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HONG KONG GETS ANTI-PROTECTIONIST MESSAGE TO U.S. MEDIA

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AMERICAN MEDIA INTEREST IN THE CASE AGAINST PROTECTIONISM IS INCREASINGLY STRONG AS U.S. LEGISLATORS MOVE TOWARDS A DECISION ON THE JENKINS BILL NOW BEFORE CONGRESS.

CALLS TO HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, IN NEW YORK, MR WILLIAM DORWARD, FROM PRESS AND TELEVISION REPORTERS HAVE INCREASED STEADILY AND JOURNALISTS FROM THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN VISITING HONG KONG.

DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WENT COAST TO COAST ACROSS AMERICA YESTERDAY ON THE IMPORTANT +MORNING IN AMERICA+ SHOW WHICH IS CARRIED BY 250 RADIO STATIONS. HE AND OTHER SENIOR TRADE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO GIVEN MANY INTERVIEWS IN RECENT WEEKS TO VISITING AMERICAN JOURNALISTS AND LOCALLY-BASED CORRESPONDENTS.

AMONG THE TV CREWS TO VISIT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS IS ONE FROM SOUTH CAROLINA +HOME TERRITORY+ OF THE POWERFUL PROTECTIONIST LOBBY.

IN AMERICA, WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS MR DORWARD HAS GIVEN INTERVIEWS IN WHICH THE HONG KONG VIEW WAS STRESSED TO +BUSINESS TODAY+ AND TO +PACIFIC SHIPPER+ MAGAZINE. THE FORMER HAS AN IMPORTANT AND INFLUENTIAL BUSINESS READERSHIP, WHILE THE LATTER IS PUTTING TOGETHER A STORY ON HOW THE JENKINS BILL WOULD DRASTICALLY AFFECT THE U.S. SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

MORE INFORMATION ON THE DANGERS OF PROTECTIONISM WAS GIVEN TO FREELANCERS AND OTHER CALLERS WHO HAVE BEEN WRITING ARTICLES AND PREPARING PROGRAMMES ON HOW TRADE WOULD BE DESTABILISED SHOULD THE BILL PASS.

IN WASHINGTON ONE PUBLICATION TO HAVE BEEN BRIEFED WAS THE +EAST ASIA EXECUTIVE REPORT+ WHICH WILL RUN AN ARTICLE IN ITS OCTOBER ISSUE AND WHICH, IN ITS SEPTEMBER ISSUE, PRAISED HONG KONG'S COPYRIGHT LAWS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY AS AMONG THE WORLD'S BEST AND MOST STRINGENT.

+THE HEIGHTENED MEDIA INTEREST IN THE UNITED STATES IS WELCOME INDICATION THAT THE DANGERS OF PROTECTIONISM IN GENERAL, AND OF THE JENKINS BILL IN PARTICULAR, ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY EVIDENT,+ SAID MR MACLEOD.

+WE HAVE BEEN STRESSING THE DANGERS THAT ARE BEING POSED TO THE UNITED STATES' OWN INTERESTS AND TO THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM GENERALLY AND WE WILL GO ON DOING SO TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MESSAGE GETS HOME.+

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ORDER SERVED OVER WALL COLLAPSE

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE HAS SERVED AN ORDER THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON ON THE LANDOWNER OF THE VACANT SITE AT 160-168 HOLLYWOOD ROAD, CENTRAL, A BOO SPOKESMAN SAID IN REFERENCE TO THE COLLAPSE OF A RETAINING WALL AT THE REAR OF THE SITE ON SEPTEMBER 6.

THE ORDER REQUIRES THE OWNER TO PROVIDE A FENCE AT SQUARE STREET AND THAT SUCH WORK BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 27.

THE ORDER ALSO REQUIRES INVESTIGATION, ANALYSIS AND REPORT ON THE RETAINING WALL AND DETAILED PERMANENT REMEDIAL PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 20 TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL.

THE REMEDIAL WORKS ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED PROPOSALS TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE BUILDING AUTHORITY. SUCH WORKS SHOULD START BY SEPTEMBER 27 AND TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 13.

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PREMATURE TO APPROVE CHARTER FLIGHTS, DRAGONAIR TOLD

THE FOLLOWING IS ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION:

IN DISAPPROVING DRAGONAIR'S APPLICATION FOR CHARTER FLIGHTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND BEIJING/SHANGHAI LAST MONTH, THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION SAID THAT HE WOULD REVIEW THE MATTER IN THE LIGHT OF THE OUTCOME OF AIR SERVICES TALKS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINESE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES.

THESE DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN BEIJING FROM SEPTEMBER 2 TO 5 AND, ALTHOUGH NO CONCLUSION WAS REACHED FOR REVISED AIR SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS, IT WAS AGREED THAT ADDITIONAL CAPACITY FOR AIR SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND INLAND CITIES OF CHINA WAS REQUIRED. IT WAS ALSO AGREED TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THE TWO DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED THEIR CONFIDENCE THAT THEY COULD REACH MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS.

ACCORDINGLY, AN OUTCOME OF THESE DISCUSSIONS MUST AWAIT A FURTHER ROUND OF TALKS. MEANWHILE, IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO APPROVE CHARTER FLIGHTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND BEIJING/SHANGHAI BY DRAGONAIR AND THE AIRLINE HAS BEEN SO INFORMED.

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SIR JOHN VISITS TWO FACTORIES
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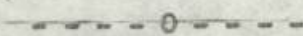
THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAW THE PRINTING OF BANKNOTES WHEN VISITING THOMAS DE LA RUE (HONG KONG) LIMITED ON THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

SIR JOHN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR PETER JOHNSON. THEY WERE WELCOMED ON ARRIVAL BY THE COMPANY'S DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER, MR RONALD DICKINSON.

THE BRITISH-OWNED THOMAS DE LA RUE (HONG KONG) LIMITED WAS ESTABLISHED IN AUGUST 1982. THE FACTORY, ALSO PRINTS OTHER SECURITY DOCUMENTS.

SIR JOHN ALSO VISITED THE CARLSBERG BREWERY HONG KONG LIMITED ON THE SAME INDUSTRIAL ESTATE. HE WAS SHOWN THE BREWING PROCESSES BY THE GENERAL MANAGER, MR FLEMMING WITH-SEIDELIN AND THE TECHNICAL MANAGER, MR FLEMMING ELDON.

ESTABLISHED IN 1978, CARLSBERG IS A DANISH-OWNED BREWERY WITH A FLOOR AREA OF ABOUT 20 000 SQUARE METRES. ITS BEER IS FOR BOTH LOCAL CONSUMPTION AND EXPORT TO SINGAPORE, MACAU AND CHINA.



MANUFACTURERS BRIEFED ON CHINA TRADE
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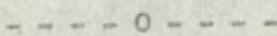
MORE THAN 90 MANUFACTURERS AND FACTORY OWNERS IN SAN PO KONG WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) BRIEFED AT A LUNCHEON SEMINAR ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ESTABLISHING TRADE IN CHINA.

THE SEMINAR, SPONSORED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAN PO KONG INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

WITH AN AIM OF PROMOTING HONG KONG'S TRADE, THE SAN PO KONG INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE ORGANISED TODAY'S SEMINAR TO PROVIDE MANUFACTURERS IN THE AREA WITH THE LATEST MARKET INFORMATION.

SPEAKERS FROM TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WERE MR T.S. CHOW AND MR W.H. WONG. MR CHOW TALKED ABOUT TDC'S SERVICES AND ITS PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN CHINA, WHILE MR WONG TALKED ABOUT HOW TO PENETRATE THE CHINA MARKET.

FROM THE PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL WERE MR ANDY NG WHO SPOKE ON THE WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNCIL AND MR S.S. CHIU ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND WAYS TO DEAL WITH POLLUTION PROBLEMS.



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SEMINAR TO FOCUS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

ABOUT 300 REPRESENTATIVES OF AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL TAKE PART IN A SEMINAR THIS SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

AT THE SEMINAR, PARTICIPANTS WILL LOOK INTO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OTHER CIVIC BODIES, AND CANVASS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PRESENT PATTERN OF CONSULTATION IN THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKERS ON THE PANEL WILL INCLUDE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR STEPHEN CHENG- DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, AND AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.

THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NAM SHAN AND YAU YAT CHUEN AREA COMMITTEE AND LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WITH SPONSORSHIP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL START AT 3 PM AT WAH YAN RESTAURANT, MAN HING HOUSE, TAI HANG SAI ESTATE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SEMINAR ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 15).

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OBJECTIONABLE SIGNBOARDS REMOVED

THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE WONG TAI SIN POLICE TODAY (THURSDAY) REMOVED ABOUT 20 OBJECTIONABLE SIGNBOARDS IN THE SECOND CLEARANCE OPERATION IN THE SAN PO KONG AREA THIS YEAR.

THE OPERATION, FINANCED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, WAS CARRIED OUT AT THE REQUEST OF THE YIN HING BUILDING OWNERS' INCORPORATION AND THE PO KONG HOUSE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE.

SIGNBOARDS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE TWO BUILDINGS WERE REMOVED IN THE ONE-HOUR OPERATION BY PRIVATE CONTRACTORS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF.

THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE CARRYING OUT SIMILAR OPERATIONS IN THE FUTURE TO RID THE AREA OF SUCH SIGNBOARDS.

THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HAS ENDORSED THE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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UC SEEKS DB VIEWS TO IMPROVE SERVICES
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THE URBAN COUNCIL HELD A MEETING WITH THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND DISTRICT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES TODAY (THURSDAY) TO SEEK THEIR VIEWS AS TO HOW THE COUNCIL CAN IMPROVE ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR HONG KONG ISLAND AS A WHOLE.

IN HIS WELCOMING ADDRESS, THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, SAID: +THIS FIRST ISLAND REGION GET-TOGETHER IS PART OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S ON-GOING EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE GOODWILL AND VALUABLE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES AND IMPROVE THE LIFE-STYLE OF THE PUBLIC.

+SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FOUR DISTRICT BOARDS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS BEEN STRENGTHENING ITS TIES WITH EACH DISTRICT BOARD AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE CLOSE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION WHICH EACH DISTRICT BOARD HAS GIVEN TO THE COUNCIL.+

MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THE COUNCIL WELCOMED CRITICISMS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL'S PROJECTS SUCH AS MARKET COMPLEXES, GAMES HALLS, SWIMMING POOLS, COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRES, LIBRARIES AND PARKS.

HE THANKED THE DISTRICT BOARDS FOR JOINING THE COUNCIL IN ORGANISING DISTRICT CULTURAL, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION PROGRAMMES AND SUPPORTING THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN AND OTHER ACTIVITIES TO MAKE EACH DISTRICT A CLEANER AND HEALTHIER PLACE TO LIVE. HE HOPED THAT THIS CO-OPERATION WOULD GROW EVEN STRONGER IN THE FUTURE.

THE CHAIRPERSONS WHO ATTENDED TODAY'S MEETING INCLUDED MR VINCENT KO (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), MRS PEGGY LAM (WAN CHAI), MR SHUM CHOI-SANG (EASTERN) AND MR JASPER LAM (SOUTHERN).

ALSO PRESENT WERE A NUMBER OF URBAN COUNCILLORS SITTING ON THE FOUR HK ISLAND DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR P.J. WILLIAMSON, AND THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI.

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FISHERMEN LEARN ABOUT DIVING AT SEMINAR

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TWENTY-FIVE FISHERMEN LEARNED AT A SEMINAR TODAY ABOUT THE HAZARD OF DIVING AND THE MEANS OF PREVENTING IT.

THE HALF-DAY SEMINAR, HELD AT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S CHEUNG CHAU FISH DEPOT, WAS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRST SEMINAR WAS HELD YESTERDAY FOR 22 FISHERMEN AT THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET AND 20 MORE FISHERMEN WILL ATTEND THE THIRD SEMINAR AT SHAU KEI WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET TOMORROW.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE TRAINING COURSE ON DIVING SAFETY WAS THE SECOND ORGANISED THIS YEAR WITH THE FIRST CONDUCTED IN JULY AT THE SHA TAU KOK WHOLESALE FISH MARKET.

+IN VIEW OF THE RECENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DIVING ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FISHERMEN, THE DEPARTMENT IS STRENGTHENING TRAINING ACTIVITIES FOR FISHERMEN ON PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED WHILE DIVING,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PUBLICITY IS ALSO BEING STEPPED UP BY REGULAR TALKS ON DIVING SAFETY IN THE +FISHERMEN HALF HOUR+, A WEEKLY RTHK RADIO PROGRAMME, HE ADDED.

TODAY'S SEMINAR INCLUDED A LECTURE BY AN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH EXPERT FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AND A DISCUSSION SESSION. DESCRIPTIVE LEAFLETS WERE ALSO DISTRIBUTED.

OTHER SEMINARS FOR INTERESTED FISHERMEN GROUPS ARE BEING ARRANGED AS PART OF A REGULAR PROGRAMME OF TRAINING TO HELP FISHERMEN IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY.

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CHURCH SERVICES TO MARK SCHOOL YEAR

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TEACHERS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 15), TO MARK THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

THE SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL ON HONG KONG ISLAND, AND AT ST. TERESA'S CHURCH AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN KOWLOON.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, WILL ATTEND THE SERVICE AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL STARTING AT 11 AM, WHILE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SERVICES), MR S.K. LEUNG, WILL BE PRESENT AT THE SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AT 9 AM.

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WAGE RISE ACCORD REACHED IN RATTAN TRADE
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WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS IN THE RATTAN TRADE HAVE ENTERED INTO A COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR A 10 PER CENT WAGE INCREASE FOR WORKERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

THE AGREEMENT, WITNESSED BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, WAS SIGNED BY THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON CHINESE RATTAN WORKERS UNION AND THE HONG KONG RATTAN MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION AND THE CHINESE RATTAN TRADE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION.

CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION, MR DONALD CHAN, SAID THE AGREEMENT WAS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WHICH WAS PRACTISED IN MANY TRADITIONAL TRADES IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID INDUSTRY-WIDE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS SIGNIFIED THE TRUST AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE UNIONS.

+THEY ARE ALSO INDICATIVE OF THE GOOD COMMUNICATION PRACTICES AND HARMONIOUS LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS IN THE TRADES INVOLVED,+ HE SAID.

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TUEN MUN CAR PARKING SITE TO LET
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A CAR PARKING SITE IN TUEN MUN.

MEASURING ABOUT 4 250 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE IS LOCATED AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR SAM SHING ESTATE.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY. THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 27.

TENDER FORM, NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND A RELATED PLAN AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG- DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON- AND DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TUEN MUN, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, 201 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, NEW TERRITORIES.

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SEMINAR FOR ELDERLY HELD IN SAI KUNG
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A SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE TUI MIN HOI CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY TO GIVE THE AGED AN IDEA OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR WAS TO MOTIVATE THE ELDERLY IN SAI KUNG TO SIGN UP AS VOTERS FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

THREE MEMBERS FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, INCLUDING MR WAN YUET-KAU, WHO IS THE BOARD'S PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, WERE INVITED TO BRIEF PARTICIPANTS AT THE SEMINAR.

ABOUT 90 ELDERLY PEOPLE ATTENDED THE SEMINAR AND SOME OF THEM REGISTERED AS VOTERS ON THE SPOT WITH THE HELP OF DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF.

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ARCHERY TOURNAMENT INVITES APPLICATIONS
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APPLICANTS ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE URBAN COUNCIL SHIELD ARCHERY TOURNAMENT 1985 TO BE HELD AT THE WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND ON SEPTEMBER 22, OCTOBER 6 AND 27.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG ARCHERY ASSOCIATION.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE CLASSIFIED INTO SIX DIVISIONS: MEN'S SENIOR, MEN'S INTERMEDIATE, MEN'S JUNIOR, WOMEN'S SENIOR, WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE, AND WOMEN'S JUNIOR. THEY WILL COMPETE IN VARIOUS SHOOTING DISTANCES.

ENTRY FEES ARE \$20 PER PERSON. THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY IS SEPTEMBER 16 (MONDAY).

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG ARCHERY ASSOCIATION, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND AND ALL URBAN COUNCIL INDOOR GAMES HALLS.

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RESTORED LANTAU FORT OPEN TO PUBLIC

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A FORT WHICH IS BELIEVED TO HAVE A HISTORY OF 250 YEARS, HAS RECENTLY BEEN RESTORED, AND IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM, EXCEPT TUESDAYS.

KNOWN AS FAN LAU FORT, IT IS LOCATED ON A SMALL PROMONTORY ABOUT 600 METRES ABOVE SEA-LEVEL, AT THE SOUTH-WESTERN TIP OF LANTAU ISLAND OVERLOOKING THE BUSY LANTAU CHANNEL - AN IMPORTANT PASSAGE TO THE PEARL RIVER ESTUARY AND GUANGZHOU.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENT OFFICE SAID TODAY: +IT IS PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THIS STRATEGIC POSITION THAT THE FORT WAS BUILT BY THE IMPERIAL QING GOVERNMENT, AS PART OF THE COASTAL DEFENCE SYSTEM TO SUPPRESS PIRATES AND TO CONTROL THE INCREASING TRADE WITH THE WEST.+

THE RECTANGULAR SHAPED FORT, MEASURING 21 METRES X 46 METRES, HAD 20 ROOMS, AND WELL-BUILT WALLS OF SEMI-DRESSED STONE. IT WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN ARMED WITH EIGHT CANNONS.

RECORDS SHOW THAT THE FORT HAD BEEN IN A STATE OF RUIN SINCE 1840, WITH ONLY THE EXTERIOR WALLS REMAINING.

THESE WALLS HAVE NOW BEEN RESTORED AND STABILISED.

+VISITORS CAN NOW SAFELY ENJOY THIS INTERESTING HISTORICAL FEATURE WITHIN THE SCENIC SOUTH LANTAU COUNTRY PARK,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE RESTORATION PROGRAMME, CARRIED OUT BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY A DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FORT WAS GAZETTED AS A MONUMENT IN NOVEMBER 1981.

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TAI PO LAUNCHES TREE PLANTING DAY

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SOME 120 COMMUNITY-SPIRITED STUDENTS IN TAI PO TOOK PART IN A CEREMONY MARKING THE TAI PO TREE PLANTING DAY AT THE JUNCTION OF TING KOK ROAD AND TUNG TSZ ROAD TODAY (THURSDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE TAI PO TREE PLANTING DAY WAS AIMED AT AROUSING INTEREST ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BEAUTIFYING THE ENVIRONMENT.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, MR STEPHEN WONG; THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF TAI PO, MR THOMAS CHAN; THE CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR HO YUNG-SANG; AND THE LEISURE MANAGER AND HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT OF TAI PO DISTRICT, MESSRS LEE SZE-HUNG AND CHAN CHAI-CHI.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN SHEUNG WAN FOR ROAD WORK
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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHEUNG WAN FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

THE ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH WILL BE IN FORCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ARE:

- * ALL VEHICLES ON MORRISON STREET WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.
- * NO VEHICLE ON MORRISON STREET, OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.
- * VEHICLES ON MORRISON STREET HEADING FOR CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE DIVERTED TO CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WESTBOUND, EASTERN STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, CENTRE STREET AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST EASTBOUND.
- * CLEVERLY STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND WING LOK STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS, WHICH WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN CLEVERLY STREET AND MORRISON STREET WILL BE MADE A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY DAILY. WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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FANLING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS
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KOWLOON-BOUND TAI PO ROAD (FANLING SECTION) WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS:

- * FROM 5 PM ON SEPTEMBER 15 (SUNDAY) TO 5.30 AM ON SEPTEMBER 16 (MONDAY).
- * FROM 11 PM ON SEPTEMBER 22 (SUNDAY) TO 5.30 AM ON SEPTEMBER 23 (MONDAY).
- * FROM 11 PM ON SEPTEMBER 29 (SUNDAY) TO 5.30 AM ON SEPTEMBER 30 (MONDAY).

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MOTORISTS HEADING FOR TAI PO OR KOWLOON ARE ADVISED TO USE JOCKEY CLUB ROAD.

KMB 78K PLYING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND SHA TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE REROUTED TO USE JOCKEY CLUB ROAD.

TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK, SLIP ROAD C LINKING TUEN MUN ROAD NORTHBOUND AND WONG CHU ROAD EASTBOUND IN TUEN MUN WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON SEPTEMBER 15 (SUNDAY) TO 10 AM ON SEPTEMBER 16 (MONDAY).

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR SOUTHWEST TUEN MUN ARE ADVISED TO USE ROAD D8 AND TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD.

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