MAINTAIN MONTHLY TREE PLANTING, FELLING AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF USD STAFF AND TO ESTABLISH AND UPDATE THE TREE DATABASE THROUGH THE USE OF COMPUTERS.

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SPEEDPOST TO FINLAND
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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO FINLAND FROM MONDAY (JULY 15), BRINGING TO 33 THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK SERVED FROM HONG KONG, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEEDPOST ITEMS, ACCEPTABLE FOR TRANSMISSION TO ALL AREAS IN FINLAND, WHICH ARE POSTED IN HONG KONG WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE SECOND WORKING DAY AFTER POSTING. HOWEVER, DELIVERY SERVICE ON SATURDAYS IS RESTRICTED TO MAJOR CITIES IN FINLAND ONLY.

BOTH +CONTRACT+ AND +ON DEMAND+ SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE.

THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT PER ITEM IS 10 KG AND THE POSTAGE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * ITEMS WEIGHING UNDER 250G \$105;
- * ITEMS WEIGHING BETWEEN 250G AND 500G \$115; AND
- * EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500G \$25.

SPEEDPOST IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE SHOULD CALL THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108.

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TUEN MUN INDUSTRIAL SURVEY IN PROGRESS
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A LARGE-SCALE INDUSTRIAL SURVEY IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN TUEN MUN TO COLLECT RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THE CHARACTERISTICS AND NEEDS OF WORKERS AND INDUSTRIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE ARE JOINTLY UNDERTAKING A SURVEY ON TUEN MUN INDUSTRIES, AT THE REQUEST OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE.

/A SPOKESMAN

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON THE INDUSTRIAL SURVEY SAID THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY WAS TO IDENTIFY WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPROVE AND PROMOTE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT.

THIS YEAR'S SURVEY, TO BE CARRIED OUT SOON, INCLUDES INTERVIEWS WITH OWNERS OF VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL PREMISES AND SITE OBSERVATIONS OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

+ANY INFORMATION COLLECTED ON INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE COMPILED AND ANALYSED COLLECTIVELY TO PROVIDE AN OVERALL PICTURE OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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YOUTHS INVITED TO TAKE PART IN CONFERENCE

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YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 28 ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE SECOND STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE ON +YOUTH POLICIES IN PERSPECTIVE+ TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC ON JULY 28 AND 29.

THE TWO-DAY SEMINAR, A FOLLOW-UP EVENT TO THE STAGE I CONFERENCE HELD IN APRIL THIS YEAR, IS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (CCCIYY) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF STUDENTS (HKFS).

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL INCLUDE +FAMILY+, +WORK AND EMPLOYMENT+, +COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION+, +POLITICAL PARTICIPATION+ AND +THE MASS MEDIA+.

THE MAJORITY OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SELECTED FROM NOMINATIONS MADE BY VARIOUS YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, BUT INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY SCHOOLS OR REGISTERED BODIES ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) HEADQUARTERS, 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, KOWLOON, (TEL.: 3-676226) AND THE HKFS, FLAT A, EIGHTH FLOOR, KINGLAND APARTMENTS, 739 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, (TEL.: 3-932738).

FOR FILLING OUT THE FORMS, APPLICANTS MUST GIVE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE ORGANISATIONS TO WHICH THEY BELONG. COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO CNTA ON OR BEFORE JULY 19, AND SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED INDIVIDUALLY.

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DRAMA WORKSHOP SET FOR YAU MA TEI
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YOUNG DRAMA ENTHUSIASTS IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE BASIC TECHNIQUES IN STAGE PERFORMANCE AND DRAMA WRITING IN A THREE-DAY WORKSHOP STARTING AUGUST 2 (FRIDAY).

THE THREE-DAY WORKSHOP IS ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURAL AND ARTS ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ASSOCIATION SAID: +TO TIE IN WITH THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR'S THEME OF +PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE+, YOUTHS TAKING PART IN THE WORKSHOP CAN PLAN, PRODUCE AND PERFORM THEIR OWN WORKS WITH THE GUIDANCE OF DRAMA EXPERTS.+

RENOWNED DRAMA DIRECTOR AND ACTRESS MADAM MOK YAN-LAN; FILM PRODUCER MISS JOANNA TO; A LECTURER IN THE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS, MR LAM LAP-SAM; FILM DIRECTOR, MR TO KWOK-WAI; THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG REPERTORY THEATRE, MR MAK CHAU, AND MAKEUP ADVISER, MADAM LEE YUK-PING, WILL BE SPEAKERS IN A SERIES OF SEMINARS DURING THE WORKSHOP.

THE SEMINARS INCLUDE TOPICS ON DRAMA PRODUCTION, SCRIPT WRITING, MAKE-UP TECHNIQUES AND BACK STAGE PRODUCTION.

YOUTHS AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 30, AND LIVING, WORKING OR STUDYING IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY IN THEIR APPLICATION.

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, AT 490-492 NATHAN ROAD= THE TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD, AND THE PUBLIC SQUARE STREET HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-323791.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME FOR KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI
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AN OPENING CEREMONY TO LAUNCH THE 1985 KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE CEREMONY WILL START WITH A LION DANCE, FOLLOWED BY WESTERN AND ORIENTAL DANCES, GYMNASTIC DEMONSTRATION AND A BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE.

/THE CHAIRMAN

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO TUNG-CHING, THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, AND THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR CHUI WING-MAN, WILL PERFORM A RIBBON-CUTTING TO MARK THE OPENING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE PROGRAMME WOULD BE HELD IN THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT. DURING THE TWO-MONTH-LONG PROGRAMME, MORE THAN 400 EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE FOR NEARLY 60 000 YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 25.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE RECREATION CAMPS, TRAINING CAMPS, VISITS, PICNICS, EXHIBITIONS, INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES, AND SPORTS COMPETITIONS. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE A SUMMER CARNIVAL IN SEPTEMBER.

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NORTH DISTRICT TO HOLD SWIMMING GALA
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MORE THAN 200 SWIMMERS IN THE NORTH DISTRICT ARE TO COMPETE IN SOME 40 EVENTS IN THEIR DISTRICT-WIDE SWIMMING GALA ON SATURDAY (JULY 13).

THE FIFTH NORTH DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM.

THE ANNUAL ACTIVITY IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE SPORT AS WELL AS UPGRADING THE STANDARD OF LOCAL SWIMMERS, AN RSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO SHARE THE JOY AND FUN OF THE SWIMMING COMPETITION AS NO ADMISSION FEE IS REQUIRED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR CHONG KAM-NING, THE NORTH DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER, MR CHU KWONG-MAN, AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR TO MAN-KWONG AND MR CHEUNG KAN-KWAI, WILL JOINTLY PRESENT PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS AFTER THE EVENT.

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TREE PLANTING DAY FOR ISLANDS DISTRICT
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COMMUNITY LEADERS AND ENVIRONMENT-CONSCIOUS STUDENTS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT TODAY (THURSDAY) LAUNCHED THEIR DISTRICT-WIDE TREE PLANTING DAY BY PLANTING 50 YOUNG EVERGREEN TREES AT AN MINI-SOCCER PITCH ON PENG CHAU.

THE SAPLINGS, INCLUDING CASUARINA EQUISETIFOLIA, MACARANGA TANARIUS, MELALEUCA LEUCADENDRON AND HIBISCUS TILIACEUS, WILL PROVIDE MORE SHADE FOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS WHEN THEY BECOME FULLY GROWN YEARS LATER.

ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY IS AIMED AT ENLISTING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN TREE PLANTING.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD, MR YOUNG WING-YAU, LATER PLANTED A SAPLING TO HIGHLIGHT THE EVENT.

THEY WERE ASSISTED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, LEISURE MANAGER AND HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT, MR RAYMOND WONG, MR TAM PAK-HANG AND MR IP KI-TIT.

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ISLANDS YOUTH PROGRAMME IN FULL SWING
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HUNDREDS OF YOUTHS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ARE EXPECTED TO BENEFIT FROM A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES UNDER THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME RECENTLY LAUNCHED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE SAID THAT APPLICATIONS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY KEEN.

+IN SELECTING SOME 57 ACTIVITIES, EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, AS WELL AS THEIR RECREATIONAL PURPOSE.+

/+IN VIEW

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+IN VIEW OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL NATURE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICTS, IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT THERE WAS A GROWING NUMBER OF JOINT FUNCTIONS AIMED AT ENHANCING INTER-ISLAND RELATIONSHIP,+ HE SAID.

THIS YEAR, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE PROMOTED IN THE DIRECTION OF +DEVELOPMENT, PARTICIPATION AND PEACE+ TO COINCIDE WITH THE THEME OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

THE PROGRAMME WILL COVER A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS SPORTS EVENTS, TRAINING CAMPS, A SINGING COMPETITION AND A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE A CARNIVAL IN CHEUNG CHAU, A +CARE ABOUT GIRLS+ PROJECT ORGANISED BY THE YWCA AND A VARIETY SHOW NIGHT, TO BE HELD THIS SATURDAY (JULY 13) IN TAI O, LANTAU.

A LEAFLET, WITH DETAILS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, IS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION FROM THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE IN CENTRAL AND ITS TWO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICES IN CHEUNG CHAU AND MUI WO, AS WELL AS VARIOUS RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES.

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