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GOVERNOR LEAVES SATURDAY FOR UK
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL BE LEAVING FOR LONDON ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 15).

HE WILL BE FOLLOWED ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, TOGETHER WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, QC, AND THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR PETER TSAO.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNOR WILL BE LEAVING EARLIER IN ORDER TO SPEND A WORKING DAY IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE ON MONDAY, PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE REST OF THE TEAM.

AS ANNOUNCED EARLIER, THE HONG KONG GROUP WILL BE MEETING THE PRIME MINISTER, AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, ON SEPTEMBER 19, AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTERS ON THE NEGOTIATION IN PEKING ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

THE HONG KONG TEAM IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TOWARDS THE END OF THE WEEK.

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CHIEF SECRETARY VISITS FIRE SCENE
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THIS AFTERNOON (WEDNESDAY) VISITED THE BLUE BOX FACTORY BUILDING IN TIN WAN WHERE A FIFTH ALARM FIRE HAS BEEN BURNING FOR MORE THAN 34 HOURS.

SIR PHILIP WADED UP THE SMOKE-FILLED STAIRCASE TO THE 12TH FLOOR - JUST ONE FLOOR BELOW WHERE THE BLAZE HAD CLIMBED TO AND A NUMBER OF FLOORS ABOVE WHERE THE FIRE WAS STILL BURNING -- TO SEE THE SEVERITY OF THE SITUATION.

HE TOLD WAITING REPORTERS AFTERWARDS THAT HONG KONG SHOULD BE PROUD OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

+I HAVE SEEN THE WORST FIFTH ALARM FIRE IN HONG KONG HISTORY, AND AS A RESULT OF WHAT I HAVE SEEN, I CAN ONLY SAY THAT HONG KONG IS EXTREMELY LUCKY TO HAVE THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT THAT IT HAS,+ SAID SIR PHILIP.

SIR PHILIP ALSO SHARPLY CRITICISED THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FACTORY.

HE SAID: +I THINK THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MISMANAGEMENT OF FACTORY BUILDINGS LIKE THESE -- WITH THE RESULT THAT THEY PUT NOT ONLY THE LIVES OF FIREMEN AT RISK BUT ALSO THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF NEIGHBOURS BY SO MISMANAGING BUILDINGS -- ARE A DISGRACE TO OUR COMMUNITY.+

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TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE CONTRACT AWARDED
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO BUILD THE TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE TO MAEDA-ORIENTAL JOINT VENTURE.

SIGNING THE \$200 MILLION CONTRACT AT A CEREMONY TODAY (WEDNESDAY) WERE THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR KENNETH KWOK, AND THE HONG KONG GENERAL MANAGER OF MAEDA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD AND REPRESENTATIVE OF MAEDA-ORIENTAL JOINT VENTURE, MR TETSUO OCHIAI.

WORK WILL START AT THE END OF THE MONTH AND BE COMPLETED BY MID-1987.

IT WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTING A BRIDGE ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETRES TO THE NORTH OF THE EXISTING TSING YI BRIDGE. THE NEW BRIDGE WILL CROSS THE NORTHERN END OF RAMBLER CHANNEL BETWEEN NGA YING CHAU IN TSING YI AND SAM PAK TSIN IN TSUEN WAN.

APPROACH ROADS LINKING THE FUTURE ROAD NETWORK IN NORTHEAST TSING YI AND THE EXISTING TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT IN TSUEN WAN WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

THE BRIDGE WILL BE A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, WITH EACH SIDE BEING 7.3 METRES WIDE. IN THE MIDDLE THERE WILL BE A CONCRETE MEDIAN SEPARATING THE OPPOSING STREAMS OF TRAFFIC TO ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY.

HARDSTRIPS MEASURING 1.5 METRES AND ONE METRE IN WIDTH WILL BE PROVIDED NEXT TO THE INNER LANE AND THE MEDIAN BARRIER RESPECTIVELY, TO ALLOW TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC TO FLOW IN THE EVENT OF A VEHICLE BREAKDOWN.

A TWO-METRE WIDE PEDESTRIAN FOOTWAY WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE BRIDGE WHILE ANOTHER FOOTWAY OF THE SAME WIDTH ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE WILL BE USED AS ACCESS TO UTILITIES INSTALLATIONS AND FOR EMERGENCY USES.

THE BRIDGE WILL BE SUPPORTED BY TWO PIERS TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE CHANNEL.

A NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCE OF 122 METRES IN WIDTH AND 19.15 METRES IN HEIGHT WILL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT SHIPS WILL BE ABLE TO MANOEUVRE IN THE CHANNEL.

EACH OF THE PIERS WILL BE PROTECTED FROM SHIP COLLISION BY A SMALL ROCK MOUND ISLAND ON WHICH NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS WILL BE INSTALLED TO WARN APPROACHING VESSELS.

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THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS.

THE TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE IS NECESSARY TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED TRAFFIC GENERATED FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSING YI.

TOWARDS THE END OF THE DECADE, TSING YI WILL BE DEVELOPED TO ACCOMMODATE A POPULATION OF 220 000, COMPARED WITH THE PRESENT POPULATION OF ABOUT 54 000.

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DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY A NUMBER OF SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MR CHAN WA-SHEK TO SUCCEED MR TOM GARNER AS COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ON THE LATTER'S RETIREMENT IN JUNE 1985. MR CHAN HAS BEEN THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SINCE NOVEMBER 1980.

MR GARTH HYDES TO SUCCEED MR CHAN WA-SHEK AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES. MR HYDES HAS BEEN AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SINCE JANUARY 1980.

MR LI YUET-TING TO SUCCEED MR MICHAEL LEUNG AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN NOVEMBER 1984. MR LI HAS BEEN A SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SINCE FEBRUARY 1983.

MR PETER CHAN YUE-YAN TO SUCCEED MR PERCY DAVY AS DIRECTOR OF MARINE ON THE LATTER'S RETIREMENT IN NOVEMBER 1984. MR CHAN HAS BEEN THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE SINCE OCTOBER 1983.

MR DERICK HALL TO SUCCEED MR CHAN YUE-YAN AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE. MR HALL HAS BEEN THE SURVEYOR GENERAL OF SHIPS SINCE FEBRUARY 1982.

MR HAROLD KWOK TO SUCCEED MR ROBERT SUN AS COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING ON THE LATTER'S RETIREMENT IN DECEMBER 1984. MR KWOK IS CURRENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING.

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FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THESE OFFICERS:

MR TOM GARNER, CBE, JP

AGED 58. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN OCTOBER 1947 AS A PRISON OFFICER CLASS I. PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES IN JANUARY 1972. APPOINTED, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, TO D5 OF THE DIRECTORATE PAY SCALE IN JANUARY 1983 IN RECOGNITION OF HIS LONG AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE.

MR CHAN WA-SHEK, ISO, JP

AGED 53. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN AUGUST 1951 AS A WARDER. PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 1980.

MR GARTH HYDES

AGED 45. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN FEBRUARY 1958 AS A PRISON OFFICER CLASS I. PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES IN JANUARY 1980.

MR LI YUET-TING, JP

AGED 46. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER 1960 AS AN ASSISTANT EDUCATION OFFICER. PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN FEBRUARY 1983.

MR PERCY DAVY, JP

AGED 56. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN JULY 1961 AS A SURVEYOR OF SHIPS. PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF DIRECTOR OF MARINE IN JUNE 1980. FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTION OF MARINE ENGINEERS, THE INSTITUTION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, AND THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF NAVAL ARCHITECTS.

MR PETER CHAN YUE-YAN, JP

AGED 51. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN JULY 1962 AS A SURVEYOR OF SHIPS. PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF DEPUTY OF DIRECTOR OF MARINE IN OCTOBER 1983.

MR DERICK HALL

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AGED 46. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN NOVEMBER 1965 AS A SURVEYOR OF SHIPS. PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF SURVEYOR GENERAL OF SHIPS IN FEBRUARY 1982.

MR ROBERT SUN, JP

AGED 61. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN MARCH 1957 AS ASSISTANT PRESS OFFICER. HE WAS SECONDED TO THE HK TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN AUGUST 1967 AND TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNCIL IN APRIL 1970. HE REJOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN JANUARY 1980 AS DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES AND WAS APPOINTED COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING IN MARCH 1983.

MR HAROLD KWOK WAI-HONG, JP

AGED 49. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN AUGUST 1961 AS AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER II. HE HAS SERVED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS INCLUDING THE FINANCE BRANCH, THE FORMER HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE FORMER NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. SINCE MAY 1982, HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN APRIL 1981.

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TWO MP'S ARRIVING TODAY
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TWO CONSERVATIVE MP'S, MR ANDREW ROWE AND MR IAN LANG, WILL ARRIVE THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON FOR A NINE-DAY VISIT.

THEY WILL MEET MEMBERS OF UMELCO, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED BY THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION, AND THE HK GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND WILL ATTEND FUNCTIONS HOSTED BY THE HK PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE AND THE HK EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION.

AMONG THE PLACES THEY WILL VISIT ARE THE CHI MA WAN CLOSED CENTRE, TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT, A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THEY WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 20, BEFORE DEPARTING THE SAME DAY.

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MORE LAWS TO IMPROVE SEAFARERS' JOBS

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NEW REGULATIONS AND LAWS ARE BEING PREPARED TO FURTHER ENHANCE CONDITIONS ON BOARD MERCHANT VESSELS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THESE EFFORTS ARE A FOLLOW-UP TO AN INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION CONVENTION ON MERCHANT SHIPPING, EXTENDED TO HONG KONG IN LATE 1982.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT AT THE TIME OF ITS EXTENSION, MANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS WERE ALREADY COVERED OR EXCEEDED BY HONG KONG'S LEGISLATION OR ACCEPTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE MEANS.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, MEMBERS TO THE CONVENTION UNDERTAKE TO HAVE LAWS ON SAFETY STANDARDS ON BOARD SHIPS, SOCIAL SECURITY MEASURES FOR SEAFARERS AND ADEQUATE PROCEDURES FOR INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS AND FOR OFFICIAL ENQUIRIES INTO SERIOUS MARINE CASUALTIES.

REGULATIONS UNDER PREPARATION INCLUDE:

- * MERCHANT SHIPPING (MEDICAL EXAMINATION) REGULATIONS, PRESCRIBING MEDICAL STANDARDS OF FITNESS FOR SERVICE AT SEA AND THE FREQUENCY OF SUCH EXAMINATIONS. HONG KONG INTENDS TO FOLLOW THE CONVENTION MORE CLOSELY THAN THE U.K. BY REQUIRING THE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS WITHIN TWO YEARS, AS AGAINST FIVE YEARS IN THE U.K.
- * MERCHANT SHIPPING (HOURS OF WORK) REGULATIONS, PROVIDING FOR THE MINIMUM PERIODS OF REST FOR WATCHKEEPERS.
- * MERCHANT SHIPPING (CODE OF SAFE WORKING PRACTICES) REGULATIONS, PRESCRIBING THE NUMBER OF COPIES OF THE BOOKLET +CODE OF SAFE WORKING PRACTICES+ WHICH MUST BE KEPT ON BOARD A SHIP, AND THE WAY THESE BOOKLETS ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED.
- * MERCHANT SHIPPING (SAFETY OFFICIALS AND REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS AND DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES) REGULATIONS, PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SAFETY OFFICERS, SAFETY COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON BOARD A VESSEL, AND THE OBLIGATION FOR REPORTING ACCIDENTS AND DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES.

ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION UNDER CONSIDERATION COVERS SUCH MATTERS AS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT, SAFE MOVEMENT AND SAFETY SIGNS ON BOARD SHIPS, GUARDING OF MACHINERY AND ENTRY INTO CONFINED SPACES.

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ESTATE EYESORE TO BE CLEARED

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THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL ELIMINATE AN ENVIRONMENTAL EYESORE AT LOK FU ESTATE BY CLEARING SOME 131 SQUATTER STRUCTURES ON FU MEI STREET WEST IN THE ESTATE.

+THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES HAVE POSED LONG-STANDING PROBLEMS OF OBSTRUCTION AND POLLUTION FOR TENANTS, AND THEIR REMOVAL WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TODAY.

HE SAID REHOUSING HAD ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE FAMILIES INVOLVED ACCORDING TO THEIR ELIGIBILITY.

+ALTOGETHER 32 FAMILIES OF 104 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS IN THE NEARBY ESTATES AND 38 OTHER FAMILIES COMPRISING 129 PEOPLE HAVE MOVED TO THE KAI CHEUNG THA IN KOWLOON BAY.

+IN ADDITION, NINE SINGLE PERSONS HAVE OPTED FOR CASH ALLOWANCES IN LIEU OF REHOUSING.+

OF THE NON-DOMESTIC UNDERTAKINGS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID EX-GRATIA CASH ALLOWANCE TOTTALLING \$547 481 HAD BEEN PAID TO 57 ELIGIBLE OPERATORS.

+SOME 12 FAMILIES AND ONE SHOP OPERATOR ARE INELIGIBLE FOR REHOUSING OR CASH COMPENSATION AS THEY DO NOT MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.+

HE SAID THE CLEARED SPOT WOULD BE LANDSCAPED AND REPAVED TO PROVIDE A CONVENIENT ACCESS BETWEEN THE ESTATE AND THE LOK FU MTR STATION.

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NT SITES FOR SHORT-TERM TENANCIES

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SHORT-TERM TENANCIES ON TWO NEW TERRITORIES SITES.

ONE OF THE SITES, MEASURING ABOUT 6 000 SQUARE METRES, IS AT LUNG SUM AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI, AND IS FOR USE AS A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CAR PARK.

THE TENANCY IS FOR THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

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THE OTHER SITE OF ABOUT 440 SQUARE METRES, LOCATED AT TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA IN YUEN LONG, CAN BE USED FOR STORING AND REPAIRING THE TENANT'S GOODS, THE REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE (INCLUDING PAINT SPRAYING) OF MOTOR VEHICLES NOT EXCEEDING TWO TONNES, OR AS A FOUNDRY OR A METAL WORKSHOP.

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 28.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS AS WELL AS PLANS FOR INSPECTION ARE AVAILABLE AT:

- * THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, NORTH, OLD DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, TAI PO MARKET, NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE SHEUNG SHUI SITE AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE YUEN LONG SITE.

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COUNTERFEIT ALLEGATIONS UNFAIR
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ALLEGATIONS THAT HONG KONG IS A COUNTERFEITING CENTRE ARE UNFAIR, SAID MR CHAN KWOK-WAH, SENIOR INDUSTRY OFFICER OF THE TRADE CONTROLS INVESTIGATION BRANCH (TCIB) OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

+AS HONG KONG IS A FREE MARKET AND AN IMPORTANT ENTREPOT, INEVITABLY SOME COUNTERFEITS FROM NEARBY COUNTRIES ARE TRANSHIPPED THROUGH HONG KONG. JUST BY LOOKING AT THE BILLS OF LADING, PEOPLE MIGHT MISTAKE HONG KONG FOR THE PLACE OF ORIGIN, + MR CHAN SAID.

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TCIB NOW HAS NEARLY 150 STAFF, AND CAN SET REINFORCEMENT FROM OTHER CUSTOMS UNITS WHEN NECESSARY.

+WE ACT ON OUR OWN INTELLIGENCE AS WELL AS ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY TRADEMARK OWNERS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PRIVATE INVESTIGATION AGENCIES,+ HE SAID.

TCIB SET NEW RECORDS LAST YEAR WHEN IT HANDLED 913 INVESTIGATIONS ON COUNTERFEITS AND SEIZED \$21 MILLION WORTH OF GOODS, IN ADDITION, IT BROUGHT 421 CASES TO COURT.

IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR ALONE, THE BRANCH MADE 333 SEIZURES VALUED AT ABOUT \$14 MILLION, A 54 PER CENT INCREASE IN VALUE TERMS OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE SINGLE LARGEST SEIZURE WAS MADE LAST YEAR WHEN MORE THAN SIX CONTAINER-LOADS OF JEANS FROM MACAU, VALUED AT \$2.3 MILLION, WERE INTERCEPTED AT VARIOUS CHECKPOINTS.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG'S LEGAL SANCTIONS AGAINST COUNTERFEITING ARE TOUGHER THAN THOSE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

+IN MANY COUNTRIES, PROSECUTIONS AGAINST COUNTERFEITING ARE CIVIL PROCEEDINGS INITIATED BY TRADEMARK OWNERS. IN HONG KONG, HOWEVER, COUNTERFEITING IS A CRIMINAL ACT. ON CONVICTION, OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$500 000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF FIVE YEARS,+ HE SAID.

OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ARE EMPOWERED UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTION ORDINANCE TO ENTER AND SEARCH PREMISES AND SEIZE ANY ARTICLES BEARING FORGED TRADEMARKS OR FALSE TRADE DESCRIPTION.

+OUR WELL TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED OFFICERS CAN SPOT FAKES ALMOST INSTANTLY. WHERE NECESSARY, WE WORK ROUND THE CLOCK TO TRACK DOWN COUNTERFEITERS.

+AS A BACKUP, WE HAVE OFFICERS AT LOWU, TAI KOK TSUI, KAI TAK AIRPORT AND THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL TO CARRY OUT RANDOM CHECKS ON GOODS,+ MR CHAN SAID.

HIGH ON THE LIST OF SEIZURES ARE FASHIONWARE, WATCHES, PHARMACEUTICALS, FOODSTUFFS AND COMPUTER WARE. THE SEIZED ITEMS ARE EITHER DESTROYED OR DONATED TO CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS.

BESIDES WORKING WITH THE POLICE, TCIB MAINTAINS CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, THE WATCH INDUSTRY, THE LEGAL PROFESSION, PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS AND THE TRADE COMMISSIONS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

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SUNDAY SERVICES TO MARK SCHOOL YEAR

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 16) TO OBSERVE THE START OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL. IN KOWLOON, SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT ST. THERESA'S CHURCH AND THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

ALL TEACHERS AND PUPILS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE SERVICES, WHICH ARE HELD TO ENCOURAGE THEM IN THEIR WORK, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL WILL BE HELD AT 9 AM. THE OTHER THREE SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, WILL ATTEND THE SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, AND MR MICHAEL LEUNG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WILL ATTEND THE SERVICE AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

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ROAD CLOSURE

FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 14), THE SERVICE ROAD OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD BETWEEN SA PO ROAD AND KAI TAK ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR 24 HOURS, TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THAT TIME, SA PO ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

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