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GOVERNOR PRAISES PEOPLE FOR HOSPITAL WORK

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YAN CHAI HOSPITAL FORMS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL PLAN FOR THE EXPANSION OF MEDICAL SERVICES TO SERVE THE NEW TOWNS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YUDE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HOSPITAL AT TUEN MUN, THE EXPANSION OF THE POK OI HOSPITAL IN YUEN LONG, AND THE OPENING OF THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL AT SHA TIN, THUS PROVIDING A RING OF MEDICAL FACILITIES AROUND THE TERRITORY WITHIN EASY REACH FOR THE PUBLIC, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW STAFF QUARTERS AND POLYCLINIC OF THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL IN TSUEN WAN, SIR EDWARD SAID, +THE CEREMONY MARKS THE SECOND PHASE OF AN AMBITIOUS FOUR-STAGE EXPANSION PROGRAMME TO UPGRADE THE HOSPITAL INTO A DISTRICT HOSPITAL WITH 700 BEDS BY 1986.+

THE PRESENT PHASE, COSTING SOME \$57 MILLION, OWED ITS SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION TO THE FORESIGHT, ENTHUSIASM AND FUND RAISING EFFORTS OF THE DIRECTORS, TO GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM CIVIC-SPIRITED INDIVIDUALS LIKE MR WU CHUNG AND FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, AND ALSO TO THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND PROFESSIONAL ADVICE FROM THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID 20 YEARS AGO TSUEN WAN WAS AN INDUSTRIAL TOWN WITH VERY FEW FACILITIES AND AMENITIES. COMMUNITY LEADERS THEN GAVE THEIR TIME, MONEY AND ENERGY TO ESTABLISH YAN CHAI TO MEET ONE OF THE MOST VITAL NEEDS OF THIS FAST-GROWING AREA.

+OVER THE YEARS, IT HAS GROWN IN IMPORTANCE AS A DISTRICT MEDICAL CENTRE SERVING A TOWN WHICH NOW HAS A POPULATION OF 650 000 AND SOME 10 000 FACTORIES. THE BOARD OF YAN CHAI ALSO PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL AND WELFARE FACILITIES AND PLAYS AN ACTIVE ROLE IN LOCAL COMMUNITY LIFE. IN TURN, THE PEOPLE OF TSUEN WAN GIVE STRONG SUPPORT TO THE HOSPITAL IN ITS FUND RAISING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES,+ HE ADDED.

NOTING THAT THE OPENING CEREMONY COINCIDES WITH THE HOSPITAL'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY, SIR EDWARD CONGRATULATED THE DIRECTORS OF THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL AND ALL THOSE WHO HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ITS WORK AND WISHED THE HOSPITAL EVERY SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

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SEVENTH NEW I.D. CARD PHASE BEGINS DECEMBER
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THE NEW IDENTITY CARD SCHEME WILL ENTER ITS SEVENTH PHASE ON DECEMBER 5, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

DURING THE FIVE-WEEK PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 7, 1984, MEN BORN IN 1955 AND 1954 WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS.

+THE TOTAL ESTIMATED POPULATION WITHIN THIS AGE BRACKET IS 111 100,+ A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HOWEVER, ONLY 100 600 OUT OF THE ESTIMATED TOTAL ARE EXPECTED TO TURN UP FOR THEIR CARDS. THE REMAINING 9 500 HAVE ALREADY OBTAINED THEIR NEW CARDS EITHER BECAUSE THEIR OLD ONES WERE LOST OR DAMAGED OR BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO AMEND SOME DETAILS ON THEIR OLD CARDS,+ HE SAID.

WITH THE COMMENCEMENT OF THIS PHASE,AN APPOINTMENT SYSTEM FOR THE PUBLIC WILL BE INTRODUCED.

+THIS ARRANGEMENT IS TO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS IN ADVANCE, SO THAT THEY CAN CALL AT THE ISSUE OFFICES AT PRE-ARRANGED TIMES TO EXCHANGE THEIR ID CARDS,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

ANYONE WHO IS DUE TO REPLACE HIS CARD CAN USE THIS SYSTEM HE IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A FORM FROM ANY DISTRICT OFFICES AND IMMIGRATION OFFICES, FILL IT IN AND RETURN IT BY MAIL TO WHICHEVER NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICE HE CHOOSES TO GO TO.

+APPOINTMENT TO EXCHANGE ONE'S ID CARD CAN BE MADE BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5.30 PM ON ANY NORMAL WORKING DAY EXCEPT MONDAYS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +AND COMPLETED FORMS MUST REACH THE ISSUE OFFICES AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE END OF THE PERIOD DURING WHICH HE IS REQUIRED TO EXCHANGE HIS CARD.+

MEANWHILE, THOSE WHO WANT TO APPLY HAVE THEIR OLD CARDS REPLACED DUE TO LOSS OR DAMAGE SHOULD GO TO THE REGULAR ISSUE OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED THOSE WHO WILL BE AWAY FROM HONG KONG DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIOD TO APPLY FOR NEW CARDS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR RETURN.

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\$422-MILLION WATER PROJECT SIGNED

THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, SIGNED A CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR STAGE 1 OF A TREATMENT WORKS AND WATER TRANSFER FACILITIES PROJECT AT PAK KONG IN THE SAI KUNG PENINSULA WITH CONSULTING ENGINEERS, WATSON-HASWELL.

THE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE WATER FOR JUNK BAY NEW TOWN AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS, AND SUPPLEMENT SUPPLY TO KOWLOON EAST DISTRICT AND THE NORTH-EASTERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

IT IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$422 MILLION.

MR TOMLINSON SAID KOWLOON EAST AND THE NORTH-EASTERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND WOULD REQUIRE A SUPPLEMENTARY SOURCE OF TREATED WATER BY 1987 TO MEET INCREASED DEMAND AND THIS WOULD BE MET BY PROVIDING INCREASED TREATMENT AND TRANSFER FACILITIES UNDER THE NEW PROJECT.

HE SAID INITIAL PLANNING OF THE PROJECT HAD JUST BEEN COMPLETED AND IT WAS TIME TO APPOINT CONSULTING ENGINEERS WHO WOULD DEVELOP THE GENERAL PROPOSALS FOR THE WORKS AND THEN DESIGN AND SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION.

STAGE 1 OF THE PROJECT WOULD BE COMMISSIONED BY MID-1987 IF EVERYTHING PROCEEDED AS SCHEDULED, MR TOMLINSON SAID.

SIGNING THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS WERE MR A.D. BARRETT AND MR A.R. UMNEY.

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OCTOBER CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR OCTOBER 1983.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR OCTOBER 1983 WERE 151 AND 150 RESPECTIVELY, EACH BEING FIVE POINTS OR 3.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN THE PRECEDING YEAR, CPI(A) ROSE BY 17 POINTS OR 12.7 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 16 POINTS OR 11.9 PER CENT.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN OCTOBER 1983, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 1.9 PER CENT EACH MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(B), 1.7 PER CENT.

DURING OCTOBER, FOOD PRICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF PORK AND EDIBLE OILS, WERE HIGHER. CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS, SCHOOL FEES, PRIVATE DWELLING RENTALS AND PRICES OF CIGARETTES AND ELECTRICAL DURABLES ALSO WENT UP.

/THE CPI(A)

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH, AND THE CPI(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME.

THE INDEXES FOR OCTOBER 1983 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR SEPTEMBER 1983 AND OCTOBER 1982.

SECTION	(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE= 100)					
	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	OCT.82	SEP.83	OCT.83	OCT.82	SEP.83	OCT.83
FOODSTUFFS	139	151	155	139	150	155
HOUSING	129	138	140	129	138	139
FUEL AND LIGHT	138	148	154	138	149	154
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	124	184	204	124	178	195
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	133	141	144	134	142	145
DURABLE GOODS	108	116	123	110	119	126
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	125	135	139	123	134	138
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	142	158	158	143	160	161
SERVICES	140	154	160	139	152	158
ALL ITEMS	134	146	151	134	145	150

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1983, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY FOUR POINTS IN CPI(A) AND BY FIVE POINTS IN CPI(B).

THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF PORK, EDIBLE OILS AND RICE INCREASED AS A RESULT OF HIGHER IMPORT COSTS.

THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH FRUITS ALSO WENT UP.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES DECREASED. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN CPI(A) AND BY ONE POINT IN CPI(B) OWING TO INCREASED RENTS FOR PRIVATE DWELLINGS.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY SIX POINTS IN CPI(A) AND BY FIVE POINTS IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF KEROSENE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS AS WELL AS HIGHER FUEL COST ADJUSTMENTS IN ELECTRICITY AND TOWNGAS CHARGES.

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) INCREASED BY 20 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND BY 17 POINTS IN CPI(B), REFLECTING THE FULL IMPACT OF RISES IN CIGARETTE PRICES.

HIGHER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING CAUSED THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR TO INCREASE BY THREE POINTS IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B).

THE SEVEN-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES OF TELEVISION SETS, SOUND EQUIPMENT AND ELECTRICAL CONSUMER GOODS.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY FOUR POINTS IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF MEDICINES, TOILET REQUISITES, COSMETICS, JEWELLERY, TOYS AND HOBBIES.

THE ONE-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES IN CPI(B) WAS MAINLY DUE TO HIGHER GASOLINE PRICES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY SIX POINTS IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER SCHOOL FEES, TEXTBOOK PRICES AND POSTAGE RATES AS WELL AS HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT, PACKAGE TOURS AND DINNER PARTIES.

(FIGURES PRESENTED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR OCTOBER 1983.

BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS OF THIS REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216512.

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SITES CHOSEN FOR ERP PILOT STAGE
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THE CENTRAL AND ADMIRALTY DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS THE TEST AREA FOR THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING PILOT STAGE.

THE AREA COVERED IS BOUNDED ROUGHLY BY PEDDER STREET IN THE WEST AND ARSENAL STREET IN THE EAST AND EXTENDS TO GARDEN ROAD AND COTTON TREE DRIVE AS FAR AS ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AND UP ICE HOUSE STREET.

WITHIN THIS AREA ELECTRONIC LOOPS WILL BE BURIED IN THE ROADS AT 18 SITES TO FORM A CORDON AND SCREENLINE ARRANGEMENT.

/PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT

PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MIKE CLANCY EXPLAINED TODAY THAT UNDER THE SELECTED ARRANGEMENT, A VEHICLE SHOULD BE RECORDED AS IT ENTERED, MOVED THROUGH AND LEFT THE ZONE. THIS WOULD PROVIDE A THOROUGH TEST OF THE RECORDING ACCURACY OF THE SYSTEM.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE SITE HAD BEEN SELECTED TO GIVE THE EQUIPMENT AN EXTREMELY EXACTING TEST.

A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE SITE AREAS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR HAD BEEN EXAMINED.

IN THE KOWLOON PENINSULA THERE IS A MORE REGULAR GRID PATTERN OF ROADS ON FAIRLY LEVEL TERRAIN. THE CENTRAL AND ADMIRALTY AREA, ON THE OTHER HAND, OFFERED SITES ON UPHILL AND DOWNHILL GRADIENTS, SITES WHERE TRAFFIC WOULD CROSS IN MERGING MOVEMENTS OR AT SHARP ANGLES TO THE LOOPS, SITES WITH FASTER TRAFFIC AND SITES WITH BUMPER TO BUMPER TRAFFIC.

MR CLANCY SAID NO CHALLENGES HAD BEEN SHIRKED. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TEST WHETHER THE 'COMMUNICATIONS' BETWEEN THE ELECTRONIC LOOP AND THE ELECTRONIC NUMBER PLATE (ENP) WOULD BE AFFECTED BY ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE. THEREFORE, SITES WERE DELIBERATELY PLACED NEXT TO TRAM LINES AND ABOVE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TUNNELS.

+EVEN THOUGH THE SITES FOR THE PILOT STAGE HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO FORM A CORDONED ZONE, THERE IS NO COMMITMENT TO SUCH A ZONAL SYSTEM FOR CHARGING PURPOSES IF THE GOVERNMENT GOES AHEAD WITH A FULL SYSTEM,+ HE STRESSED.

+HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT ONLY 18 SITES ARE NEEDED TO FORM A LEAKAGE PROOF CORDON AROUND CENTRAL TENDS TO CONFIRM EARLIER ESTIMATES THAT MUCH OF THE URBAN AREA COULD BE COVERED BY 200 TO 300 ELECTRONIC LOOP SITES.+

HE ADDED THAT TRAFFIC CONGESTION EXISTED IN A NUMBER OF AREAS AND NOT JUST CENTRAL.

+AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PUNITIVE TAXATION ON ALL MOTORISTS, ERP OFFERS A MEANS OF CONTROLLING USAGE OF VEHICLES IN SUCH CONGESTED AREAS AT PEAK TIMES.+

MR CLANCY SAID THE ERP EQUIPMENT WOULD BE BEST TESTED IF THERE WERE AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF VEHICLES WITH ENPS PASSING REGULARLY OVER THE BURIED ELECTRONIC LOOPS.

+IN THIS REGARD, THE GOVERNMENT IS VERY PLEASED WITH AND GRATEFUL FOR THE RESPONSE OF MANY ORGANISATIONS TO VOLUNTEER TO HAVE VEHICLES FITTED WITH ENPS.+

FROM THE OUTSET OF THE SCHEME IT HAD BEEN ENVISAGED THAT GOVERNMENT VEHICLES WOULD BE FITTED WITH ENPS, AND THE GOVERNMENT FLEET REMAINED A CORE ELEMENT OF THE 3 000 VEHICLES TO BE FITTED WITH ENPS. HOWEVER, THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE GOODS VEHICLE FLEET OWNERS ASSOCIATION AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, MANY BANKS, MAJOR COMPANIES AND UTILITIES WITH BUSINESS IN THE TEST AREA OR A NEED TO PASS THROUGH IT HAD VOLUNTEERED VEHICLES FOR ENP FITTING.

+THIS COOPERATION IS VERY WELCOME BECAUSE IT PROVIDES A MUCH BROADER RANGE OF VEHICLES FOR THE PILOT STAGE TESTING,+ MR CLANCY SAID.

THE MILITARY VEHICLES OF THE ROYAL CORPS OF TRANSPORT WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE. CHINA MOTOR BUS, KOWLOON MOTOR BUS AND CITYBUS HAD ALSO AGREED TO HAVE ENPS FITTED TO THEIR BUSES.

+THIS IS PARTICULARLY ADVANTAGEOUS BECAUSE ON CERTAIN ROUTES THROUGH THE CENTRAL/ADMIRALTY AREA BUSES WITH ENPS WILL PASS OVER LOOPS SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY, AND IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO HELP VERIFY EQUIPMENT PERFORMANCE BY CHECKING OPERATORS LOGS AGAINST THE COMPUTER LOGS,+ HE ADDED.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS HAD ALSO AGREED TO HAVE THEIR PRIVATE CARS FITTED WITH ENPS. MR CLANCY ALSO HOPED TO SEE PARTICIPATION FROM TAXIS, MAXICABS AND HKAA MEMBERS. HE REITERATED THAT NO ONE WOULD BE CHARGED DURING THE PILOT STAGE.

+THE COMPLETE SYSTEM THROUGH TO THE BILLING STAGE WILL BE TESTED, BUT NO BILLS WILL BE ISSUED,+ HE SAID.

REPORTING FURTHER ON PROGRESS OF THE PILOT STAGE, MR CLANCY SAID THE SHAPE AND METHOD OF FITTING THE ENP TO VEHICLES HAD NOW BEEN DETERMINED.

+IT NOW LOOKS VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE PROTOTYPE ENP DESIGNED AND PRODUCED FOR TRIALS IN THE U.K. ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO.+

THE ENP HAS UNDERGONE AN IMPORTANT RE-THINK TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY AND HONG KONG CONDITIONS. AS ENVISAGED IN EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENTS, IT WILL BE ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS A VIDEO CASSETTE AND THE CASING WILL BE AN IMPACT RESISTANT PLASTIC.

IT WILL BE FITTED TO THE UNDERSIDE OF THE FRONT PASSENGER WELL ON CARS. WHEREAS THE PROTOTYPE WAS FITTED WITH BOLTS, THE ENP FOR HONG KONG WILL COME SUPPLIED WITH AN H-SHAPED BRACKET TO BE FIXED SECURELY TO THE CAR BY INERT GAS WELDING.

LOCAL GARAGES WILL BE USED FOR THIS FITTING, WHICH FOR EACH ENP SHOULD TAKE UNDER 10 MINUTES. THIS FITTING METHOD DOES NOT INVOLVE ANY PROTRUSIONS ON THE INSIDE OF THE CAR NOR ANY DAMAGE.

MR CLANCY CAUTIONED THAT THE GOOD PROGRESS MADE DID NOT MEAN THAT THE ELECTRONIC HARDWARE WOULD BE IN PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE EXPECTED TO SEE INITIAL SHIPMENTS OF EQUIPMENT IN THE SUMMER OF 1984, BUT SAID FULL TESTING WOULD NOT BEGIN FOR A FURTHER SIX MONTHS.

+THE HARDWARE DESIGN AND SITE AND FLEET SELECTION WHICH HAS BEEN ON THE CRITICAL PATH OF THE PROJECT IS EXACTLY ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE, AND NOTHING IS BEING RUSHED THROUGH,+ HE POINTED OUT.

ROLE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOCIETY STRESSED

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YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN, AND LEND FULL SUPPORT TO, DISTRICT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO MAKE HONG KONG A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN.

+BOTH YOURSELVES AND THE SOCIETY WILL STAND TO BENEFIT IN THE LONG RUN,+ THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID AT THE METHODIST COLLEGE'S SILVER JUBILEE VARIETY SHOW THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

AS FUTURE MASTERS OF SOCIETY, YOUNG PEOPLE HERE SHOULD MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR LEISURE TO SERVE THEIR DISTRICTS, OR TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, HE SAID.

+THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES LIKE THE CLEAN HONGKONG, ANTI-NARCOTICS OR ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNS, OR OTHER ACTIVITIES SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, SUCH AS SCOUTING AND JUNIOR POLICE CALL, YOU WILL GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR OWN DISTRICTS AND THE SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.+

+NOT ONLY WILL IT STAND YOU IN GOOD STEAD WHEN YOU LEAVE SCHOOL, IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE YOU WITH USEFUL EXPERIENCE WHICH WILL ASSIST YOU IN CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM HAD, AFTER TWO YEARS OF HARD WORK AND SOLID ACHIEVEMENTS, PROVED ITS WORTH.

+HOWEVER, THE SUCCESS AND FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SYSTEM STILL COUNT ON THE STAUNCH SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

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TWO NEW MEMBERS FOR KCRC BOARD

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TWO NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION.

THEY ARE MR DAVID K.P. LI, CHIEF MANAGER OF THE BANK OF EAST ASIA LIMITED, AND MR J.A. RICHARDSON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF HUTCHISON WHAMPOA LIMITED. THE APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR TWO YEARS FROM DECEMBER 1.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD IS MR H.M.G. FORSGATE AND THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, MISS LYDIA DUNN, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION.

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SCHOOLS URGED TO FOLLOW RAIMONDI MODEL

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RAIMONDI COLLEGE IS TO BE ADMIRER FOR ITS EMPHASIS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENT MORAL CHARACTER WITHOUT OBTRUSIVE RELIGIOUS OVERTONES, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SCHOOL'S ANNUAL GRADUATION CEREMONY, WHICH ALSO COINCIDED WITH RAIMONDI'S SILVER JUBILEE YEAR, MR HAYE SAID THE RAIMONDI PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENT CHARACTER SERVED AS A MODEL WHICH HE WOULD URGE MANY OTHER SCHOOLS TO STUDY AND FOLLOW.

+WHAT RAIMONDI PUPILS LEARN HERE REMAINS WITH THEM AFTER THEY LEAVE SCHOOL, WHEN THEY ENTER THE ADULT WORLD AS WELL-COORDINATED YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A STRONG MORAL COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

MR HAYE NOTED THAT RELIGION IN RAIMONDI IS LARGELY A MATTER OF EXAMPLE. SIMILARLY, MORALITY IS TAUGHT NOT CAUGHT AT EVERY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

+MORAL EDUCATION PERMEATES THE CURRICULUM AND EVERY ACTIVITY AT RAIMONDI SO THAT THE BOYS WHO ARE LUCKY TO STUDY HERE ABSORB RESPECT FOR MORAL VALUES WHICH WILL SERVE THEM WELL THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES,+ MR HAYE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR ALSO COMMENDED FATHER CARRA ON HIS METHOD IN DEALING WITH POTENTIAL DELINQUENTS.

+HE TOLD ME THAT ONE OF THE EARLIEST LESSONS HE HAD LEARNED WAS THE NEED TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH PARENTS, AND SO ONE OF THE FIRST PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS IN OUR EDUCATION SCENE CAME INTO BEING IN 1966.

+HERE AGAIN IS AN EXAMPLE I WISH MANY MORE SCHOOLS WOULD FOLLOW,+ MR HAYE SAID.

CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES WERE PRESENTED TO STUDENTS BY MRS GLORIA HAYE, WIFE OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

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SCOUT GROUPS PLANNED FOR HOUSING ESTATES

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THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION IS PLANNING TO EXTEND ITS MOVEMENT TO DENSELY-POPULATED HOUSING ESTATES BY FORMING SIX NEW SCOUT GROUPS THERE EACH YEAR, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR WIGGHAM WAS SPEAKING AT THE HONG KONG SCOUT ASSOCIATION'S RAFFLE DRAW TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SCOUT ACTIVITIES.

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THERE ARE ALSO PLANS TO HAVE A TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL YOUTHS WHO WILL ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT.

HE SAID THE SUCCESS IN THIS DEVELOPMENT SCHEME WOULD BENEFIT MANY MORE YOUNGSTERS IN THOSE POPULATED AREAS, WHERE SERVICES TO SCHOOL CHILDREN AND OTHER PEOPLE WERE STILL BADLY NEEDED.

HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR SCOUTS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THEIR OWN ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY WHEN HONG KONG IS ONLY BEGINNING TO RECOVER FROM THE WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC RECESSION.

+ALTHOUGH THE UPTURN IS NOW APPARENT, RECENT APPEALS TO INDIVIDUAL BENEFACTORS FOR SUBSTANTIAL DONATIONS HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN FORTHCOMING,+ HE SAID.

+A RAFFLE SALE MOBILISES EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR REGION, AND GIVES EACH SCOUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INCOME FOR SCOUTING THROUGH HIS OWN EFFORTS,+ HE SAID.

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NEED FOR CARE OF ELDERLY FOLK STRESSED

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THE IMPORTANCE OF TREATING ELDER PEOPLE WITH RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING WAS STRESSED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT'S EXHIBITION ON THE ELDERLY AT HENNESSY CENTRE, MR CHAMBERS SAID IT WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS WITH FOOD AND SHELTER AND NOTHING MORE.

+WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE IS TO MAKE THEM FEEL WANTED, TO BE GENUINELY PART OF THE FAMILY.

+IF WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS, THEN THE OLDER MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILIES WILL REALLY BE HAPPY,+ HE SAID.

BUT, HE SAID, THIS WOULD NOT ALWAYS BE EASY, BECAUSE THE INTERESTS, RECREATION AND EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS OF THE ELDERLY MIGHT DIFFER FROM THOSE OF YOUNGER PEOPLE.

HE SAID PEOPLE REACHING RETIREMENT AGE, HAD SPECIAL CLAIM FOR SUPPORT AND SYMPATHY BECAUSE THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG SINCE 1945 WAS A RESULT VERY LARGELY OF THEIR EFFORTS.

HE SAID THE SUCCESS OF HONG KONG'S EFFORTS TO FOSTER THE WELL-BEING OF THE ELDERLY DEPENDED ON THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

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KUNG FU CONTEST FINALS

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THE FINALS OF THE THIRD CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS SELF-ATTAINMENT AWARD COMPETITION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW EVENING (SATURDAY) AT THE MACPHERSON STADIUM, MONG KOK.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION.

OVER 60 MEN AND WOMEN FINALISTS WILL COMPETE IN FOUR DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES, AND SEVEN TEAMS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FINALS OF GROUP PERFORMANCE.

MEDALS WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 9.30 PM AT THE SAME PLACE.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, DR HO KAM-FAI WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AND THE CHIEF RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER (RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE), MR DAVID MAK WILL MAKE A WELCOMING SPEECH.

IN ADDITION TO PROMOTING CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS, AROUSING PUBLIC INTEREST IN FITNESS AND ENCOURAGING COOPERATION WITHIN THE SPORT, THE AWARD IS ALSO AIMED AT RAISING THE STANDARD OF CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH STARTS AT 6 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT MACPHERSON STADIUM, MONG KOK.

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INDUSTRIAL-GODOWN SITE SOLD

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A 2 977 SQUARE-METRE INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN SITE AT CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, LAI CHI KOK, WAS SOLD BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SITE WAS BOUGHT BY HIGH-BORN INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED FOR \$17.6 MILLION - \$5 912 PER SQUARE METRE.

A RESIDENTIAL SITE AT RAZOR HILL, SAI KUNG, AND TWO OTHER INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN SITES AT YUEN LONG AND SHA TIN WERE WITHDRAWN FROM SALE AS THERE WERE NO BIDS.

THE AUCTION TOOK PLACE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AND WAS CONDUCTED BY GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR C.M. MO.

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TRADE DEPARTMENT SATURDAY COUNTER HOURS EXTENDED
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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT SATURDAY WORKING HOURS FOR PUBLIC COUNTERS, ORIGINALLY FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON, WILL BE EXTENDED PERMANENTLY BY HALF AN HOUR TO 12.30 PM.

+THIS MEASURE IS INTRODUCED FOLLOWING FAVOURABLE REACTION FROM THE TRADE TOWARDS A THREE-MONTH TRIAL SCHEME ON EXTENDED SATURDAY WORKING HOURS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, THE FOLLOWING BRANCHES AND DIVISIONS OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL WORK FROM 9 AM TO 12.30 PM EVERY SATURDAY:

NORTH AMERICA:

TEXTILES CONTROLS BRANCH -- (15/F, OCEAN CENTRE)

EEC:

TEXTILES CONTROLS BRANCH -- ''

OTHER REGIONS:

TEXTILES CONTROLS BRANCH -- ''

SYSTEMS:

SYSTEMS AND COMMON SERVICES BRANCH -- (15/F, 13/F, G/F)

CERTIFICATION BRANCH -- (13/F, 1/F, G/F)

RESERVED COMMODITIES AND TRADE LICENSING (NON-TEXTILES) BRANCH -- (13/F)

COMPUTERISED SYSTEMS BRANCH -- (15/F)

ADMINISTRATION:

HONG KONG SUB-OFFICE, -- (1/F, ASIAN HOUSE)

ENQUIRIES COUNTERS -- 3-7222333

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

NEW REFUSE COLLECTION POINT PLANNED

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A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND A PUBLIC TOILET ARE BEING PLANNED ON A SITE AT LAN KWAI FONG IN CENTRAL.

TOMORROW, THE MEMBERS OF THE WAN CHAI, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARDS WILL VISIT THE SITE TO STUDY IF THE PROPOSAL WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT OF LAN KWAI FONG WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN DEVELOPED INTO A PLACE FOR SHOPPING AND EATING.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS LOLLY CHIU, AND THE DISTRICTS' URBAN SERVICES OFFICERS, MEMBERS WILL ALSO TOUR THE NEWLY-COMPLETED OFF-STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AT SING WO ROAD AND PATERSON STREET IN WAN CHAI.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER, EDINBURGH PLACE, AT 9.20 AM FOR LAN KWAI FONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

'TA CHIU' RITES SET FOR SUNDAY

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YUEN LONG'S TRADITIONAL TA CHIU RITUAL, HELD ONCE EVERY 10 YEARS TO THANK GODS FOR BRINGING PEACE AND PROSPERITY TO THE COMMUNITY, WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 27).

PERFORMING THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WHO ALSO OFFICIATED ON THE LAST TWO OCCASIONS -- FIRST IN 1963 IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER AND IN 1973 AS DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, NEW TERRITORIES.

SUNDAY'S TA CHIU CEREMONY -- THE SEVENTH SINCE IT STARTED IN 1923 -- WILL BEGIN AT 5.30 PM AT THE OPEN SPACE OF SAI CHING STREET, SAI YUE CHUNG, YUEN LONG.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AM 5797, WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 4 PM SHARP FOR YUEN LONG.

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**SCHOOL CHILDREN POTTED PLANT COMPETITION
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STUDENTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN A STUDENT POTTED PLANT COMPETITION WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN EXHIBITION OF THE ENTRIES TO BE HELD IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

THE COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION, IN SUPPORT OF THE 'MEI FA' PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTION, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE COMPETITION AIMS AT PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT POTTED PLANTS AND WILL STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF BEAUTIFYING THE ENVIRONMENT. ALL PLANTING WORK SHOULD BE DONE BY STUDENTS UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF TEACHERS.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE OPEN TO STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY 4 TO FORM 7. IT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTIONS. EACH SECTION COMPRISES THE FOLLOWING GROUPS: AFRICAN VIOLETS, ANNUALS, CACTI, CHRYSANTHEMUMS, FERNS, FOLIAGE PLANTS AND SUCCULENT PLANTS WHILE THE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN ALSO SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES FOR THE GROUP NAMED FLORAL ARTS.

EACH SCHOOL IS LIMITED TO SEND THREE ENTRIES FOR EACH GROUP. THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR THE BEST ENTRIES FOR EACH GROUP AND ALSO FOR THE THREE SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST MARKS IN EACH SECTION.

THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL ON MARCH 9 NEXT YEAR AND, WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN EXHIBITION OF ALL ENTRIES AT THE SAME PLACE FROM THE SAME DAY TO MARCH 11.

SCHOOLS WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION SHOULD SEND THE ENTRY FORM TO THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 4/F., HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY BEFORE DECEMBER 15.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION CAN BE MADE AT THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON 5-8392380.

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TWO SITES FOR TENDER
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER.

ONE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 3 800 SQUARE METRES, IS IN WAI YIP STREET, KWUN TONG. IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TO INCLUDE A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, BUT EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, HOTEL OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT.

THE SECOND SITE, IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, MEASURES 2 494 SQUARE METRES. IT IS ALSO FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TO INCLUDE A PUBLIC MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, BUT EXCLUDING GODOWN AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 30.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SURVEY DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD; DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS. TENDER PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE LOCATIONS.

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LIFT REGULATIONS BEING AMENDED
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LIFT REGULATIONS IN HONG KONG ARE BEING AMENDED TO IMPROVE SAFETY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE BUILDING (LIFTS) REGULATIONS WOULD BE UPDATED FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR TO CONFORM TO CURRENT BRITISH STANDARD CODES OF PRACTICE AND SPECIFICATIONS.

HE SAID ONE OF THE CHANGES WAS THAT A LIFT PIT SERVING MORE THAN ONE LIFT WOULD HAVE TO BE PHYSICALLY PARTITIONED IN FUTURE TO SEPARATE ADJACENT LIFT CARS AND EQUIPMENT. THIS IS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS ARISING FROM WORKERS IN A LIFT PIT COMING INTO CONTACT WITH NEARBY LIFTS OR EQUIPMENT.

ANOTHER CHANGE IS THAT THE REGULATIONS WILL INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS PREVENTING LIFTS FROM BEING STOPPED BETWEEN FLOORS, TO INHIBIT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND ANOTHER TO REDUCE THE RISK OF DANGER OR INJURY TO PASSENGERS BY ELIMINATING THE POSSIBILITY OF DOORS BEING OPENED WHILE THE LIFT IS MOVING.

A NEW REGULATION STIPULATES THAT ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED INTO LIFT SHAFTS AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS FOR RESCUE PURPOSES.

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A FURTHER NEW REGULATION TO BE INTRODUCED GIVES LEGAL SANCTION TO AN EXISTING REQUIREMENT ALREADY BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES TO PROVIDE FIREMEN'S LIFTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMENDMENTS AND NEW REGULATIONS GAZETTED TODAY, WERE RECOMMENDED BY AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL STUDY GROUP SET UP IN 1980 AS PART OF A BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT EXERCISE TO REVIEW THE BUILDING REGULATIONS.

HE SAID THAT INCLUDED IN THE STUDY GROUP WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES AND THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT.

THE PROPOSALS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND ENDORSED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND THE GOVERNMENT.

HE SAID THAT THE LIFT AND ESCALATOR CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION HAD HELPED TO FORM THE PROPOSALS.

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NEED FOR DISCIPLINE STRESSED

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IMMIGRATION OFFICERS WERE REMINDED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER, OF THE NEED TO EXERCISE THEIR POWERS+ ONLY IN A CAREFULLY CONTROLLED WAY -- A DISCIPLINED WAY.+

SPEAKING AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 69 RECRUIT OFFICERS AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT PARADE GROUND, MR CARTER SAID THAT DISCIPLINE WAS NOT JUST A MATTER OF DRILL ON THE PARADE GROUND.

+DISCIPLINE IS A SYSTEM OF RULES WHICH GOVERNS OUR CONDUCT, THE SMARTNESS OF OUR TURNOUT, AND THE WAY IN WHICH WE EXECUTE OUR DUTIES.

+BUT IT IS ALSO A FORM OF MENTAL AND MORAL TRAINING, WHICH COMES ONLY FROM WITHIN US, WHICH GIVES US THE RIGHT ATTITUDE TO SERVE THE PUBLIC TO THE VERY BEST OF OUR ABILITY AND TO THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS,+ HE SAID.

MR CARTER THEN CONGRATULATED THE OFFICERS ON THEIR SMART TURNOUT.

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DB PRAISED FOR WORK
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THE INTERACTION AT DISTRICT LEVEL BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CREATES NEW EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID THE INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION HAD BROUGHT ABOUT GREATER PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL PEOPLE IN THEIR DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

+THROUGH THE HARD WORK AND CONTRIBUTION OF DEDICATED PEOPLE BOTH AT THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, WE HAVE NOW AN EFFICIENT MACHINERY CAPABLE OF RESPONDING EFFECTIVELY TO LOCAL NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS THAT HONG KONG CAN BE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

IN SHAM SHUI PO, HE SAID, THE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF SQUATTER AREAS, THE VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, THE SPORTS FESTIVALS AND OTHER PROJECTS MADE THE DISTRICT A BETTER AND HAPPIER PLACE TO LIVE IN.

+I CONGRATULATE YOU FOR ALL THAT HAS BEEN DONE FOR THE DISTRICT AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

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VARIETY SHOW TO ROUND OFF COURTESY CAMPAIGN
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A GRAND FINALE OF SONGS AND DANCES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 27) TO ROUND OFF THE MONTH-LONG COURTESY CAMPAIGN IN YAU MA TEI.

AT THE 90-MINUTE VARIETY SHOW, THREE +MOST COURTEOUS BUS CAPTAINS+ WILL RECEIVE PRIZES FROM THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM.

THE SELECTION OF +MOST COURTEOUS BUS CAPTAINS+ WAS ONE OF SEVERAL COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO PUBLICISE THE COURTESY MESSAGE.

EARLIER THE MOST COURTEOUS COSMETIC SALESGIRLS AND HOTEL EMPLOYEES WERE SELECTED. A NUMBER OF SHOPS IN THE DISTRICT WERE ALSO GIVEN AWARDS FOR THEIR GOOD SERVICES.

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THE VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON COMMERCIAL RADIO 1 STARTING AT 2 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI COURTESY CAMPAIGN CLOSING CEREMONY AND PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE +MOST COURTEOUS BUS CAPTAINS+ STARTING AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 27) AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA (NEXT TO THE TOKYU DEPARTMENT STORE).

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MASS MEDIA MANPOWER SURVEY STARTING
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A MANPOWER SURVEY ON THE MASS MEDIA BEGINS TODAY (FRIDAY) AND WILL LAST TILL DECEMBER 16.

THE 19-DAY SURVEY IS CONDUCTED BY THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

+BASED ON THE SURVEY FINDINGS, THE BOARD WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANPOWER PLANNING AND TRAINING TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MASS MEDIA INDUSTRY,+ MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD SAID.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT, QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT TO ABOUT 500 NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, NEWS AGENCIES AND RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS TO BE COVERED IN THE SURVEY.

OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THEM DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO COLLECT AND HELP COMPLETE THE FORMS.

MR SHUM STRESSED THAT INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ORGANISATIONS.

ALSO HELPING IN THE SURVEY IS THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY.

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TEMPORARY ROAD SECTION CLOSURES
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WANG TAU HOM FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE MORNINGS FROM 1.15 AM TO 5 AM ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY (NOVEMBER 27 AND 28).

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE CLOSED:

- * THE SECTION OF WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD BETWEEN WANG TAU HOM CENTRAL ROAD AND FU MEI STREET EAST.
- * THE SECTION OF FU MEI STREET EAST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION.
- * THE SECTION OF WANG TAU HOM SOUTH ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES WEST OF THE JUNCTION.

THE SECTION OF FU KEUNG STREET, BETWEEN FU WAN STREET AND WANG TAU HOM SOUTH ROAD, WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY. AND WANG TAU HOM SOUTH ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO TWO-WAY.

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ROAD SAFETY DAY
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A ROAD SAFETY DAY, FEATURING A CYCLING DEMONSTRATION BY THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND A PHOTO EXHIBITION, WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 27) IN MUI WO.

THE EVENT MARKS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE THREE-WEEK ISLANDS DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE POLICE.

AT THE ROAD SAFETY DAY, WINNERS OF ESSAY-WRITING, PAINTING AND QUIZ COMPETITIONS WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES, AND SEE THEIR ENTRIES PUT ON DISPLAY.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP; DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT FOR ISLANDS, MR M.J. HARRIS; SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER FOR TUEN MUN AND ISLANDS, MR NG KOON-CHI; COMMISSIONER OF ROAD SAFETY PATROLS, MR CECIL CHAN; AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT'S EIGHT RURAL COMMITTEES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ROAD SAFETY DAY STARTING AT 2 PM AT THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

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NEW TRUNK ROAD FOR CIRCULAR ROUTE
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A 12-KILOMETRE LONG TRUNK ROAD FROM AU TAU TO FAN KAM ROAD WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AS PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROUTE.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF SERVICE ROADS LINKING TO THE TRUNK ROAD BY GRADE-SEPARATED INTER-SECTIONS AT VARIOUS LOCATION TO CATER FOR LOCAL ACCESS TRAFFIC.

WORK ON THE DUAL THREE-LANE ROAD WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN PHASES BY THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT WHICH INVOLVES MAINLY CONSTRUCTING A DUAL TWO-LANE TRUNK ROAD FROM PAK SHEK AU TO FAN KAM ROAD.

IT WILL START LATE IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN 1986.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY; DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (NORTH) AND DISTRICT OFFICE (NORTH) OLD DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, TAI PO MARKET; YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS.

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STREET ALTERATION FOR MTR WORK
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A TEMPORARY STREET ALTERATION WILL BE INTRODUCED IN SAI YING PUN NEXT MONTH TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VENT SHAFT AND FAN CHAMBER FOR THE OVERRUN TUNNEL OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE'S SHEUNG WAN STATION.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS A SECTION OF KO SHING STREET BETWEEN THE JUNCTIONS OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND LI SING STREET. BOTH THE CARRIAGEWAY AND THE NORTHERN FOOTPATH RUNNING ALONG THE SECTION WILL BE CLOSED, BUT AN ALTERNATIVE TEMPORARY CARRIAGEWAY AND FOOTPATH OF A MINIMUM WIDTH OF FOUR METRES AND 1.5 METRES RESPECTIVELY WILL BE PROVIDED. TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS. THE EXACT EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE STREET ALTERATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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A NOTICE ABOUT THE STREET ALTERATION IS GAZETTED TODAY, AND COPIES TOGETHER WITH THE STREET ALTERATION PLAN (NO. MT/G/241), MAY BE INSPECTED DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS AT THE ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AT CGO WEST WING; OR THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION IN MURRAY BUILDING, COTTON TREE DRIVE.

CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT AND MUST REACH HIS OFFICE WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE ROAD IS REINSTATED.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ROAD JUNCTION

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FROM SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 27), THE JUNCTION OF TAI HANG SAI STREET AND TAI HANG TUNG ROAD, COVERING A 60-METRE SECTION OF TAI HANG TUNG ROAD AND A 30-METRE SECTION OF TAI HANG STREET, WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL GENERAL TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM FOR ABOUT TWO CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS.

DURING THE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE, TRAFFIC TO OR FROM NAM SHAN ESTATE SHOULD USE WOH CHAI STREET, NAM CHEONG STREET AND TAI HANG SAI STREET. TRAFFIC TO AND FROM TAI HANG TUNG ROAD SHOULD USE THE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD NEAR BLOCK 12 OF TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE.

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FRESH AND SALT WATER MAINS WORK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 28) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY CANAL ROAD EAST, HENNESSY ROAD, PRECIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD, INCLUDING LEIGHTON LANE, 42-64 LEIGHTON ROAD, PO LEUNG KUK AND DEFENCE FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

EARLIER THAT SAME DAY, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME DISTRICT AND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN KOWLOON WILL BE INTERRUPTED - FROM 9.30 AM TO 4 PM - FOR REPAIR WORKS.

THE AFFECTED DISTRICTS INCLUDE HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, MA TAU WAI, KOWLOON CITY, MA TAU KOK, KOWLOON TONG, WANG TAU HOM, WONG TAI SIN AND SAN PO KONG, INCLUDING KAI TAK AIRPORT AND KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE FOLLOWING HOUSING ESTATES WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED DURING THAT TIME: TUNG TAU, LOWER AND UPPER WONG TAI SIN, FU SHAN, HUNG HOM, MA TAU WAI, MEI TUNG, LOK FU, LOK MAN AND WANG TAU HOM.

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