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GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER HANG LUNG BANK  
IN INTEREST OF DEPOSITORS  
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A BILL GIVING OWNERSHIP OF THE HANG LUNG BANK TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, IN THE INTEREST OF DEPOSITORS, WAS PASSED AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE HANG LUNG BANK (ACQUISITION) BILL 1983 AT THE COUNCIL, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE EXPLAINED THAT IF APPROVED THE BILL WOULD MEAN THAT THE BANK WOULD BE OWNED FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) BY THE GOVERNMENT WHO WOULD STAND BEHIND DEPOSITORS.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY STRESSED THAT THIS UNHAPPY SITUATION, THE POSSIBILITY OF WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAD LONG BEEN AWARE, OWED NOTHING TO PRESENT POLITICAL ISSUES.

+THE GOVERNMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE TWO NOTE-ISSUING BANKS, HAVE BEEN KEEPING A CLOSE AND CONTINUOUS WATCH ON DEVELOPMENTS AT THE HANG LUNG BANK FOR THE WHOLE OF THE LAST 12 MONTHS,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS OUR INTENTION THAT THE HANG LUNG BANK UNDER SOUND MANAGEMENT WILL IN DUE COURSE REVERT TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP ON A BASIS YET TO BE DETERMINED.+

SIR JOHN SAID THAT EVENTS IN THE PAST DAYS, COUPLED WITH REPAYMENT OF BORROWINGS FROM ITS CLEARING BANK, HAD AGAIN LED TO SEVERE SHORTAGE OF LIQUIDITY BY THE BANK. THE BANK THEN REPORTED THIS MORNING TO THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING THAT IT WAS UNABLE TO MEET IN FULL ITS LIABILITIES TO THE CLEARING HOUSE IN RESPECT OF CHEQUES DRAWN BY CUSTOMERS. IT ALSO MADE VARIOUS UNACCEPTABLE SUGGESTIONS, SIR JOHN ADDED.

THE CHARTERED BANK, AS THE HANG LUNG BANK'S CLEARING BANK, INFORMED THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS THAT IT WAS NOT PREPARED TO COVER ABOUT HK\$50 MILLION OVERDRAWN ON HANG LUNG BANK'S CLEARING ACCOUNT WITH IT AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY IT INTENDED TO INFORM THE CLEARING HOUSE IN THE MORNING THAT THE HANG LUNG BANK WAS UNABLE TO MEET ITS CLEARING.

+THIS WOULD HAVE MEANT THAT HK\$148 MILLION WORTH OF CHEQUES WOULD HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE BANKS SUBMITTING THEM FOR CLEARING. A DANGEROUS SITUATION WOULD HAVE RESULTED,+ THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID.

SIR JOHN EXPLAINED THAT AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE THE GOVERNMENT HAD UNDERTAKEN TO COVER THE POSITION FOR ONE DAY TO AVOID CHEQUES BEING DISHONoured.

+THE GOVERNMENT NOW INTENDS TO TAKE LONGER TERM MEASURES WHICH WILL PROTECT THE BANK'S DEPOSITORS. THEY WILL APPRECIATE THAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS LEGISLATION IF PASSED INTO LAW TONIGHT WILL BE THAT THE BANK WILL BE OWNED FROM TOMORROW BY THE GOVERNMENT WHO WILL STAND BEHIND DEPOSITORS,+ HE SAID.

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+I NOW BELIEVE THE ONLY SATISFACTORY COURSE FOR THE GOVERNMENT IS TO TAKE OVER THE HANG LUNG BANK. IT WOULD IN MY OPINION BE WRONG TO ADVANCE PUBLIC MONEY DIRECTLY TO AN INSTITUTION WHICH THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT CONTROL AND IN WHICH IT IN ITS PRESENT OWNERSHIP WE DO NOT HAVE CONFIDENCE,+ HE SAID.

IN STATING THAT THE BANK WOULD OPEN FOR BUSINESS TOMORROW IF THE BILL WAS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL, SIR JOHN SAID HE KNEW THAT THE STAFF WOULD RESPOND ACCORDINGLY AND GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE NEW MANAGEMENT.

+EXISTING DIRECTORS WILL CEASE TO HOLD OFFICE,+ HE ADDED.

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#### UNOFFICIALS SUPPORT BILL

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THE HANG LUNG BANK (ACQUISITION) BILL 1983 REFLECTED THE GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN AND WILLINGNESS TO TAKE SWIFT ACTION AND MEASURES TO PROTECT THOSE WHO, IN GOOD FAITH, PLACED THEIR MONEY IN BANKS HERE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE HON ROGER LOBO SAID IN THE COUNCIL THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

+IN SUPPORTING THE MEASURES PROPOSED, I WOULD BE FAILING IN MY DUTY IF I DID NOT CONDEMN THE MANAGEMENT WEAKNESS WHICH HAS MADE NECESSARY THIS CORRECTIVE ACTION,+ MR LOBO SAID IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL.

THE BILL WAS MOVED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY THROUGH THREE READINGS AND THE COMMITTEE STAGE AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING THIS EVENING.

+I RISE TO SUPPORT THIS BILL AND THE MEASURES PROPOSED BY MY FRIEND, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

+WE ARE ASSEMBLED HERE IN THIS CHAMBER TO ACT WITHOUT DELAY TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE DEPOSITORS,+ MR LOBO SAID.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, HE SAID, HAD JUST GIVEN A CLEAR ACCOUNT OF THE EVENTS LEADING TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BILL.

+SIR, WITH THESE REMARKS I SUPPORT THE MOTION,+ MR LOBO SAID.

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#### NEW LEGCO MEMBERS MAKE AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE

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THREE NEW UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MADE THEIR AFFIRMATION OR TOOK THEIR OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

THEY WERE MRS RITA FAN, MRS PAULINE NG AND MR POON WING-CHEUNG.

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MINISTER VISITS CHINESE UNIVERSITY

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR RICHARD LUCE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY TO THE LIFE OF HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A TOUR OF THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, HE SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK TO THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, DR MA LIN, HIS LEADING STAFF AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT UNION.

+I AM MOST IMPRESSED BY THE RATE AT WHICH THE UNIVERSITY HAS EXPANDED, THE RANGE OF FACILITIES THAT ARE PROVIDED HERE, AND THE PLANS FOR THE FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSITY WHICH CLEARLY CONTRIBUTES TO THE LIFE OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS PART OF MY OBJECTIVE TO SEE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF THE LIFE OF HONG KONG AS WELL AS LISTEN TO THE VIEWS OF PEOPLE,+ HE ADDED.

MR LUCE ARRIVED AT THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS BY TAKING A TRAIN OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY FROM CENTRAL STATION AND THEN CHANGING TO A KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY TRAIN AT KOWLOON TONG STATION.

EARLIER THIS MORNING, MR LUCE ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND TOLD REPORTERS AFTERWARDS THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE USEFUL AND VALUABLE.

HE ALSO HAD A MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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MINISTER TO ATTEND SHA TIN DB MEETING

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR RICHARD LUCE, WILL ATTEND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON, MR LUCE WILL SPEND ABOUT HALF AN HOUR AT THE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SHING MUN RIVER.

THE NAVIGABLE SECTION OF THE RIVER IS ABOUT 4 000 METRES LONG AND 170 METRES WIDE AND WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT AQUATIC RECREATIONAL RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC IN HONG KONG.

CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE EXAMINED THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE RIVER AND VIEWS FROM DB MEMBERS ARE BEING SOUGHT.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE TAI WAI BACKLANE CLEARANCES, THE BEST COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT, LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR AND SHA TIN ARTS FORTNIGHT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE FUNCTION ROOM OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE. PRESS MEMBERS SHOULD BE SEATED BEFORE 9.15 AM.

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.15 AM SHARP FOR THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MINISTER TO MEET PRESS  
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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR RICHARD LUCE, WHO IS ON A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE GIS THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, FIFTH FLOOR, AT 4.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

U.S. DEFENCE SECRETARY ARRIVING  
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TWO PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITIES AND PRESS TRANSPORT HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENCE, MR CASPER WEINBERGER.

MR WEINBERGER WILL ARRIVE ON A PRIVATE PLANE ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 29) AT 7.30 PM. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE CGO LOWER ALBERT ROAD AT 5.30 PM SHARP. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WHO WISH TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY TO THE AIRPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 6.15 PM.

MR WEINBERGER WILL LEAVE HONG KONG THE FOLLOWING DAY (FRIDAY) AT NOON.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE AND WILL LEAVE CGO AT 10 AM SHARP. THOSE ASSIGNED TO COVER HIS DEPARTURE BUT DO NOT WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT FACILITY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM NOT LATER THAN 10.45 AM.

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\$BILLIONS IN HOUSING PROJECTS INTO 1990'S  
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A SENIOR HOUSING OFFICIAL TODAY GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT STILL ACCORDED VERY HIGH PRIORITY TO PUBLIC HOUSING EVEN AT THE PRESENT STAGE OF FINANCIAL STRINGENCY.

+FOR NEW PROJECTS, NUMEROUS SUITABLE SITES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND AGREED WHICH WILL TAKE THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME WELL INTO THE 1990S,+ SAID MR DAVID LAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR (ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING).

HE TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH WEST THAT STARTING FROM 1985-86, ANNUAL PRODUCTION WOULD BE INCREASED TO A MINIMUM OF 40 000 FLATS.

+IN THE YEARS AHEAD, WELL OVER 150 000 PEOPLE WILL BENEFIT ANNUALLY FROM THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME.

+THE CURRENT LEVEL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC HOUSING IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

+IN 1983-84, THIS AMOUNTS TO \$3.7 BILLION OR ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL GOVERNMENT CAPITAL PROGRAMME - FEW GOVERNMENTS INVEST SO MUCH TO HOUSE THEIR PEOPLE.

+IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS ALONE, BUILDING AND ENGINEERING CONTRACTS TOTTALLING \$1 363 MILLION HAVE BEEN LET BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

+AND ABOUT 130 000 FLATS ARE CONSTANTLY KEPT UNDER VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION AT A TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE OF WELL OVER \$10 BILLION.+

ON PUBLIC HOUSING RENTS, MR LAN SAID THESE HAD BEEN MAINTAINED AT VERY LOW LEVELS BECAUSE OF HEAVY GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES IN THE FORMS OF FREE LAND GRANTS AND LOANS ON CONCESSIONARY TERMS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION.

+ALTHOUGH SURPLUS IS GENERATED FROM THE AUTHORITY'S COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES AS THEY RECEIVE THE SAME GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES AND ARE LET AT MARKET VALUES, THIS SURPLUS IS USED TO CROSS-SUBSIDISE DOMESTIC TENANTS.

+FOR SUCCESSIVE YEARS, THE DEFICIT INCURRED ON DOMESTIC FLATS HAS BEEN COVERED BY SUCH SURPLUS; FOR EXAMPLE IN THE LAST TWO FINANCIAL YEARS, \$180 MILLION OF DEFICIT HAVE BEEN SO COVERED.+

ON THE PILOT SCHEME TO TRANSFER 4 880 RENTAL TRIDENT II FLATS TO THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME IN 1984-85, MR LAN SAID THIS WAS A POSITIVE CHANGE IN LINE WITH THE PROMOTION OF HOME OWNERSHIP IN ALL ADVANCED COMMUNITIES.

+AS USUAL, THESE ADDITIONAL 4 880 FLATS WILL BE SOLD AT A SUBSIDY TO THE PUBLIC BY EXCLUDING LAND VALUE FROM THE FLAT PRICES.

/+ABOUT \$750 .....

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+ABOUT \$750 MILLION WILL BE RECOVERED FROM THE SALE OF THESE FLATS, COVERING THE CONSTRUCTION COST, LAND FORMATION COST AND OTHER CHARGES INCURRED IN BUILDING THE FLATS; THE WHOLE AMOUNT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING.+

AS REGARDS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP, HE SAID ITS UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS CONSTITUTED A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.

+MANY OF THEM ARE COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO ALSO SERVE ON DISTRICT BOARDS IN ADDITION TO THEIR OTHER OFFICES OF PUBLIC SERVICES SUCH AS THE URBAN COUNCIL, HEUNG YEE KUK AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+AS A WHOLE, THE PRESENT SETUP OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND ITS COMMITTEES ALREADY PROVIDES A CONSTRUCTIVE INPUT FROM UNOFFICIALS WHO ARE IN DAY-TO-DAY TOUCH WITH THE COMMUNITY AND ARE THUS ABLE TO FORMULATE EFFECTIVE DECISIONS AND TENDER SOUND ADVICE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE COMMUNITY.+

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#### REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS TODAY REVOKED THE REGISTRATION OF CREDITLAND FINANCE LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, ON THE GROUND THAT IT APPEARS TO HIM THAT THE COMPANY IS NOT A FIT AND PROPER BODY TO REMAIN REGISTERED.

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#### THIRD HOTTEST AUGUST RECORDED

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LAST MONTH WAS HOTTER AND DRIER THAN NORMAL - AND THE 29.0 DEGREES CELSIUS MEAN TEMPERATURE MADE IT THE THIRD HOTTEST AUGUST ON RECORD, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTS.

THE MEAN TEMPERATURE IN AUGUST 1962 WAS 29.2 DEGREES CELSIUS AND IN AUGUST 1981 WAS 29.1 DEGREES CELSIUS.

FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE AFTERNOONS, ON AUGUST 12 AND 13, THE TEMPERATURE HIT 33.7 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE HIGHEST IN THE MONTH.

THE MONTH WAS ALSO DRIER THAN USUAL, WITH 345.7 MM OF RAINFALL BEING RECORDED - 16 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL.

BUT THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR STOOD AT 2 211.6 MM, WHICH WAS STILL 28 PER CENT ABOVE AVERAGE, THE OBSERVATORY STATES IN ITS MONTHLY REPORT.

THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 26.8 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE SECOND HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH.

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APART FROM SOME SHOWERS, THE WEATHER FOR THE FIRST 13 DAYS WAS MAINLY FINE. ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON AUGUST 2, 3, 8, 11 AND 13.

ON AUGUST 14, IT BECAME CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS. THERE WERE THUNDERY SHOWERS THE FOLLOWING DAY. AS THE THUNDERY SHOWERS BECAME FREQUENT AND HEAVY, MINOR FLOODINGS WERE REPORTED, ON THE ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON.

ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHT SHOWERS PERSISTED UP TO AUGUST 18.

THE WIDESPREAD THUNDERSTORMS ON AUGUST 19 BROUGHT ABOUT LIGHTNING STRIKES ON OVERHEAD CABLES OF THE POWER COMPANIES, CAUSING POWER FAILURES OVER EXTENSIVE AREAS OF HONG KONG.

ALTHOUGH SHOWERS SUBSIDED THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE WEATHER DETERIORATED FROM AUGUST 21 TO 24, BRINGING WITH IT OCCASIONAL HEAVY SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS.

A ROOF OF A HOUSE AT HOLY CROSS PATH VILLAGE IN SAI WAN HO COLLAPSED IN THE RAIN ON AUGUST 21 AND 10 FAMILIES HAD TO BE EVACUATED.

MINOR LANDSLIPS OCCURRED IN SAU MAU PING AND TSZ WAN SHAN ON AUGUST 22.

THERE WERE A FEW MINOR LANDSLIPS AND FLOODING IN SEVERAL AREAS OF KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ON AUGUST 23, RESULTING IN THE CLOSURE OF A SECTION OF THE JATS INCLINE AND SIX FAMILIES AT HAMMER HILL SQUATTER AREA HAD TO BE EVACUATED WHEN THE PLACE WAS THREATENED BY POSSIBLE LANDSLIPS.

ON AUGUST 24, A BOULDER WEIGHING BETWEEN 100 AND 200 TONNES FELL FROM A HILLSIDE IN QUARRY BAY, BUT NO ONE WAS INJURED. IN KOWLOON, TWO SMALLER BOULDERS FELL FROM A HILLSIDE NEAR THE NGAU CHI WAN SQUATTER AREA, CAUSING DAMAGE TO TWO SQUATTER HUTS. MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE HAD TO BE EVACUATED.

A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE PASSED THROUGH HONG KONG ON AUGUST 25, BRINGING MORE HEAVY SHOWERS.

DESPITE ISOLATED SHOWERS ON AUGUST 26 AND 30, CONDITIONS IMPROVED AND WEATHER WAS FINE IN THESE FEW DAYS, WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE TROUGH.

HOWEVER, THE LAST DAY OF MONTH ENDED WITH SHOWERS AND THUNDERS. ALTOGETHER SIX TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN THE MONTH.

TYPHOON ABBY DEVELOPED SOUTHWEST OF GUAM ON AUGUST 5, AND FINALLY LANDED OVER HONSHU, JAPAN, ON AUGUST 17 AFTER RECURVING NEAR THE RYUKYUS ON AUGUST 10.

IT BROUGHT TORRENTIAL RAIN TO JAPAN, EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND RAILWAYS, RESULTING IN TWO PERSONS BEING KILLED, ONE PERSON BEING REPORTED MISSING AND 27 OTHERS INJURED.

SEVERE TROPICAL STORM BEN DEVELOPED ABOUT 750 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF TOKYO ON AUGUST 12 AND DISSIPATED ABOUT 75 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH OF NAGOYA ON AUGUST 15.

TROPICAL STORM CARMEN FORMED ABOUT 340 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF HONG KONG ON AUGUST 12 AND DISSIPATED ON AUGUST 15 ABOUT 460 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF TAIPEI.

ANOTHER TROPICAL STORM, DOM, DEVELOPED ABOUT 620 NAUTICAL MILES WEST-NORTHWEST OF GUAM ON AUGUST 19 AND WEAKENED INTO AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE ON AUGUST 26.

A TROPICAL DEPRESSION FORMED NEAR OKINAWA ON AUGUST 25 AND DISSIPATED OVER KOREA ON AUGUST 28.

TYPHOON ELLEN ORIGINATED NEAR THE MARSHALL ISLANDS ON AUGUST 29 AND WAS CENTRED ABOUT 540 NAUTICAL MILES EAST SOUTHEAST OF GUAM ON AUGUST 31.

NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER DURING THE MONTH.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON AUGUST 2, 3, 14 TO 17, 19 TO 24 AND 31.

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	209.8 HOURS	= 3.8 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
RAINFALL	345.7 MM	= 67.7 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	65 PER CENT	= ONE PER CENT LESS THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	81 PER CENT	= TWO PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE		= 0.4 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
31.6 DEGREES CELSIUS		
MEAN TEMPERATURE	29.0 DEGREES CELSIUS	= 0.8 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
26.8 DEGREES CELSIUS		
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE		= 0.9 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
26.8 DEGREES CELSIUS		
MEAN DEW POINT	25.2 DEGREES CELSIUS	= 0.4 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	140.8 MM	= 24.5 MM BELOW NORMAL

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 33.7 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON AUGUST 12 AND 13.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 23.7 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON AUGUST 25.

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5 000 MORE SEEK ELECTOR REGISTRATION  
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THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION HAS RECEIVED OVER 5 000 APPLICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC SINCE THE CURRENT ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS EXERCISE BEGAN ON AUGUST 31.

THESE APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED FOR ACCEPTANCE SO THAT THE NAMES OF THE APPLICANTS CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT PROVISIONAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS TO BE PUBLISHED AROUND MID-NOVEMBER.

THE REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR C.W. WONG, TODAY REMINDED THOSE ELIGIBLE PERSONS, WHO HAVE NOT REGISTERED AS ELECTORS, THAT THERE ARE STILL TWO MORE WEEKS FOR THEM TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION AS THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS WILL BE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11.

UNDER THE PRESENT ELECTORAL FRANCHISE, ANY PERSON IN POSSESSION OF A HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD, WHO IS OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE AND HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS OR MORE, IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ELECTOR.

+THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE IS VERY EASY AND SIMPLE,+ MR WONG SAID.

ALL ONE HAS TO DO IS TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM (EITHER IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH) OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT ANY DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, POST OFFICE, HOUSING ESTATE OFFICE, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE OR URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT BRANCH OFFICE AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM BY POST TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 11.

NO POSTAGE IS REQUIRED.

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90 000 FIRMS TO BE SURVEYED  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL NEXT MONTH BE CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 90 000 ESTABLISHMENTS DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS, INCLUDING THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS) AND THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES) WITH FULL ENUMERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING, ELECTRICITY AND GAS).

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INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON SEPTEMBER 30 WILL BE SOUGHT FROM EACH ESTABLISHMENT.

SOME 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS ARE SELECTED FROM THE SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF JULY - SEPTEMBER.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE NOW BEING MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS (PRINTED AT THE BACK OF QUESTIONNAIRES) :-

5-436551      5-444301      5-455661      5-455668

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MUSICAL DELIGHT FOR WORKERS  
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ABOUT 600 FACTORY WORKERS IN SAN PO KONG WERE TREATED TO TWO HOURS OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT DURING THEIR LUNCH BREAK TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE 'LUNCH TIME MUSIC DELIGHT' WAS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE SAN PO KONG INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE SAN MIGUEL BREWERY.

TWO DISC JOCKEYS FROM RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG HOSTED THE SHOW WHICH FEATURED SONGS AND A QUIZ.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK, SAID THE EVENT WAS A PILOT PROJECT TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY INTEGRITY AMONG THE WORKERS.

+IF THE SHOW IS PROVED TO BE POPULAR, THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER EXTENDING IT TO OTHER INDUSTRIAL AREAS IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

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TRAINING BOARD MEMBERS VISIT VOCATIONAL CENTRE  
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MEMBERS OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE WORLD REHABILITATION FUND DAY CENTRE IN KWUN TONG WHERE TRAINING COURSES IN CLOTHING ARE OFFERED TO THE DISABLED.

THEY WERE MET BY THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, MR MORRIS MORGAN, AND WERE TAKEN ON A TOUR ROUND THE CENTRE TO INSPECT VARIOUS TRAINING FACILITIES.

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RECENTLY, THE CENTRE INTRODUCED A CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION AS A BASIS TO TEST THE SKILL OF EVENING STUDENTS TAKING THE CLOTHING COURSES.

THE BOARD MEMBERS, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR FRANCIS TIEN, WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES WERE INVITED TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINATION.

THE CENTRE, WHICH IS RUN BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT, ALSO OFFERS COURSES ON ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, PRINTING, WOODWORK, COMMERCIAL AND OTHER SUBJECTS.

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#### VICTORIA PARK ROAD SECTION CLOSED

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THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF VICTORIA PARK ROAD BETWEEN THE VICTORIA PARK ROAD FLYOVER AND HING FAT STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 29) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WORK ON THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE NORTH POINT EXIT FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED.

TRAFFIC ON VICTORIA PARK ROAD EASTBOUND INCLUDING BUSES ON CMB ROUTES 20, 20M, 21 AND 21M WILL BE DIVERTED VIA VICTORIA PARK ROAD FLYOVER, GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND, CLEVELAND STREET, KINGSTON STREET, GLOUCESTER ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND CAUSEWAY ROAD DURING THE CLOSURE.

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#### HK TO ATTEND TALKS ON TOWN PLANNING

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THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR BRYAN O'RORKE, WILL LEAVE FOR BARCELONA, SPAIN, ON FRIDAY TO ATTEND THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL NEW TOWNS ASSOCIATION (INTA).

THE WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE, STARTING ON OCTOBER 2, WILL BE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 300 PARTICIPANTS FROM MORE THAN 30 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, GERMANY, PORTUGAL, TURKEY, KUWAIT, ITALY, SPAIN, FRANCE, INDIA AND THE NETHERLANDS.

A NON-PROFIT, NON-POLITICAL WORLD ASSOCIATION, INTA'S PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG GROUPS (BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL), INDIVIDUALS, AND CORPORATIONS CONCERNED WITH THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITIES.

THIS YEAR'S THEME WILL BE +NEW LIFE FOR OLD CITIES+, AND PARTICULARLY HOW CONCEPTS OF AND EXPERIENCES IN URBAN MANAGEMENT OF NEW CITIES AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES MAY BE USEFULLY APPLIED, AND HOW BOTH NEW AND OLD CITIES ARE FACING TODAY'S URBAN CHALLENGE.

IN THE COURSE OF WORK SESSIONS AND FIELD VISITS TO RECENT URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, PARTICIPANTS WILL ANALYSE NEW MEASURES TO BE APPLIED TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF URBAN AREAS.

MR O'RORKE WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION ON INTEGRATING OLDER DEVELOPMENT INTO HONG KONG NEW TOWNS.

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NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR TUEN MUN  
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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT ON A 5 456 SQUARE METRES SITE NEAR TSENG TAU HA TSUEN.

IT WILL BE A SIX-STORY BUILDING WITH 24 CLASSROOMS, SPECIAL ROOMS, TEACHING FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES ON THE UPPER FLOORS, AND A COVERED PLAY AREA AND CHANGING ROOMS ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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BOARD SEES MUSIC AND CULTURE WORK  
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TEN MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD SPENT HALF A DAY VISITING THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IN HARBOUR CENTRE, WAN CHAI TODAY.

LED BY KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR NG, THE VISITORS WERE MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON.

THEY SPENT 30 MINUTES AT THE RCD HEADQUARTERS BEING BRIEFED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG, ON THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

DURING THE MEETING, THE MEMBERS RAISED A NUMBER OF POINTS, INCLUDING ONE CONCERNING FACILITIES FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

MR WONG EXPLAINED TO THE DB MEMBERS THAT THE FACILITIES TO STAGE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WERE NOT MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL HAD PLANS TO OPEN ONE CULTURAL CENTRE FOR EVERY DISTRICT IN HONG KONG.

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR DICKEN YUNG, TOLD THE GROUP THAT EVERY EFFORT WAS BEING MADE TO MAXIMISE THE USE OF FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

AS AN EXAMPLE, HE CITED THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE IN SAI KUNG WHICH HAD UNDERGONE SOME CHANGES TO ACCOMMODATE MORE CAMPERS.

THE GROUP THEN WENT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE AT THE ARTS CENTRE WHERE THEY WERE MET BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MR CLIVE OXLEY, AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF.

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MR OXLEY EXPLAINED THE WORK OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND DISCUSSED MATTERS RELATING TO THE TRAINING OF YOUNG MUSICIANS.

A VIDEO FILM OF A MUSIC CAMP WAS ALSO SCREENED TO THE VISITORS.

THE GROUP THEN TRAVELLED TO THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE HEADQUARTERS IN CENTRAL WHERE THEY WERE MET BY THE PRINCIPAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR DAVID CHIU, AND SEVERAL OTHER STAFF MEMBERS.

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### FINAL FOR SAFETY WORKER CONTEST

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SIX WORKERS WILL TAKE PART IN THE GRAND FINAL OF A +SAFETY WORKER CONTEST+, WHICH IS A MAJOR FEATURE OF AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY GALA NIGHT TO BE HELD IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

THE GALA NIGHT WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING SINGERS ELISA CHAN AND TERESA CARPIO.

PARTICIPATING IN THE FINAL ARE MR TSANG CHI-PUI, A CONSTRUCTION WORKER, MR CHOW TAT-KWONG, A PAINTER, AND MR CHUNG HO-SUM, A SHIP-REPAIRING WORKER, FOR THE MEN'S SECTION; AND MISS WONG CHING-YEE AND MISS LAU KWAI-YING, BOTH ELECTRONICS WORKERS, AND MISS LAU WAI-YEE, A GARMENT FACTORY WORKER, FOR THE WOMEN'S SECTION.

THE SIX FINALISTS WILL BE JUDGED ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ON THE MANNER OF THEIR PRESENTATION.

THE PANEL OF JUDGES WILL COMPRISE MR LAM KIN-MING, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SING FOOK KNITTING FACTORY; MR CHAN SHIU-LAP, CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT; MR SIMON LUN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING; MR WONG TSE-WAH, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES; AND MR TAM WING-PONG, DISTRICT OFFICER (KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI).

THE WINNERS OF BOTH THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTION OF THE CONTEST WILL BE AWARDED AN 11-DAY ALL-EXPENSES-PAID TRIP TO THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES, WHILE THE RUNNERS-UP WILL BE GIVEN PACKAGE TOURS TO JAPAN AND BANGKOK, TOGETHER WITH CASH PRIZES.

THE CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, RADIO-TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

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TAPS OFF FOR MAINS WORK  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SHAU KEI WAN AND CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS BETWEEN FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 30) AND SATURDAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

IN SHAU KEI WAN, SUPPLY TO PREMISES BOUNDED BY TAI HONG STREET, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, HOI NING STREET AND SEA FRONT WILL BE STOPPED FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

IN CHEUNG CHAU, SUPPLY WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON FRIDAY.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT 31-101 AND 32-104 TAI SUN STREET, 102-113 AND 108-118 HING LUNG STREET, 4, 29A, B, C, 42C, 75, 78, 79, 81, 83, 83B, 70, 91C, 61-151 TAI SUN PRAYA, INCLUDING CHEUNG CHAU FIRE STATION AND 39-42 OF PRAYA COOKED-FOOD STALL MARKET.

MEANWHILE, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY LAI CHI KOK ROAD, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, FUK TSUN STREET AND TONG MEI ROAD, INCLUDING SYCAMORE STREET, TUNG CHAU STREET, BEDFORD STREET, LARCH STREET, MAPLE STREET, WALNUT STREET, LIME STREET, FIR STREET, ASH STREET, OAK STREET, MAN ON STREET AND LOK KWAN STREET.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF AIRPORT TUNNEL  
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THE EAST KOWLOON WAY AND AIRPORT TUNNEL WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 29 AND 30) FROM 9 PM TO 6 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

MOTORISTS FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND HUNG HOM HEADING FOR NGAU TAU KOK AND KWUN TONG ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED VIA CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, MA TAU WAI ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND KWUN TONG ROAD AND TRAFFIC FROM WAI YIP STREET, KWUN TONG ROAD HEADING FOR HUNG HOM ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED VIA KWUN TONG ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST.

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PARKING CHARGES REVISED  
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PARKING CHARGES AT 19 GOODS VEHICLE PARKING SPACES IN LEE CHUNG STREET, CHEUNG LEE STREET AND HONG MAN STREET IN CHAI WAN WILL BE REVISED TO 50 CENTS FOR EVERY 30 MINUTES FROM FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 30).

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