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REPLACEMENT RN PATROL CRAFT

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A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE ROYAL NAVY PATROL CRAFT TO REPLACE THE FIVE TON CLASS MINESWEEPERS OF THE ROYAL NAVY SQUADRON IN HONG KONG IS TO BE PLACED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY). THE FIRST SHIP IS DUE TO COME INTO SERVICE IN MID-1983, THE LAST BY THE END OF 1984.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE IN PARLIAMENT TODAY (THURSDAY 25TH JUNE) BY THE DEFENCE SECRETARY MR NOTT IN A MAJOR POLICY SPEECH ANNOUNCING THE OUTCOME OF HIS EXAMINATION OF THE DEFENCE PROGRAMME. HE SAID,

> +WE ARE PLACING AN ORDER FOR FIVE PATROL CRAFT WITH HALL RUSSELL IN ABERDEEN FOR SERVICE IN HONG KONG, ALL OF THE VESSELS TO BE BUILT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE COST OF THESE VESSELS WILL BE PAID BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT+.

THIS ORDER IS BEING PLACED FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF DESIGN AND BUILD TENDERS BY SEVERAL SHIPYARDS INCLUDING OPTIONS FOR SUBCONTRACTING UP TO FOUR SHIPS TO HONG KONG. THE TENDER SELECTED WAS THE LOWEST AND PROVIDED FOR ALL FIVE SHIPS TO BE BUILT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

EACH SHIP WILL HAVE A DISPLACEMENT OF ABOUT 695 TONS, A SERVICE SPEED OF OVER 24 KNOTS AND WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH A 76 MM OTO MELARA GUN AND A SPERRY SEA ARCHER FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM. THEY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN STEEL TO MEET MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) SPECIFICATIONS AND ARE BEING PROCURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL MOD PROCEDURES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT REACHED IN 1976, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE 75% OF THE CAPITAL COSTS OF THE SHIPS. IN ADDITION, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT CONCLUDED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT, HONG KONG WILL CONTRIBUTE 75% TOWARDS RECURRENT COSTS OF THE SHIPS. HONG KONG'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COST OF THE SHIPS WILL BE IN THE ORDER OF HK$460 MILLION AT FEBRUARY 1981 PRICES. SHOULD THE SHIPS EVER BE DEPLOYED PERMANENTLY OUTSIDE HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL BE CREDITED WITH 75% OF THE VALUE OF THE VESSELS AT THE TIME. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN CONSULTED AT EACH STAGE OF THE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME AND ACCEPTS THAT THE TENDER SHOULD BE PLACED WITH THE LOWEST TENDERERS.

THE HONG KONG SQUADRON OF THE ROYAL NAVY SUPPORTS THE MARINE POLICE IN OPERATIONS AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, SMUGGLING AND OTHER INFRINGEMENTS OF HONG KONG'S TERRITORIAL WATERS. IT ALSO HAS A WIDER ROLE IN PATROLLING THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, RESPONDING TO DISTRESS CALLS AND CONDUCTING SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS. ITS PRESENCE IN HONG KONG AND VISITS TO OTHER PORTS IN THE REGION DEMONSTRATES TO A WIDE AUDIENCE THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG.

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NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR CABLE AND WIRELESS IN HONG KONG
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND CABLE AND WIRELESS ANNOUNCE THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED UPON THE TERMS ON WHICH THE CABLE AND WIRELESS GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE EXTERNAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN HONG KONG. THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1, 1981.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, CABLE AND WIRELESS HAS AGREED TO TRANSFER ITS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS, CARRIED OUT AT PRESENT BY A BRANCH OF THE PARENT COMPANY, TO A NEW SUBSIDIARY, CABLE AND WIRELESS (HONG KONG) LIMITED TO BE INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO GRANT TO CABLE AND WIRELESS (HONG KONG) LIMITED A NEW 25-YEAR LICENCE COVERING HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES INCLUDING TELEX, TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH. THE ROYALTY PAYABLE UNDER THIS NEW LICENCE IS TO REMAIN AT THE SAME LEVEL AS UNDER THE EXISTING LICENCE AND IS SUBJECT TO AN INITIAL REVIEW IN 1988.

AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT CABLE AND WIRELESS HAS AGREED TO SELL 20 PER CENT OF THE ORDINARY SHARE CAPITAL OF CABLE AND WIRELESS (HONG KONG) LIMITED TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT. IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS, A CASH INVESTMENT OF $763.75 MILLION WILL BE MADE AND AS AN ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE UP TO $100 MILLION TO COVER TAXES AND DUTIES ARISING IN HONG KONG AS A RESULT OF THE FORMATION OF THE HONG KONG SUBSIDIARY.

CABLE AND WIRELESS WILL RETAIN THE REMAINING 80 PER CENT OF THE SHARE CAPITAL OF CABLE AND WIRELESS (HONG KONG) LIMITED. THE TWO PARTIES WERE ADVISED ON THE TRANSACTION BY MERCHANT BANKERS: CABLE AND WIRELESS BY KLEINWORT BENSON AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BY SCHRODERS AND CHARTERED LTD.

IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL APPOINT TWO DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF CABLE AND WIRELESS (HONG KONG) LIMITED.

THE CABLE AND WIRELESS GROUP AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE PROVIDED A RANGE OF EXTERNAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN HONG KONG SINCE 1871.

MR ERIC SHARP, CHAIRMAN OF CABLE AND WIRELESS SAID: +WE BELIEVE THAT THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE VERY SATISFACTORY FOR ALL PARTIES INVOLVED. SO FAR AS CABLE AND WIRELESS IS CONCERNED, IT PROVIDES A FIRM BASE FROM WHICH AS A GROUP WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HONG KONG WITH THE FIRST CLASS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE IT HAS ENJOYED IN THE PAST. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS EXTREMELY GOOD, AND WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME THEM AS A SHAREHOLDER IN THE HONG KONG COMPANY.+

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BIG SHA TIN - TAI PO COASTAL HIGHWAY CONTRACT AWARDED
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THE LARGEST SINGLE CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACT TO DATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHA TIN - TAI PO COASTAL HIGHWAY WAS AWARDED TODAY BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WORTH ABOUT $608 MILLION, THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY MR JOHN DON, DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, AND MR P. RINALDI, FAR EAST MANAGER OF VIANINI S.P.A.

WORK WILL START NEXT MONTH AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1984.

+THE CONTRACT IS FOR A SEVEN-KILOMETRE DUAL THREE-LANE HIGHWAY FROM THE NORTHERN END OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN TO TAI PO AS PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD SYSTEM,+ MR DON SAID.

+MOST OF THE ROAD WILL BE BUILT ON AN EMBANKMENT TO BE BUILT IN THE SEA NEXT TO THE EXISTING KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TRACK.+

THE CONTRACT ALSO PROVIDES FOR EXTENSIVE DREDGING AND RECLAMATION WORK ADJACENT TO THE ROAD AT MA LIU SHUI.

A SEPARATE CYCLE TRACK/FOOTPATH ON THE SEAWARD SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY WILL BE A FEATURE OF THE WORKS. IN ADDITION TO ITS RECREATIONAL USE, THIS WILL ALSO LINK UP WITH CYCLE TRACKS BEING PROVIDED AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN AND TAI PO NEW TOWNS.

THE CONTRACT ALSO INCLUDES EXTENSIVE PLANTING AND LANDSCAPE WORKS.

MR DON SAID THAT TO ENSURE MINIMAL INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC ON TAI PO ROAD, THE FILL FOR RECLAMATION WORK WOULD BE CARRIED BY SEA AND ON SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED HAUL ROADS.

TO CONNECT WITH THE ROAD SYSTEMS IN SHA TIN AND TAI PO, A GRADE-SEPARATED INTERCHANGE IS TO BE BUILT AT EACH END OF THE HIGHWAY.

PART OF THE INTERCHANGE AT TAI PO IS BEING BUILT UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT TO ENSURE THAT THE EXISTING LEVEL CROSSING IS REMOVED AND BRIDGES ARE BUILT OVER THE KCR TRACK BEFORE THE KCR IS ELECTRIFIED NEXT YEAR.

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WORK ON THE INTERCHANGE AT SHA TIN END IS INCLUDED IN THE PRESENT CONTRACT.

ANOTHER RELATED ROAD PROJECT UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN SHA TIN AT PRESENT IS A NEW TRUNK ROAD BETWEEN LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND YUEN CHAU KOK.

THE WORK INCLUDES 1.4 KILOMETRES OF DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAYS WITH ASSOCIATED FLYOVERS AND A FOOTBRIDGE.

THE ROAD, IN ADDITION TO BEING PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROUTE, WILL HELP EASE THE HEAVY TRAFFIC GENERATED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

IT WILL EVENTUALLY CONNECT WITH AND FORM PART OF THE SHA TIN - TAI PO COASTAL TRUNK ROAD.

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URBAN CLEARWAY SHORTENED

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THE 200-METRE LONG URBAN CLEARWAY ON TAI SHING STREET, BETWEEN CHOI HUNG ROAD AND THE WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI TUNG STREET, NEAR MORSE PARK, WILL BE SHORTENED FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE CLEARWAY WILL BE REDUCED TO ABOUT 90 METRES, STARTING FROM THE CHOI HUNG ROAD JUNCTION AND WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM EACH DAY.

DURING THESE HOURS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS ALONG THE CANCELLED SECTION OF THE CLEARWAY.

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PUBLIC MAY SEND VIEWS TO EDUCATION PANEL

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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION (DESIGNATE), MR KENNETH TOPLEY, TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR PERSONS OR GROUPS CONCERNED WITH EDUCATION TO MAKE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS TO THE INDEPENDENT PANEL OF VISITORS UNDERTAKING THE OVERALL REVIEW OF EDUCATION, DETAILS OF WHICH WERE ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK.

WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS ON ANY ASPECT OF HONG KONG EDUCATION, SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION (DESIGNATE) BY SEPTEMBER 4, 1981. REPRESENTATIONS MAY BE IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH AND SHOULD BE AS CONCISE AS POSSIBLE.

IN ADDITION, PERSONS OR GROUPS WISHING TO APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE PANEL, SHOULD MAKE THEIR REQUESTS IN WRITING AND PROVIDE AN OUTLINE IN NOT MORE THAN TWO PAGES (IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH) OF THE POINTS THEY WISH TO DISCUSS. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION (DESIGNATE) BY AUGUST 7, 1981.

REPRESENTATIONS AND REQUESTS TO MEET THE PANEL SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION (DESIGNATE), ROOM 1322, PRINCE'S BUILDING, CHATER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG, BY THE APPROPRIATE DATES. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR ENQUIRIES ARE 5-236825 AND 5-236721.

THE PANEL OF VISITORS WILL HOLD ITS FIRST FULL MEETING IN HONG KONG FROM OCTOBER 25 TO NOVEMBER 6 AND WILL VISIT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, EXAMINE FEATURES OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM AND HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH PERSONS OR GROUPS CONCERNED WITH EDUCATION.

THE PANEL CONSISTS OF SIR JOHN LLEWELLYN (CHAIRMAN), DR GREG HANCOCK, DR KARL ROELOFFS AND PROFESSOR MICHAEL W. KIRST. THEY WILL BE ASSISTED BY TWO SPECIAL ADVISERS, MR Q.W. LEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND MR JAMES MCHUGH, A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE OVERALL REVIEW WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1982.

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DMC'S PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE
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DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES HAVE PROVED THAT THEY ARE PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN STRENGTHENING ADMINISTRATION AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL AND ARE BEGINNING TO ACHIEVE RESULTS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR ALBERT LAM SAID THIS EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE GOLDEN CROWN RESTAURANT, HE SAID THAT WITH THE SETTING UP OF THESE COMMITTEES, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC IN THE DISTRICTS MEET REGULARLY TO DISCUSS AND CO-ORDINATE THEIR WORK.

+THEY ALSO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT GENERALLY ON DISTRICT NEEDS AND PRIORITIES.+

MR LAM POINTED OUT THAT SO FAR, DMC'S HAVE ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED IN KWUN TONG, WONG TAI SIN, SHAM SHUI PO, EASTERN, SOUTHERN AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICTS.

THE REMAINING FOUR DISTRICTS, NAMELY MONG KOK, CENTRAL AND WESTERN, YAU MA TEI AND WAN CHAI WILL HAVE THEIR DMC'S WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS.

WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE DMC'S ARE THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT BOARDS SET UP IN EACH DISTRICT.

THE BOARDS ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICTS, ON THE PROVISION AND USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND THE ADEQUACY AND PRIORITIES OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES, HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE A SAY ON THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE DISTRICT FOR LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS THE PROMOTION OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMES.

IN SHORT, CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICTS AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE CREATED AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS OF EACH DISTRICT AS WELL AS GOVERNMENTAL WORK AT DISTRICT LEVEL ARE GRADUALLY IMPROVED, HE SAID.

MR LAM URGED THOSE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING THEIR SERVICES TO THE BOARDS, PROVIDED THEY ARE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER AND HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS IN HONG KONG FOR TEN OR MORE YEARS, TO RUN FOR THE ELECTIONS IN 1982.

ANYONE WHO IS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER AND HAS BEEN RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN OR MORE YEARS, SHOULD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME BY REGISTERING AS A VOTER IN ONE'S OWN CONSTITUENCY.

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GROUP COMPLETES VISITS TO KMB DEPOTS

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ONE OF THE FIVE SUB-GROUPS TAKING PART IN THE REVIEW OF BUS OPERATIONS HAS COMPLETED A ROUND OF VISITS TO KOWLOON MOTOR BUS DEPOTS TO EXAMINE BUS MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES.

CHINA MOTOR BUS DEPOTS WILL BE INSPECTED AT A LATER STAGE.

WORKING WITH THE SUB-GROUP, HEADED BY MR M.J. HUTTON, GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER, ARE TWO UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MRS GRACE HO AND MR F.K. HU.

TO CARRY OUT THEIR WORK MORE THOROUGHLY AND EFFECTIVELY, THE SUB-GROUP DREW UP A LIST OF PERTINENT QUESTIONS WHICH THEY SOUGHT TO HAVE ANSWERED DURING THE VISITS.

THERE WERE SOME 40 QUESTIONS, COVERING THE MAINTENANCE SYSTEM AND PROGRAMME, MAINTENANCE FACILITIES AND RESOURCES, MANNING AND STAFF TRAINING, AND BUS INSPECTIONS BY GOVERNMENT EXAMINERS.

THE VISITS WERE SUPPLEMENTED BY DISCUSSIONS INVOLVING KMB MANAGEMENT STAFF AND ENGINEERS. SOME OF THE FINDINGS WERE EARMARKED FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND OTHERS MORE RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF OTHER SUB-GROUPS WOULD BE TAKEN UP BY THEM.

THE OTHER FOUR SUB-GROUPS ARE LOOKING INTO THE BUS COMPANIES' SPARE PARTS AND SPARE STOCK LEVEL, ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, DEPOT REQUIREMENT AND PROFIT CONTROL SCHEME.

IN THE COURSE OF THEIR WORK, THE SUB-GROUPS WOULD ALSO GO INTO ASPECTS OF THE COMPANIES' MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR MAY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR MAY 1981. THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR MAY 1981 WERE 116 AND 115 RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, THE NEW C.P.I. (A) INCREASED BY TWO POINTS OR 1.8 PER CENT AND THE NEW C.P.I. (B) BY ONE POINT OR 0.9 PER CENT.

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

THE INDEXES FOR MAY 1981 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMPONENTS OF HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE DISTINGUISHED IN THE TWO NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR APRIL 1981.

(OCTOBER 1979 - SEPTEMBER 1980 = 100)

	NEW C.P.I.(A)		NEW C.P.I.(B)	
COMPONENT	MAY 81	APR 81	MAY 81	APR 81
FOODSTUFFS	116	115	116	115
HOUSING	112	112	112	112
FUEL AND LIGHT	135	135	136	136
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	111	111	110	110
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115	109	115	108
DURABLE GOODS	108	107	108	107
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	108	108	108	108
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	129	123	126	122
SERVICES	115	115	115	115
ALL ITEMS	116	114	115	114

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THE INDEX FOR THE FOODSTUFFS COMPONENT IN BOTH NEW C.P.I.(A) AND NEW C.P.I.(B) INCREASED BY ONE POINT.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUITS, LIVE POULTRY, SALT-WATER FISH AND MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS.

THE EFFECTS OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR THE FOODSTUFFS COMPONENT WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR THE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR COMPONENT IN NEW C.P.I.(A) INCREASED BY SIX POINTS AND THAT IN NEW C.P.I.(B) BY SEVEN POINTS AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR SUMMER OUTERCLOTHING.

THE ONE-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR THE DURABLE GOODS COMPONENT IN BOTH NEW C.P.I. (A) AND NEW C.P.I.(B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR ELECTRICAL CONSUMER GOODS, TELEVISION AND SOUND EQUIPMENT.

REFLECTING THE FULL IMPACT OF THE UPWARD REVISION OF BUS FARES SINCE APRIL AND THE EFFECT OF INCREASES IN THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS FARES AND THE M.T.R. FARES IN MAY, THE INDEX FOR THE TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES COMPONENT IN NEW C.P.I.(A) INCREASED BY SIX POINTS AND THAT IN NEW C.P.I.(B) BY FOUR POINTS.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) (JULY 73/JUNE 74 = 100) FOR MAY 1981 WERE 181 AND 180 RESPECTIVELY, EACH BEING TWO POINTS OR 1.1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1980, C.P.I.(A) INCREASED BY 24 POINTS OR 15.3 PER CENT AND C.P.I.(B) BY 23 POINTS OR 14.6 PER CENT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR MAY 1981, WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE ON SALE AT $2 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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'FLOATING HOLIDAY' REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DESIGNATED A DATE FOR THE FLOATING HOLIDAY - ONE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE - THEY SHOULD GIVE EMPLOYEES THE DAY OFF EITHER ON JULY 1 (THE FIRST WEEK-DAY IN JULY) OR AUGUST 3 (THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST) THIS YEAR.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE FLOATING HOLIDAY MUST BE DESIGNATED BY EMPLOYERS AND MADE KNOWN TO EMPLOYEES BY A NOTICE PLACED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE BY THE END OF THE PRECEDING YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN $6 000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS, OTHER THAN OVERTIME PAY, ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY. WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY EARNINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE WAS REQUIRED TO WORK ON THE HOLIDAY, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WAS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. IN THE CASE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WAS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY COULD BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY, HE SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS COULD BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER ARE : FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= TUEN MUN 12-818443 AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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MORE SAFETY OFFICERS FOR INDUSTRY

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.N. HENDERSON, EXPRESSED THE HOPE TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING COURSE OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WILL BECOME +THE SOLID CORE OF SUPPLY OF SAFETY OFFICERS WHO WILL HELP IMPROVE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN HONG KONG.+

PRESENTING CERTIFICATES TO 60 GRADUATES WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE ONE-YEAR EVENING COURSE AT THE POLYTECHNIC, HE NOTED THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATELY-TRAINED PERSONNEL WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION ON COMPULSORY EMPLOYMENT OF SAFETY OFFICERS IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES.

IN ANTICIPATION OF MORE DEMAND FOR QUALIFIED SAFETY OFFICERS, THE POLYTECHNIC HAD DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE COURSE AT THE PRESENT LEVEL OF INTAKE FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR, HE ADDED.

MR HENDERSON STRESSED THAT EMPLOYERS COULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND THE PREVENTION OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS BY EMPLOYING QUALIFIED SAFETY OFFICERS AND GIVING THEM PROPERLY-DESIGNED DUTIES.

THESE DUTIES, HE EXPLAINED, COULD BE DIVIDED INTO THREE BROAD AREAS.

FIRSTLY, A SAFETY OFFICER SHOULD HIMSELF INSPECT THE INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING AT REGULAR INTERVALS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY TO ANY PERSON, AND IF SO, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION.

SECONDLY, HE SHOULD INVESTIGATE ANY ACCIDENTS AND DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES IN THE UNDERTAKING AND TAKE REMEDIAL ACTION TO REMOVE THE CAUSES.

THIRDLY, HE SHOULD ORGANISE SAFETY CAMPAIGNS, TRAINING COURSES, COMPETITIONS, CONTESTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WITHIN HIS ORGANISATION IN ORDER TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN THE INTEREST OF THE EMPLOYEES IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

MR HENDERSON POINTED OUT THAT IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD A SUBSTANTIAL BUDGET TO UNDERTAKE A MORE IMAGINATIVE AND INNOVATIVE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN, CONSISTING OF A NUMBER OF INTERESTING NEW PROGRAMMES.

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THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ONE IS AN AUDIO-VISUAL-LIGHT EXHIBITION ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH TO BE HELD AT THE KESWICK HALL OF THE POLYTECHNIC.

EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE POLYTECHNIC, DR KEITH LEGG, POINTED OUT THAT THE TRAINING COURSE -- RUN FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN SUCCESSION -- HAD AGAIN PROVED TO BE EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL.

EIGHTY PERSONS FROM 171 APPLICANTS HAD BEEN SELECTED FOR THE COURSE IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR, AND THIS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE FAVOURABLE RESPONSE FROM EMPLOYERS TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

APART FROM THE COURSE, THE POLYTECHNIC HAD MADE CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY GENERALLY WITH POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS.

LAST YEAR, THE POLYTECHNIC INTRODUCED A COMPREHENSIVE MANDATORY THREE-PHASE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY COURSE FOR ALL FULL-TIME ENGINEERING STUDENTS.

IN THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR, A TOTAL OF 860 ENGINEERING STUDENTS HAD COMPLETED THE THIRD-PHASE OF THIS COURSE.

SAFETY AWARENESS WAS NOT LIMITED TO ENGINEERING STUDENTS, DR LEGG ADDED.

IN THE SAME PERIOD, 500 STUDENTS FROM NON-ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS HAD VOLUNTARILY ATTENDED ANOTHER INDUSTRIAL SAFETY COURSE CONDUCTED IN THE POLYTECHNIC BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

APART FROM STUDENT AWARENESS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE POLYTECHNIC INDUSTRIAL CENTRE ARE NOW PLANNING TO OFFER INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EDUCATION TO ACADEMIC TECHNICAL STAFF OF THE POLYTECHNIC AND OTHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

+THOSE WHO COMPLETE THIS ONE-YEAR COURSE WILL THEN BE QUALIFIED TO LECTURE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MATTERS AND WE BELIEVE THAT BY SO DOING, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EDUCATION WILL BE EXPANDED EVEN MORE EFFECTIVELY,+ HE NOTED.

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PWD DEPUTY DIRECTOR RETIRES

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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR JACK STEAN, IS RETIRING AFTER MORE THAN 23 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD, TODAY PRESENTED MR STEAN WITH A SOUVENIR ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT.

+JACK IS BY ORIGIN A LONDONER, AND PROUD OF IT,+ MR MCDONALD SAID.

+HE IS ALSO ONE OF THAT NUMBER - AND WE HAVE SAID GOODBYE TO SEVERAL OF THEM RECENTLY - WHO COMPLETED THEIR NORMAL SCHOOLING AT A TIME WHEN THERE WAS A WAR GOING ON.+

HE SAID THAT MR STEAN HAD LEFT SCHOOL IN 1941, AGED 16 - TOO YOUNG TO GO IMMEDIATELY INTO THE ARMED SERVICES - AND HAD SPENT ABOUT 18 MONTHS WITH THE ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT OF THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL BEFORE JOINING THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AT THE AGE OF 18.

+HE STAYED IN THE RAF FOR FOUR YEARS UNTIL 1947, THEN, RETURNED TO THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL FOR A FURTHER SIX YEARS, DURING WHICH HE QUALIFIED, IN 1952, AS A CHARTERED SURVEYOR IN THE BUILDING SURVEYING BRANCH,+ MR MCDONALD SAID.

FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, MR STEAN WORKED AS A BUILDING SURVEYOR IN THE BOROUGH ENGINEER DEPARTMENTS OF THE TWO LONDON BOROUGHS, GREENWICH AND WEST HAM, AND BECAME A GRADUATE OF THE INSTITUTE OF STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS.

MR STEAN ARRIVED IN HONG KONG IN MAY 1958 AS A BUILDING SURVEYOR IN THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, BRINGING HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.

+THE STAFF OF THE BOO WAS THEN, AS IT IS NOW, CONSIDERABLY BELOW THE STRENGTH NEEDED FOR ITS TASKS, BUT PERHAPS THIS MADE FOR QUICK PROMOTION, FOR WITHIN JUST OVER TWO YEARS JACK HAD BEEN RAISED TO THE RANK OF WHAT WAS CALLED ASSISTANT CHIEF - NOW SENIOR BUILDING SURVEYOR,+ MR MCDONALD SAID.

MR STEAN BECAME PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR IN 1973.

+FOR MUCH OF HIS TIME IN THE BOO, JACK WAS CONCERNED, EITHER IN THE DIVISION, OR AS HEAD OF THE OFFICE, WITH DANGEROUS BUILDINGS, AND ANYBODY WHO HAS HAD EXPERIENCE OF THAT PARTICULAR FUNCTION WILL KNOW VERY WELL WHAT A TRYING AND OFTEN TRAGIC DUTY IT CAN BE,+ MR MCDONALD SAID.

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MR STEAN BECAME DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT IN 1974 AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR. HE WAS TO HAVE RETIRED LAST YEAR, BUT HAD AGREED TO STAY ON.

+HE HAS BEEN BOTH DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS DURING A PERIOD WHEN BOTH THE PRESENT AND FUTURE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRED THE HAND OF A PERSON WELL EXPERIENCED IN ITS FUNCTIONS AND ITS NEEDS,+ MR MCDONALD SAID.

+IT WAS THEREFORE WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT WE SAW JACK'S SERVICES RECOGNISED IN THE NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST OF 1980 BY THE AWARD OF THE OBE.+

MR MCDONALD WISHED MR AND MRS STEAN A VERY LONG AND HAPPY RETIREMENT.

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TAI O TO HAVE HOME FOR THE AGED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS GRANTED, BY PRIVATE TREATY, A 910-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT TAI O TO A NON-PROFIT MAKING TAOIST ASSOCIATION, HING WAN KWU TUNG LIMITED, TO BUILD A HOME FOR THE AGED.

THE ASSOCIATION WILL BUILD A THREE-STOREY HOME, WITH A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 1 400 SQUARE METRES, FOR MORE THAN 100 OLD PEOPLE, NEAR THE TAI O BUS TERMINUS. CONSTRUCTION COSTS WILL BE ABOUT $2.5 MILLION. TAI O RURAL COMMITTEE WILL DONATE $500 000 TOWARDS THE COST OF FURNISHING IT.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOME, WHICH WILL BE NAMED TAI O HING WAN KWU TUNG HOME FOR THE AGED, WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY 1983.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER ISLANDS, MR ANDREW FOK, SAID THE HOME WOULD PROVIDE A MUCH NEEDED SERVICE FOR THE TOWN'S OLD PEOPLE.

AT PRESENT, 463 PERSONS IN TAI O RECEIVE GOVERNMENT OLD AGE ALLOWANCE, AND OF THESE, 216 LIVE ALONE.

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TEMPORARY TIME TABLE FOR TRAINS

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A TEMPORARY TIME TABLE WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 28, TO FACILITATE ENGINEERING WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

+IT WILL BE FOR ONE DAY ONLY TO ENABLE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE RACECOURSE STATION AREA,+ A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE EXPRESS THROUGH TRAIN WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

COPIES OF THE TEMPORARY TIME TABLE WILL BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AT KOWLOON STATION AND AT ALL OTHER STATIONS.

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ART AND CRAFT WORKS BY TEACHERS TO BE DISPLAYED

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SECONDARY SCHOOL ART TEACHERS ARE URGED TO JOIN AN EXHIBITION OF ART WORKS TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR AT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

THE EXHIBITION SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER IS ORGANISED BY THE ART SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, AND AIMS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS TO SHOW THEIR WORK IN PUBLIC.

+EACH TEACHER MAY SEND IN NOT MORE THAN TWO PIECES OF WORK FOR DISPLAY. THERE WILL BE NO SELECTION AND ALL WORK SUBMITTED WILL BE EXHIBITED,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

NO PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED BUT EVERY PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A SOUVENIR CATALOGUE, HE SAID.

ALL TYPES OF ART WORK INCLUDING PAINTING, DRAWING, SCULPTURE, DESIGN, CALLIGRAPHY, PHOTOGRAPHY, PRINTS, POTTERY, SEAL-CARVING, CRAFTS, AND EXPERIMENTAL WORK MAY BE SUBMITTED.

THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON THE MEDIA, BUT THE THEME SHOULD NOT CARRY ANY COMMERCIAL OR POLITICAL IMPLICATION.

ART WORK SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE BY THE TEACHERS THEMSELVES ON OCTOBER 5 AND 6, AND COLLECTED ON OCTOBER 19.

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CRIME IN SHA TIN KEPT LOW

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CRIME IN SHA TIN HAS BEEN KEPT COMPARATIVELY LOW DUE TO THE CO-OPERATION OF LOCAL PEOPLE, TWO MEMBERS OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WERE TOLD.

URBAN COUNCILLOR, MRS SELINA CHOW, AND A CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, MR GEORGE YUEN, HEARD THIS AT A SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEETING HELD YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR WAI HON-LEUNG, CHAIRED THE MEETING.

ALSO PRESENT WERE THE DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER NEW TERRITORIES, MR M.C. ILLINGWORTH= THE DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT SHA TIN, MR CHAN CHI-FAI= THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER SHA TIN, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG= AND LOCAL LEADERS.

MRS CHOW AND MR YUEN WERE TOLD BY MR ILLINGWORTH THAT BY TAKING SIMPLE PREVENTIVE MEASURES, SHA TIN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PLAYING A POSITIVE PART IN FIGHTING CRIME.

MRS CHOW SAID SHE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT JUVENILE CRIME AND FELT THAT THE PROVISION OF MORE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES COULD HELP REDUCE CRIME.

MR YUEN TOLD THE MEETING THAT A FIGHT CRIME PUBLICITY PROGRAMME WOULD BE LAUNCHED SOON. THIS WOULD INCLUDE A SONG COMPOSING COMPETITION AND SINGING CONTEST TO BE HELD IN MID-AUGUST=AN INTER-SCHOOL DRAMA COMPETITION IN OCTOBER= AND A +FIGHT CRIME DAY+ TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE VISIT WAS ONE OF A SERIES BY MEMBERS OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT DISTRICT EFFORTS AND OFFER ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.

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SURVEY OF SHA TIN COMMUNITY FACILITIES
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A SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED INTO THE TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY FACILITY NEEDS OF SHA TIN RESIDENTS.

IT IS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE WITH ASSISTANCE OF STUDENTS FROM THE HONG KONG AND CHINESE UNIVERSITIES.

ALTOGETHER 12 000 QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO HOUSEHOLDS IN SUI WO COURT, WO CHE ESTATE AND YUEN CHAU KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA. THEY ARE ALSO BEING SENT TO FACTORIES IN FO TAN INDUSTRIAL AREA.

QUESTIONS INCLUDE AGES OF FAMILIY MEMBERS OR WORKERS, AND WHERE THEY ARE EMPLOYED, STUDY OR SPEND THEIR LEISURE.

A SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN URGED RESIDENTS TO CO-OPERATE BY FILLING THE FORMS IN ACCURATELY AND PROMPTLY.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN PLANNING FUTURE SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES, HE SAID.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL SEND OFFICERS TO INTERVIEW RECIPIENTS OF QUESTIONNAIRES IN PERSON IF THEIR REPLIES ARE NOT RECEIVED BY JULY 15.

THE SURVEY WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH. FINDINGS WILL BE TABULATED AND COMPILED INTO A REPORT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN AUGUST.

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NT LIONS CLUB GIVES VAN TO DISABLED CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

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THE LIONS CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY (THURSDAY) DONATED A SEVEN-SEAT VAN TO A KWAI CHUNG SCHOOL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN.

THE DONATION WAS ONE OF A NUMBER OF PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE CLUB THIS YEAR FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED PEOPLE.

THE TING HSIUNG CHIAO SCHOOL, LOCATED IN KWAI FONG ESTATE, IS A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG SPASTICS ASSOCIATION. ESTABLISHED IN 1974, IT NOW HAS MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS, AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND 17.

AT TODAY'S HAND-OVER CEREMONY, KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FRED TING, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE CLUB FOR THEIR CONCERN AND CARE TOWARDS UNDERPRIVILEGED PEOPLE IN SOCIETY.

THE VAN WILL BE USED TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS TO AND FROM THEIR HOMES.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, MISS YUNG SIU-JAN, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, MR CHAN CHUN-CHIU.

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NO RIGHT TURNS AT KWAI CHUNG

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RIGHT TURNS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN SECTIONS OF CONTAINER PORT ROAD AND KWAI TAI ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS MEANS THAT TRAFFIC HEADING SOUTH ALONG CONTAINER PORT ROAD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT IN KWAI FUNG CRESCENT AND KWAI TAI ROAD.

TRAFFIC HEADING EAST ALONG KWAI TAI ROAD WILL ALSO NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO CONTAINER PORT ROAD.

THE NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION OF ROAD SURFACES IN THE AREA.

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