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GOVT LOOKING AT LAW AND ORDER ON TAI A CHAU  
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES HAVE TO LOOK AT THE LONG TERM SITUATION ON TAI A CHAU TO SEE HOW LAW AND ORDER CAN BE MAINTAINED THERE.

THE POLICE WERE NOW WORKING ON THIS, HE SAID.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, SIR DAVID SAID THE POLICE HAD REACTED MAGNIFICENTLY IN RESTORING ORDER ON THE ISLAND AFTER THE WEEKEND TROUBLE.

"I THINK WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THESE TROUBLES FROM TIME TO TIME BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE. IT'S CLEARLY WHAT WAS THE ORIGIN OF THIS TROUBLE ON THIS OCCASION," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE POLICE WERE CONFIDENT THEY COULD DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM AND IT WOULD BE TOO EARLY TO TALK ABOUT ARMY INVOLVEMENT AT PRESENT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE ARMY WAS ALREADY HELPING IN A LARGE NUMBER OF WAYS. THEY WERE HELPING ADMINISTRATIVELY BY SUPPLYING WATER AND FOODS, AND THEY WERE HELPING BY PUTTING UP TENTS IN OTHER CAMPS, AND SO ON.

ON WHETHER THE INCIDENT MIGHT AFFECT THE PROPOSAL FOR A PERMANENT CAMP ON TAI A CHAU, SIR DAVID SAID: "WE HAVE GOT TO LOOK AT THE FUTURE OF THE SOKOS AGAINST THE PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT US FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

"IT'S NOT AN EASY PLACE TO MAINTAIN. IT CREATES OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES FOR THE SECURITY FORCES IN GETTING THERE, AND THAT IS OBVIOUSLY A PROBLEM.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS REMOTE FROM THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND, FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW, THERE IS SOME ADVANTAGE IN IT. WE HAVE TO BALANCE VERY CAREFULLY ALL THESE CONSIDERATIONS WHEN WE DECIDE WHAT TO DO FOR THE FUTURE."

ASKED WHETHER THE INCIDENT WOULD INCREASE PRESSURE TO END THE FIRST ASYLUM POLICY, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS VERY WELL AWARE OF THAT PRESSURE.

"I THINK IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT PEOPLE SHOULD BE GETTING VERY FRUSTRATED.

"WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL, HOWEVER, BEFORE WE TAKE SUCH A DRAMATIC MEASURE AS THAT.

"WE ARE CURRENTLY STILL WORKING HARD ON THE PROSPECT OF MANDATORY REPATRIATION FOR THESE PEOPLE. THAT IS PART OF OUR POLICY AND WE ARE STILL PLANNING ON THAT BASIS.

"AND IT'S TOO EARLY TO SAY, I THINK, WHETHER WE SHOULD MOVE AWAY FROM THE POLICY THAT WE HAVE AT THE MOMENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

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OPPORTUNITIES STILL ABOUND IN HK  
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WITH ITS SOUND ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS, HONG KONG HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN ITS MOMENTUM AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND TRADING CENTRE. DESPITE RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK, MR STEPHEN NG, SAID RECENTLY.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO FURTHER IMPROVING HONG KONG'S INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUSTAIN THIS POSITION WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS ALSO PLAYING ITS PART.

MR NG WAS SPEAKING AT THE 1989 SUMMER CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS-USA AND THE CHINESE AMERICAN ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY HELD IN SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY.

WHILE THERE HAD BEEN A SLOWDOWN IN GROWTH RATES IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED IN CHINA, SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG BY BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS WERE CONTINUING, MR NG SAID.

HE NOTED THAT AMONG THE LATTER A NUMBER OF AMERICAN COMPANIES HAD EITHER RELOCATED TO HONG KONG OR WERE PLANNING TO OPEN AN OFFICE HERE.

HONG KONG WAS FOCUSSING ON THE NEED TO DEVELOP A NEW WORKFORCE TO RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGES OF NEW TECHNOLOGY, MR NG SAID, WHILE POINTING OUT THAT A NEW UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WAS DUE TO OPEN IN 1991.

IN ADDITION, THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A TECHNOLOGY CENTRE WAS BEING EXPLORED.

MORE EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES WERE ALSO BEING BUILT AND THESE COUPLED WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT GOING ON MADE HONG KONG ONE OF THE MOST ENJOYABLE PLACES TO LIVE IN, TO WORK IN AND TO DO BUSINESS IN, HE CONCLUDED.

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LABOUR COMMISSIONER VISITS SHIPYARD  
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE FAR EAST HYDROFOIL COMPANY LTD SHIPYARD IN CHEUNG SHA WAN AS PART OF HIS PROGRAMME TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE LATEST LABOUR SITUATION IN INDUSTRY.

A MEMBER OF THE SHIPPING DIVISION OF THE SHUN TAK ENTERPRISES CORPORATION LTD, THE COMPANY IS ENGAGED IN THE REPAIR OF THE DIVISION'S JETFOILS THAT PLY BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAU.

/MR HAMMOND .....

MR HAMMOND WAS RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION'S GENERAL MANAGER, MR DAVID HILL, PERSONNEL MANAGER, MRS DOROTHY CHIH, AND THE COMPANY'S SENIOR ENGINEER, MR YU YUK-WAI, AND TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE SHIPYARD, DURING WHICH HE SAW ENGINE PARTS BEING REPAIRED.

HE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE SHIPYARD HAD NO RECORD OF SERIOUS ACCIDENTS AND HAD A GOOD RECORD IN OBSERVANCE OF SAFETY REGULATIONS.

APART FROM THE USE OF GENERAL ENGINEERING MACHINERY AND LIFTING APPLIANCES, THE COMPANY ALSO USES X-RAY EQUIPMENT FOR TESTING FOR DEFECTS AND CRACKS ON SMALL MACHINE PARTS IN A SPECIAL PROCESS CONDUCTED IN A LEAD-PANEL REINFORCED WORKSHOP.

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TRANSPORT POLICY GREEN PAPER ON EASTERN DB AGENDA  
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MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY AT THE BOARD'S MEETING ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 31).

THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PANG HAU-CHUNG, AND A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER PANG, WILL BE PRESENT TO INTRODUCE THE DOCUMENT AND ANSWER MEMBERS' QUESTIONS.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE COMPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN 1991.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO OVERLAY NOISE REDUCTION MATERIALS ON THE SECTION OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR PHASE I FACING PROVIDENT CENTRE.

SEVERAL MEMBERS WILL ASK QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DETENTION CENTRE FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE NEAR THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR IN SAI KUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 31) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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HEALTH CONTEST FOR CHILDREN IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT

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CHILDREN WHO ARE AGED UNDER FIVE AND LIVING IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO JOIN A HEALTH CONTEST TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER.

THE CONTEST IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI (NORTH AND SOUTH AREAS) YIN NGAI SOCIETY WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD TO PROMOTE GOOD CHILD CARE.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS ACCORDING TO AGE. GROUP A IS OPEN TO BABIES AGED FROM 12 TO 18 MONTHS. GROUP B IS FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN 19 AND 36 MONTHS AND GROUP C FOR 37 MONTHS TO FIVE YEARS OLD.

CONTESTANTS IN GROUP C WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR TALENT IN SINGING, STORY-TELLING OR RECITATION.

THE TOP THREE CONTESTANTS IN EACH GROUP WILL BE AWARDED GIFT COUPONS OF \$500, \$300 AND \$200 RESPECTIVELY IN ADDITION TO A TROPHY. THERE WILL BE GIFTS FOR ALL CONTESTANTS IN THE FINALS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD, ITS TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD, AND AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS SEPTEMBER 14.

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SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS

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PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PURCHASE TEXTBOOKS AND STATIONERY ARE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR A TEXTBOOK GRANT THROUGH THEIR SCHOOLS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 18.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE GRANT UNDER THE SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS ASSISTANCE SCHEME ARE OBTAINABLE AT SCHOOLS.

STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A GRANT LAST SCHOOL YEAR SHOULD SUBMIT FRESH APPLICATIONS SHOULD THEY WISH TO CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME.

ALL APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE PROPERLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE PARENTS OR THE GUARDIANS OF THE STUDENTS BEFORE BEING RETURNED TO THE SCHOOLS.

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THE SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS ASSISTANCE SCHEME. ADMINISTERED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. WILL OFFER A FULL GRANT OF \$304 TO EACH PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPIL AND \$536 TO EACH JUNIOR SECONDARY STUDENT AT SECONDARY 1 TO 3 LEVEL THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE GRANT WILL BE ASSESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RECKONER SYSTEM TO ASSESS THE FAMILY INCOME OF THE APPLICANT.

THE GRANT, IF APPROVED, WILL BE PAID BY DIRECT BANK TRANSFER IN NOVEMBER TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN AND NOT TO THE PUPILS.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 62.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 366.980 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 254.007 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 43.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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OPENING OF NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD FROM CHAU TAU (NEAR PAK SHEK AU INTERCHANGE) TO SHEK WU WAI WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC AT 10 AM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 31).

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