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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECLINES

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION CONTINUES TO IMPROVE, ACCORDING TO LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE FIGURES WERE OBTAINED FROM THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR THE QUARTER JUNE - AUGUST 1983.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JUNE - AUGUST 1983 WAS 3.7 PER CENT, WHICH COMPARES FAVOURABLY WITH FIVE PER CENT FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER ENDING MAY 1983. GIVEN THAT THE FIGURE FOR MAY - JULY 1983 WAS 3.9 PER CENT, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE MAY HAVE BEGUN TO STABILISE AFTER THE SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1983. THE RATE FOR THE QUARTER ENDING AUGUST LAST YEAR WAS 3.5 PER CENT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER ENDING AUGUST 1983 WAS PROVISIONALLY ESTIMATED TO BE 94 000, AS COMPARED WITH 125 100 FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, AND 87 500 FOR THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE QUARTER ENDING AUGUST 1983 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 1.5 PER CENT, WHICH WAS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN THAT RECORDED FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MAY 1983, AT 2.2 PER CENT. THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS WAS 39 000 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING AUGUST, AS COMPARED WITH 54 100 FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE SEEKING MORE WORK OR WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED MORE WORK WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

IN COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FOR THE VARIATIONS IN FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME. THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE QUARTER ENDING AUGUST 1983 WAS 3.9 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 15 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 55 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG. PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

/DETAILED ANALYSIS .....

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DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL HOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1983 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN DECEMBER.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TEL. NO. 5-452586.

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MISSION WELL RECEIVED IN AUSTRALIA  
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A HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION MISSION RECEIVED AN ENCOURAGING RESPONSE FROM AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES DURING A RECENT VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT EIGHT AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES WOULD SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO HONG KONG SOON TO FURTHER EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITIES THE TERRITORY OFFERS TO INDUSTRIAL INVESTORS.

THE VISIT WAS THE SECOND SUCH MISSION TO AUSTRALIA THIS YEAR, AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUING PROGRAMME OF PROMOTING OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

+THIS MISSION, LED BY PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT MR D.L.C. CHEUNG, SPENT THREE WEEKS IN MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE AND PERTH, + THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +THEY MET SENIOR EXECUTIVES OF 40 AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES TO DISCUSS BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG.

+THE RESPONSE WAS MOST ENCOURAGING. SOME OF THE COMPANIES WERE INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING WHOLLY-OWNED MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG, WHILE OTHERS WANTED TO ESTABLISH SUB-CONTRACTING OR LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS WITH HONG KONG COMPANIES, + THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OF THE 40 AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES, 11 WERE ENGAGED IN METAL PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING, EIGHT IN ENGINEERING-MACHINERY PRODUCTION, FIVE IN AUTOMOTIVE COMPONENTS, THREE IN ELECTRONICS AND THE REMAINDER IN A VARIETY OF OTHER INDUSTRIES.

AUSTRALIAN INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG INDUSTRY NOW AMOUNTS TO \$160 MILLION, PLACING AUSTRALIA SEVENTH AMONG COUNTRIES WITH INVESTMENT IN THE TERRITORY.

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NAM CHEONG STREET TRAFFIC PLAN  
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THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN NAM CHEONG STREET AND ITS VICINITY WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY):

- \* THE ESTATE ROAD OUTSIDE BLOCK 1 OF CHAK ON ESTATE WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.
- \* PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES (7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY) WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED AT THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
  - (I) THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF NAM CHEONG STREET BETWEEN CORNWALL STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 150 METRES TO THE EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CORNWALL STREET;
  - (II) THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF NAM CHEONG STREET BETWEEN CORNWALL STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 150 METRES TO THE WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CORNWALL STREET;
  - (III) THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CORNWALL STREET BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES TO THE NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH NAM CHEONG STREET; AND
  - (IV) THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF NAM CHEONG STREET BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 400 METRES FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS.

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ILLEGAL SIGNBOARDS TO BE REMOVED  
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ABOUT 40 OBJECTIONABLE AND OVER-SIZED SIGNBOARDS WILL BE REMOVED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FROM THE FUJI BUILDING, A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 381-383 LOCKHART ROAD, IN WAN CHAI.

SIGNBOARDS WHICH ARE PUT UP OUTSIDE THE BUILDING, AT THE ENTRANCE HALL, STAIRWAY, CORRIDORS AND OTHER COMMON AREAS WILL BE REMOVED BY PRIVATE CONTRACTORS EMPLOYED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE BUILDING'S OWNERS' CORPORATION.

A WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OPERATION WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE INITIATIVE OF THE BUILDING'S OWNERS' CORPORATION WHO HAD ALSO APPROACHED THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR LEGAL ADVICE AND CO-ORDINATION.

+IT IS THE FIRST TIME IN OUR DISTRICT THAT ILLEGAL SIGNBOARDS ARE TO BE REMOVED UNDER THE DEED OF MUTUAL COVENANT,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE CLEARANCE OPERATION WAS TAKEN IN THE INTERESTS OF PEOPLE LIVING IN WAN CHAI, AND PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE BUILDING.

+IT IS MOST ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE TENANTS THEMSELVES STEPPING UP MEASURES TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN LIVING ENVIRONMENT BEFORE THE SITUATION RUNS OUT OF CONTROL.

+RESIDENTS OF FUJI BUILDING HAVE MADE THEIR FIRST MOVE, AND WE SINCERELY HOPE OTHERS WILL FOLLOW SUIT,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CLEARANCE OPERATION STARTING AT 9.30 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 15) AT 381-383 LOCKHART ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, MR DAVID LEUNG, WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

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SELECTION OF MODEL WORKERS

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FACTORY OPERATORS IN TSUEN WAN ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE THEIR WORKERS TO COMPETE IN THIS YEAR'S MODEL WORKER AWARD SCHEME.

THE AWARD SCHEME, IN ITS FOURTH YEAR, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE, THE FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES IN TSUEN WAN, AND COMMERCIAL RADIO 1.

EACH EMPLOYER CAN NOMINATE NOT MORE THAN TWO WORKERS WHO HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY IN THE FIRM FOR FIVE YEARS. THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE NOMINATION IS NOVEMBER 11.

SELECTION OF MODEL WORKERS WILL BE BASED ON THEIR ABILITY, PERFORMANCE, SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND THEIR EMPLOYERS' COMMENTS.

ADJUDICATION WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 11 WHEN 10 MODEL WORKERS WILL BE SELECTED. THE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED CASH PRIZES OF \$2 000 EACH, A TROPHY AND A CERTIFICATE.

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A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID THE AWARD SCHEME WAS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING WORKERS' SENSE OF BELONGING TOWARDS THE FIRMS AND RECOGNISING THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE LOCAL INDUSTRY.

ASIDE FROM THE AWARD SCHEME, A SINGING COMPETITION FOR WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE HELD.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 31. THE SEMI-FINAL WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 27 AND THE FINAL ON DECEMBER 4.

WINNERS OF THE SINGING CONTEST WILL BE AWARDED CASH PRIZES RANGING FROM \$300 TO \$2 000.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE SINGING CONTEST AND THE NOMINATION FORMS FOR THE MODEL WORKER AWARD SCHEME CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ALL THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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#### LION ROCK MOUNTAIN CLIMBING COMPETITION

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A LION ROCK MOUNTAIN CLIMBING COMPETITION, SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, IS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OVER THE AGE OF 16.

THE CLIMB, TO START AT 9 AM ON NOVEMBER 6 (SUNDAY), WILL COVER 3 500 METRES FROM TSZ WAN SHAN PLAYGROUND TO A PAVILION ON THE HILL VIA TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD AND SHA TIN PASS ROAD.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, THE EVENT AIMS AT PROMOTING INTEREST IN CLIMBING AS A SPORT AND LEISURE ACTIVITY, AND AT DEVELOPING SELF-RELIANCE.

THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR TANG TAI-CHUEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL CONTESTANTS.

+VOLUNTARY WORKERS AND FIRST-AID TEAMS WILL BE STATIONED AT SITES WHERE THE PATHS ARE NARROW OR DANGEROUS,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, DIRECTIONAL SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP ALONG THE ROUTE.

APPLICANTS MUST PASS MEDICAL CHECK-UPS TO QUALIFY FOR THE COMPETITION.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE CONTEST ARE AVAILABLE TILL OCTOBER 31 AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD; THE HUNG HOM BRANCH OFFICE, 32 WUHU STREET; THE HO MAN TIN BRANCH OFFICE, BLOCK 8, HO MAN TIN ESTATE; AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (KOWLOON CITY), 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7110171 OR 3-712851.

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BIRTHS REGISTRATION SERVICE IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 17), THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO PROVIDE BIRTHS REGISTRATION SERVICE AT ITS NEW TSIM SHA TSUI RE-ENTRY PERMIT OFFICE AND BIRTHS REGISTRY.

THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 14 SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD, TOWER A, SECOND FLOOR, MANDARIN PLAZA, EAST TSIM SHA TSUI.

FROM THE SAME DAY, THE BIRTHS REGISTRIES AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, KWONG WAH HOSPITAL AND SHAM SHUI PO WILL CEASE OPERATION.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE RE-ENTRY PERMIT FACILITIES PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED BY THE KWUN TONG OFFICE HAD BEEN SUSPENDED.

BUT THE OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS AND OTHER IMMIGRATION FACILITIES.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICES MAY BE OBTAINED BY DIALLING 3-7333111.

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U.S. CALLS ON CATEGORIES 319 AND 361

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HONG KONG AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON A RESTRAINT LEVEL FOR CATEGORY 319 (COTTON DUCK) FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON EARLIER THIS MONTH ON U.S. CALLS ON TWO EXPORT AUTHORISATION CATEGORIES.

THE AGREED LIMIT FOR CATEGORY 319 OF 31 MILLION SQ. YDS. FOR 1983 IS 39 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE 1982 TRADE LEVEL.

HOWEVER, CONSULTATIONS ON CATEGORY 361 (COTTON SHEETS) HAVE BEEN ADJOURNED WITHOUT REACHING AN AGREEMENT.

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PAINTING EXHIBITION IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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A TWO-WEEK EXHIBITION OF CONTEMPORARY CHINESE INK PAINTINGS WILL START ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 16) AFTERNOON AT THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE ABERDEEN MARKET COMPLEX.

THE EXHIBITS WILL INCLUDE PAINTINGS BY NINE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE ART GROUP FORMED BY LOCAL ARTISTS TO HELP DEVELOP A NEW STYLE IN CHINESE INK PAINTING.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION, THE ONE ART GROUP AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM.

/+THE EVENT .....

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+THE EVENT IS DESIGNED TO FURTHER PROMOTE INTEREST IN FINE ART FOLLOWING GOOD RESPONSE TO TWO EXHIBITIONS ON ARTS AND HANDICRAFT AND POTTERY HELD IN MAY AND JULY THIS YEAR,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION SAID.

ADMISSION TO THE EXHIBITION IS FREE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR K.C. KWONG, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR LAW WAI, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE ONE ART GROUP, MR CHENG WEI-KWOK, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 16) AT THE EXHIBITION HALL, FIFTH FLOOR, ABERDEEN MARKET COMPLEX, ABERDEEN.

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TAPS OFF IN CENTRAL AND TAI PO

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 17) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THESE PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY ABERDEEN STREET, WELLINGTON STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, POTTINGER STREET, LYNHURST TERRACE AND GAGE STREET.

MEANWHILE, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES ALONG KWONG FUK ROAD FROM TING KOK ROAD TO TAI PO KAU WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 PM THE SAME DAY TO 4 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL ALSO AFFECT TAI PO MARKET, KAM SHAN TSUEN, PUN CHUNG, PUN CHUNG SAN TSUEN, MA WO, PAK KIU TSUEN, TO YUEN TUNG, YIU TSZ KIN, LAI CHI SHAN, TAI PO KCR STATION, KWONG FUK ESTATE, ISLAND HOUSE, WONG YI AU, MEI WOON SAN TSUEN, YIU TSZ LANE, TAI PO KAU, TAI PO KAU SAN WAI, THE LOOK-OUT AND ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME.

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CENTRAL TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

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WESTBOUND VEHICLES ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED FROM TURNING LEFT INTO CLEVERLY STREET SOUTHBOUND.

THE RESTRICTION WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

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