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JI'S VISIT VALUABLE, GOVERNOR SAYS  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS (MONDAY) MORNING THAT IT WOULD BE VERY VALUABLE FOR MR JI PENGFEI, STATE COUNCILLOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE STATE COUNCIL, TO SEE AT FIRST HAND THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN HONG KONG AND FOR HIM TO MEET AS WIDE A RANGE OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG AS POSSIBLE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF POLMET '85, SIR EDWARD SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD VERY MUCH TO MEETING MR JI IN HONG KONG.

+A LOT HAS HAPPENED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT YEARS, AND I'M SURE IT WILL BE VALUABLE FOR HIM TO SEE IT AT FIRST HAND,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHAT THE MOTIVE BEHIND SENDING THE INVITATION TO MR JI WAS, SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD MADE IT EVIDENT FOR SOME TIME THAT HONG KONG WOULD WELCOME CHINESE LEADERS COMING HERE TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES.

+THE MOTIVE IS REALLY TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE IN PEKING TO SEE HONG KONG AT FIRST HAND AND FOR THERE TO BE A GREATER UNDERSTANDING ON BOTH SIDES OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AT EACH END.+

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD REJECT A STATEMENT THAT THE INVITATION TO MR JI WAS NOT RELATED TO THE +POLITICAL DISPUTE+ IN HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID: +IT IS RELATED TO THE NEED AND THE WISH THAT PEOPLE FROM BOTH SIDES SHOULD UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.

+FOR SOME TIME NOW, WE'VE MADE IT CLEAR THAT CHINESE LEADERS WOULD BE WELCOME IN HONG KONG AND I'M VERY VERY GLAD THAT MR JI HAS TAKEN UP MY INVITATION,+ HE SAID.

ON WHETHER MR JI WOULD ATTEND A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING OR HOLD ANY DISCUSSION WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, HE SAID +WE HAVEN'T DISCUSSED YET THE DETAILS OF HIS PROGRAMME.

+BUT CERTAINLY I SHALL BE HAVING HIM AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE. OBVIOUSLY HE IS COMING AS AN OFFICIAL GUEST SO I SHALL BE HAVING HIM AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

+BUT THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER,+ HE SAID.

ON WHETHER THERE WAS SOME MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS OVER THE ISSUE OF POLITICAL CHANGES IN HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID: +IF THERE IS ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, I'M SURE THAT EXCHANGES OF VIEWS CAN HELP TO ENSURE THAT IT IS REMOVED.+

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ASKED TO COMMENT ON MR JI'S REPORTED STATEMENT THAT POLITICAL REFORMS IN HONG KONG MUST GO IN LINE WITH THE DRAFTING OF THE BASIC LAW, SIR EDWARD SAID +I THINK THAT EVERYBODY IS NOW CLEAR THAT REALLY WHAT I WAS SAYING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IS THE FACT THAT BOTH SIDES ARE ALIVE TO THE CONCERNS OF THE OTHER ON THESE MATTERS.

+AS I SAID THEN, I BELIEVE THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THAT UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONCERNS OF EACH SIDE, THERE CAN BE A SMOOTH TRANSITION, THAT WE CAN BUILD A STRUCTURE WHICH WILL ENABLE A SMOOTH TRANSITION,+ HE SAID.

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GOVT COMMITTED IN TACKLING POLLUTION  
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OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS A TOTAL OF \$1.5 BILLION HAVE BEEN INVESTED IN WASTE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES AND THERE IS A COMMITMENT OF \$2.4 BILLION FOR FURTHER INVESTMENT IN THESE FACILITIES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YAU SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF POLMET '85, SIR EDWARD SAID THERE HAD BEEN A PHENOMENAL ECONOMIC GROWTH IN HONG KONG IN THE PAST 30 YEARS, THE PACE OF WHICH WAS DETERMINED BY THE NEED TO ACCOMMODATE A POPULATION WHICH HAD GROWN FROM TWO MILLION TO FIVE-AND-A-HALF MILLION OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

+IN THE EARLY DAYS OF DEVELOPMENT, THE ENVIRONMENT CAME OFF SECOND BEST. QUALITY OF LIFE WAS A PHRASE WITH A VERY RESTRICTED MEANING, WHEN THE BASIC CONCERN FOR MOST PEOPLE WAS A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

+BUT TIME, TECHNOLOGY AND DEDICATED WORK BY MANY PEOPLE HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE IN MORE RECENT TIMES TO PLAN AND DEVELOP WITH A RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.+

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT WITHIN THE PHYSICAL CONSTRAINTS OF HONG KONG, CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS WAS BEING ACHIEVED IN MEETING THE RISING EXPECTATIONS WHICH WERE A RESULT OF OUR AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

+WE HAVE SOUGHT TO EXPAND OUR OPEN SPACES AND PRESERVE COUNTRY PARKS CLOSE TO THE URBAN AREA,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD SAID FORMAL STANDARDS HAD BEEN INCORPORATED INTO OUR PLANNING PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS WERE NOT OVERLOOKED.

/+WE ARE .....

+WE ARE STEADILY REFINING OUR PROCEDURES AND UP-DATING OUR LEGISLATION. OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY CONCERNED TO ENSURE THAT WE NEITHER OVER-LEGISLATE TO THE DETRIMENT OF OUR INDUSTRY, NOR ALLOW OUR STANDARDS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT TO BE COMPROMISED,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD SAID NO SOCIETY HAD FOUND IT EASY TO RECONCILE THESE TWO FACTORS AND A BALANCE MUST BE STRUCK AT EACH STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT.

+BUT WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE REPORTS FROM MANY COUNTRIES TO THE EFFECT THAT ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION -- SENSIBLY CONCEIVED AND PROGRESSIVELY APPLIED -- CAN HAVE A BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON INDUSTRY.

+IT CERTAINLY TENDS TO ENCOURAGE ENERGY SAVING, HIGH MANAGEMENT STANDARDS AND THE PROFITABLE RECOVERY OF RAW MATERIALS FROM THE PRODUCTION PROCESS.

+THE MORE THAT INDUSTRY CAN BE CONVINCED OF THIS, THE MORE EASILY POLLUTION CONTROL CAN BE ENFORCED,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD SAID HONG KONG STILL FACED A FORMIDABLE TASK IN TACKLING THE TWIN PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND URBAN POLLUTION.

+IN THE ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION THE POPULATION WILL REACH THE TWO THOUSAND MILLION MARK BY THE END OF THIS CENTURY. ABOUT HALF OF THIS POPULATION WILL BE URBAN.

+I BELIEVE THAT THE HONG KONG'S EXPERIENCE CAN CONTRIBUTE A USEFUL EXAMPLE ON WHICH OTHERS CAN DRAW IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF THIS POPULATION IN A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, BUT WE ARE VERY READY TO LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHERS,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

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FRONT SEAT BELT WEARING RULE EXTENDED  
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED PROPOSALS TO EXTEND THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF FRONT SEAT BELTS TO TAXIS AND LIGHT BUSES AND TO REQUIRE THE FITTING OF FRONT SEAT BELTS IN NEWLY-REGISTERED GOODS VEHICLES.

THE DECISION COMES IN THE WAKE OF A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER AND SEVERITY OF FRONT SEAT CASUALTIES IN PRIVATE CARS SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF COMPULSORY SEAT BELT WEARING ON OCTOBER 1, 1983.

A STUDY CARRIED-OUT BY THE ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARDS DIVISION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SHOWS THAT IN THE 12 MONTHS AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1983, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PRIVATE CAR FRONT SEAT CASUALTIES FELL BY 28 PER CENT FROM 3 814 TO 2 765. MOST IMPORTANTLY THE NUMBER OF FATAL AND SERIOUS CASUALTIES FELL BY 51 PER CENT FROM 1 385 TO 681.

THE DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES WAS FAR GREATER THAN COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED FROM THE FALL IN THE NUMBER OF LICENSED CARS, AND THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF FRONT SEAT PASSENGER CASUALTIES WAS DUE TO PASSENGERS MOVING TO THE REAR SEAT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE STUDY BY THE ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARDS DIVISION HAD DEMONSTRATED THAT COMPULSORY SEAT BELT WEARING HAD LIVED UP TO EXPECTATIONS AS A SIMPLE, EFFECTIVE AND PUBLICLY ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF REDUCING THE TOLL OF DEATHS AND INJURIES ON THE ROAD.

A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN ROAD SAFETY COULD BE ACHIEVED BY EXTENDING COMPULSORY WEARING TO THE FRONT SEATS OF TAXIS AND LIGHT BUSES AND BY MAKING A START ON EXTENDING THE SEAT BELT LEGISLATION TO GOODS VEHICLES.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT EXISTING LEGISLATION REQUIRES EVERY TAXI REGISTERED AFTER 1980 TO BE FITTED WITH A SEAT BELT FOR THE DRIVER'S SEAT AND THE NEAR-SIDE FRONT PASSENGERS SEAT BY JANUARY 1, 1986. LIGHT BUSES MANUFACTURED AFTER 1983 MUST ALSO BE FITTED WITH TWO FRONT SEAT BELTS.

THE FITTING OF SEAT BELTS IS NOT REQUIRED IN GOODS VEHICLES BUT IT IS NOW INTENDED TO EXTEND THIS REQUIREMENT TO NEWLY REGISTERED GOODS VEHICLES. IT WOULD NOT BE PRACTICABLE TO REQUIRE THE FITTING OF SEAT BELTS IN EXISTING GOODS VEHICLES BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF THEM LACK SUITABLE ANCHORAGE POINTS.

LEGISLATION WILL NOW BE DRAFTED TO AMEND THE ROAD TRAFFIC (SAFETY EQUIPMENT) REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF FRONT SEAT BELTS IN TAXIS AND LIGHT BUSES AND THE COMPULSORY FITTING OF FRONT SEAT BELTS IN NEWLY REGISTERED GOODS VEHICLES. IT IS THE AIM TO IMPLEMENT THESE MEASURES BY THE END OF 1986.

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EEC MINISTERS TO RECONSIDER GSP PROPOSALS  
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A PROPOSAL TO EXCLUDE 12 HONG KONG PRODUCTS FROM THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY'S GENERALISED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES MAY BE DROPPED, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE PRODUCTS WILL, IT IS NOW SUGGESTED, REMAIN ON THE GSP LIST WITH A QUOTA LEVEL IN 1986 EQUIVALENT TO 50 PER CENT OF THAT FOR 1985.

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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR JOSEPH WONG, SAID THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS ACTIVELY OPPOSED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE LONDON AND BRUSSELS OFFICES WHOSE STAFF VISITED COMMISSION OFFICIALS AND MEMBER STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO PUT HONG KONG'S VIEWS.

TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SPAIN AND PORTUGAL JOINING THE EEC, IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT QUOTA LEVELS AND CEILINGS FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS SHOULD IN GENERAL BE INCREASED BY 9.5 PER CENT.

THE NEW PROPOSALS WILL BE PUT FORWARD FOR FORMAL ADOPTION AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON DECEMBER 16 OR 17, MR WONG SAID.

DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED TO THE TRADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HE ADDED.

THE 12 PRODUCTS INVOLVED ARE: TRAVEL GOODS OF MATERIALS OTHER THAN ARTIFICIAL PLASTIC SHEETING; PROTECTIVE GLOVES OF LEATHER OR LEATHER COMPOSITION FOR ALL TRADES; RUBBER FOOTWEAR; FOOTWEAR WITH OUTER SOLES OF LEATHER OR COMPOSITION LEATHER; IMITATION JEWELLERY; PORTABLE ELECTRIC BATTERY AND MAGNETIC LAMPS OTHER THAN MINERS' SAFETY LAMPS; COLOUR TELEVISIONS; DIODES, TRANSISTORS; QUARTZ WATCHES; DOLLS; OTHER TOYS; EQUIPMENT FOR PARLOUR, TABLE AND FUNFAIR GAMES.

IN 1984, THE EXPORTS OF THESE 12 PRODUCTS TO THE EEC WERE WORTH \$4 597 MILLION -- OUT OF TOTAL EXPORTS TO THE EEC OF \$27 366 MILLION. THEREFORE THEY REPRESENTED ABOUT 16.8 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL. HOWEVER, THE 1984 GSP QUOTA OF THE EEC FOR THE 12 AMOUNTED TO ONLY \$238 MILLION -- OR ABOUT 5.2 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL \$4 597 MILLION VALUE.

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#### TEXTILES QUOTA BONUS ALLOCATION SCHEME REVISED

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED A REVISION OF RULES FOR THE TEXTILES QUOTA BONUS ALLOCATION SCHEME FOR ALL RESTRAINED MARKETS WITH EFFECT FROM NEXT YEAR.

THE REVISION IS INTRODUCED FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF THE SCHEME AND ON THE ADVICE OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD.

UNDER THE REVISED SCHEME, ONLY TRANSFEREES WHO NET TRANSFER IN QUOTA, ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, IN ANY CATEGORY IN ANY YEAR AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN 35 PER CENT OF THEIR QUOTA HOLDING IN THAT CATEGORY IN THAT YEAR SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A BONUS ALLOCATION IN THAT CATEGORY IN THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING, OF AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THEIR UTILISED TEMPORARY TRANSFER-IN IN THE CATEGORY CONCERNED.

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A COMPANY WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY BONUS ALLOCATION IF ITS CALCULATED BONUS IN THE CATEGORY CONCERNED IS LESS THAN THE FOLLOWING CUT-OFF QUANTITIES IN THE RESPECTIVE CATEGORIES:

<u>CONTROL UNIT</u>	<u>CUT-OFF QUANTITY LESS THAN WHICH BONUS ALLOCATION IS NOT TO BE OFFERED</u>
DOZEN PIECE	5
DOZEN PAIR	5
PIECE	60
PAIR	60
SET	60
SQUARE YARD	200
SQUARE METRE	200
POUND	60
KILOGRAM	30

A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +CALCULATED BONUS BELOW THE CUT-OFF QUANTITIES WILL BE POOLED AND ALLOCATED TO OTHER ELIGIBLE COMPANIES IN THE CATEGORY CONCERNED ON A PROPORTIONATE BASIS.+

THE REVISED RULES WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE RELEVANT TEXTILE YEAR IN 1986, TO TAKE EFFECT IN RESPECT OF BONUS ALLOCATIONS IN 1987 AND ONWARDS.

THE DATES FOR INTRODUCING THE REVISED RULES FOR THE VARIOUS RESTRAINED MARKETS ARE THE SAME AS THOSE FOR INTRODUCING REVISED QUOTA TRASFER RULES, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>RESTRAINED MARKET</u>	<u>DATE</u>
(A) U.S.A, CANADA, EEC AND FINLAND	JANUARY 1, 1986
(B) AUSTRIA	FEBRUARY 1, 1986
(C) NORWAY	JULY 1, 1986
(D) SWEDEN	SEPTEMBER 1, 1986

FOR BONUS ALLOCATIONS IN 1986, THE EXISTING RULE REGARDING PERSISTENT TEMPORARY TRANSFEREES WILL CONTINUE TO BE APPLIED.

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SPIN-OFF BENEFITS FROM POLLUTION CONTROL STRESSED  
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THE SENSIBLE APPLICATION OF POLLUTION CONTROL LEGISLATION, COMBINED WITH THE USE OF THE APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT, COULD PRODUCE SPIN-OFF BENEFITS FOR INDUSTRY, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE SAID THESE BENEFITS, PRODUCE ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, INCLUDED ENERGY SAVING, IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY AND MANAGEMENT AND THE PROFITABLE RECOVERY OF MATERIALS FROM THE PRODUCTION PROCESS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF POLMET 85 EXHIBITION AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, MR CHAMBERS SAID IT SEEMED TO BE WIDELY BELIEVED THAT THE COST OF APPLYING POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES WOULD BLUNT HONG KONG INDUSTRY'S COMPETITIVE EDGE AND HARM THE PROSPECTS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH.

+HOWEVER, IT IS BY NO MEANS INEVITABLE THAT POLLUTION CONTROLS HAVE SUCH ADVERSE EFFECTS,+ HE POINTED OUT.

HE SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT GOVERNMENTS, INDUSTRIALISTS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS AND CONSEQUENCES OF POLLUTION AND THE MEANS BY WHICH IT WAS INTENDED TO CONTROL THEM IF EFFECTIVE CONTROLS ON POLLUTION WERE TO BE ACHIEVED.

+BUT IT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT THAT INDUSTRIALISTS AND OTHERS DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THESE CONTROLS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE TECHNOLOGY AND THE PRODUCTS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP THEM TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW.

+IT WAS IN MY VIEW A VERY SENSIBLE DECISION TO ARRANGE THIS EXHIBITION IN PARALLEL WITH THE POLMET 85 CONFERENCE,+ HE SAID.

MR CHAMBERS CONGRATULATED THE EXHIBITION COMMITTEE FOR PROVIDING HONG KONG WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT WHAT TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTS WERE AVAILABLE TO DEAL WITH ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION IN THE ASIAN-PACIFIC REGION.

+THE NEED FOR SUCH PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IS GROWING AND WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AS NEW POLLUTION CONTROL LEGISLATION IS INTRODUCED,+ HE ADDED.

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MORE WELL-TRAINED ACCOUNTANTS NEEDED

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MORE QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANTS AND ACCOUNTING STAFF AT SUPERVISORY LEVEL ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS IN ACCOUNTANCY FIRMS AND THE COMMERCE AND SERVICES SECTOR IN THE YEARS TO COME, ACCORDING TO A VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SURVEY REPORT.

FINDINGS IN THE 1984 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON ACCOUNTANCY ALSO SHOWED THAT THE ACCOUNTANCY MANPOWER ENGAGED IN THE SURVEYED PROFESSIONAL AND ECONOMIC SECTORS HAD A 20 PER CENT GROWTH AS COMPARED WITH THE RESULTS OBTAINED IN 1982.

BASED ON THE FINDINGS, THE ACCOUNTANCY TRAINING BOARD OF THE COUNCIL FORECAST THAT THE ACCOUNTANCY WORKFORCE OF THE FOUR SURVEYED GROUPS - ACCOUNTANCY FIRMS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, COMMERCE AND SERVICES SECTOR AND INDUSTRY - WOULD GROW BY FIVE PER CENT FOR 1985 AND THREE PER CENT FOR 1986.

COMPARISON OF DATA COLLECTED IN THE SURVEYS OF 1982 AND 1984 SHOWED A SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH OF MANAGERIAL POSTS IN COMMERCE AND SERVICES SECTOR AND ACCOUNTANCY FIRMS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

THE NUMBER OF MANAGERIAL POSTS INCREASED BY 74 PER CENT IN THE COMMERCE AND SERVICES SECTOR AND 47 PER CENT FOR THE ACCOUNTANCY GROUP WHILE SUPERVISORY POSTS IN ACCOUNTANCY FIRMS RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 35 PER CENT OVER THAT OF 1982, THE REPORT SAID.

THUS, THE TRAINING BOARD CALLED ON EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED TO TRAIN MORE QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANTS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS TO COPE WITH THE MANPOWER NEEDS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

THE REPORT SAID ACCOUNTANCY FIRMS HAD HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF VACANCIES AND STAFF TURNOVER RATE THAN THE THREE OTHER SURVEYED GROUPS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS MOST LIKELY THAT WELL-TRAINED SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS IN ACCOUNTANCY FIRMS WERE BEING LURED AWAY BY COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL GROUPS WHERE THERE WAS A SHORTAGE OF STAFF AT MANAGERIAL LEVEL WHO COULD BE PROMOTED FROM WITHIN.

THIS PHENOMENON MIGHT ALSO REFLECT THE INABILITY OF MANY ESTABLISHMENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS, TO TRAIN THEIR OWN STAFF FOR MANAGERIAL POSITIONS.

TO HELP UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF THE WORKFORCE, THE TRAINING BOARD HAD PLANS TO PROMOTE AND ORGANISE SUITABLE COURSES FOR SERVING STAFF IN THE ACCOUNTANCY FIELDS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE SURVEY REVEALED THAT IN 1984 THE FOUR SPECIFIED GROUPS EMPLOYED AN ACCOUNTING WORKFORCE OF SOME 45 800 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 5 900 MANAGERS, 8 700 SUPERVISORS AND 31 200 CLERKS.

ANNEXED TO THE BIENNIAL MANPOWER REPORT IS A SMALL SCALE SURVEY, CONDUCTED IN 1984, TO OBTAIN EMPLOYERS' VIEW ON THE 1982-83 ACCOUNTING GRADUATES OF LOCAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$12 A COPY.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS IN EASTERN ②  
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MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES, AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN EASTERN ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR SUBSIDY FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD TO CARRY OUT MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

+THERE IS STILL A LIMITED AMOUNT OF UNCOMMITTED FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT SAID.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UNDER THE SCHEME INCLUDE THE REPAIR OF FOOTPATHS, INSTALLATION OF DRAIN COVERS, PROVISION OF GUARDRAILS AND COMMUNAL LETTER BOXES FOR SQUATTER VILLAGERS AND OTHER MINOR WORKS.

AN ORGANISATION COULD APPLY TO THE DISTRICT BOARD TO SUBSIDISE PART OF THE COST BUT IT WOULD HAVE TO BEAR NOT LESS THAN 30 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+AN ORGANISATION CAN ALSO CHOOSE TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO MEET THE COST OF BUILDING MATERIALS WHILE PROVIDING THE LABOUR,+ HE SAID.

APPLICATIONS COULD BE FORWARDED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, WHICH WOULD CONSIDER EACH APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT TO THE FULL BOARD.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS DECEMBER 15, AND THESE COULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S CAUSEWAY BAY SUB-OFFICE AT 9-11, WING HING STREET, SHAU KEI WAN SUB-OFFICE AT 243, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, AND THE CHAI WAN SUB-OFFICE AT BLOCK 2, HING WAH ESTATE.

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DISTRICT BOARD MEETS AREA REPRESENTATIVES  
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE A SEMINAR FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES IN MARCH NEXT YEAR TO STRENGTHEN TIES AND COMMUNICATION, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF SOUTHERN, MISS ANGELA TSE, SAID.

THE GATHERING IS THE SEQUEL TO A SERIES OF SEMINARS ORGANISED FOR AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE SEMINAR WOULD ENABLE AREA COMMITTEES TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, WHILE THE LATTER COULD OBTAIN FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK INFORMATION ON RESIDENTS' VIEWS ABOUT ITS PERFORMANCE, MISS TSE SAID.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT DISTRICT BOARDS, AREA COMMITTEES AND RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS FORM AN IMPORTANT THREE-TIER CONSULTATIVE SYSTEM WHICH REFLECT THE VIEWS AND GAUGE THE NEEDS OF DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

DISTRICT BOARDS AND AREA COMMITTEES HAVE A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND VERY OFTEN EXCHANGE MINUTES OF MEETINGS IN ORDER TO COLLATE OPINIONS AND TO MONITOR EACH OTHER'S PERFORMANCE.

IN TURN, AREA COMMITTEES WORK CLOSELY WITH RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS.

+RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ARE EFFECTIVELY REFLECTED THROUGH MEMBERS OF AREA COMMITTEES AND RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS, AND IN TURN THESE OPINIONS ARE PASSED ONTO THE DISTRICT BOARD,+ MISS TSE SAID.

+AT THIS LEVEL, RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON VARIOUS ISSUES OR POLICIES ARE THEN MADE KNOWN TO THE GOVERNMENT,+ SHE ADDED.

MISS TSE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE ABERDEEN-AP LEI CHAU AREA COMMITTEE FOR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN THE CONSTITUENCY.

SHE COMMENDED THE ABERDEEN-AP LEI CHAU AREA COMMITTEE FOR THEIR INVALUABLE OPINIONS ON MANY LOCAL ISSUES, AND PARTICULARLY ON TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN ABERDEEN WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO ENSURING THAT TRAFFIC FLOWED SMOOTHLY DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE +ROAD THROUGH ABERDEEN+ PROJECT.

NOTING THAT THERE WOULD BE GREAT CHANGES IN THE SOCIAL AND POPULATION STRUCTURE IN AP LEI CHAU WITH THE COMPLETION OF LEI TUNG ESTATE AND THE AP LEI CHAU NORTH RECLAMATION PROJECT IN A FEW YEARS' TIME, MISS TSE URGED RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS TO KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE AREA COMMITTEE TO HELP IMPROVE CONDITIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

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PREMISES RESERVED FOR WELFARE SERVICES

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS RESERVED 19 PREMISES IN NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE OPERATION OF NURSERIES AND SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO APPLY FOR THESE PREMISES WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

THE WELFARE PREMISES WILL BE LOCATED IN EIGHT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND FIVE PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS PLANNED FOR JUNK BAY, TSING YI, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TAI PO, FANLING, MA ON SHAN, TSUEN WAN, QUARRY BAY AND CHAI WAN.

WHEN COMPLETED, THESE ESTATES AND BUILDINGS WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR MORE THAN 290 000 PEOPLE.

FIFTEEN OF THE NEW PREMISES WILL BE USED AS NURSERIES AND THE REMAINING FOUR AS SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

A LIST OF THESE WELFARE PREMISES HAS BEEN SENT TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR THEIR INFORMATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE URGED INTERESTED AGENCIES TO APPLY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT AT WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 19TH FLOOR, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31.

+SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY ENTITLED TO SUBVENTIONS OR LOTTERIES FUND GRANTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+SEPARATE APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE MADE IN DUE COURSE AND EACH CASE WILL BE CONSIDERED ON ITS OWN MERITS,+ HE ADDED.

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GAS SAFETY EXHIBITION FOR SHA TIN

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THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE GAS SAFETY EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 8 (SUNDAY) AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN.

THE THEME OF THE SEVEN-DAY EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE GAS ADVISER'S OFFICE AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS ON THE SAFE USE OF GAS WATER HEATERS, GAS RUBBER TUBING AND LPG CYLINDERS.

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FIVE GAS COMPANIES AND APPLIANCE IMPORTERS ARE ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THE EXHIBITION.

A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM AT THE ATRIUM PLAZA, LEVEL 3, NEW TOWN PLAZA TO LAUNCH THE EVENT. OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CONSULTANT ENGINEER, MR CHENG HON-KWAN; THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR NG CHAN-LAM; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHA TIN DISTRICT, MR JOHNATHAN NG; THE PROJECT DIRECTOR OF NEW TOWN PLAZA, MR K.M. CHAN AND THE SECOND RUNNER-UP OF MISS HONG KONG 1985, MISS ELLEN WONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

WARNING ON SUBSTANDARD BOILER REPAIRS  
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SUBSTANDARD REPAIRS BY UNQUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS ARE NOT ONLY A DANGEROUS PRACTICE TO LIFE AND PROPERTY, BUT ALSO AGAINST THE LAW.

THE WARNING CAME FROM THE PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION, MR M.R. MIRZA, TODAY (MONDAY) FOLLOWING SEVERAL CASES OF BOILER ACCIDENTS IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS ORDINANCE, ANY REPAIRS CARRIED OUT TO THE DEFECTIVE BOILER OR PRESSURE RECEIVER SHOULD BE EXAMINED BY AN APPOINTED EXAMINER BEFORE THE EQUIPMENT WAS PUT INTO USE AGAIN.

+THE APPOINTED EXAMINERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT QUALIFIED PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED ON THE REPAIRS OF THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS AS LAID DOWN IN RECOGNISED ENGINEERING STANDARDS,+ MR MIRZA SAID.

+THEY CAN REFUSE THE ISSUING OF A CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS AFTER SUCH SUBSTANDARD REPAIRS RESULTING IN THE EQUIPMENT NOT BEING APPROVED FOR USE IN HONG KONG.+

HE SAID A LIST OF APPROVED APPOINTED EXAMINERS WAS AVAILABLE IN THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION AND COULD BE SUPPLIED ON REQUEST.

OWNERS OF BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS WHO FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT COMMITTED AN OFFENCE AND WERE LIABLE, ON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000, MR MIRZA SAID.

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HE SAID THE SAME ORDINANCE ALSO REQUIRED OWNERS OF BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS TO NOTIFY HIS DIVISION OF ANY ACCIDENT OR DEFECT TO THEIR EQUIPMENT WITHIN 24 HOURS OF OCCURRENCE.

OUTSIDE NORMAL OFFICE HOURS, THEY MIGHT CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTO-RECORDING TELEPHONE FOR REPORTING INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AT 5-8150678.

+OWNERS ARE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PROVISION BECAUSE A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION CAN ARISE FROM SUCH ACCIDENT OR DEFECT,+ HE SAID.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE SATISFACTORY STANDARD OF REPAIRS, MR MIRZA SAID OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT HIS DIVISION (AT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 5-8524182) FOR ADVICE ON THE METHOD OF REPAIRS AND NECESSARY INSPECTION BY AN APPOINTED EXAMINER.

HE ALSO REMINDED OWNERS THAT BOILER ATTENDANTS WERE EMPLOYED TO ENSURE SAFETY WHILE OPERATING A BOILER, FOR WHICH THEY HAD THE RELEVANT CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY ISSUED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

+HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT AUTHORISED TO SUPERVISE, UNDERTAKE OR ACCEPT REPAIR WORK ON BOILERS. THE APPOINTED EXAMINER CAN ADVISE OWNERS IN THE SELECTION OF BOILER REPAIRERS AND SUPERVISE THE WORK OF THE REPAIRERS,+ HE SAID.

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#### BANKING TRAINERS COURSE OFFERED

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TRAINING OFFICERS OF BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ARE INVITED TO ENROL IN THE +INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUE+ COURSE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

THE FOUR-DAY COURSE WILL EXAMINE THE STRUCTURE AND PREPARATION OF TRAINING SESSIONS, INCLUDING THE FORMATION OF SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES, DESIGNING CONTENT, SELECTING VISUAL AIDS, VALIDATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TRAINING AND THE ANALYSIS OF TARGET AUDIENCE.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE, BOTH IN THE ROLE OF TRAINER AND THE TRAINEE, THE POSSIBLE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TRAINING TECHNIQUES IN CONDUCTING EFFECTIVE TRAINING SESSIONS.

THEY WILL ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN GROUP DISCUSSION EXERCISE, ROLE PLAYS AND CASE STUDIES.

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THE COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE FROM JANUARY 28 TO 31, 1986.

COURSE FEE IS \$370 AND CLASS IS LIMITED TO 16 PERSONS.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD, MR S.M. WOO AT 5-8932341 EXT 255 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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REALIGNMENT WORK ON ROAD SECTION PROPOSED  
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CARRY OUT REALIGNMENT WORK TO A SECTION OF CHEONG WAN ROAD AT PODIUM-LEVEL OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION'S KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS PART OF THE KCRC'S IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR THE KOWLOON STATION.

UNDER THE PLAN, THE PORTION OF CHEONG WAN ROAD RUNNING ALONGSIDE THE KOWLOON STATION BUILDING WILL BE DIVERTED TO RUN AROUND THE EDGE OF A PODIUM EXTENSION CURRENTLY BEING CONSTRUCTED TO THE EAST OF THE STATION BUILDING AND OVER THE KCRC'S GOODS YARD.

THE EXISTING PORTION OF CHEONG WAN ROAD WILL BE CONVERTED TO A BOARDING AND ALIGHTING AREA FOR PRIVATE VEHICLES.

ON COMPLETION OF REALIGNMENT, ALL OTHER VEHICLES PRESENTLY TRAVELLING THROUGH THE PORTION OF ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE REALIGNED SECTION OF CHEONG WAN ROAD ON THE PODIUM EXTENSION.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF A NEW BUS TERMINUS AND A COACH PARK ON THE PODIUM EXTENSION= AND THE PROVISION OF WALKWAY COVERS TO LINK THE BUS TERMINUS WITH THE STATION BUILDING.

THE EXISTING BUS TERMINUS LAYING TO THE NORTH OF THE STATION BUILDING WILL BE CONVERTED TO MAXICAB STANDS AND TAXI STANDS.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORK CAN BE SEEN AT:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG=
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON= AND
- \* YAU MAI TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, 490-492 NATHAN ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 28.

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STANDARD FACTORIES OFFER NEW OPTIONS TO MANUFACTURERS  
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FLEXIBILITY IS THE KEY WORD IN THE NEW SINGLE-STOREY STANDARD FACTORY BUILDINGS GOING UP AT THE TAI PO AND YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES.

THE FACTORIES ARE BEING BUILT ON A SPECULATIVE BASIS TO OFFER A READY-MADE OPTION TO INDUSTRIALISTS, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SAID.

INITIALLY, SIX ARE BEING BUILT, WITH ONE DETACHED AND TWO SEMI-DETACHED FACTORIES AT BOTH TAI PO AND YUEN LONG.

+THESE UNITS ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO BE FLEXIBLE IN THE WAY IN WHICH THEY CAN BE UTILISED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF A WIDE SPECTRUM OF MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+THERE ARE HEAVY FLOOR LOADINGS, HIGH CEILINGS, LARGE SPAN STRUCTURE, AND AMPLE FACILITIES FOR LOADING, UNLOADING AND PARKING.

+IN SOME INSTANCES THE SITE AREA GIVES ROOM FOR ADDITIONAL INSTALLATIONS TO BE BUILT TO SUIT SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS.+

THE GROSS FLOOR AREA OF EACH UNIT IS ABOUT 1 750 SQUARE METRES, WITH ONE LARGER UNIT OF ABOUT 2 100 SQUARE METRES AVAILABLE AT YUEN LONG.

THE FACTORY STRUCTURES CONSIST OF A STEEL PORTAL FRAME WITH 10.3 METRES CLEAR HEADROOM AT THE CENTRE AND 7.2 METRES AT EACH SIDE. A TWO-STOREY REINFORCED CONCRETE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING IS ATTACHED TO EACH FACTORY.

THE LARGEST, DETACHED, UNIT AT YUEN LONG IS ON OFFER AT A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$8.4 MILLION, WITH THE TWO SEMI-DETACHED UNITS AT \$6.9 MILLION AND \$6.7 MILLION. THE DETACHED UNIT AT TAI PO COSTS \$7.8 MILLION, AND THE TWO SEMI-DETACHED UNITS \$7.3 MILLION AND \$7.6 MILLION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

AN ARTIST IMPRESSION OF THE NEW FACTORY BUILDINGS AT YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK LATER TODAY.

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TAI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO MEET  
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THE TAI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A PLAN TO REARRANGE HAWKER PITCHES AT LUK HEUNG LANE IN TAI PO AND AN EXTENSION OF THEIR BUSINESS HOURS.

ENDORSEMENT WOULD ALSO BE SOUGHT FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR PROGRAMMES TO BE PRESENTED BY THE RSD AT THE TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE AND FOR APPLICATIONS FOR BOOKINGS OF THE CENTRE FROM VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS.

MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE RANGE OF RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE RSD IN SUPPORT OF THE TAI PO FESTIVAL AND THE EXTENSION ACTIVITIES ORGANISED AT THE TAI PO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

THE MEETING, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER AT TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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AWARD SCHEMES FOR KWUN TONG RESIDENTS  
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VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN KWUN TONG ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT CANDIDATES FOR A COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85 ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

THE +KWUN TONG AWARD SCHEME+ IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING AND ASSISTING THOSE WHO WANT TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY.

THOSE WHO CAN SHOW THAT THEIR SERVICES BENEFIT RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT CAN BE NOMINATED FOR THE AWARD SCHEME.

FIVE NOMINATIONS SELECTED FROM THE ENTRIES WILL BE AWARDED \$2 000 FOR THEM TO IMPLEMENT THEIR PROJECTS.

APART FROM THIS AWARD SCHEME, THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO ORGANISING A +MODEL KWUN TONG PERSON AWARD SCHEME+.

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THREE MODEL FAMILIES, STUDENTS AND WORKERS WILL BE SELECTED AND AWARDED PRIZES.

BOTH AWARD SCHEMES ARE ACTIVITIES OF THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85 WHICH WILL BE LAUNCHED IN MID-DECEMBER.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE SCHEMES CAN OBTAIN AN ENTRY FORM OR NOMINATION FORM FROM THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS FIVE SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-416315.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE +KWUN TONG AWARD SCHEME+ IS ON DECEMBER 12, WHILE THE +MODEL KWUN TONG PERSON AWARD SCHEME+ WILL CLOSE ON DECEMBER 14.

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GRASS SOCCER PITCH TO OPEN  
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A NEWLY-COMPLETED GRASS SOCCER PITCH AT KWU TUNG, SHEUNG SHUI, WILL BE OPENED ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 8) FOR SOCCER ENTHUSIASTS IN THE NORTH DISTRICT.

THE SOCCER PITCH WILL OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM DAILY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

COSTING ABOUT \$550 000, THE PROJECT IS JOINTLY FUNDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PITCH, MEASURING 7 700 SQUARE METRES, IS MANAGED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

APART FROM THE MAIN SOCCER ARENA, THE PITCH ALSO INCLUDES LANDSCAPED AREA, AN OFFICE, A STOREROOM, CHANGING ROOMS AND PUBLIC TOILETS.

ANYONE WISHING TO BOOK THE PITCH CAN CONTACT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE RSD ON TELEPHONE 0-934649 OR 0-922892 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES ON ROBINSON ROAD (19)  
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FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 4), ALL VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING ROBINSON ROAD BETWEEN PARK ROAD AND OAKLANDS AVENUE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH PARK ROAD FOR ROAD WORKS.

DURING THE PERIOD, VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PARK ROAD BETWEEN ROBINSON ROAD AND BREEZY PATH, LYTTTELTON ROAD AND OAKLANDS AVENUE. HOWEVER, ROBINSON ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 105 AND 113 WILL BE CONVERTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FOR LOCAL ACCESS.

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CLOSURE OF AIRPORT TUNNEL

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THE AIRPORT TUNNEL AND THE EAST KOWLOON WAY EASTBOUND WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12.01 AM TO 5.30 AM FROM DECEMBER 5 TO 7 (THURSDAY TO SATURDAY) TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORK.

MOTORISTS FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND HUNG HOM HEADING FOR NGAU TAU KOK AND KWUN TONG WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL ON GROUND LEVEL ROADS.

MOTORISTS FROM KWUN TONG ROAD, WAI YIP STREET, KAI FUK ROAD AND KAI CHEUNG ROAD HEADING FOR HUNG HOM ARE ADVISED TO USE KWUN TONG ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST.

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CALL TO SUPPORT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

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WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, TODAY (MONDAY) CALLED ON THE RESIDENTS OF WAN CHAI TO SUPPORT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME WHICH WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP TO THE POLICE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO FIGHT CRIME.

SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE SCHEME AT MAN ON HOUSE IN WAN CHAI THIS EVENING, MR GARCIA SAID THE EMPHASIS OF THIS YEAR'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN WAS ON THE PREVENTION OF BURGLARIES AND ROBBERIES IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

+UNDER THIS SCHEME, RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO FORM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNITS TO KEEP VIGILANCE NOT JUST ON THEIR OWN HOMES BUT ALSO THOSE OF THEIR NEIGHBOURS,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS INDEED MOST ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT ALL THE TENANTS OF MAN ON HOUSE HAVE SHOWN THEIR FULL SUPPORT BY JOINING THE SCHEME,+ MR GARCIA SAID.

A TOTAL OF 40 NIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNITS HAVE BEEN FORMED BY 144 HOUSEHOLDS IN THE BUILDING, HE SAID.

+THIS NOT ONLY REFLECTS THE UNITY IN SPIRIT OF THE TENANTS, BUT ALSO THEIR DETERMINATION TO FIGHT CRIME,+ HE SAID.

THE WAN CHAI POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR LAU TO-YEE ALSO THANKED TENANTS OF MAN ON HOUSE FOR SUPPORTING THE SCHEME AND JOINING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

OTHER GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY INCLUDED THE WAN CHAI POLICE DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR G.N. FRITH; CHAIRMAN OF THE MAN ON HOUSE OWNERS' CORPORATION, MS ANNA TANG; CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, MRS PEGGY LAM, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI EAST AREA COMMITTEE, MR HO FOOK-CHU.

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