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SIR EDWARD: GROWING DEMAND FOR ANAESTHETISTS

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THE DEMAND FOR ANAESTHETISTS, WHO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE NOT ONLY IN OPERATION THEATRES BUT ALSO IN INTENSIVE CARE UNITS AND ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, WILL INCREASE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SEVENTH ASIAN AND AUSTRALASIAN CONGRESS OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

DESCRIBING THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT FOUR NEW HOSPITALS IN THE GOVERNMENT SECTOR ALONE, EACH WITH MORE THAN 1 500 BEDS, WOULD COME INTO OPERATION IN STAGES WITHIN THE NEXT 10 YEARS WHILE A MAJOR PROGRAMME OF EXTENDING EXISTING HOSPITALS WAS UNDER WAY.

+TOGETHER THESE PROGRAMMES WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF OUR HOSPITAL BEDS FROM 25 000 NOW TO 38 500 BY 1995, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF BEDS PER 1 000 POPULATION FROM 4.5 TO 6.2,+ HE SAID.

ON THE ROLE OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT IT WAS NOT SO WIDELY RECOGNISED THAT BREAKTHROUGHS IN NEW SURGICAL TECHNIQUES WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT SIMULTANEOUS ADVANCES IN ANAESTHESIOLOGY.

SIR EDWARD SAID, +WITH THE HELP OF MODERN ANAESTHESIA, MANY OF TODAY'S DISEASES AND ABNORMALITIES IN THE VERY YOUNG AND VERY OLD HAVE BEEN TREATED SUCCESSFULLY BY SOPHISTICATED SURGERY.+

+DEVELOPMENTS IN ANAESTHESIOLOGY HAVE ALSO MADE POSSIBLE ITS WIDER APPLICATION IN MEDICAL SPECIALTIES OTHER THAN SURGERY.+

SIR EDWARD THANKED THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS FOR CHOOSING HONG KONG AS THE VENUE FOR ITS CONGRESS AND THE ASSOCIATED SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITION.

+THESE WILL HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY ANAESTHETISTS IN SURGERY AND MEDICINE AND IN MANY ASPECTS OF PATIENT CARE. IT WILL FURTHER STIMULATE INTEREST IN THIS SPHERE OF MEDICAL SCIENCE IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT THE THEME OF THE CONGRESS - NEW DIRECTIONS IN ANAESTHESIA - WAS IMPORTANT FOR SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES FOR IT COULD ALSO STIMULATE PROGRESS IN THE DELIVERY OF HOSPITAL SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

APART FROM RECOGNISING THE NEED TO PRESERVE THE BEST OF EXISTING SYSTEMS, SIR EDWARD ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST ALSO BE READY TO EXAMINE METHODS TO IMPROVE THEM, TO MAKE THEM MORE RESPONSIBLE TO THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC AND MORE EFFICIENT IN THEIR USE OF RESOURCES.

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HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT MEDICAL SERVICES MUST INEVITABLY COMPETE WITH OTHER ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES, SUCH AS EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND HOUSING, FOR RESOURCES AND MONEY.

+THESE RESOURCES ARE NOT UNLIMITED. THE SCALE OF OUR MEDICAL SERVICES GROWS EVEN LARGER,+ HE NOTED.

THE ORGANISATION REQUIRED TO RUN THEM ALSO GREW MORE COMPLEX AND THE RAPID PACE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN SURGERY AND MEDICINE HAD TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

+THAT IS WHY THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONED THE REVIEW OF THE DELIVERY OF HOSPITAL SERVICES. WE AWAIT WITH INTEREST THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION NOW IN PROGRESS ON THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

HE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT THE CONFERENCE, WHOSE PROCEEDINGS WOULD BE FOLLOWED CLOSELY IN HONG KONG, WAS TIMELY IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

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## JULY ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT PAYROLL FIGURES OUT

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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) IN THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN JULY 1986 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, ACCORDING TO RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AMONG THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES REPORTED SOME INCREASES IN THE ORDERS POSITION. THE VOLUME OF ORDERS ON THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES HOWEVER DECLINED.

AN INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS RECORDED FOR MOST INDUSTRIES. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCREASE WAS REPORTED BY MANUFACTURERS IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY DUE TO THE INCREASED RECRUITMENT OF SUMMER WORKERS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY REPORTED LITTLE CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT.

INCREASES IN BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE ALSO REPORTED BY MOST OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED. SUCH INCREASES WERE DUE MAINLY TO THE PAYMENT OF OVERTIME ALLOWANCES AND SALARY REVISION.

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IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THERE WAS A MILD INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF OPERATIVES ENGAGED DIRECTLY BY FIRMS AS SOME COMPANIES SPEEDED UP THE PROGRESS OF THEIR PROJECTS.

A STABLE EMPLOYMENT POSITION WAS REPORTED BY THE SERVICES SECTORS. BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES BECAUSE OF SALARY REVISION AND PAYMENT OF SPECIAL BONUSES.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLES BELOW.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON THE MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH THEY SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JULY 1986 IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, AT $1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 3-7212854.

A. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| INDUSTRY | (% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH) MAY 1986 | JUNE 1986 | JULY 1986 | ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR JULY 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR | 3 | -1 | 1 | 4.91 |
| TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL | -3 | * | 1 | 2.41 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS | -4 | -8 | -9 | 3.28 |

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| FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4.02 |
| ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS | * | -2 | -1 | 5.18 |
| OTHERS | * | 1 | * | 4.43 |
| ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES | 1 | -1 | -1 | 4.40 |

B. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

| INDUSTRY/ SERVICES | PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED (% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH) MAY 1986 | JUNE 1986 | JULY 1986 | PER CAPITA EARNINGS (% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH) MAY 1986 | JUNE 1986 | JULY 1986 | PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR JULY 1986 HK$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MANUFACTURING | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | -3 | 2 | 3 234 |
| FOOD AND DRINKS | 1 | 3 | * | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 075 |
| WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR | 1 | * | 1 | 4 | -1 | 2 | 2 806 |
| TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL | * | 1 | 2 | 5 | -2 | 2 | 3 424 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS | 8 | 7 | 10 | -3 | -5 | 8 | 2 995 |
| FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | -4 | 2 | 2 802 |
| ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 | -4 | 2 | 2 975 |
| OTHERS | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | -4 | -1 | 4 337 |

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| CONSTRUCTION** | -1 | -1 | 1 | 2 | -2 | 3 | 4 820 |
| SERVICES | * | * | * | -3 | 2 | 5 | 6 097 |
| BANKS | * | * | * | 2 | 3 | -3 | 5 346 |
| HOTELS | -1 | * | * | -14 | * | * | 3 903 |
| PUBLIC UTILITIES | * | * | * | -5 | * | 13 | 6 319 |
| OTHERS | 1 | * | 1 | -1 | 4 | * | 7 420 |

* CHANGES WITHIN +- 0.5%

** PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

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## PARTY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN ARRIVES

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THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, MR PETER MORRISON, ARRIVED TODAY (SATURDAY) FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT.

DURING HIS STAY IN HONG KONG, HE WILL CALL ON THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR STEUART WEBB-JOHNSON.

MR MORRISON WILL ALSO MEET WITH LOCAL BUSINESSMEN AND VISIT TWO FACTORIES, ONE IN KOWLOON AND ONE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 23 (TUESDAY).

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## GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY REPORT OUT

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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR APRIL TO JUNE 1986 IS AVAILABLE AND CONTAINS STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOR THE QUARTER.

IT ALSO CONTAINS DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR FORCE, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

COPIES OF THE REPORT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT $8 PER COPY.

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## SPECIAL STAMPS OUT ON WEDNESDAY

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THE POST OFFICE WILL ISSUE A SPECIAL SET OF FOUR STAMPS DEPICTING HONG KONG FISHING VESSELS ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 24).

THE NEW STAMPS WILL BE IN DENOMINATIONS OF 50 CENTS, $1.30, $1.70 AND $5.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TO COPE WITH THE MANY CUSTOMERS EXPECTED ON WEDNESDAY, ADDITIONAL COUNTERS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND THE BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HENNESSY ROAD, MORRISON HILL, NORTH POINT, QUEEN'S ROAD AND SHEUNG WAN POST OFFICES ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL COUNTERS AT KOWLOON CENTRAL, CHEUNG SHA WAN, GILLIES AVENUE, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, TSIM SHA TSUI AND TSUEN WAN POST OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT EXTRA STAFF WOULD BE DEPLOYED AT MOST POST OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY BUT QUEUES WERE NEVERTHELESS EXPECTED.

HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO EXERCISE TOLERANCE AND, IF POSSIBLE, TAKE CARE OF THEIR NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS BEFORE OR AFTER THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE.

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FESTIVAL CELEBRATED IN STYLE AT EXPO
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THE BIGGEST HONG KONG STYLE LANTERN FESTIVAL EVER CELEBRATED IN VANCOUVER WAS STAGED LAST (FRIDAY) NIGHT BY THE HONG KONG PAVILION AT EXPO '86 IN CANADA.

ABOUT 15 000 PEOPLE WITH FREE TICKETS PACKED THE PACIFIC COLISEUM NEAR DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER WHERE A GALA PRESENTATION WAS HELD AND ABOUT 5 000 FAMILIES IN THE AUDIENCE WERE GIVEN PAPER LANTERNS OF DIFFERENT SHAPES AIRLIFTED FROM HONG KONG FOR THE OCCASION.

THEY ALSO ENJOYED A VARIETY SHOW OF CHINESE DANCES PERFORMED BY LOCAL ARTISTES WHILE TWO HONG KONG SINGERS, MR MICHAEL KWAN AND MISS PATRICIA CHAN, SANG SONGS ABOUT STORIES OF THE MOON.

MR IAN DEY, WHO FLEW SPECIALLY FROM HONG KONG TO VANCOUVER TO COMPERE THE SHOW, EXPLAINED THE MYTHS AND CELEBRATIONS ABOUT THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WITH PERFORMERS ENACTING THE SCENES.

EARLIER, ABOUT 100 PEOPLE COMPRISING VANCOUVER ROAD SAFETY PATROL MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS PAVILIONS AT EXPO, FORMED A LANTERN PROCESSION TEAM AT THE HONG KONG PAVILION AND MARCHED THROUGH THE MAIN ROADS.

THOUSANDS OF EXPO VISITORS DOTTED THE ROUTE, WAITING FOR A GLIMPSE OF THE PROCESSION WHICH WAS LED BY THE MOONLADY DRESSED IN ANCIENT COSTUME. CARRYING COLOURFUL LANTERNS, THE PROCESSION WOUND THROUGH THE CROWD WHO WAVED AND APPLAUSED.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE COLISEUM, THE TEAM PARADED AROUND THE ARENA TO BEGIN THE GALA PRESENTATION. BEFORE THE SHOW STARTED, THE AUDIENCE WERE TREATED TO PIECES OF MOONCAKES, AND THE MOST FORTUNATE OF THEM ALL WAS MR JACOB CHEUNG FROM EDMONTON WHO WON TWO RETURN AIR TICKETS TO HONG KONG IN A LUCKY DRAW.

A CUTTING CEREMONY OF A SIX-FOOT DIAMETER PAPIER-MACHE MOONCAKE WAS OFFICIATED BY EXPO'S COMMISSIONER GENERAL, MR PATRICK REID.

SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT, ALL ADMISSION TICKETS WERE SNAPPED UP FROM THE HONG KONG PAVILION AND OTHER OUTLETS WITHIN AN HOUR.

THE LANTERN FESTIVAL WAS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PAVILION WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS AND THE SING TAO LIMITED. CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS ALSO DONATED THE TWO AIR TICKETS FOR THE LUCKY DRAW WHILE THE KEEFER CHINESE BAKERY IN VANCOUVER PROVIDED THE MOONCAKES.

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DETAILS OF PLB, TAXI CHARITY RIDE

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 22) AFTERNOON TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A +PLB AND TAXI CHARITY RIDE+ TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROJECT.

MORE THAN 700 PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND MAXICABS PLYING IN KWUN TONG AND 800 TAXIS IN THE URBAN AREA WILL TAKE PART IN THE CHARITY RIDE TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26.

ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LAM HANG-FAI, WHO IS ALSO THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR LI WAH-MING, ASSISTANT KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER MR STANLEY YING, AND THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDANT OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, DR DAVID CHIN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT 3 PM ON MONDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

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URBAN COUNCIL CONTINUES ITS +GREENING+ CAMPAIGN

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MORE THAN 780 000 DIFFERENT KINDS OF SEASONAL PLANTS, TREES, SHRUBS, GROUND COVER AND CLIMBING PLANTS WERE PLANTED THROUGHOUT THE 10 URBAN DISTRICTS OF HONG KONG LAST YEAR.

THIS AND OTHER INTERESTING FACTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE URBAN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 1986.

+THE ABSENCE OF TYPHOON AND STORM DAMAGE IN 1985, COUPLED WITH THE COUNCIL'S CONTINUING EFFORTS IN TREE PLANTING AND PRESERVATION, WAS MOST BENEFICIAL FOR THE URBAN LANDSCAPE,+ NOTES THE REPORT.

AS A RESULT OF THE GOOD WEATHER, 21 878 TREES, 3 932 BAMBOOS, 246 479 SHRUBS, 3 713 CLIMBING PLANTS, 315 565 GROUND COVER PLANTS AND 213 963 SEASONAL FLOWERS WERE ADDED TO THE URBAN +GREEN+ POPULATION.

THE COUNCIL, TO EMPHASISE ITS CONCERN AND TO ENCOURAGE THE PROVISION OF MORE GREENERY, ORGANISED TREE PLANTING CEREMONIES IN ALL URBAN DISTRICTS.

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THE REPORT, TITLED +VIBRANT HONG KONG,+ POINTS OUT THAT THE SHORTAGE OF SPACE FOR PLANTING IS THE BIGGEST HANDICAP.

THE COUNCIL OFTEN HAS TO MAKE THE DIFFICULT CHOICE BETWEEN THE CONFLICTING DEMANDS FOR ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION FACILITIES IN ORDER TO CATER FOR ALL AGE GROUPS.

+THEREFORE, OF NECESSITY, MOST NEW URBAN PARKS REPRESENT A COMPROMISE RATHER THAN AN IDEAL TO MEET THE TOTAL NEEDS OF ANY SECTOR OF THE POPULATION,+ THE REPORT SAYS.

THE REPORT ALSO NOTES THAT EFFORTS WERE MADE TO PRESS FOR OPEN SPACE TO BE CREATED IN THE OLDER URBAN DISTRICTS BY RECLAMATION OR THROUGH URBAN RENEWAL SCHEMES.

+VIBRANT HONG KONG,+ SELLING FOR $15, IS NOW ON SALE AT URBAN COUNCIL BOOKSHOPS ON ICE HOUSE STREET, AT THE CITY HALL LOBBY AND KOWLOON CENTRAL LIBRARY. THE ANNUAL REPORT ALSO IS AVAILABLE AT LEADING BOOKSHOPS.

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SOUTHERN RESIDENTS URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS

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ACTING SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS ANGELA TSANG, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS NOT YET REGISTERED AS VOTERS TO DO SO ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, SO THAT THEY COULD PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE URBAN COUNCIL, REGIONAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

SPEAKING AT A VARIETY SHOW TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, MRS TSANG SAID SOUTHERN RESIDENTS WERE OFTEN ENTHUSIASTIC IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS AS VOTER TURNOUT IN EARLIER URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS SHOWED.

+THIS ENTHUSIASM SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED IN THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE,+ SHE SAID.

MRS TSANG MADE A SPECIAL PLEA TO YOUNGER RESIDENTS TO REGISTER.

+THOSE WHO ARE OR WILL BE 21 YEARS OLD BEFORE DECEMBER 31 THIS YEAR AND SATISFY THE SEVEN-YEAR RESIDENCY RULE, SHOULD EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY AND REGISTER NOW,+ SHE SAID.

SEVERAL HUNDRED RESIDENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF AREA COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS ATTENDED THE VARIETY SHOW WHICH INCLUDED SONG AND DANCE PERFORMANCES AND CIVIC EDUCATION QUIZZES.

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THE DISTRICT OFFICE ALSO SET UP A SPECIAL COUNTER TO HELP ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

IN ADDITION, A FORMATION CEREMONY WAS HELD FOR CIVIC EDUCATION TEAMS SET UP UNDER THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES TO HELP SPREAD THE CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR PAUL YOUNG, AND AREA COMMITTEES CHAIRMEN TOOK PART IN THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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## VISITING ID CARD SERVICE FOR OUTLYING DISTRICTS

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN 1915 OR EARLIER THAT A VISITING SERVICE FOR ISSUING NEW IDENTITY CARDS WILL OPERATE FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 22) UNTIL OCTOBER 11.

THE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED ON CHEUNG CHAU, LAMMA, LANTAU (MUI WO AND TAI O) AND AT SAI KUNG.

THE SERVICE IS AIMED AT FACILITATING APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT PHASE WHO LIVE IN OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

+IT WILL SAVE THEM THE TROUBLE OF HAVING TO TRAVEL TO THE ISSUE OFFICES IN THE URBAN AREAS,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1916 AND 1934 WHO MISSED THEIR TURN TO OBTAIN NEW ID CARDS MAY ALSO FILE THEIR APPLICATIONS DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

THE VISITING SERVICE WILL OPERATE MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

| OPERATING PERIOD | CENTRE | OPENING HOURS |
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| SEPTEMBER 22 TO OCTOBER 4 | MUI WO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE, GRAND VIEW MANSION, GROUND FLOOR, SHOP D, SOUTH LANTAU ROAD, MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND, DD4, LOT 669. | 10 AM - 1 PM<br>2 PM - 4 PM |

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| | CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, 2 CHURCH ROAD, CHEUNG CHAU. | 10 AM - 1 PM<br>2 PM - 4 PM |
| SEPTEMBER 22 TO OCTOBER 11 | SAI KUNG TOWN HALL, PO TUNG ROAD, SAI KUNG. | 10 AM - 1 PM<br>2 PM - 4 PM |
| OCTOBER 6 TO OCTOBER 11 | NORTH LAMMA RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, YUNG SHU WAN MAIN STREET, NORTH LAMMA. | 10 AM - 1 PM<br>2 PM - 4 PM |
| | TAI O RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, 29 MARKET STREET, TAI O. | 10.30 AM - 1 PM<br>2 PM - 3.30 PM |

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## YUEN LONG, HUNG HOM TRAFFIC CHANGES

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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TUEN MUN-YUEN LONG LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM, THE SECTION OF TAI TONG ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) AND FAU TSOI STREET WILL BE REROUTED FROM TWO-WAY INTO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 23).

MOTORISTS FROM AU TAU SHOULD USE FUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND HOP YICK ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO YUEN LONG TOWN SOUTH.

MEANWHILE, THE U-SHAPED SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM HONG CHONG ROAD NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY IN HUNG HOM TO ITS SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY AT HUNG HOM INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM DAILY FROM SEPTEMBER 23 TO 26.

MOTORISTS ON SALISBURY ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND AUSTIN ROAD HEADING FOR THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL SHOULD USE CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, FLYOVER, GASCOIGNE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, FLYOVER AND HONG CHONG ROAD.

MOTORISTS FROM THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL HEADING FOR KOWLOON KCR STATION SHOULD USE HONG CHONG ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHEONG WAN ROAD AND ON WAN ROAD.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COMFORT TERRACE

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAYING OF CABLES, THE SECTION OF COMFORT TERRACE BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 2 AND ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON SEPTEMBER 23, 24 AND 25.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE SECTION OF COMFORT TERRACE BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 2 AND TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO WAY.

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COOKING COMPETITION

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A COOKING COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE KWAI CHUNG SOUTH YIN NGAI SOCIETY WILL BE HELD AT NOON TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL (NEXT TO KWAI FONG MTR STATION).

KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE COMPETITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COOKING CONTEST.

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