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STEERING COMMITTEE FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
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THE LAND AND BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORMED A STEERING COMMITTEE AT ITS FIRST MEETING TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TO OVERSEE THE FORMATION OF THE PROPOSED LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS, MR JOHN TODD, AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE LDC WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY MID-1986.

A REPORT TO THE LAND AND BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE SAID APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE HAD BEEN GIVEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE SETTING UP OF THE LDC WITH THE POWER AND RESOURCES TO SIMPLIFY LAND ACQUISITION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR THE LEGISLATION NECESSARY TO SET UP THE LDC AND CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO THE EFFECT ON EXISTING LEGISLATION.

CONSIDERATION IS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE LDC, PARTICULARLY THE SIZE OF ANY GOVERNMENT LOAN WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED TO START THE CORPORATION.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS CALLED FOR A PILOT PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED TO ALLOW THE SCHEME TO BE TESTED USING EXISTING PROVISIONS FOR DETERMINING COMPENSATION, RESUMPTION AND REHOUSING.

A POSSIBLE SCHEME HAS NOW BEEN IDENTIFIED AND IS BEING STUDIED IN DETAIL. IT WILL INVOLVE THE GOVERNMENT ENTERING INTO A JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT WITH A PRIVATE DEVELOPER AND UNDERTAKING TO RESUME A SMALL NUMBER OF PROPERTIES UNDER EXISTING PROCEDURES.

THE LBAC WAS TOLD THAT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION HAS BEEN IDENTIFYING AREAS OF HONG KONG MOST IN NEED OF DEVELOPMENT. THESE ARE GENERALLY OVERCROWDED, HAVE INADEQUATE TRANSPORT FACILITIES, LACK OPEN SPACES AND HAVE MOSTLY OLDER BUILDINGS.

THESE INCLUDE AREAS SUCH AS WAN CHAI, MA TAU KOK, YAU MA TEI, TAI KOK TSUI, SHAM SHUI PO, SHEUNG WAN, SAI YING PUN, HUNG HOM, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG AND TSUEN WAN.

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BRIGHT YEAR AHEAD FOR PROPERTY MARKET
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THE NEXT 12 MONTHS WILL BE A BRIGHT PERIOD FOR HONG KONG'S PROPERTY MARKET WITH OVERALL PRICE INCREASES OF BETWEEN 10 AND 20 PER CENT.

THIS IS THE CONCLUSION REACHED BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S VALUATION SECTION IN A REPORT PREPARED FOR THE NEWLY-FORMED LAND AND BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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AT ITS FIRST MEETING TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE COMMITTEE WAS TOLD THAT FOREIGN CAPITAL, PARTICULARLY FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA, CONTINUED TO FLOW INTO THE MONEY MARKET RESULTING IN CREDIT EXPANSION AND LOWERING OF INTEREST RATES.

THE REPORT SAID: +THIS TREND WILL OF COURSE FURTHER STIMULATE THE PROPERTY MARKET, PUSHING PRICES UP TO NEW LEVELS. HOWEVER, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT PRICES WILL RETURN TO THE LEVELS OF THE LAST BOOM IN 1981.+

IT SAID THAT SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PRICES WERE EXPECTED FROM SITES FOR RESIDENTIAL ZONE 2 AND ZONE 3 DEVELOPMENTS IN THE URBAN AREAS AND FOR HIGH-GRADE FACTORY SPACE IN GOOD LOCATIONS.

THERE WOULD BE A HEALTHY MARKET FOR HIGH-CLASS RESIDENTIAL FLATS ALTHOUGH SMALL FLATS WERE NOT LIKELY TO INCREASE IN PRICE.

FROM BEING A DEPRESSED MARKET SIX MONTHS AGO WITH INVESTORS VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT PROPERTY +HONG KONG HAS SUDDENLY BECOME A GOOD PLACE FOR INVESTORS AND SPECULATORS IN BOTH THE STOCK AND PROPERTY MARKETS,+ THE REPORT SAID.

+SOME SECTORS OF THE MARKET HAVE SEEN LAND VALUES INCREASE BY MORE THAN 100 PER CENT OVER THOSE OF SIX MONTHS AGO.+

IT SAID TOTAL TRANSACTIONS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR ALREADY EXCEEDED ONE-THIRD OF THE ENTIRE 1984 FIGURE.

THE LUXURY END OF THE RESIDENTIAL MARKET HAD EXPERIENCED A DRAMATIC UPTURN IN THE PAST FOUR MONTHS WITH FLAT SALE PRICES RISING BY MORE THAN 30 PER CENT AND LAND PRICES RISING BY 100 PER CENT.

THE REPORT SAID: +PRICES OF \$15 000 PER SQUARE METRE HAVE BEEN SEEN IN SOME LUXURY FLAT TRANSACTIONS. THE ACCOMMODATION VALUE HAS GENERALLY RISEN TO AN AVERAGE OF \$7 000 PER SQUARE METRE WITH AN EXPECTATION OF MORE THAN \$8 000 PER SQUARE METRE TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.+

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT THE MARKET FOR OFFICE SPACE HAD IMPROVED SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

IN 1984 THE UPTAKE OF OFFICE SPACE HAD REACHED A RECORD 449 000 SQUARE METRES AND THE VACANCY RATE HAD DROPPED FROM 20.6 PER CENT OF TOTAL STOCK IN 1983 TO 13.8 PER CENT IN 1984.

HOWEVER, THE OFFICE SECTOR WAS STILL BESET BY AN OVER-SUPPLY SYNDROME ESPECIALLY IN CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI. THESE DISTRICTS WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE NEW HONG KONG BANK HEADQUARTERS, SHUN TAK CENTRE, NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDINGS, EXCHANGE SQUARE, FLEET HOUSE, BANK OF CHINA BUILDING AND OTHERS UNLOADING ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE ON TO THE MARKET.

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IN TSIM SHA TSUI, A RAPID UPTAKE OF OFFICE SPACE HAD LED TO A LACK OF VACANT SPACE AND THERE WAS A STRONG DEMAND FROM MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADERS SEEKING EASY ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT AND THE INDUSTRIAL BELTS IN KOWLOON.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT THE SUPPLY OF INDUSTRIAL PREMISES IN 1984 WAS THE LOWEST SINCE 1976 AND VACANCIES HAD DROPPED FROM 10.5 OF THE TOTAL STOCK IN 1982 TO 5.2 PER CENT IN 1984.

THE STRONG DEMAND FOR GOOD QUALITY INDUSTRIAL SPACE HAD BROUGHT DEVELOPERS BACK INTO THE MARKET AS PRICES FOR FLATTED FACTORIES ROSE BY 30 PER CENT OVER LAST YEAR AND LAND PRICES ROSE BY 100 PER CENT.

THE REPORT SAID THE PRICE INCREASE WAS LARGELY THE RESULT OF THE REMARKABLE RECOVERY OF THE EXPORT-LED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, LOW INTEREST RATES AND CHINA'S MODERNISATION POLICY.

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POSTAL FEES UP FROM SEPTEMBER 2

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CERTAIN POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FEES AND CHARGES WILL BE INCREASED FROM SEPTEMBER 2 THIS YEAR, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE BASIC RATE FOR LOCAL LETTERS WILL BE RAISED FROM 40 CENTS TO 50 CENTS AND FOR PRINTED PAPERS FROM 30 CENTS TO 40 CENTS, AND A 10-CENT INCREASE WILL ALSO APPLY TO BASIC LETTER AND PRINTED PAPER RATES TO CHINA, TAIWAN AND MACAU.

THE NEW MINIMUM AIRMAIL RATES WILL BE \$1.30 FOR ZONE 1 (ASIAN REGION) AND \$1.70 FOR ZONE 2 (OTHER REGIONS), WHILE AEROGRAMMES WHICH CAN BE POSTED TO ALL COUNTRIES WILL BE SOLD AT \$1.30.

REGISTRATION AND EXPRESS FEES WILL GO UP BY \$1 TO \$5 AND \$4 RESPECTIVELY.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE INCREASES, FIRST ANNOUNCED IN THE BUDGET SPEECH BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN FEBRUARY, WERE NECESSARY BECAUSE OF RISING COSTS IN MAINTAINING AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.

A NUMBER OF EXISTING SERVICES, SUCH AS INLAND MAIL AND SURFACE MAIL, HAD BEEN OPERATING AT A LOSS FOR A LONG TIME AND NOTWITHSTANDING THESE INCREASES, WOULD CONTINUE TO BE SUBSIDISED BY OTHER PROFITABLE SERVICES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE INCREASES IN OVERSEAS POSTAL RATES ARE MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION CONGRESS IN HAMBURG LAST YEAR.

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ONE OF THE RESOLUTIONS INCREASED THE +IMBALANCE CHARGE+, INTENDED TO COMPENSATE THOSE TERRITORIES WHICH IMPORT MORE MAIL BY WEIGHT THAN THEY EXPORT, BY NEARLY 50 PER CENT FROM THE EQUIVALENT OF \$14.50 TO \$21.25 PER KG.

AS HONG KONG EXPORTS ALMOST TWICE AS MUCH MAIL AS IT IMPORTS, THE POST OFFICE EXPECTS TO PAY IMBALANCE CHARGES AMOUNTING TO \$40 MILLION THIS YEAR AND \$54 MILLION NEXT YEAR.

+NOTWITHSTANDING THE PRESENT INCREASE TO THE AIRMAIL POSTAGE, THESE RATES HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED AT VIRTUALLY THE SAME LEVEL FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND IN FACT, IN 1981, AIRMAIL RATES TO NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA WERE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED,+ HE SAID.

POSTERS OF BULK QUANTITIES OF INLAND PRINTED PAPERS WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY A DISCOUNT OF 10 PER CENT ON POSTING OF 3 000 ITEMS AT ANY ONE TIME.

MORE INFORMATION ON THIS REBATE SCHEME AND DETAILS OF NEW POSTAGE RATES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY SECTION AT 5-231071/2.

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MORE SAMPLES OF WINE BEING TESTED

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MORE SAMPLES OF WINE IMPORTED FROM AUSTRIA AND GERMANY ARE BEING EXAMINED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY HAS SO FAR FINISHED TESTS ON 46 BRANDS OF AUSTRIAN WINE AND SIX BRANDS OF GERMAN WINE.

OF THESE, 11 BRANDS OF AUSTRIAN WINE HAVE BEEN FOUND TO CONTAIN DIETHYLENE GLYCOL.

THE LABORATORY IS NOW TESTING FIVE MORE BRANDS OF AUSTRIAN WINE AND 13 GERMAN WINES AND THE RESULTS WOULD BE KNOWN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS SO FAR RECOVERED 1 427 BOTTLES OF TOXIC WINES - 1 186 BOTTLES WERE SEIZED FROM IMPORTERS, 85 BOTTLES FROM RETAILERS AND 56 BOTTLES WERE SURRENDERED BY THE PUBLIC.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE 11 BRANDS OF AUSTRIAN WINE IDENTIFIED TO CONTAIN THE ANTI-FREEZE CHEMICAL:

BRAND	DIETHYLENE GLYCOL CONTENT (WEIGHT/VOLUME)
1) WEISSURGUNDER BARONESSE WEINBAUGEBIET KLOSTERNEUBURG OSTERREICHISCHER QUALITATSWEIN WEINGUT BRUDER GRILL FELS/KREMS 1983	0.02 PER CENT 0.75L

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| 2) | KUENRINGER SPATLESE
GRUNER VELTLINER
WEINBAUGEBIET KLOSTERNEUBURG
OSTERREICHISCHER PRADIKATSWEIN
WEINGUT BRUDER GRILL
FELS/KREMS 1983 | 0.75L | 0.30 PER CENT |
| 3) | BLAUBURGUNDER WEINBAUGEBIET
RUST - NEUSIEDLERSEE
OSTERREICHISCHER QUALITATSWEIN
WEINGUT BRUDER GRILL
FELS/KREMS 1983 | 0.75L | 0.60 PER CENT |
| 4) | GRUNER VELTLINER
KUENRINGER RITTERWEIN
WEINBAUGEBIET KLOSTERNEUBURG
OSTERREICHISCHER QUALITATSWEIN
WEINGUT BRUDER GRILL
FELS/KREMS 1983 | 0.75L | 0.01 PER CENT |
| 5) | BRUDER GRILL WEINGUT FELS-KREMS
ZIERFANDLER GUMPOLDSKIRCHNER
AUS DEM WEINBAUGEBIET GUMPOLDSKIRCHEN
1983 | 0.75L | 0.03 PER CENT |
| 6) | ALTER SUNDER BLAUFRAKISCH
WEINBAUGEBIET RUST-NEUSIEDLERSEE
OSTERREICHISCHER QUALITATSWEIN
WEINGUT BRUDER GRILL
FELS/KREMS 1983 | 0.75L | 0.02 PER CENT |
| 7) | OSTERREICH BURGENLAND
RUSTER BEERENAUSLESE 1983 | 0.70L | 0.50 PER CENT |
| 8) | TRAUSDORFER WELSCHRIESLING
TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE 1982 | 750ML | 0.30 PER CENT |
| 9) | FELSER SCHILLINGSBERG
GRUNER VELTLINER
EISWEIN-OSTERREICH 1983 | 70CL | 0.40 PER CENT |
| 10) | LENZ MOSER APETLONER
GEWURZTRAMINER
BEERENAUSLESE 1981 | 0.75L | 0.04 PER CENT |
| 11) | TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE 1979
MULLER THURGAU
KLOSTERKELLER SIEGENDORF
BURGENLAND AUSTRIA | 375ML | 0.01 PER CENT |

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INSPECTORS APPOINTED

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE HAS APPOINTED INSPECTORS UNDER THE TERMS OF SECTION 143(1)(C) OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE TO INVESTIGATE THE AFFAIRS OF VAL NOMINEES LIMITED, CHARIC INVESTMENTS LIMITED, INVESTMENT CONSOLIDATED LIMITED, CONSORTIUM INVESTMENT LIMITED AND PAN EAST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED AND TO REPORT TO HIM THEREON.

THESE APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTINUING INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THE OVERSEAS TRUST BANK LIMITED.

THE INSPECTORS APPOINTED ARE MR THOMAS BRIAN STEVENSON AND MR ANTHONY TING YUK WU, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, BOTH OF MESSRS ERNST AND WHINNEY, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.

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INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION ACTIVITY TO CONTINUE

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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE ITS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION ACTIVITY -- AN INTEGRAL AND VITAL PART OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION PROCESS.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, MR RICHARD CHAN, WHEN HE ADDRESSED A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHA TIN.

MR CHAN SAID THAT BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1983 AND JUNE 30 THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 23 COMPLETED PROJECTS TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAD RENDERED ASSISTANCE.

+THESE INVOLVED A TOTAL INVESTMENT OF OVER \$75 MILLION AND THE SOURCE COUNTRIES WERE THE UNITED STATES (NINE), JAPAN (SIX), BRITAIN (FOUR), CANADA, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, SINGAPORE AND HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+BY THE END OF JUNE 1985, A FURTHER 21 HAD TAKEN THE DECISION TO SET UP OPERATION BUT HAD NOT YET ACTUALLY BEGUN PRODUCTION AND AN ADDITIONAL 26 HAD INDICATED THAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO DECIDE TO COME TO HONG KONG.+

AS FOR THE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT, MR CHAN SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, AND THE DEPARTMENT WAS IN ACTIVE DISCUSSION WITH ABOUT 450 OVERSEAS COMPANIES.

+DESPITE OUR SUCCESS IN ATTRACTING OVERSEAS INDUSTRIALISTS TO DATE, WE ARE, HOWEVER, WELL AWARE THAT COMPETITORS ARE CONSTANTLY AT OUR HEELS. THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT THEREFORE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION WORK ACTIVELY,+ HE SAID.

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ORDINANCE ENSURES PROPER APPRENTICE TRAINING

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YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERING INTO APPRENTICESHIP CONTRACTS WERE REMINDED TODAY THAT THEIR EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED TO LOOK AFTER THEIR INTERESTS UNDER THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE.

EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED UNDER THE ORDINANCE TO DRAW UP APPRENTICESHIP CONTRACTS WHEN ENGAGING THE YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 14 AND 19 YEARS OF AGE IN ANY OF 42 DESIGNATED TRADES AND TO HAVE THE CONTRACTS REGISTERED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THE ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EMPLOYERS AND APPRENTICES.

PARENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE SEEKING TO SECURE A SKILL THROUGH PROPER TRAINING WERE ALSO URGED TO GIVE SUITABLE GUIDANCE TO THEIR CHILDREN IN THIS AREA.

CONTRACTS FOR APPRENTICES OVER 19 YEARS OF AGE OR IN NON-DESIGNATED TRADES COULD ALSO BE REGISTERED VOLUNTARILY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

INSPECTORS FROM THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION OF THE TEITD REGULARLY VISIT ALL REGISTERED APPRENTICES, TO LOOK INTO TRAINING PROGRESS AND TO ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS WHICH MAY ARISE FROM SUCH TRAINING.

REGISTERED APPRENTICES WOULD NOT ONLY OBTAIN ON-THE-JOB TRAINING, BUT WOULD ALSO BE PLACED IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR THE POLYTECHNIC TO ATTEND PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSES TO RECEIVE TECHNICAL EDUCATION RELEVANT TO THEIR TRAINING.

APART FROM RELEASING APPRENTICES TO ATTEND COURSES, EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THEIR TUITION FEES AND WAGES EVEN WHEN THEY ARE ATTENDING CLASSES.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE COMPLETION OF TRAINING, THE EMPLOYER WOULD ISSUE A CERTIFICATE WHICH WOULD BE ENDORSED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING. THESE CERTIFICATES WERE COMMENDED BY MAJOR ORGANISATIONS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG AS A LEVEL OF ACCEPTANCE FOR SKILLED WORKERS AND A TESTIMONIAL OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS.

THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION MAINTAINED FIVE BRANCH OFFICES WHERE ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME WOULD BE MADE. THESE ARE AT TENTH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI; EIGHTH FLOOR, TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 165 MA TAU WEI ROAD, TO KWA WAN; TENTH FLOOR, FOUR SEAS BUILDING, 208-212 NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI; 33-N, KWAI HING (MTR) STATION GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TENTH FLOOR, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG; NINTH FLOOR, KOWLOON EAST GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 12 LEI YUE MUN ROAD, KWUN TONG.

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GOOD RELATIONS, SAFETY KEY TO LABOUR SUCCESS
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GOOD LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS AND A HIGH STANDARD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ARE THE KEY TO IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING DURING A VISIT TO STELUX INDUSTRIES LIMITED IN SAN PO KONG WHICH SPECIALISES IN THE MANUFACTURE AND MARKETING OF WATCHES AND WATCH COMPONENTS FOR EXPORT.

HE SAID THE FACTORIES AND THE WORKROOMS WERE SPACIOUS AND WELL-ORGANISED, AND MACHINERY WAS WELL LAID OUT, WITH THE DANGEROUS PARTS EFFECTIVELY GUARDED.

HE ALSO PRAISED THE COMPANY FOR ITS GOOD LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS AND ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF ABOUT 1 000 WORKERS UNDER ITS EMPLOY.

MR CHEN SAID THIS CONTRIBUTED TO THE LOW RATE OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN THE FACTORY. THE COMPANY HAD A STABLE WORKFORCE AND ITS LABOUR TURNOVER RATE WAS LESS THAN FIVE PER CENT.

THE VISIT IS PART OF A CONTINUING PROGRAMME WHICH ENABLES THE COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND THE SERVICE SECTOR.

MR CHEN TOURED THE VARIOUS WORKSHOPS INVOLVED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF WRIST WATCH BANDS AND WATCH DIALS AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMPANY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR C.L. WONG, AND DIRECTOR, MR A.E. GAZELEY.

HE ALSO TOURED ANOTHER SUBSIDIARY OF THE STELUX HOLDINGS GROUP, HOUSTON HITECH LIMITED, IN THE SAME BUILDING, AND SAW THE MAKING OF SPECTACLE FRAMES IN THE FACTORY.

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LABOUR DEPARTMENT UNIT CHANGES NAME
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THE SPECIAL REGISTER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE RETITLED +HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT SERVICE+ WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THE NEW TITLE REFLECTED MORE CLEARLY THE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE UNIT.

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THE UNIT PROVIDED FREE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE TO EMPLOYERS TO RECRUIT STAFF WITH UNIVERSITY, POST-SECONDARY OR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, AND TO JOB-SEEKERS WITH THESE QUALIFICATIONS TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT.

WHEN A JOB-SEEKER WISHED TO REGISTER, AN ASSISTANT LABOUR OFFICER OF THE UNIT WOULD INTERVIEW HIM TO ASSESS HIS EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, INTERESTS AND APTITUDE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ON RECEIVING A VACANCY, THE SERVICE WOULD CAREFULLY MATCH ITS REGISTRANTS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE VACANCY, AND ARRANGE SUITABLE APPLICANTS TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER.

THE DECISION ON WHETHER TO ENGAGE AN APPLICANT OR TO ACCEPT AN OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT RESTED ENTIRELY WITH THE EMPLOYER OR THE APPLICANT, HE ADDED.

THE SERVICE ALSO COMPILED A CIRCULATION LIST ON WHICH PARTICULARS OF SELECTED REGISTRANTS, INCLUDING ACADEMIC BACKGROUND, WORKING EXPERIENCE, POSITION SOUGHT AND SALARY EXPECTED. THE LIST WOULD BE SENT TO PROMINENT LOCAL EMPLOYERS AT REGULAR INTERVALS FOR THEIR REFERENCE.

AT PRESENT, THE SERVICE OPERATED FROM TWO OFFICES, ONE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND ONE IN KOWLOON.

THE HONG KONG OFFICE IS SITUATED AT FIRST FLOOR, SINCERE INSURANCE BUILDING, 4 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 5-282039) AND THE KOWLOON OFFICE IS LOCATED AT FIFTH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON. (TEL. NO.: 3-695528).

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NEW POLICE INSPECTORS NEED WORKING EXPERIENCE
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SCHOOL CERTIFICATE HOLDERS APPLYING FOR APPOINTMENT AS POLICE INSPECTORS MUST, FROM NOW ON, ALSO HAVE A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS' WORKING EXPERIENCE.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE NEW REQUIREMENT WAS AIMED AT ATTRACTING A MORE MATURE TYPE OF RECRUIT.

HE ADDED: "WHILE WE ARE PRIMARILY LOOKING FOR WELL MOTIVATED YOUNG PEOPLE WITH HIGHER EDUCATION, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHOSE LACK OF ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS ARE COUNTER-BALANCED BY WORKING EXPERIENCE."

AT THE SAME TIME, STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO STREAMLINE THE POLICE APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND SELECTION PROCESSES.

INSTEAD OF HAVING TO ATTEND PERSONALLY AT A POLICE RECRUITING CENTRE, PEOPLE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FORCE AS AN INSPECTOR MAY NOW APPLY BY POST. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT REPORT ROOMS OF ALL POLICE STATIONS, POLICE RECRUITING CENTRES AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

APPLICANTS MEETING THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING WEIGHT AND HEIGHT, WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND A PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW. SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES AT THE PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE PART IN A 1-1/2-DAY EXTENDED INTERVIEW CONDUCTED AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

CANDIDATES WILL UNDERGO VARIOUS TESTS, INCLUDING PHYSICAL TESTS, AT THE EXTENDED INTERVIEW IN ORDER THAT THEIR SUITABILITY AS A POLICE INSPECTOR CAN BE FULLY ASSESSED. THEREAFTER THEY WILL BE GIVEN AN APPOINTMENT TO RETURN FOR A FINAL SELECTION INTERVIEW NORMALLY HELD IN A WEEK'S TIME.

THE POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE EXTENDED INTERVIEW AT POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL USED TO LAST FOR THREE DAYS. HE HOPED THAT THE SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES WOULD SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF APPLICATIONS AND BE LESS TIME CONSTRAINED TO CANDIDATES.

APART FROM HAVING A MINIMUM ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION OF FIVE SUBJECTS, INCLUDING ENGLISH AT GRADE E OR ABOVE IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION, APPLICANTS MUST ALSO BE A BRITISH SUBJECT OR HAVE LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS. THEY MUST BE SINGLE, AGED BETWEEN 18-1/2 AND 27, STAND AT LEAST 163 CM AND WEIGH 50 KG FOR MEN, 152 CM AND 42 KG FOR WOMEN.

"THE JOB OF A POLICE INSPECTOR IS DEMANDING BUT IT IS A CAREER THAT OFFERS RESPONSIBILITY, VARIETY, ATTRACTIVE SALARY, GOOD PROMOTION PROSPECTS AND, ABOVE ALL, THE SATISFACTION OF CHALLENGING AND WORTHWHILE WORK," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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DISCUSSION ON PR COUNCIL'S TENURE

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE EXTENSION OF TENURE FOR BOARD REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

BOARD MEMBERS WILL RAISE A MOTION TO EXTEND THE TENURE OF OFFICE OF THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY IN THE LINK BETWEEN THE TWO BODIES.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD STANDING ORDERS AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S WATERCOURSE.

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PROGRAMMES FOR THE SIXTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL AND THE 1985 YUEN LONG SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, AT 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AM 5797, WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 8 AM SHARP TO TAKE THE PRESS TO YUEN LONG.

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DISTRICT WORKS PROGRAMME TO BE DISCUSSED
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EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE 1984 EDITION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT WORKS PROGRAMME AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

PRODUCED BY THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION, THE DOCUMENT SETS OUT THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS TO IMPROVE VARIOUS PROJECTS IN EASTERN AND TO PROVIDE PUBLIC FACILITIES IN LINE WITH THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND URBAN COUNCIL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE REVISED DISTRICT BOARD STANDING ORDERS AND GIVE THEIR OPINIONS ON THE RENAMING OF CHAI WAN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROPOSALS FOR AN OVERALL STUDY ON TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN EASTERN AFTER THE OPENING OF THE SECOND SECTION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, AND LEGISLATIVE CONTROL ON ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

A BRIEF CEREMONY FOR THE BEST AWARD OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1984/85, ORGANISED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WITH DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS, WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT.

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TENANCIES SOUGHT FOR FOUR SITES
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCIES OF FOUR SITES - TWO IN KOWLOON AND TWO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ONE OF THE KOWLOON SITES, AT KWEI CHOW STREET, TO KWA WAN, IS A 2 410-SQUARE-METRE SITE FOR THE STORAGE OF GOODS AND MOTOR VEHICLES, BUT EXCLUDING SAND, CEMENT AND AGGREGATE PURPOSES.

THE OTHER SITE, MEASURING 2 110 SQUARE METRES, IS AT GOOD SHEPHERD STREET, HO MAN TIN AND IS FOR THE STORAGE OF GOODS AND MOTOR VEHICLES.

TENANCY FOR THE TWO SITES IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY.

THE FIRST NEW TERRITORIES SITE IS AT YUEN CHAU KOK ROAD, SHA TIN. IT IS FOR THE GROWING, STORAGE AND SALE OF POTTED PLANTS, FLOWERS AND ANCILLARY GARDEN PRODUCTS USES.

TENANCY FOR THE 825-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS FOR THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY.

THE SECOND SITE OF 375 SQUARE METRES IS AT TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, YUEN LONG. IT IS FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE (INCLUDING PAINT-SPRAYING) OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS AND RENEWABLE QUARTERLY.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS FOR THE FOUR SITES IS NOON ON AUGUST 16.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND PLANS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT:

- * LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES, FOR THE SHA TIN SITE; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES, FOR THE YUEN LONG SITE.

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35 RESCUE STAR RECIPIENTS PRAISED

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) PRESENTED THE RESCUE STAR TO 12 GOVERNMENT LIFE GUARDS AND 23 PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZENS FOR SAVING LIVES AT SEA, IN SWIMMING POOLS AND AT PUBLIC BEACHES LAST YEAR.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB IN REPULSE BAY, DR RIDDELL-SWAN PRAISED THEM FOR THEIR BRAVERY AND COURAGE IN RISKING THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR FELLOW MEN.

+I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR SELFLESSNESS AND CIVIC-MINDEDNESS WHICH WILL SET AN EXAMPLE FOR US ALL,+ HE SAID.

SINCE 1962, DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID, THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE LIFE-SAVING, ESPECIALLY AMONG FISHERMEN.

+IT IS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT LOCAL FISHERMEN FIGURE PROMINENTLY AMONG THE 692 RESCUE STARS AWARDED BY THE CLUB,+ HE SAID.

DURING THE PAST YEAR 777 PEOPLE WERE RESCUED FROM DROWNING, BRINGING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SAVED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLUB SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1956 TO NEARLY 18 000.

+THIS IS A MOST IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT AND DEMONSTRATES BEYOND ALL DOUBT THE VALUE OF THE SERVICES THE CLUB PROVIDES TO THE PUBLIC,+ DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID.

THE RECIPIENTS INCLUDED 12 LIFE GUARDS OF THE URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, FIVE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE OCEAN PARK, AND 12 MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB. TOGETHER THEY SAVED 76 PEOPLE.

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STUDENTS TOLD TO BE AMBASSADORS ABROAD

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A GROUP OF STUDENTS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON STUDIES IN ENGLAND WERE TOLD TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THEY WOULD BE ASSUMING THE ROLE OF STUDENT AMBASSADORS AS SOON AS THEIR PLANES TOOK OFF FROM KAI TAK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

ADDRESSING THE STUDENTS AT THE SEMINAR ON PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR THE ENGLAND-BOUND STUDENTS, THE ACTING SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT), MR BRIAN FRENCH, SAID THAT THEIR STAY IN BRITAIN DESERVED PREPARATION SINCE THEY WOULD NOT WISH OR EXPECT TO BE IMMERSSED IN STUDY ALL THE TIME.

/+CERTAINLY MOST

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+CERTAINLY MOST PEOPLE INCLUDING FELLOW STUDENTS YOU WILL MEET IN ENGLAND WILL NOT HAVE BEEN TO HONG KONG. MANY WILL BE INTERESTED TO HEAR ABOUT IT SO YOU SHOULD TRY TO GIVE THEM AN UP-TO-DATE AND ACCURATE PICTURE,+ MR FRENCH SAID.

+YOU SHOULD THEREFORE THINK RIGHT NOW ABOUT COLLATING SOME INFORMATION ABOUT HONG KONG INCLUDING MATERIALS SUCH AS SLIDES, POSTERS, LEAFLETS AND BROCHURES.

+THESE WILL ENABLE YOU TO TALK MORE CONFIDENTLY AND INTELLIGENTLY ABOUT YOUR HOMETLAND,+ HE ADDED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, MR FRENCH EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE STUDENTS WOULD GAIN MORE FROM THEIR STAY THAN JUST ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS WHICH WERE RECOGNISED INTERNATIONALLY.

MR FRENCH CALLED ON STUDENTS TO OBTAIN THE BEST VALUE FROM THEIR STAY AND THAT THEY SHOULD TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY THAT AROSE TO VISIT DIFFERENT PLACES OF INTEREST, TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER PEOPLE, NOT ONLY THE BRITISH, BUT THOSE FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD.

+SUCH FRIENDSHIP, ONCE GAINED, CAN BE MAINTAINED AND CHERISHED FOR A LIFETIME,+ MR FRENCH SAID.

TODAY'S SEMINAR WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION ADVISORY SERVICE OF HANG SENG BANK AND THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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YOUTH MUSIC CAMP ENDS SUNDAY
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TO MARK THE CLOSE OF THE 1985 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP, THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WILL HOLD A FINALE CONCERT AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 3) AT 8 PM.

THE CONCERT WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC ENSEMBLE, MEMBERS OF WHICH HAVE JUST RECEIVED INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING FROM OVERSEAS GUEST MUSICIANS DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED MUSICIAN, MR SHALOM RONLY-RIKLIS, AND ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR (PROFESSIONAL) OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, MR THOMAS WANG, WILL BE THE CONDUCTORS WHILE THE FIRST PRIZE WINNER OF THE 1984 HONG KONG STRING CONTEST, MR IVAN CHAN, WILL BE THE VIOLIN SOLOIST.

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THE REPERTOIRE WILL INCLUDE OVERTURE TO +ITALIAN GIRLS IN ALGIERS+ BY ROSSINI, SIMPLE SYMPHONY FOR STRING ORCHESTRA OP.4 BY BRITTEN, HAVANAISE IN E MAJOR OP.83 AND THE INTRODUCTION AND RONDO CAPRICCIOSO IN A MINOR OP.28 BY SAINT-SAENS, BEETHOVEN SYMPHONY NO.8, +CONTRAST+ BY DOMING LAM, A COMMISSIONED PIECE FOR THE CHINESE ENSEMBLE, +THE DRUNKEN TAI BAI+ BY LAW WING-FAI AND TWO TRADITIONAL CHINESE MUSIC ARRANGED BY TONG LEUNG-TAK.

TICKETS AT \$5 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SEVEN MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. FOR ENQUIRIES, CALL 0-750465.

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YOUTHS HELP LAUNCH TREE PLANTATION DAY

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FIFTY COMMUNITY-SPIRITED YOUTHS AND STUDENTS TODAY (WEDNESDAY) LEARNED SOME USEFUL TECHNIQUES IN HORTICULTURE WHEN THEY TOOK PART IN THE WONG TAI SIN PLANTATION DAY.

SPONSORED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, PLANTATION DAY IS ONE OF MANY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE 1985 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

IT AIMS TO PROMOTE CIVIC-MINDEDNESS AMONG YOUTHS THROUGH PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES CENTRED ON THE IYY THEME OF +PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE+.

SAPLINGS, INCLUDING ACACIA CONFUSA, PHOENIX ROEBELENI, BELAMCANDA CHINENSIS, HYMENOCALLIS AMERICANA, AND WEDELIA TRILOBATA WERE PLANTED IN THE NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD SITTING OUT AREA.

WHEN FULLY GROWN, THE TREES, SHRUBS AND GROUND-COVER PLANTS WILL ADD GREENERY TO THE AREA AND PROVIDE A PLEASANT SURROUNDING FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE 1985 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT IYY COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS PAULINE NG, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, DISTRICT OFFICE AND SOCIAL WELFARE STAFF, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CHINESE YMCA ALL JOINED IN TO LAUNCH TODAY'S TREE-PLANTING EVENT.

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MARKET FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE HAWKERS
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MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY MARKET FACILITIES AND A MARKET COMPLEX TO ACCOMMODATE THE LARGE NUMBER OF ON-STREET HAWKERS IN TAI KOK TSUI.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF A SYCAMORE ART GALLERY DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP TO ADVISE ON THE FUTURE USE AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THE OPEN-AIR ART GALLERY SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS TO BUILD A DISTRICT LANDMARK, THE REVISED DISTRICT BOARD STANDING ORDERS AND PROGRESS REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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RESTRICTIONS LIFTED IN ABERDEEN, SHAU KEI WAN
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A NEW TEMPORARY PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND AT TUNG SING ROAD IN ABERDEEN, BETWEEN TSUNG MAN STREET AND ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, WILL BE OPENED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 2).

AT THE SAME TIME, EXISTING PLB CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS AT THE ROAD SECTION WILL BE LIFTED.

IN SHAU KEI WAN, CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS FOR ALL VEHICLES IN NAM ON STREET, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH NAM ON LANE TO A POINT 55 METRES EASTWARD, WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 2), FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ROAD WORK.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN SHEUNG WAN
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SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS IN SHEUNG WAN WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 2).

THE RESTRICTIONS, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, WILL BE IN FORCE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY. NO MOTOR VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS ON THESE ROAD SECTIONS DURING THE RESTRICTION PERIODS.

THE RESTRICTED ZONES ARE :

- * WING LOK STREET BETWEEN MORRISON STREET AND BONHAM STRAND.
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF BONHAM STRAND WEST BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND A POINT ABOUT 73 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF BONHAM STRAND WEST.
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF BONHAM STRAND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH MORRISON STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 27 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF BONHAM STRAND BETWEEN MORRISON STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST EXCEPT FOR A SECTION OF 25 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WING LOK STREET.
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WING WO STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.
- * WING LOK STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH MORRISON STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION (DAILY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM).

IN ADDITION, THE EXISTING BUS-ONLY LANE ON THE EASTBOUND KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL FROM A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF CLEVERLY STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 73 METRES WEST OF RUMSEY STREET WILL BE OPENED TO ALL VEHICLES.

BONHAM STRAND BETWEEN BONHAM STRAND WEST AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND, WHILE ALL VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM WING WO STREET INTO WING LOK STREET.

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YUEN LONG REROUTING
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN YUEN LONG FROM 2 PM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 2) TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

THESE ARE:

- * CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR CHAU TAU WILL BE CLOSED, AND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE A NEW ROAD PARALLEL TO THIS SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD.
- * BUS STOPS WILL BE REPROVIDED ON THE NEW ROAD.

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