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BROADCASTING AUTHORITY MEMBERS APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF NINE NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY WHICH WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1987.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY, WHICH IS A RECOMMENDATION OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD, WILL ALLOW FOR GREATER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTROL AND REGULATION OF THE BROADCASTING INDUSTRY.

UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AUTHORITY, IT WILL TAKE OVER THE ROLE OF THE TELEVISION AUTHORITY AND THE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD WHICH WILL THEN CEASE TO EXIST.

THE AUTHORITY'S MAIN FUNCTIONS WILL BE TO ADMINISTER THE PROVISIONS IN THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE AND TO SECURE PROPER STANDARDS OF TELEVISION BROADCASTING WITH REGARD TO BOTH PROGRAMME CONTENT AND TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE.

IN DUE COURSE ITS AMBIT WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER RADIO AND CABLE TV WHEN LEGISLATION FOR THESE TWO SERVICES HAS BEEN DRAWN UP. THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING IS TO ACT AS ITS EXECUTIVE ARM.

THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY WILL COMPRISE 12 MEMBERS, INCLUDING NINE NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS AND THREE GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING NINE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SERVE THE AUTHORITY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1:

MR ALLEN LEE PENG-FEI (CHAIRMAN)

MRS ROSANNA TAM WONG YICK-MING

MR IRA D. KAYE

DR. STAN CHEUNG TSANG-KAY

MRS PAMELA CHAN WONG-SHUI

DR. FANNY CHEUNG MIU-CHING

MR STEPHEN CHENG PO-HONG

MR LO KING-MAN

MRS MABEL CHOW WONG

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THE THREE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO WILL SIT ON THE AUTHORITY WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

ONE OF THE FIRST TASKS OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY WILL BE TO DRAW UP THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NEW LICENCES OF THE TWO EXISTING TV STATIONS WHOSE CURRENT LICENCES ARE DUE TO EXPIRE IN DECEMBER 1988.

A COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE AND HANDLE COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS RELATING TO THE BROADCASTING INDUSTRY.

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JULY CONSUMER PRICE INDICES RELEASED

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THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(B) FOR JULY 1987 WERE 109.3 AND 109.6 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 4.7 PER CENT AND 4.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER JULY 1986, ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1987 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE NEW CPI(A) DECREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT AND THE NEW CPI(B), BY 0.3 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE NEW CPI(A) AND AVERAGE NEW CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JULY 1987 WERE 106.5 AND 106.8 RESPECTIVELY.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING JULY 1987, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CPI(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.4 PER CENT PER MONTH, AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CPI(B), AT 0.5 PER CENT PER MONTH.

DURING JULY, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, LIVE POULTRY, FRESH FRUIT, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH WATER FISH AND CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES INCREASED.

THE NEW CPI(A) AND THE NEW CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE NEW CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE NEW CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDICES FOR JULY 1987 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDICES, AS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1987 AND JULY 1986, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR JUL. 87	% CHANGE OVER JUN. 87	% CHANGE OVER JUL. 86	INDEX FOR JUL. 87	% CHANGE OVER JUN. 87	% CHANGE OVER JUL. 86
FOODSTUFFS	105.6	-1.4	+2.2	106.3	-1.1	+3.0
HOUSING	109.8	+0.2	+4.9	107.7	+0.2	+3.3
FUEL AND LIGHT	92.6	-0.1	+3.6	93.3	-0.1	+3.8
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	116.9	+0.1	+5.9	117.2	+0.2	+6.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	114.4	-0.7	+6.1	116.1	-0.7	+6.7
DURABLE GOODS	112.6	+0.4	+6.5	111.7	+0.4	+6.4
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	116.4	+0.4	+12.2	116.2	+0.4	+11.2
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	115.7	+0.2	+8.4	114.4	+0.3	+8.0
SERVICES	115.8	+0.3	+6.5	115.4	+0.4	+6.5
ALL ITEMS	109.3	-0.5	+4.7	109.6	-0.3	+4.8

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1987, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 1.1 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, LIVE POULTRY AND FRESH FRUIT WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH WATER FISH AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT IN BOTH NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) DUE TO LOWER PRICES OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN BOTH NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN BOTH NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDICES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR JULY 1987, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.5 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS. FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDICES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 112.4 IN JULY 1987, DOWN BY 0.4 PER CENT OVER JUNE 1987 AND UP BY 5.9 PER CENT OVER JULY 1986. THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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YOUNG VOTERS URGED TO REGISTER

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, TODAY (MONDAY) URGED ELIGIBLE VOTERS, ESPECIALLY THE 50,000 RESIDENTS BETWEEN 21 AND 30 YEARS OF AGE IN THE DISTRICT, TO REGISTER IMMEDIATELY.

"REGISTERING AS AN ELECTOR IS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS ACCEPTING GREATER SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THUS THOSE WHO WILL REACH 21 YEARS OLD BY THE END OF THIS YEAR SHOULD CONSIDER SIGNING UP," MR GARCIA SAID AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "SOMEWHERE IN YOUR DISTRICT" EXHIBITION AT SHUN TAK CENTRE THIS AFTERNOON.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT THE REGISTRATION RATE OF YOUNG PEOPLE WAS COMPARATIVELY LOWER THAN OTHER AGE GROUPS AND OF THE 167,100 ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT, ONLY 66,000 HAD REGISTERED.

TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION, MR GARCIA AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO, UNROLLED GIANT SCROLLS BEARING THE CAMPAIGN SLOGAN.

ASIA TELEVISION ARTISTES WERE ON HAND TO HELP RESIDENTS REGISTER AND DISTRIBUTE BOOKMARKS TO PUBLICISE THE CIVIC RIGHTS OF A 21-YEAR-OLD CITIZEN.

AT THE FUNCTION, AN 85-YEAR-OLD CALLIGRAPHIST, MR CHAN KING-HUNG, DEMONSTRATED CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY IMPROMPTU TO SHOW HIS SUPPORT FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

THE EXHIBITION, FEATURING THE FUNCTIONS OF DISTRICT BOARD, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND CHARACTERISTICS OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF DISTRICT IDENTITY AND CIVIC AWARENESS.

SPONSORED BY THE SHUN TAK SHOPPING MALL, THE EXHIBITION WILL OPEN UNTIL FRIDAY (AUGUST 28). DURING THE PERIOD, RESIDENTS MAY OBTAIN FORMS OR REGISTER AT A COUNTER MANNED BY DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM.

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NORTH DISTRICT RESIDENTS URGED TO SIGN UP

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NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, TODAY (MONDAY) URGED ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES BY SIGNING UP AS VOTERS.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, MR CHEUNG SAID THAT THE DISTRICT HAD A POTENTIAL ELECTORATE OF 81,000 OUT OF A POPULATION OF 145,000.

TO PUBLICISE THE VOTER REGISTRATION MESSAGE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD DRAWN UP A PROGRAMME OF PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES MOST OF WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN LAUNCHED, MR CHEUNG SAID.

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THESE INCLUDE DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS TO HOUSING ESTATES, SETTING UP OF TEMPORARY REGISTRATION COUNTERS AT THE FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI RAILWAY STATIONS AS WELL AS EMPLOYING BROADCASTING VAN TO TOUR THE REMOTE PART OF THE DISTRICT.

IN ADDITION, MR CHEUNG SAID THAT THE DISTRICT'S STEERING COMMITTEE ON CIVIC EDUCATION HAD PRINTED 30,000 QUESTIONNAIRES ON THE GREEN PAPER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL RESIDENTS. THE COMPLETED FORMS WOULD BE PASSED TO THE SURVEY OFFICE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30.

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR LAW CHAK-TONG, SAID THAT ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FOR THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES WITH 20,000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN THE 100-ODD ACTIVITIES.

HE THANKED THE 30 ORGANISING BODIES FOR MAKING THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME A SUCCESS.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS EX-GRATIA PAYMENT SCHEME FOR HAWKERS

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE EX-GRATIA PAYMENT SCHEME FOR LICENSED HAWKERS OPERATING COOKED-FOOD STALLS.

IT WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS TO PUBLISH A WATCHMAN AND CARETAKER HANDBOOK, AND FOR THE REMOVAL OF OBJECTIONABLE SIGNBOARDS.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL STUDY THE REPORT OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1987 IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT AND THE REPORT OF THE CONCERN FOR HAWKERS IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT WORKING GROUP.

A MEMBER WILL RAISE A QUESTION ON THE PROBLEM OF BAD SMELL GENERATED FROM REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD, 8TH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, WAN CHAI.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS LRT TRANSIT AREA

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE SETTING UP OF A LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SERVICE AREA IN YAU OI ESTATE AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE COMPLETION OF ROADS IN LEUNG KING ESTATE; PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MEASURES AT TSENG CHOI STREET NEAR KA HAY BUILDING; PROPOSED DELETION OF THE TEMPORARY 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE IN PUI TO ROAD; CHANGES TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERIM TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND FACILITIES AT THE JUNCTION OF SHEK PAI TAU ROAD AND MING KUM ROAD AND A LETTER FROM RESIDENTS CONCERNING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TRAFFIC IN BUTTERFLY BAY AREA AND A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REPORT BETWEEN JUNE 1 AND JULY 10 WILL ALSO BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 10 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON 3/F., GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

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ANTI-CRIME BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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A BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AIMED AT PROMOTING THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE WILL BE HELD FOR MONG KOK RESIDENTS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.

THIS IS AN ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED TO CULTIVATE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SPORTSMANSHIP AND TEAM SPIRIT WHICH ARE IMPORTANT FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT INTO A RIGHTEOUS AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN.

THE TOURNAMENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE AGED 14 OR ABOVE AND A TOTAL OF 16 MEN'S AND EIGHT WOMEN'S TEAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

PRELIMINARY MATCHES WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13 AND 20 AT THE FA HIU PLAYGROUND WHILE THE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27 AND OCTOBER 4 AT THE BOUNDARY STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE TOURNAMENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MONG KOK DISTRICT RECREATION, AMENITIES AND SPORTS OFFICE, AT ROOM 409, URBAN COUNCIL BUILDING, 143 SAI YEE STREET. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-947867.

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FS VISITS PHOTOCOPIER FACTORY

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED THE ONLY PHOTOCOPIER FACTORY IN HONG KONG - MITA INDUSTRIAL COMPANY (HK) LTD.

THIS IS PART OF A SERIES OF FACTORY VISITS FOR THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, MR JACOBS WAS RECEIVED AND SHOWN THE COMPANY'S OPERATION IN TSUEN WAN BY THE SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MITA INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD, MR M. NAKAO.

A SUBSIDIARY OF MITA INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD. OF JAPAN, THE COMPANY WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG IN 1979. THANKS TO THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION EFFORTS BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, MITA EXPANDED ITS OPERATION LAST YEAR AND BROUGHT IN AS WELL A NUMBER OF JAPANESE PART SUPPLIERS TO ESTABLISH OPERATIONS IN HONG KONG, HENCE PROVIDING A MUCH LARGER BASE TO THE OFFICE EQUIPMENT SUPPORTING INDUSTRY.

THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY HAS EXPANDED RAPIDLY IN RECENT YEARS AND IS HONG KONG'S SECOND LARGEST EXPORT EARNER, ACCOUNTING FOR 21.7 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

IN MARCH THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 1,691 ESTABLISHMENTS EMPLOYING 89,401 WORKERS - OR 10 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

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LABOUR COMMISSIONER SEES TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, VISITED THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CABLE AND WIRELESS (HK) LTD. IN WAN CHAI THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

ON ARRIVAL, HE WAS GREETED BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR G.L. CREW, GENERAL MANAGER (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION), MR M.W. BREEZE, AND DIVISIONAL MANAGER (PERSONNEL), MR D.A. ESCOTT. HE WAS THEN TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE COMPANY'S TRAINING SCHOOL AND VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

MR HAMMOND LEARNT THAT THE COMPANY, WHICH EMPLOYS MORE THAN 2,500 WORKERS, ATTACHES MUCH IMPORTANCE ON STAFF TRAINING. APART FROM ORGANISING TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL COURSES FOR ITS OWN STAFF, IT ALSO PROVIDES TELEGRAPH OPERATING TRAINING FOR ITS CUSTOMERS.

BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS VISIT, HE HAD A GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT ON A NUMBER OF TOPICS INCLUDING STAFF RELATIONSHIPS, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

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APPLICATION INVITED FOR FULL-TIME CRAFT COURSE

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FORM-THREE LEAVERS WISHING TO RECEIVE TECHNICAL EDUCATION ARE URGED TO APPLY FOR CRAFT COURSES OFFERED BY TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

A NUMBER OF FULL-TIME POST FORM-THREE COURSES STARTING THIS SEPTEMBER NOW INVITE APPLICATION AGAIN.

THESE COURSES WILL BE OFFERED AT THE KWAI CHUNG, HAKING WONG, LEE WAI LEE, TUEN MUN, SHA TIN AND CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

DETAILS OF THE COURSES ARE BEING ADVERTISED IN MAJOR NEWSPAPERS TODAY (MONDAY) AND TOMORROW. APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT ALL TECHNICAL INSTITUTES. ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SELECTED INSTITUTE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY (AUGUST 28).

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DEMOLITION OF SOUTHOEN TEMPORARY MARKET

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THE TEMPORARY MARKET AT SOUTHOEN PLAYGROUND IN WAN CHAI WILL SOON BE DEMOLISHED AND TWO BASKETBALL COURTS BUILT IN ITS PLACE.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY (MONDAY) BY A PROJECT ARCHITECT OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING THE RECENT AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR DEMOLITION OF THE MARKET STRUCTURES.

THE CONTRACT WORKS, WORTH \$74,000, WILL BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 11 AND DECEMBER 10.

THE OCCUPANTS OF THE MARKET HAVE BEEN REMOVED TO THE URBAN COUNCIL'S NEWLY-BUILT LOCKHART ROAD MARKET COMPLEX.

THE TWO BASKETBALL COURTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE BUILT IN MID-1988 UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT.

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REROUTING IN AUSTIN ROAD

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AUSTIN ROAD BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND AUSTIN AVENUE WILL BE REROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 26) TO 6 AM ON SEPTEMBER 1 FOR ROAD RESURFACING.

DURING THE REROUTING, MOTORISTS ON CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND CHEONG WAN ROAD HEADING FOR AUSTIN ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO AUSTIN AVENUE.

MEANWHILE, KMB ROUTE 2C ON ITS JOURNEY TO TAI HANG TUNG WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, GASCOIGNE ROAD AND WYLIE ROAD.

GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 6 ON ITS JOURNEY TO TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHEONG WAN ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, GASCOIGNE ROAD, JORDAN ROAD AND CANTON ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON CITY

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THE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTED IN FORFAR ROAD, KOWLOON CITY FOR EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR WORK WILL CONTINUE FOR ABOUT A MONTH.

FORFAR ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST IS NOW CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AND FORFAR ROAD IS REROUTED FROM ONE WAY NORTHBOUND TO A TWO WAY CUL-DE-SAC WITH ACCESS ONLY FROM ARGYLE STREET.

MEANWHILE, ALL PARKING SPACES AT THE EASTERN SIDE OF FORFAR ROAD ARE SUSPENDED.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 75.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 444.869 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 410.589 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 70 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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