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SIR EDWARD EXPLAINS U.S. BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT
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THE REASON WHY THERE ARE MORE AMERICANS THAN BRITONS LIVING IN HONG KONG STEMS FROM U.S. BUSINESSMEN'S APPRECIATION OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY IN HONG KONG AND ITS POSITION AS A GATEWAY TO CHINA, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID IN SEATTLE TODAY (THURSDAY, HK TIME).

ANSWERING QUESTIONS FOLLOWING HIS ADDRESS TO A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THE WASHINGTON STATE CHINA RELATIONS COUNCIL, SIR EDWARD ALSO NOTED THE ENORMOUS MARKET THE UNITED STATES HAD TO OFFER AND THE EXCELLENT COMMUNICATIONS IN HONG KONG, AS WELL AS ITS STABLE ECONOMY AND LOW TAX RATES.

WHILE BRITAIN HAD IN RECENT YEARS BEEN DEVELOPING CLOSER TIES WITH EUROPE, THERE WAS STILL +QUITE A RESPECTABLE BRITISH BUSINESS COMMUNITY+, PARTICULARLY IN THE FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTORS AND IN LONG ESTABLISHED TRADING COMPANIES.

ASKED WHETHER HE THOUGHT OVERSEAS INVESTORS HAD CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG AFTER 1997, SIR EDWARD CITED THE RECENT DEAL TO BUILD A SECOND CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL +TOTALLY FINANCED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WITHOUT A PENNY OF GOVERNMENT MONEY GOING INTO IT.+

HE SAID THAT WAS PROOF ENOUGH THAT SOME INVESTORS BELIEVE THERE IS MONEY TO BE MADE IN LONG-TERM INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

SIR EDWARD WAS ALSO ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE MOVE TOWARDS MORE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG AND THE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL PARTIES. HAVING EXPLAINED THE BACKGROUND TO THE TERRITORY'S ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT ANY CHANGES BE GRADUAL AND WELL CONSIDERED.

+HONG KONG HAS NEVER BEEN DIVIDED BY POLITICAL PARTIES,+ HE SAID, NOTING THAT ITS SUCCESS STEMMED FROM THE APPRECIATION OF ITS SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MEANT DISCUSSION ON WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WHICH BROUGHT CONSENSUS.

SINCE HONG KONG WAS COMPLETELY RELIANT ON THE SUCCESS OF ITS ECONOMY, +THE GREAT OBJECTIVES MUST ALWAYS BE TO MAINTAIN THE STABILITY WHICH UNDERLIES THE PROSPERITY,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

HE SAID THERE WAS MUCH DEBATE ON HOW FAR AND HOW QUICKLY THE MOVE TOWARDS MORE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT SHOULD GO, AND DECISIONS ON THE NEXT MOVE WOULD BE CONSIDERED NEXT YEAR.

BUT HE NOTED THAT FOR MANY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, MATTERS RELATING TO THE ECONOMY WERE OF HIGHER PRIORITY THAN POLITICS.

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ASKED WHY HONG KONG ACQUIESCED TO THE RECENT U.S. DEMAND THAT BROUGHT TIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON HONG KONG TEXTILE IMPORTS, SIR EDWARD SAID: +BECAUSE YOU ARE BIGGER THAN WE ARE.+

HE SAID HONG KONG PEOPLE WERE REALISTS AND VALUED THE AMERICAN MARKET.

+WE WERE DISAPPOINTED WHEN WE HAD TO RENEGOTIATE,+ HE SAID, +BUT WE RECOGNISE THE CLIMATE OF OPINION.+

+SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO ACCEPT LESS THAN OUR HIGHER PRINCIPLES.+

EARLIER, SIR EDWARD TOLD REPORTERS HE FEELS THE HONG KONG MISSION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN CREATING A POSITIVE IMAGE OF THE TERRITORY DURING ITS VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS WHILE FLYING FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO SEATTLE, SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT BESIDES HIS PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS HE HAD SINCE ARRIVAL BEEN MEETING PRIVATELY MANY HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, MAINLY BUSINESSMEN.

AT THESE MEETINGS HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO REINFORCE HIS MESSAGE AS WELL AS EXPLAIN HONG KONG'S POLICIES AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TERRITORY.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE SPOKE WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF BUSINESS LEADERS, ESPECIALLY ON THE WEST COAST, AT A BREAKFAST ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG BAY AREA ASSOCIATION IN SAN FRANCISCO.

THEY WERE INTERESTED IN TRADING WITH HONG KONG AND SOME DID HAVE INTERESTS IN THE TERRITORY, AND +I WAS ABLE TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO COME AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

THE GOVERNOR EXPLAINED TO THE REPORTERS THAT THERE WERE THREE MAIN OBJECTIVES IN VISITING SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE AND VANCOUVER.

THE FIRST WAS TO AROUSE AN INTEREST IN HONG KONG AS A TOURISM DESTINATION AND AS A PLACE IN WHICH TO DO BUSINESS.

THE SECOND WAS TO DELIVER A POSITIVE IMAGE OF HONG KONG AS A PROSPEROUS AND STABLE PLACE OFFERING NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO BUSINESSMEN.

THE THIRD WAS TO EMPHASISE HONG KONG'S STATUS AS A TERRITORY WHICH BELIEVED IN FREE TRADE.

+IT'S VERY EASY FOR HONG KONG TO GET LUMPED TOGETHER WITH COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT AS FREE IN TRADING PRACTICES AS WE ARE,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

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+AND WE WANTED TO GIVE THOSE FRIENDS OF OURS WHO DO RECOGNISE HONG KONG DOES NOT HAVE TRADE BARRIERS ... TO GIVE THEM SOME AMMUNITION WITH WHICH TO ARGUE THAT IT IS NOT RIGHT TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST HONG KONG BECAUSE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE TRADE BARRIERS.+

HE THOUGHT THAT SO FAR MEMBERS OF THE MISSION HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN MEETING THESE OBJECTIVES, AND ADDED, +THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING IS IN THE EATING AND WE SHALL SEE WHAT IMPACT WE'VE HAD IN THE MONTHS TO COME.+

THE GOVERNOR ALSO SAID HE THOUGHT THE CONCEPT OF GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND QUASI PUBLIC BODIES TAKING PART IN JOINT PROMOTION OF TRADE AND TOURISM WAS VERY VALUABLE IN PROMOTING HONG KONG.

AFTER THE SHORT VISIT TO SEATTLE, SIR EDWARD AND HIS PARTY FLEW TO VANCOUVER IN CANADA WHERE ON FRIDAY (SATURDAY, HK TIME) THE GOVERNOR WILL VISIT EXPO '86 FOR 'HONG KONG DAY'.

FROM CANADA, THE GOVERNOR WILL RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FINAL STOP OF HIS NORTH AMERICA TOUR, CHICAGO.

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SIR DAVID: SINCERE EXPRESSION OF VIEWS ON DAYA BAY
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (THURSDAY) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPRESSING HONG KONG'S CONCERNS ON THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER STATION TO THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING IT, +SO THAT THOSE CONCERNS CAN BE PROPERLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE DECISIONS AND THE BUILDING OF THE PLANT.+

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER TOURING CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, SIR DAVID ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH THE POWER STATION DID NOT REST WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YESTERDAY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DEBATE ON DAYA BAY, HE NOTED THAT IT SHOWED HONG KONG PEOPLE'S GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THE POWER PLANT.

DESCRIBING IT AS +A VERY GOOD DEBATE+, SIR DAVID SAID: +PEOPLE SPOKE VERY SINCERELY ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS AND THERE WAS A WIDE RANGE OF OPINION EXPRESSED ABOUT THE PLANT. SO, I THINK IT WAS A DEBATE WHICH WAS FULL OF MEANING.+

COMMENTING ON CLAIMS THAT DAYA BAY HAD BEEN TURNED INTO A POLITICAL ISSUE, HE SAID: +WELL, I THINK WHERE YOU GET A DIFFERING EXPRESSION OF OPINION AND PEOPLE TAKING A DIFFERENT VIEW FROM OTHER PEOPLE, YOU COULD SAY THAT THAT WAS AN EXPRESSION OF POLITICAL OPINION.

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+BUT I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING ABOUT YESTERDAY'S DEBATE WAS THAT ALL THE MEMBERS SPOKE VERY SINCERELY FROM THE BOTTOM OF THEIR HEARTS ABOUT WHAT THEY PERSONALLY ARE FEELING ABOUT THE PLANT.

+WHAT YOU HAVE IN LEGCO IS VERY MUCH WHAT YOU HAVE AS A REFLECTION OF THE DIFFERING VIEWS IN THE COMMUNITY REALLY. AND THE DEBATE IN LEGCO WAS A REFLECTION OF THE DIFFERING VIEWS THAT ARE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY.

+I WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY DISAPPOINTED IF ALL 27 SPEECHES HAD BEEN EXACTLY THE SAME,+ HE ADDED.

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR DAVID SAID THERE WERE SEVERAL AREAS IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WAS SEEKING INFORMATION.

+THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ARE GOING OVERSEAS TO SEEK INFORMATION THEMSELVES.

+AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HIMSELF IN HIS SPEECH (AT LEGCO YESTERDAY) ALSO SAID THAT WE WERE HOPING VERY MUCH THAT THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES, OR PARTS OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES, COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE TO SEE SO THAT THEY COULD SEE WHAT HAD GONE ON BEFORE THE DECISION WAS TAKEN TO BUILD THE PLANT.+

ASKED WHETHER HONG KONG COULD WITHDRAW FROM THE OFFTAKE AGREEMENT, SIR DAVID SAID: +WELL, WE DO HAVE A COMMITMENT TO THAT AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY WITHDRAWAL, EVEN ANY SUGGESTION OF WITHDRAWAL, WOULD BE MOST SERIOUS INDEED.+

HE DISAGREED WITH A SUGGESTION THAT THE COMMITMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE.

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SIR DAVID SEES CENTRAL AND WESTERN DEVELOPMENT

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, VISITED CENTRAL AND WESTERN THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TO HAVE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS AND FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, SIR DAVID FIRST WENT TO THE UPPER FLOORS OF THE HONG KONG PLAZA IN WESTERN FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE WESTERN PART OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE NEW WESTERN RECLAMATION WHICH WILL ADD 30 HECTARES OF LAND TO CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT.

SIR DAVID LEARNED THAT ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE LAND IS RESERVED FOR THE NEW WESTERN WHOLESALE MARKET WHICH WILL REPLACE THE CONGESTED WHOLESALE MARKETS IN KENNEDY TOWN.

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THE REST WILL BE EARMARKED FOR GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY PURPOSES AND OPEN SPACE USES AS WELL AS FOR FACILITIES WHICH HAD BEEN DISPLACED BECAUSE OF THE RECLAMATION, SUCH AS GODOWNS AND CARGO-HANDLING AREAS.

SIR DAVID THEN VISITED A NUMBER OF SHOPS IN +NAM PAK HONG+ IN SHEUNG WAN.

NAM PAK HONG IS THE EARLIEST THRIVING BUSINESS CENTRE FOUNDED SOON AFTER HONG KONG WAS OPENED AS A PORT IN 1842. IT INCLUDES A CLUSTER OF SHOPS ALONG A FEW NARROW STREETS IN THE AREA NOW OCCUPIED BY BONHAM STRANDS EAST AND WEST AND WING LOK STREET.

THE ACTING GOVERNOR ALSO WENT TO THE TSUNG SAU LANE WEST SITTING-OUT AREA, WHICH WAS BUILT BY THE DISTRICT BOARD TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE CROWDED RESIDENTIAL AREA.

SIR DAVID WAS BRIEFED ON THE URBAN RENEWAL PILOT SCHEME IN THE DISTRICT DESIGNED TO IMPROVE ONE OF THE MOST DENSELY POPULATED AREAS OF HONG KONG BY PROVIDING LARGER SITES, THROUGH ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES, FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

SIR DAVID THEN WALKED ALONG HOLLYWOOD ROAD, BRIDGES STREET AND LADDER STREET WHERE HE SAW SOME OF THE OLD BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT LIKE THE Y.M.C.A. AND MAN MO TEMPLE.

LATER, AT THE PODIUM OF THE SHUN TAK CENTRE, WHICH HOUSES THE NEW MACAU FERRY TERMINAL, SIR DAVID LEARNED ABOUT THE RELOCATION OF THE +POOR MEN'S NIGHT CLUB+ SITE NEXT WEEK, AND THE SCHEME TO UPGRADE CONNAUGHT ROAD.

AT THE END OF HIS TOUR, SIR DAVID ALSO MET MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT AN INFORMAL GATHERING.

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MINISTER OPENS NEW HONG KONG EXHIBITION
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THE FOREIGN OFFICE MINISTER WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TERRITORY, MR TIMOTHY RENTON, DECLARED OPEN THE NEW HONG KONG EXHIBITION AT THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE IN LONDON THIS MORNING (HONG KONG TIME).

ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, THE MINISTER WAS THEN SHOWN AROUND THE EXHIBITION BY HONG KONG COMMISSIONER, MR COLVYN HAYE, AND MRS HAYE.

MR RENTON SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN THE EXHIBITS, WHICH COVER ASPECTS OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL LIFE WITH THE USE OF EYE-CATCHING PHOTOGRAPHS, GRAPHICS AND MODELS.

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THE MULTI-IMAGE SLIDE TECHNIQUE AUDIO VISUAL SHOW WHICH HIGHLIGHTS CONTEMPORARY HONG KONG, ITS VIBRANCY AND ECONOMIC SUCCESSES, PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED THE MINISTER AND OTHER GUESTS.

EARLIER, MR AND MRS HAYE WELCOMED MORE THAN 300 SPECIALLY INVITED GUESTS TO THE RECEPTION THAT WAS HELD AT THE INSTITUTE TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE NEW HONG KONG EXHIBITION.

AFTER VIEWING THE 620 SQ. FT. EXHIBITION THE GUESTS, WHO INCLUDED AMONG THEM MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, PEERS, CIVIC DIGNITARIES, LEADING BUSINESSMEN AND INDUSTRIALISTS, SENIOR WHITEHALL OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN THE UK, WERE ENTERTAINED TO PERFORMANCES OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE DANCES BY THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS' CHINESE DANCE TEAM.

THE DANCERS, WHO WERE SPECIALLY INVITED TO PERFORM AT THE OPENING, CAPTIVATED GUESTS WITH THEIR RENDITION OF +PICKING HERBS+, +WATER FAIRIES+, +SPRING+ AND +SWORD DANCE+.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE EXHIBITION, WHICH ILLUSTRATES HONG KONG'S ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, TRADE AND INDUSTRY AS WELL AS THE EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING MADE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE, WILL BE VIEWED BY A MAJORITY OF THE 500 000 PEOPLE WHO VISIT THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE EVERY YEAR.

THE NEW EXHIBITION REPLACES ONE WHICH HAD BEEN IN PLACE AT THE INSTITUTE SINCE 1982.

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FISH FARMERS WARNED AGAINST UNLICENSED MARINE CULTURE
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) WARNED FISH FARMERS THAT THEY FACE HEAVY PENALTIES IF THEY ENGAGE IN MARINE FISH CULTURE WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE.

THE WARNING FOLLOWED SIX COURT CASES, HEARD EARLIER THIS WEEK AT WESTERN MAGISTRACY, INVOLVING MARICULTURISTS IN LO TIK WAN FISH CULTURE ZONE.

FOUR OF THE SIX FISH FARMERS WERE FINED \$4 000 EACH FOR ENGAGING IN MARICULTURE ACTIVITIES WITHOUT A LICENCE WHILE THE REMAINING TWO WERE FINED \$2 500 EACH FOR ILLEGALLY EXPANDING THEIR OPERATIONS WITHOUT A LICENCE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE IN LAW TO PRACTISE MARINE FISH CULTURE WITHOUT A LICENCE WITHIN A FISH CULTURE ZONE. IT IS ALSO AN OFFENCE TO ENGAGE IN FISH CULTURE OUTSIDE A FISH CULTURE ZONE.

+BESIDES, SUCH ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES CAUSE OBSTRUCTION WITHIN FISH CULTURE ZONES AND BLOCK NAVIGATION FAIRWAYS.

+UNDER THE MARINE FISH CULTURE ORDINANCE, OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20 000 PLUS ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT UPON CONVICTION,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RESTAURANT SURVEY RELEASED
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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986, ESTIMATED AT \$4 875 MILLION, WAS 6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985, WHILE THE VOLUME WAS 3 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986 WAS \$2 058 MILLION, WHICH WAS 4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985.

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE (17 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985, FOLLOWED BY OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND OTHER OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY ETC.) (13 PER CENT), NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (7 PER CENT), CHINESE RESTAURANTS (5 PER CENT) AND BARS (5 PER CENT).

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS, OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND BARS WENT UP BY 14 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT, 4 PER CENT, 2 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986 WITH THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FELL BY 2 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME, AND THE VALUE OF RESTAURANT PURCHASES DROPPED BY 4 PER CENT. TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FOR BOTH NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN VALUE TERMS BUT DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. WHILE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME, THOSE OF BARS FELL BY 11 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

(TWO TABLES HAVE BEEN SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND ALSO BOXED FOR COLLECTION.)

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985, AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF THE FIRST QUARTER 1986 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE FIRST AND FOURTH QUARTERS OF 1985 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 3-7216024).

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

	4th qtr. 1985 (Revised figures)	1st qtr. 1986 (Provisional figures)
Total restaurant receipts (in HK\$ million)	4 993	4 875
Total restaurant purchases (in HK\$ million)	2 148	2 058

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 4TH QUARTER 1985 AND 1ST QUARTER 1986

(Quarterly average of 1982 = 100)

Type of restaurant	Index	4th quarter 1985	1st quarter 1986	1st qtr. 1986 compared with 4th qtr. 1985		1st qtr. 1986 compared with 1st qtr. 1985	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%
Chinese restaurants	Value	133	129	- 4	- 3	+ 6	+ 5
	Volume	112	108	- 4	- 4	+ 2	+ 2
Non-Chinese restaurants	Value	127	127	*	*	+ 9	+ 7
	Volume	104	103	- 1	- 1	+ 4	+ 4
Fast food shops	Value	154	157	+ 3	+ 2	+23	+17
	Volume	127	129	+ 2	+ 1	+16	+14
Bars	Value	129	115	-14	-11	+ 5	+ 5
	Volume	104	93	-11	-11	+ 1	+ 1
Other eating and drinking places	Value	121	121	*	*	+14	+13
	Volume	99	98	- 1	- 1	+ 7	+ 8
Entire restaurant sector	Value	133	130	- 3	- 2	+ 8	+ 6
	Volume	111	108	- 3	- 3	+ 4	+ 3

Notes : 1. Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.

2. * denotes change of less than 0.5.

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HEADMASTERS TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS

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THE NORTH DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE WILL GEAR ITS EFFORTS THIS YEAR TO PROMOTING CIVIC AWARENESS AND HELPING STUDENTS TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR DISTRICT.

CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE, MR POON HUEN-WAI, WHO WAS RE-APPOINTED FOR THE CURRENT SESSION, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE CULTIVATION OF CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION WAS A GRADUAL PROCESS AND THE SCHOOL WAS THE BEST PLACE TO START.

IN LINE WITH THE DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN NOW IN PROGRESS, ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR WILL FOCUS ON ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO BE MORE AWARE OF THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

THESE ACTIVITIES, FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, INCLUDE A SEMINAR ON EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, TALKS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, VISITS TO GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND DEVELOPING AREAS IN THE DISTRICT, A SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE ELDERLY AS WELL AS AN ESSAY COMPETITION, AND AN EXHIBITION AND GAMES DAY AT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS.

IN ADDITION, A TWO-DAY JOINT SCHOOL STUDY CAMP FOCUSING ON THE THEME 'GET TO KNOW NORTH DISTRICT' WILL BE HELD IN DECEMBER.

THE NORTH DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE WAS FORMED IN 1984 AND COMPRISES MEMBERS FROM EIGHT SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT. ITS MAIN AIMS ARE TO STRENGTHEN LINKS AMONG HEADMASTERS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AND TO DISCUSS EDUCATION ISSUES THAT AFFECT THE DISTRICT.

ACTIVITIES ORGANISED LAST YEAR INCLUDED VISITS BY STUDENTS TO DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS, OTHER COMMUNITY VISITS, A JOINT SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY PROJECT, AND GAMES DAYS AT SCHOOLS.

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SURVEY TO BEGIN ON SAI KUNG YOUTH NEEDS

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A SURVEY ON YOUTH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND RELATED PROBLEMS IN SAI KUNG WILL BE CARRIED OUT NEXT WEEK TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE LEISURE LIFE OF LOCAL YOUTHS AND THEIR NEED FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

THE SIX-WEEK SURVEY WILL START ON SUNDAY (JULY 20).

ABOUT 300 FAMILIES LIVING IN PLACES BETWEEN NAM WAI AND TAI MONG TSAI AND SAI KUNG ISLANDS WILL BE SELECTED AT RANDOM FOR THE SURVEY.

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A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED TO DEAL WITH THE SURVEY WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

+THE AIM OF THE SURVEY IS TO FIND OUT WHETHER EXISTING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ARE ADEQUATE AND ACCEPTABLE TO LOCAL YOUTHS.

+BESIDES, IT ALSO AIMS AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS AND CONCERN TOWARDS THE NEED OF LOCAL YOUTHS IN THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

+ANOTHER OBJECTIVE OF THE SURVEY IS TO ASSESS LOCAL YOUTHS' FUTURE NEEDS IN THIS AREA AND TO PUT FORTH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REFERENCE OF RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN PLANNING AND PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

THE SURVEY, COSTING \$16 200 IS SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

LETTERS CONTAINING THE DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW TOGETHER WITH THE NAMES AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS OF INTERVIEWERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO EACH FAMILY SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC ON 3-638344= OR THE SAI KUNG DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION ON 3-2811279.

AFTER THE SURVEY, DOCUMENTARY RESEARCH, ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION ON THE EXISTING SERVICES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT AND A REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE PUBLISHED AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

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DATE'S CLOSING FOR ANNUAL ECONOMIC SURVEYS

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TO COLLECT STATISTICS ON THE OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC SECTORS IN HONG KONG, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS ECONOMIC SURVEYS EACH YEAR ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION; WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS; BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS; TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES; AND STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES.

SUCH ECONOMIC DATA ARE NEEDED FOR ASSESSING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF VARIOUS ECONOMIC SECTORS TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEYS ARE ALSO USEFUL TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

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QUESTIONNAIRES WERE SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL IN APRIL AND MAY TO ABOUT 26 700 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN SAMPLED FOR THE SURVEYS. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALS TO THE MANAGEMENT OF SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES WITHOUT DELAY. RESPONDENTS WHO FAIL TO DO SO MAY BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE.

CENSUS OFFICERS ARE VISITING THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE COMMISSIONER POINTED OUT THAT AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION RELATING TO INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

THE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATIONS WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF RETURNS. ESTABLISHMENTS THEREFORE NEED NOT WAIT FOR THEIR AUDITED ACCOUNTS BEFORE COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

HE ALSO STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND THAT ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED.

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DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE VISITS TELA
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MEMBERS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY TO SEE ITS OPERATIONS.

THE VISIT IS PART OF AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN PREVENTING AND FIGHTING CRIMES.

ACCOMPANIED BY ACTING WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HON-WAH, AND THE COMMITTEE'S DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN CHUN-FAT, MEMBERS WERE FIRST MET BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND LICENSING, MR HAROLD KWOK WAI-HONG.

THEY WERE BRIEFED BY CHIEF ENTERTAINMENT STANDARDS CONTROL OFFICER (FILM), MR PIERRE LEBRUN, ON THE WORK OF THE PANEL OF FILM CENSORS AND HOW CENSORSHIP STANDARDS WERE DRAWN.

MEMBERS ALSO LEARNED ABOUT THE OPERATION OF THE TELEVISION UNIT WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING PROGRAMMES AND ADVERTISING OF TELEVISION STATIONS.

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NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL FOR KOWLOON HOSPITAL
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$30.1 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL AND QUARTERS AT KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

WORK ON THE SIX-STOREY BUILDING WILL START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL WILL BE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, WHILE THE KITCHEN, DINING AND COMMUNAL FACILITIES WILL BE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, AND QUARTERS ON THE OTHER FOUR FLOORS.

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FIGHT CRIME AND CARE FOR SOCIETY SCHEME
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A SUMMER YOUTH SCHEME WHICH ENCOURAGES YOUNG PEOPLE TO FIGHT CRIME AND TO CARE FOR THEIR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN LAUNCHED IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

THE SCHEME, +FIGHT CRIME AND CARE FOR SOCIETY '86+, WILL ALSO HELP PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS AND PROVIDE MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SCHEME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE LIONS AND LIONESS CLUBS OF BRAEMAR HILL, AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR POLICE CALL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

ONE OF THE MAIN EVENTS OF THE SCHEME IS A COMPREHENSIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTHS WHICH CONSISTS OF SEMINARS ON LEADERSHIP TRAINING, FIGHT CRIME KNOWLEDGE, OUTDOORS ACTIVITIES, CAMPING AND INTERVIEWS.

A SERIES OF OTHER ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED, INCLUDING ESSAY COMPETITION, DEBATE QUIZ, ORIENTEERING, BROADCAST DRAMA COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION.

A FIGHT CRIME CAMP FEATURING TELEMATCH, LECTURE, GROUP DISCUSSION AND PRIZE PRESENTATION WILL ALSO BE HELD ON AUGUST 12 TO 14 AT WU KAI SHA.

A DETAILED REPORT OF THE +FIGHT CRIME AND CARE FOR SOCIETY '86+ SCHEME WILL BE PUBLISHED AT THE END OF AUGUST TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED.

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AG TO INSPECT PASSING-OUT PARADE
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY ON SATURDAY (JULY 19) MORNING.

HE WILL ADDRESS THE PARADE AND PRESENT SILVER WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST RECRUITS.

ON PARADE WILL BE FOUR OFFICERS AND 84 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE DEPARTMENT'S BASIC TRAINING COURSE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PASSING-OUT PARADE WHICH WILL START AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 19) AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT 47 TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY.

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE FROM GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, BY 8.45 AM.

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WATER TUNNEL BREAKTHROUGH CEREMONY
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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SAI O-PAK KONG WATER TUNNEL BREAKTHROUGH CEREMONY AT SAI O IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AT 3 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE 5.3-KILOMETRE TUNNEL FORMS PART OF AN AQUEDUCT SYSTEM BEING BUILT TO INCREASE WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TUNNEL BREAKTHROUGH CEREMONY. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE LEAVING FROM THE MURRAY BUILDING CARPARK, GARDEN ROAD, BY 12.45 PM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY MALE REPORTERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE TUNNEL FOR THE BREAKTHROUGH CEREMONY.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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MORE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO GO
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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE MAIN ROOF OF NOS. 5, 7, 9, 11 AND 23, LEE GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, ARE TO BE CLOSED.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY DECIDED ON THIS SO THAT THE STRUCTURES CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT ENDANGERING OCCUPIERS OR THE PUBLIC.

IT WILL APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 10 AND POSTED NOTICES OF INTENTION TO DO SO ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE AUTHORITY PREVIOUSLY ISSUED DEMOLITION ORDERS, BUT THESE HAVE BEEN IGNORED.

DEMOLITION WILL START AS SOON AS THE COURT ISSUES THE CLOSURE ORDER.

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JOB PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR YOUTHS
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THE APPRENTICE PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS HELPED ABOUT 1 200 YOUNG PEOPLE LAST YEAR TO BE TRAINED AS APPRENTICES IN INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS.

+THE UNIT CONTINUES TO ASSIST FORM 3 AND FORM 5 SCHOOL LEAVERS TO FIND SUITABLE TRAINING PLACES AND TO ASSIST EMPLOYERS SET UP PROPER TRAINING SCHEMES AND RECRUIT APPRENTICES OR TRAINEES THIS YEAR,+ A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID.

AN APPRENTICESHIP LASTS THREE TO FOUR YEARS AND CONSISTS OF PLANNED ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION AT A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

FORM 3 GRADUATES MAY JOIN CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES WHILE FORM 5 GRADUATES WITH GRADE E OR ABOVE IN FOUR RELEVANT SUBJECTS IN THE HKCE EXAMINATION MAY JOIN TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES.

A VARIETY OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN MAJOR INDUSTRIES SUCH AS AUTOMOBILE, BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONICS, JEWELLERY, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING, PLASTICS, PRINTING, SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP-REPAIR AND TEXTILE.

TRAINEESHIP SCHEMES IN THE FIELDS OF INSURANCE AND ACCOUNTANCY CONSISTING OF PRACTICAL ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HAVE ALSO BEEN INTRODUCED.

/+SCHOOL LEAVERS

+SCHOOL LEAVERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE USE OF THE PLACEMENT SERVICE OF THE COUNCIL TO FIND TRAINING PLACES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SCHEMES, CONTACT THE PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE COUNCIL AT 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, OR TELEPHONE 5-8932341 EXT 298.

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LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE UP-RAMP CLOSED

THE WESTERN UP-RAMP LEADING TO LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6 AM ON SUNDAY (JULY 20) TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON WESTBOUND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD HEADING FOR KWAI CHUNG SHOULD PROCEED TO KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE.

TRAFFIC FROM PO LUN STREET AND BROADWAY IN MEI FOO SUN CHUEN HEADING FOR KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DIVERTED TO CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG MOU STREET, CHEUNG SHUN STREET, CHEUNG LAI STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, THE FLYOVER, KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE.

EXISTING BUS STOPS ON THE UNNAMED ROAD OUTSIDE THE GOOD WORLD RESTAURANT IN MEI FOO SUN CHUEN FOR WESTBOUND BUSES WILL BE SUSPENDED. A TEMPORARY BUS STOP WILL BE PROVIDED NEAR THE UP-RAMP LEADING TO THE LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE.

THE UP-RAMP WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6 AM ON JULY 21 AFTER THE RESURFACING WORK IS COMPLETED.

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WONG TAI SIN ROAD PARTIALLY CLOSED

WONG TAI SIN ROAD, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 18).

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR CHUK YUEN ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE SLIP ROAD LINKING ROAD A1 AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD; ROAD A1 AND ROAD A.

MOTORISTS ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR THE TSZ WAN SHAN AREA WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE SLIP ROAD LINKING MA CHAI HANG ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, MA CHAI HANG ROAD, WONG TAI SIN ROAD AND SHATIN PASS ROAD.

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HORNSEY ROAD CLOSURE

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THE SECTION OF HORNSEY ROAD BETWEEN CONDUIT ROAD AND OLD PEAK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY SLOPE REPAIR WORK.

METERED PARKING SPACES ON HORNSEY ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING THE CLOSURE.

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