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HK MUST KEEP UP WITH TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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HONG KONG HAS TO BE RIGHT UP TO DATE WITH TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORLD IF THE TERRITORY IS TO RETAIN A COMPETITIVE EDGE OVER ITS NEIGHBOURS IN THE REGION AS A MAJOR CENTRE OF FINANCE AND TRADE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR SAID AS AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CITY HONG KONG REMAINED ABSOLUTELY DEPENDENT ON FIRST RATE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS.

"ABOVE ALL WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE SWIFT AND EFFICIENT INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION LINKS WITH OUR MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT TWO DECADES AGO WHEN CABLE AND WIRELESS ESTABLISHED THE TERRITORY'S FIRST SATELLITE EARTH STATION AT STANLEY, THE STATION REPRESENTED SOME OF THE MOST MODERN INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY OF ITS TIME.

"THE STATION GAVE HONG KONG FOR THE FIRST TIME A DIRECT VISUAL LINK WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD FAR BEYOND ITS SHORES," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE TERRITORY'S ABILITY TO HANDLE INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH AND TELEX TRAFFIC WAS GREATLY INCREASED.

SIR DAVID PRAISED CABLE AND WIRELESS FOR BRINGING HONG KONG INTO THE ERA OF INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS 20 YEARS AGO.

HE SAID THAT THE COMPANY SINCE THEN HAD MET HONG KONG'S INCREASING NEEDS FOR NEW AND IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBOURS AND A GOOD EXAMPLE WAS THE NEW OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE LINK WITH GUANGDONG.

"WHEN THE THEN GOVERNOR SIR DAVID TRENCH INAUGURATED THE FIRST EARTH STATION IN 1969, HE PRAISED CABLE AND WIRELESS FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE PROSPERITY.

"I DO SO AGAIN TODAY: AND LOOK FORWARD TO A TIME IN THE YEARS TO COME WHEN A FUTURE CHIEF EXECUTIVE WILL SPEAK OF THE SAME CONFIDENT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CABLE AND WIRELESS AND THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION," THE GOVERNOR CONCLUDED.

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SERVICES REPRESENT AREA OF GREAT EXPORT POTENTIAL

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IN VIEW OF HONG KONG'S STRATEGIC LOCATION IN THE REGION AND ITS EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION LINKS WITH THE WORLD, SERVICES REPRESENT AN AREA OF GREAT EXPORT POTENTIAL, THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR DAVID NENDICK, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

"ALTHOUGH HONG KONG'S TRADE IN SERVICES STILL LAGS BEHIND MERCHANDISE TRADE IN VALUE TERMS, GROWTH IN THE PAST DECADE HAS BEEN PHENOMENAL, WITH DOUBLE DIGIT ANNUAL GROWTH RATES FOR THE GREATER PART OF THIS PERIOD," HE SAID.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG SEMINAR ON TRADE IN SERVICES HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE THIS MORNING, MR NENDICK POINTED OUT THAT OUR EXPORT OF SERVICES HAD MORE THAN DOUBLED AT CONSTANT MARKET PRICES AND OUR IMPORTS INCREASED THREE-FOLD.

SERVICES COVER A WIDE RANGE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THOSE IN BANKING, INSURANCE, TRANSPORTATION, CONSTRUCTION, COMMUNICATIONS, ACCOUNTING, ADVERTISING, CONSULTANCY AND ENTERTAINMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE, HONG KONG RANKED 18TH IN THE WORLD LEAGUE OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES EXPORTERS IN 1987 AND WAS THE 20TH LARGEST IMPORTER OF SUCH SERVICES IN THE SAME YEAR.

IN 1987, THE MOST RECENT YEAR FOR WHICH DATA WAS AVAILABLE, THE SERVICES SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT WAS 65 PER CENT, AND THAT WAS IN EXCESS OF THE AVERAGE FOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, MR NENDICK SAID.

"IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, IT ACCOUNTED FOR SOME 58 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S WORKING POPULATION IN THE FIRST QUARTERS OF 1989," HE ADDED.

"FOR 1988, THE TOTAL TRADE IN SERVICES AMOUNTED TO OVER HK\$141 BILLION OR SOME 18 BILLION IN U.S. DOLLAR TERMS," HE SAID.

"THIS ALL POINTS TO THE HEALTH OF THIS SECTOR IN HONG KONG," MR NENDICK NOTED.

HOWEVER, DESPITE ITS SPECTACULAR GROWTH, WORLD TRADE IN SERVICES WAS NOT WITHOUT ITS PROBLEMS, HE SAID.

"I AM SURE SOME OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY HAVE EXPERIENCED PERSONALLY THE FRUSTRATION OF NOT BEING ABLE TO TAP AN OVERSEAS MARKET BECAUSE OF OVER-REGULATION OR BECAUSE MARKET ACCESS HAS BEEN DENIED TO PROTECT LOCAL INTERESTS," HE SAID.

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WHILE IT WAS ACCEPTED THAT A DEGREE OF REGULATION WAS INEVITABLE TO AFFORD PROTECTION TO CONSUMERS AND TO ENSURE THAT MINIMUM PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OR PRUDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS WERE MET. IN A NUMBER OF INSTANCES THE MEASURES WHICH WERE APPLIED WENT WELL BEYOND THESE PURPOSES AND WERE DESIGNED PRINCIPALLY TO DISCOURAGE OVERSEAS COMPETITION. MR NENDICK SAID.

"THE MOST COMMON INCLUDES OBSTACLES IN RELATION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMERCIAL PRESENCE IN AN OVERSEAS MARKET AND TO THE MOVEMENT OF FACTORS OF PRODUCTION. SUCH AS CAPITAL AND LABOUR," HE SAID.

"OTHER RESTRICTIONS INCLUDE DIFFERENT DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS IN FINANCIAL SERVICES, RESTRICTIONS OF CABOTAGE TRADE IN TRANSPORTATION, DISCRIMINATORY ACCREDITATION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND THE LIST GOES ON," HE POINTED OUT.

IN ORDER TO REALISE HONG KONG'S GREAT EXPORT POTENTIAL IN SERVICES. MR NENDICK CALLED FOR A MORE OPEN AND FAIR MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM GOVERNING SUCH TRADE.

THE HONG KONG SEMINAR ON TRADE IN SERVICES, BEING HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

ABOUT 160 PARTICIPANTS ARE TAKING PART IN THE SEMINAR. THEY COME FROM A WIDE RANGE OF THE SERVICES SECTOR INCLUDING BANKING, INSURANCE, ACCOUNTING, ADVERTISING AND COMMUNICATIONS.

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REPORT ON ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE BEING STUDIED

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THE GOVERNMENT'S MAIN CONCERN IS TO ENSURE THAT ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI) IS DEVELOPED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE INTEREST OF THE HONG KONG TRADING COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE IS BEST SERVED. THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

ADDRESSING THE EDI ASIA '89 SEMINAR, MR MACLEOD POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS AT PRESENT EXAMINING IN DETAIL THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS IN THE CONSULTANTS' REPORT COVERING THE MANY REGULATORY, LEGAL AND COMMERCIAL ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE INTRODUCTION OF SUCH A SERVICE.

THE STUDY WAS JOINTLY FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND TRADELINK ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT SERVICES LTD, A COMPANY WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP TO PROMOTE THE EDI PROJECT BY A CONSORTIUM OF 11 LEADING HONG KONG BUSINESSES.

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"WE DO NOT RULE OUT, AT THIS STAGE, ANY POSSIBLE OPTIONS IN DEVELOPING TRADE-RELATED EDI IN HONG KONG," MR MACLEOD SAID, ADDING THAT THE CONSULTANTS' PROPOSALS AS WELL AS TRADELINK'S VIEWS ON THE WAY FORWARD WERE BEING CONSIDERED.

MR MACLEOD NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAVE WATCHED WITH INTEREST THE EMERGENCE OF EDI - A TECHNOLOGY FOR TRANSMITTING STRUCTURED BUSINESS INFORMATION ELECTRONICALLY BETWEEN COMPUTER SYSTEMS OF DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF EDI AND THAT IT HAD A KEY ROLE TO PLAY IN ITS INTRODUCTION IN HONG KONG.

TRACING THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDI, MR MACLEOD NOTED IT HAD BEEN PATCHY.

"INITIALLY OVERSEAS EDI NETWORKS HAVE TENDED TO DEVELOP WITHIN VERTICAL INDUSTRY SEGMENTS, LINKING CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS IN INDUSTRIES SUCH AS AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURING, RETAIL DISTRIBUTION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.

"RECENTLY, HOWEVER, EDI SYSTEMS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING SECTOR HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY PROMINENT, INVOLVING A WIDER SPECTRUM OF PLAYERS IN THE TRADING CYCLE," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT SIGNIFICANT TRADE RELATED EDI INITIATIVES HAD BEEN LAUNCHED IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS USA, FRANCE, UK, BELGIUM, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AS WELL AS JAPAN, KOREA AND SINGAPORE.

"BUT I BELIEVE NONE AS YET INVOLVE MORE THAN A MINORITY OF TRADERS, AND INTERNATIONAL EDI TRAFFIC IS VERY SMALL," HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT THE MOVE OF HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS TRADING PARTNERS AND COMPETITORS TO EDI WOULD BE LIKELY TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS.

"CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR EXAMPLE ESTIMATE THAT WITHIN A FEW YEARS, MOST OF THEIR TRADE DOCUMENTATION PROCESSING WILL BE CARRIED OUT ELECTRONICALLY.

"THE UNITED KINGDOM CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES HAVE SIMILAR TARGETS. CONSEQUENTLY THE PRESSURE FROM OUR EXPORT MARKETS TO USE EDI SERVICES IS LIKELY TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY AS TRADE RELATED EDI INITIATIVES IN NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE COME TO FRUITION, AND INTERNATIONAL LINKS ARE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THEM.

"AT THAT STAGE AN ABILITY TO FORWARD TRADE DOCUMENTS ELECTRONICALLY TO THE RELEVANT OVERSEAS AUTHORITIES WILL ENABLE SUPPLIERS TO REDUCE CARGO CLEARANCE TIMES AND THEREBY IMPROVE THEIR COMPETITIVE POSITION," HE SAID.

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MR MACLEOD ADDED HOWEVER THAT IT WAS ONLY IN THE LAST YEAR OR SO THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON AN INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR MESSAGES BETWEEN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES OR TERRITORIES AND EVEN WITHIN ADVANCED COUNTRIES LIKE THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES THERE WERE A NUMBER OF INCOMPATIBLE SYSTEMS.

"MOREOVER, INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ARE ONLY THE START OF THE STORY. WE HAVE TO DEVELOP HONG KONG MESSAGES.

"THERE IS ALSO THE NEED TO DEVELOP 'CRITICAL MASS' - IT IS ONLY IF MOST OF THE KEY PLAYERS, INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT, ARE ACCESSIBLE OF EDI THAT IT BECOMES WORTHWHILE," HE SAID.

NEVERTHELESS, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO INTRODUCE EDI FAIRLY EARLY SO AS TO AVOID THE PROLIFERATION OF DIFFERENT, INCOMPATIBLE SYSTEMS.

"AND SO THAT WE KEEP PACE WITH OUR MAIN TRADING PARTNERS," HE ADDED.

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SCOPE FOR WIDER INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION IN HK

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WITH SOME 50,000 MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG IN A DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT, THERE SHOULD BE SCOPE FOR WIDER INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AUTOTECH ASIA '89 ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, MR LEUNG ASSURED LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS WOULD BE THERE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.

"WE ARE WITNESSING A TREND TOWARDS SHORTER PRODUCT CYCLES, FASTER AND MORE FLEXIBLE PRODUCTION RUNS, A HIGHER QUALITY/PRICE RATIO, AND GREATER PRODUCT DIVERSITY AND INNOVATION.

"TO MEET THESE EXACTING DEMANDS, INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGY IS A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE KEY TO INCREASING OUTPUT, REDUCING ERRORS AND WASTAGE, ENHANCING QUALITY CONSISTENCY AND ACHIEVING AN OPTIMUM MIX OF SPEED AND FLEXIBILITY.

"THE GOVERNMENT AND VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS ARE GEARED TOWARDS PROVIDING MORE FACILITIES TO AID INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION," MR LEUNG SAID.

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FOR EXAMPLE, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL WAS STRENGTHENING ITS RANGE OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF AUTOMATION IN DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING BY ESTABLISHING A COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN (CAD) SERVICE CENTRE, A COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN AND COMPUTER-AIDED MANUFACTURING (CAD/CAM) WORKSHOP, A MICROPROCESSOR APPLICATION LABORATORY, AND A SURFACE MOUNTING TECHNOLOGY (SMT) LABORATORY, HE SAID.

FURTHERMORE, THE COUNCIL, TOGETHER WITH THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, WOULD SHORTLY BE OPERATING A CLOTHING TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION CENTRE IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE IN KOWLOON BAY.

MR LEUNG BELIEVED THIS WOULD DISSEMINATE THE LATEST GARMENT PRODUCTION SYSTEMS CONDUCIVE TO GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND MECHANISATION.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT A MAJOR JAPANESE GARMENT TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIER HAD BEEN APPROACHED TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN A REAL-LIFE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AT THE CENTRE.

ON MANPOWER TRAINING, MR LEUNG SAID THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TRAINED WORKERS IN THE NEW GENERATION OF COMPUTER-CONTROLLED MACHINES.

THE UNIVERSITIES, AND POLYTECHNICS, IN ADDITION TO EDUCATING TOMORROW'S MANAGERS AND TECHNOLOGISTS, WERE TAKING A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION CONSULTANCIES AND DEVELOPMENT, HE ADDED.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKING A PROJECT TO DEVELOP JOINTLY A CAD/CAM SYSTEM FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING," MR LEUNG SAID.

TURNING TO GOVERNMENT SUPPORT, MR LEUNG SAID UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, PROPOSALS HAD BEEN DRAWN UP TO EXPAND SCHEMES PROVIDING LOCAL AND OVERSEAS TRAINING FOR PRACTISING ENGINEERS.

THESE WOULD COVER SUCH INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGIES AS SMT, SOFTWARE ENGINEERING, FLEXIBLE MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER INTEGRATED GARMENT MAKING.

AS FOR THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, MR LEUNG SAID IT WOULD SEEK TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATE INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGY FROM ABROAD THROUGH ITS INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME.

"THIS WILL BE GIVEN EVEN GREATER IMPETUS WITH THE IMPENDING IMPLEMENTATION OF A RESEARCH AND TARGETTING SYSTEM, COUPLED WITH ENHANCED COVERAGE IN OUR OVERSEAS MARKETS," HE SAID.

ACCORDING TO MR LEUNG, OVER THE YEARS, INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION PROCESSES INTRODUCED INTO HONG KONG THROUGH INWARD INVESTMENT INCLUDED COMPUTER ASSEMBLY, SEMICONDUCTOR PRODUCTION, CHEMICAL STABILISERS FOR PLASTIC, RESINS, PLASTIC INJECTION MOULDING AND PRINTING.

AMENDMENT BILL ON VBP DETENTION CENTRES

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AN AMENDMENT BILL WILL SOON BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AIMED AT ENABLING RULES TO BE DRAWN UP SPECIFICALLY TO COVER VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE (VBP) DETENTION CENTRES.

SUBJECT TO THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1989 BEING PASSED INTO LAW, RULES WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE FOR THE TREATMENT AND CONTROL OF CONDUCT OF VBP IN DETENTION CENTRES.

THE PROPOSED RULES WILL ALSO ALLOW FOR THE MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS THE MAINTENANCE OF ORDER AND DISCIPLINE AMONG VBP IN DETENTION CENTRES, AND FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF OFFENDERS.

THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS AGREED THAT THE AMENDMENT BILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 18.

"AT THE MOMENT, WHILE PROVISION EXISTS IN THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE FOR RULES TO BE MADE PERTAINING TO VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, NO SUCH PROVISION EXISTS IN RESPECT OF VBP," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

"THE CURRENT PRACTICE IS TO APPLY THE PRISON RULES IN VBP DETENTION CENTRES AND THIS HAS NOT BEEN ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY.

"THE PRISON RULES DO NOT ALLOW FOR THE CONTROL OF CONDUCT OF VBP NOR DO THEY PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ORDER AND DISCIPLINE IN THE CENTRES."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH MORE THAN 42,000 VBP ARRIVALS SINCE JUNE LAST YEAR, A LARGE NUMBER OF DETENTION CENTRES HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED MANY OF WHICH, BY FORCE OF CIRCUMSTANCE, HAD BEEN EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION RATHER THAN PURPOSE-BUILT CENTRES.

"GIVEN THE LARGE NUMBER OF DETENTION CENTRES, NOW TOTALLING 16, AND THE DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED BY CAMP MANAGEMENT ARISING FROM SUCH ACTS AS ESCAPES AND THE INTRODUCTION OF ITEMS INTO THE CENTRES PARTICULARLY BY WAY OF THROWING, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO DRAW UP RULES SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR DETENTION CENTRES," HE SAID.

"FOR EXAMPLE, AFTER THE AMENDMENT BILL HAS PASSED INTO LAW, IT IS PROPOSED TO MAKE RULES WHICH PROVIDE FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF A \$5,000 FINE AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR CERTAIN OFFENCES.

"THESE WILL INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION AND SUPPLY OF UNAUTHORISED ARTICLES INTO DETENTION CENTRES, ESCAPES AND AIDING OF ESCAPES FROM CENTRES, AS WELL AS ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO CENTRES.

"IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT RULES BE MADE TO PROVIDE FOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE SEPARATE CONFINEMENT OF PERSONS, THE SEARCHING OF DETAINEES AND VISITORS AND DETENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEARCH, AS WELL AS THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH VISITORS MAY BE ALLOWED TO VISIT A DETENTION CENTRE AND THEIR CONDUCT.

"THE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN RUNNING DETENTION CENTRES CONSIDER THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT LEGISLATION AND THE RULES TO BE MADE WILL MAKE MANAGEMENT OF CENTRES LESS DIFFICULT."

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GOVERNOR TO TOUR TUEN MUN TOMORROW

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL TOUR TUEN MUN TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TO SEE THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

SIR DAVID'S PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A VISIT TO A RESIDENTIAL AREA IN AREA 4B, AN INDUSTRIAL ZONE IN AREA 12, THE YIN NGAI SOCIETY AND A CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AT THE ON TING/YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE, AND TO TUEN MUN PLAZA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO TUEN MUN.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO TAKE GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 1 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

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FISHERMEN ON STUDY TOUR TO EUROPE

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A GROUP OF 13 LEADING FISHERMEN WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 7) FOR HOLLAND, WEST GERMANY AND DENMARK ON AN 11-DAY TOUR TO STUDY MODERN FISHING TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING SYSTEMS OF THEIR EUROPEAN COUNTERPARTS.

THE EIGHTH SINCE 1981, THE STUDY TOUR WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION.

COUNTRIES VISITED BY FISHERMEN IN PREVIOUS VISITS INCLUDED SINGAPORE, SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN, CHINA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, NORWAY, AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES.

TO MARK THE DEPARTURE OF THE GROUP, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, PRESENTED A BANNER TO THE DELEGATION LEADER, MR CHENG FOR-YAU, THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, DR LEE HOPED THAT THE FISHERMEN WOULD MAKE USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN UP-TO-DATE FISHERIES KNOWLEDGE AND SHARE THE EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER FISHERMEN TO ASSIST IN FURTHER DEVELOPING THE LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY ON THEIR RETURN TO HONG KONG.

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THE GROUP, ACCOMPANIED BY AFD'S FISHERIES OFFICER, MR WONG HO-YEE, WILL VISIT FISHING PORTS, FISH MARKETS, A FISH HANDLING AND PROCESSING FACTORY, SHIPYARDS AS WELL AS MANUFACTURERS OF MARINE ENGINES, FISHING GEAR AND NAVIGATION AIDS.

THE GROUP WILL ALSO VISIT A FISHERIES EXHIBITION IN CUXHAVEN OF WEST GERMANY.

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AWARDS FOR CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN IN EASTERN
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RESPONSIBLE AND DELIGENT CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE HONOURED UNDER AN AWARD SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID THE SCHEME AIMED AT BOOSTING THE MORALE OF CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN BY GIVING DUE RECOGNITION TO HARD WORK AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE.

"IT ALSO FORMS PART OF THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN WHICH HAD ADOPTED HOME SECURITY, ANTI-TRIAD AND ANTI-SHOPTHEFT AS ITS PUBLICITY THEMES," HE ADDED.

RESIDENTS MAY NOMINATE THEIR CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN THROUGH A BUILDING'S OWNERS' CORPORATION, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE, MANAGEMENT COMPANY OR ANY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS FROM EACH BUILDING AS LONG AS EACH CANDIDATE OBTAINS THE VOTES OF AT LEAST 30 PER CENT OF THE HOUSEHOLDS IN THE BUILDING.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE OCTOBER 14.

AFTER RECEIVING THE FORMS, THE COMMITTEE WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO VISIT THE BUILDINGS AND ASSIST IN VOTING PROCEDURES.

RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN NOVEMBER AND THE WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH SOUVENIRS AND PENNANTS.

THE AWARD SCHEME IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE EASTERN DISTRICT POLICE STATION AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT FEDERATION OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORGANISATIONS, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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SCHOOL PROJECT PLAYS IMPORTANT PART IN BUILDING FOR FUTURE
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THE CHINESE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECT PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN BUILDING FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE BY PROVIDING SOMETHING THAT IS UNIQUE SO FAR IN THE COMMUNITY, LADY WILSON SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY OF THE NEW PREMISES OF THE SCHOOL AT BRAEMAR HILL, NORTH POINT.

LADY WILSON SAID THE PROJECT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN WHOSE FAMILIES RETURNED TO HONG KONG TO FIND A FORM OF EDUCATION WHICH FITTED THEIR PARTICULAR NEEDS, ADDING THAT THIS WAS BADLY NEEDED.

SHE SAID SHE HAD VISITED THE SCHOOL TWICE RECENTLY AND HAD SEEN FOR HERSELF THE EXCELLENT WORK DONE THERE.

"NOT ONLY IS THE ACADEMIC STANDARD HIGH, BUT, EQUALLY IMPORTANT, THE CHILDREN SEEM EXTREMELY HAPPY AND AT EASE."

LADY WILSON SAID THE SCHOOL WAS FIRST CONCEIVED EIGHT YEARS AGO AS A PLACE WHERE THE CHINESE AND WESTERN CULTURES COULD BE BLENDED INTO ONE CURRICULUM.

"A LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THEN," SHE SAID. "THE IDEA HAS BECOME A SCHOOL WITH ALMOST 500 PUPILS, AND ENROLMENT GROWS ANNUALLY."

NOTING THAT THE SCHOOL NOW OCCUPIES THREE BUILDINGS IN THREE SEPARATE LOCATIONS, LADY WILSON SAID THE SCHOOL'S FOUNDATION, OF WHICH SHE WAS PATRON, WAS NOW RECEIVING A GRANT OF LAND FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR BUILDING ITS OWN FACILITIES.

"THIS SIGNIFIES RECOGNITION OF THE VITAL ROLE THE SCHOOL IS PLAYING IN HONG KONG ALREADY. THE NEW BUILDING WILL ALLOW THE SCHOOL TO BE TOGETHER AS ONE COMMUNITY," SHE SAID.

THE NEW PROJECT, SAID LADY WILSON, WOULD ALLOW THE SCHOOL TO INCREASE ITS INTAKE OF CHILDREN TO COVER 1,000 STUDENTS, AND TO EXTEND THE TEACHING PROGRAMME THROUGH TO SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE NEW BUILDING WOULD PROVIDE MANY FACILITIES THAT WERE NOT POSSIBLE AT PRESENT, SHE ADDED.

LADY WILSON SAID THAT THE SCHOOL PROJECT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN REALISED WITHOUT THE COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT OF VERY MANY PEOPLE, AND IN PARTICULAR THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WITH ITS GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION.

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DB FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES
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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD IS INVITING DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS TO APPLY FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT ABOUT \$200,000 IN DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION.

HE SAID PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO ORGANISATIONS INTENDING TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS WHICH WOULD BENEFIT THE ELDERLY AND THE YOUTH IN THE DISTRICT.

"CONSIDERATION WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD ENHANCE RESIDENTS' CIVIC AWARENESS AND CULTIVATE AMONG THEM A SENSE OF BELONGING," HE ADDED.

APPLICATIONS, TOGETHER WITH BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE PLANNED FUNCTIONS, SHOULD REACH THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, BY OCTOBER 18.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO MR LO SHING-YAU ON 5-8523478.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PROGRESS OF PUBLIC WORKS
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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF A NUMBER OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER PLANS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES RELATING TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, 6 TUNG YAN STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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PUBLIC SEWERS IN PRIVATE STREETS ON AGENDA
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) WAYS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF CHOKED PUBLIC SEWERS IN PRIVATE STREETS IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO RUN A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AND THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING TOMORROW IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM.

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PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION TO PROMOTE IMAGE OF KWAI TSING
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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR A PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROMOTE THE DISTRICT'S MULTI-FACETED IMAGE.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO STUDENTS AND OPEN SECTIONS.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD SEND IN PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF KWAI TSING SUCH AS TRAFFIC, HOUSING, EDUCATION, LEISURE ACTIVITIES AND RESIDENTS' DAILY LIFE.

EACH PARTICIPANT SHOULD SUBMIT A 3R SIZE PHOTOGRAPH TOGETHER WITH THE NEGATIVE AND A REGISTRATION FORM WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FROM THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE CHAMPION, AND THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP OF EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED \$1,000, \$300 AND \$200 IN CASH RESPECTIVELY. THERE WILL ALSO BE 30 CONSOLATION PRIZES IN EACH SECTION.

ENTRY TO THE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WILL CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 3.

ADJUDICATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN MID-NOVEMBER BY PHOTOJOURNALIST MR CHAN KIU, KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER MR PAUL TANG AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE KWAI CHUNG ROTARY CLUB.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 26.

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PHOTOGRAPHS SELECTED FROM BOTH SECTIONS WILL BE USED IN A BOOKLET ON KWAI TSING TO BE PUBLISHED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE BOOKLET, INTRODUCING MAJOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OF THE DISTRICT, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VISITORS TO THE DISTRICT.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE COMPETITION CAN BE MADE ON 0-4273593.

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SEMINAR FOR WONG CHUK HANG RESIDENTS
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THE WONG CHUK HANG AREA COMMITTEE WILL REPORT ON ITS WORK AT A SEMINAR FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS TOMORROW (THURSDAY) EVENING AT THE TANG SHIU KIN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE.

THE SEMINAR, TO BEGIN AT 8.30 PM, ALSO PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT MATTERS.

CHAIRMAN OF THE AREA COMMITTEE, MR KO KAM-CHEUNG, WILL PRESENT A REPORT ON THE WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF, AND THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY, THE COMMITTEE WITH THE AID OF SLIDES.

A SLIDE SHOW ON THE FUNCTIONS AND OPERATIONS OF AREA COMMITTEES PRODUCED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ALSO BE SHOWN.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY BUILDING, AND TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MATTERS.

ALL THE ISSUES RAISED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED UP BY THE AREA COMMITTEE AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR ALONG WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS.

SOUTHERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DAVID LEUNG, AND OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE SEMINAR, WHICH IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S SEVEN AREA COMMITTEES TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATIONS AND TIES BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND AREA COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG CHUK HANG AREA COMMITTEE SEMINAR TO BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY), BEGINNING AT 8.30 PM AT THE TANG SHIU KIN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY IN CONDUIT ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 6), THE EXISTING 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONDUIT ROAD IN THE MID-LEVELS, BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 26 AND 36, WILL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR ANOTHER SEVEN WEEKS TO FACILITATE MAINLAYING WORK.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT SECTIONS OF KWUN TONG ROAD UNDERPASS WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY (OCTOBER 6) TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORKS ON STREET LIGHTING.

THE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC LANES WILL BE CLOSED FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY TO 6 AM ON SATURDAY AND FROM 11 PM ON SATURDAY TO 6 AM ON SUNDAY.

THE EASTBOUND TRAFFIC LANES WILL BE CLOSED FROM 11 PM ON OCTOBER 13 TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING, AND FROM 11 PM ON OCTOBER 14 TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

DURING THE CLOSURES, MOTORISTS WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE THE SECTIONS OF KWUN TONG ROAD AT GROUND LEVEL.

FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY, THE EXISTING PROHIBITED ZONE FOR GOODS VEHICLES, EFFECTIVE 24 HOURS DAILY, ON THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM THE AIRPORT DEPARTURES CIRCUIT TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST EASTBOUND WILL BE CANCELLED.

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