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FINANCIAL SECTOR FUNDAMENTALLY SOUND -- CS

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THE FINANCIAL SECTOR IN HONG KONG IS FUNDAMENTALLY AND BASICALLY SOUND AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HE WOULD NOT WANT TO SPECULATE ON STATEMENTS OR RUMOURS THAT ANOTHER BANK WAS IN TROUBLE.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING THE GOLDEN JUBILEE COCKTAIL RECEPTION OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION.

ASKED ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE PROPOSED OMBUDSMAN SCHEME, SIR DAVID SAID A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT WOULD BE MADE BEFORE LONG.

HE SAID DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROPOSED SCHEME HAD BEEN GOING ON WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND UMELCO IN RECENT MONTHS, SO WERE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES.

SIR DAVID SAID THE PAPER ON THE SUBJECT WAS IN A VERY ADVANCED STAGE OF PREPARATION.

HE NOTED THAT THE PROPOSAL HAD CERTAINLY NOT BEEN PUT ON ONE SIDE. +BUT IT DOES REQUIRE CONSIDERATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN DUE COURSE, AND PUBLIC OPINIONS WILL BE REQUIRED ON ANY PROPOSALS THAT ARE MADE.+

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR EXPATRIATE CIVIL SERVANTS WHO WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE LOCALISATION POLICY, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THAT SCHEME WHEN IT WAS PREPARED TO DO SO.

ON REPORTS THAT HONG KONG'S BORDER MIGHT BE EXTENDED INTO CHINA, SIR DAVID SAID THE QUESTIONS OF THE INTEGRITY OF HONG KONG AND THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG AS A SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY WERE MENTIONED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION, AND HE HAD NOTHING TO ADD TO THAT.

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PRICE, VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF MARCH EXTERNAL TRADE

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STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 1 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS, HOWEVER, DECLINED BY 6 PER CENT. THERE WAS, THEREFORE, AN OVERALL DECREASE OF 2 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

IMPORTS INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS AND THOSE OF TOTAL EXPORTS REMAINED UNCHANGED.

PRICES OF IMPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, ROSE BY 2 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDEXES ARE COMPILED. THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM TRADE VALUES BY DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1986 WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1985, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT, GIVING AN INCREASE OF 2 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS REMAINED UNCHANGED, WHILE THOSE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT AND OF IMPORTS DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR MARCH 1986 AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS FELL IN MARCH 1986 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1985. THESE INCLUDED DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-10 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-9 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-5 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-4 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (-3 PER CENT); CLOTHING (-2 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-2 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE, HOWEVER, RECORDED FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+11 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+7 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+3 PER CENT) AS WELL AS FOOTWEAR (+2 PER CENT).

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THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN MARCH 1986 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1985, INCLUDING TEXTILE FABRICS (+48 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+46 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+37 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+33 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+24 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+24 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+23 PER CENT) AS WELL AS RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+22 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-21 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-15 PER CENT) AS WELL AS DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-2 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR MARCH 1986 AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF SOME END-USE CATEGORIES ROSE IN MARCH 1986 AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1985, RANGING FROM 1 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 15 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS AND FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 23 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS IN MARCH 1986 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1985. SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN VEGETABLES; TEA AND COFFEE; LIVE POULTRY; SUGAR; RICE; FRUIT; MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS AS WELL AS MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS.

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; SWINE AS WELL AS CEREAL PREPARATIONS, OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MANY CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES; PASSENGER MOTOR CARS; RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS; CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY AS WELL AS TOBACCO MANUFACTURES.

HOWEVER, INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS; CLOTHING; FOOTWEAR AS WELL AS WATCHES.

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THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE IN MARCH 1986 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1985, INCLUDING MAN-MADE FIBRES; COTTON YARN AND THREAD; DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS; WATCH AND CLOCK MOVEMENTS, CASES AND PARTS; CHEMICAL ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS; SILK FABRICS; PAPER AND PAPERBOARD; WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK; FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES; IRON AND STEEL; WOVEN COTTON FABRICS; CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS; LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS; SPECIAL TEXTILE FABRICS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE; YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES AS WELL AS PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS.

DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; BASE METALS, EXCLUDING IRON AND STEEL; THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS; FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES; CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS, ETC., EXCEPT GLASS AS WELL AS RAW COTTON.

IMPORTS OF FUELS ROSE BY 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN MARCH 1986 AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1985.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SOME COMMODITIES DECREASED IN MARCH 1986 WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1985, THE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING OFFICE MACHINES; TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT; CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY; SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS; OTHER INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY. AN INCREASE IN IMPORT VOLUME WAS RECORDED FOR TEXTILE MACHINERY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR MARCH 1986 AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF SOME END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN MARCH 1986 WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1985, RANGING FROM 9 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO 100 PER CENT FOR FUELS. HOWEVER, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS AND CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED BY 41 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE MARCH 1986 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+ AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE ON JUNE 10 AT $2.50 PER COPY.

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TABLE 1: INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING JAN-MAR 1986 WITH JAN-MAR 1985			COMPARING MARCH 1986 WITH MARCH 1985		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	4	-2	7	43	-2	46
TEXTILE FABRICS	16	-5	22	43	-3	48
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	11	-4	16	21	-2	24
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-1	-3	2	18	-4	23
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-16	-9	-8	10	-9	22
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	-9	10	-17	-5	11	-15
FOOTWEAR	13	*	13	40	2	37
METAL MANUFACTURES	*	-1	1	24	*	24
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-29	-5	-25	-25	-5	-21
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	19	*	18	37	3	33
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-13	5	-18	7	7	*
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-23	-9	-15	-12	-10	-2
ALL COMMODITIES	1	*	1	22	1	21

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TABLE 2: INCREASES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JAN-MAR 1986 WITH JAN-MAR 1985 VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	COMPARING MARCH 1986 WITH MARCH 1985 VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	14	-3	18	18	-2	20
CONSUMER GOODS	4	6	-2	2	8	-6
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	5	-1	6	4	1	4
FUELS	*	-13	15	-20	-23	5
CAPITAL GOODS	-8	12	-18	-18	15	-29
ALL COMMODITIES	3	2	1	*	4	-4

TABLE 3: INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JAN-MAR 1986 WITH JAN-MAR 1985 VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	COMPARING MARCH 1986 WITH MARCH 1985 VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	31	1	29	29	1	27
CONSUMER GOODS	-6	2	-8	-3	2	-5
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	2	-6	8	3	-6	9
FUELS	43	-8	55	62	-19	100
CAPITAL GOODS	-30	7	-35	-36	8	-41
ALL COMMODITIES	-6	*	-6	-6	*	-5

NOTE: * INSIGNIFICANT, I.E. LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT.

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH ESTABLISHED

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AS DEMANDS FOR YOUTH SERVICES HAVE CHANGED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY, A CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH HAS BEEN SET UP RECENTLY TO FOSTER CLOSER CO-OPERATION AND BETTER CO-ORDINATION AMONG ORGANISATIONS PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING AT A COCKTAIL RECEPTION MARKING THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG.

REVIEWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG, HE NOTED THAT SOME 50 YEARS AGO WHEN HONG KONG WAS SPARSELY POPULATED, THERE WAS A SHORTFALL IN THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

+LIMITED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WERE ONLY PROVIDED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. AFTER THE WAR, THE INFLUX OF PEOPLE INTO HONG KONG BROUGHT WITH IT THE PROBLEMS ON HOUSING, EDUCATION AND MEDICAL SERVICES WHICH CALLED FOR URGENT SOLUTIONS.

+WHAT THE GOVERNMENT DID WAS TO PROVIDE FUNDAMENTAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TO PROMOTE EDUCATION AND TO ORGANISE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNGSTERS THUS KEEPING THEM AWAY FROM THE INFLUENCE OF BAD ELEMENTS,+ HE ADDED.

HONG KONG HAD BEEN MAKING PROGRESS ON THE RIGHT TRACK. IN THE 1960'S SEVERAL ORGANISATIONS THAT PROMOTED YOUTH ACTIVITIES WERE ESTABLISHED.

HOWEVER, SOCIAL DISTURBANCES AT THAT TIME REVEALED THAT THE NEEDS OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION HAD GRADUALLY CHANGED AND THIS HELPED BRING GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CLOSER TO PROVIDE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, HE SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT IN 1973 GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTED A FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT WHICH INCLUDED YOUTH SERVICES. IN SO DOING, A MORE SYSTEMATIC APPROACH WAS ADOPTED IN PROMOTING ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND ALSO TEENAGERS.

+THE PURPOSE OF THIS WAS TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF MORALS IN YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL, INSTILLING IN THEM A SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND A CORRECT ATTITUDE TOWARDS SOCIETY.

+TODAY, YOUNG PEOPLE CAN RECEIVE COUNSELLING SERVICES FROM SOCIAL WORKERS IN SCHOOLS AND ALSO HAVE FAMILY EDUCATION AT HOME. THERE ARE ALSO OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORKERS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE VARIOUS YOUTH SERVICES IT HAD PROVIDED AND PROMOTED OVER THE YEARS.

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MORE PROFESSIONALS NEEDED IN MENTAL HEALTH FIELD

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IT IS HOPED THAT PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES ON MENTAL HEALTH WILL LEAD THE COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP A GREATER ACCEPTANCE OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL PROBLEMS AS WELL AS INSPIRE MORE PROFESSIONALS TO SPECIALISE IN THE MENTAL HEALTH FIELD, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE SEVENTH MENTAL HEALTH WEEK ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, SHE SAID THAT MENTAL HEALTH HAD AN ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE IN ALL CARING PROFESSIONS.

SHE NOTED THAT EVEN THE MOST ENLIGHTENED COMMUNITIES STILL HARBOUR A GREAT DEAL OF MISCONCEPTION AND PREJUDICE AGAINST MENTAL ILLNESS.

THIS HAD IN TURN LED TO A SHORTAGE OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF SPECIALISING IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE.

MRS CHAN NOTED THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO SUFFERED FROM SOME FORM OF MENTAL PROBLEM WAS LARGER THAN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.

+THE POTENTIAL NEED FOR PROFESSIONAL HELP IS GREAT AND SO IS THE NEED FOR MORE DEDICATED AND QUALIFIED STAFF, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE REVISED MENTAL HEALTH ORDINANCE COMES INTO EFFECT.

+ONE OF OUR MOST URGENT TASKS MUST BE TO AROUSE THE PROFESSIONAL INTEREST OF THE STAFF IN THIS FIELD, SO THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO ASPIRE TO SPECIALISED TRAINING AND IN THIS WAY UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF OUR SERVICE,+ SHE SAID.

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$174.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR TAI PO DEVELOPMENT

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A $174.5 MILLION CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR A ROAD WORKS AND LAND FORMATION PROJECT WHICH WILL PROVIDE BETTER ACCESS TO TAI PO NEW TOWN AND CREATE AREAS FOR MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE ROADS WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO EXISTING AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS TO THE EAST OF KWONG FUK AND FU SHIN HOUSING ESTATES AND ALSO PROVIDE A MORE DIRECT LINK FROM TOLO HIGHWAY TO THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

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THE PROJECT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF 1.8 KILOMETRES OF DUAL-CARRIAGEWAY DISTRIBUTOR ROADS AND FORMATION OF 13.5 HECTARES OF LAND FOR DISTRICT OPEN SPACE AND FOR A FUTURE WATERFRONT PARK.

ALSO INCLUDED ARE ROAD AND PEDESTRIAN-CYCLIST BRIDGES OVER LAM TSUEN RIVER, A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER TAI PO ROAD AND A FOOTPATH-CYCLE TRACK NETWORK WITH FOUR PEDESTRIAN-CYCLIST SUBWAYS.

THE CONTRACTORS WILL ALSO BUILD A KILOMETRE-LONG SEAWALL WITH A PROMENADE AND HALF A KILOMETRE OF RIVER WALL.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE YEARS, ALTHOUGH THE ROADS SHOULD BE READY IN TWO YEARS' TIME.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR THE WORK TO THE CHINA CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING CORPORATION.

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TUEN MUN PLAN TO INCLUDE LRT DEPOT DEVELOPMENT

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A COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ABOVE THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) DEPOT IN TUEN MUN IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE 3 500 FLATS FOR 12 200 PEOPLE.

THE DEPOT, TO BE LOCATED TO THE NORTH OF SIU SHAN COURT, IS AMONG DEVELOPMENTS PROVIDED FOR IN AMENDMENTS TO THE TUEN MUN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN ANNOUNCED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

OTHER AMENDMENTS INCLUDE THE RESERVATION OF A SITE SOUTH OF YAU OI ESTATE FOR 2 500 PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME FLATS TO HOUSE ABOUT 8 700 PEOPLE. THE SAME SITE WILL ALSO INCLUDE A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR 3 500 PEOPLE.

TO THE SOUTH OF THESE RESIDENTIAL AREAS, SEVEN HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY USES, INCLUDING A VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, A PRIMARY SCHOOL AND AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THE AMENDMENTS WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE NEW TOWN WHICH EVENTUALLY WILL HAVE A POPULATION OF 570 000. HE SAID THEY WERE NECESSARY TO MEET CHANGES OF LAND USE NEEDED FOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMING DECADE.

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THEY ALSO INCLUDE AN EXTENSION OF THE PROPOSED CARGO HANDLING AREA TO COVER ALMOST THE ENTIRE NORTHERN SEAWALL OF THE HARBOUR, GIVING A SEA FRONTAGE OF ABOUT 680 SQUARE METRES. THIS AREA HAS YET TO BE RECLAIMED.

A SITE OF 0.9 HECTARE EAST OF THE INCINERATOR SITE AND SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF LUNG MUN ROAD AT PILLAR POINT HAS BEEN REZONED FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PLAN IS THE SITE FOR A NEW FERRY PIER SOUTH OF SIU HEI COURT, THE PROVISION OF LRT LINES TO SAM SHING ESTATE AND TO THE NORTH OF TUEN MUN HOSPITAL AND THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE LRT LINES AT YAU OI ESTATE, SIU HONG COURT AND FU TEI.

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INNOVATIVE DESIGN A KEY FACTOR

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THE GOVERNMENT IS VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR HONG KONG TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITION AMONG ITS COMPETITORS BY PRODUCING PRODUCTS OF GOOD QUALITY AND INNOVATIVE DESIGN.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 16TH HONG KONG NEW PRODUCTS COMPETITION SPONSORED BY THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

+THE HONG KONG DESIGN INNOVATION COMPANY, WHICH OFFICIALLY OPENED FOR BUSINESS TWO MONTHS AGO, IS GOOD EVIDENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN IN THIS FIELD,+ MR HO SAID.

HE SAID HE HOPED MANUFACTURERS, PARTICULARLY THE SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED FACTORIES, WOULD USE THE COMPANY'S SERVICES TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXTENT.

+CONSUMERS AND BUYERS IN OUR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE ON THE CONSTANT SEARCH FOR ORIGINALITY AND QUALITY. PRODUCT DESIGN IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN INFLUENCING THEIR DECISION TO BUY AND IT WOULD BE IN THE INTERESTS OF OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IF THE INNATE CAPABILITIES OF LOCAL DESIGNERS CAN BE FURTHER ENCOURAGED AND DEVELOPED.+

MR HO PRAISED THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION FOR ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE NEW PRODUCTS AND NEW PROCESSES THROUGH THE COMPETITION AND BY OTHER MEANS.

+THE RANGE OF ENTRIES FOR THIS COMPETITION HAS ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED THAT MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG HAS ITS SHARE OF DESIGNERS WITH ORIGINAL IDEAS AND THE CREATIVE TALENT TO CONVERT THEM INTO ATTRACTIVE AND PRACTICAL PRODUCTS,+ HE SAID.

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CHANGES IN RULES FOR BARRISTERS

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THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE, BARRISTERS (QUALIFICATION) (AMENDMENT) RULES 1986 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) PROVIDES FOR A PERIOD OF PUPILLAGE IN HONG KONG TO BE SERVED BEFORE A BARRISTER IS ENTITLED TO PRACTISE.

THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT BARRISTERS IN HONG KONG ARE FAMILIAR WITH LOCAL LAWS AND CONDITIONS BEFORE THEY COMMENCE PRACTICE IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.

THE CHANGES IN THE RULES ARE APPLICABLE ONLY TO BARRISTERS ADMITTED ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 1986. BARRISTERS ADMITTED BEFORE THAT DATE ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE THEIR RIGHT TO PRACTISE GOVERNED BY THE LAW AT THE TIME OF THEIR ADMISSION.

BARRISTERS ADMITTED FOR A PARTICULAR CASE OR PARTICULAR CASES (USUALLY, ENGLISH QUEEN'S COUNSEL) ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENT OF PUPILLAGE.

A BARRISTER FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM WISHING TO SERVE PUPILLAGE IN HONG KONG MAY NOT KNOW ANY HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO ARE ABLE TO GIVE HIM CERTIFICATES OF GOOD CHARACTER. ACCORDINGLY, THE REQUIREMENT THAT THESE REFEREES SHOULD BE RESIDENT IN HONG KONG IS DELETED.

PROVISION IS MADE FOR AN APPEAL FROM THE DECISIONS OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE UNDER THE AMENDED RULES.

THE RULE RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PUPILLAGE HAS BEEN REDRAFTED TO MAKE IT MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND TO EXCLUDE PUPILLAGE OVERSEAS AS APPROVED PUPILLAGE.

A NEW RULE HAS BEEN INTRODUCED TO ALLOW THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO REDUCE THE PERIOD OF APPROVED PUPILLAGE (TO A MINIMUM OF THREE MONTHS) WHERE HE IS SATISFIED THAT THE BARRISTER IS AN EXPERIENCED ADVOCATE.

LOCAL BARRISTERS MAY BE ALREADY SERVING PUPILLAGE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO DO SO. ACCORDINGLY, A NEW RULE EMPOWERS THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO ALLOW THIS PUPILLAGE DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.

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DEVELOPMENT OF CODISPOSAL FACILITY UNDER STUDY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, IN PLANNING FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF TOXIC, HAZARDOUS AND DIFFICULT (THD) WASTES, IS WORKING ON A SCHEME TO DEVELOP JUNK BAY CONTROLLED TIP AS THE MAJOR CODISPOSAL FACILITY IN HONG KONG.

+THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUITABLE DISPOSAL FACILITIES FOR HAZARDOUS WASTES IS ESSENTIAL IF HONG KONG IS TO AVOID THE EXTENSIVE POLLUTION THAT HAS RESULTED IN OTHER COUNTRIES FROM INDISCRIMINATE DISPOSAL,+ SAID MR M.J. STOKOE, PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR LIQUID AND SOLID WASTE CONTROL.

HE WAS COMMENTING ON A REPORT SUBMITTED BY CONSULTANTS INVESTIGATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CODISPOSAL FACILITY.

BINNIE AND PARTNERS (HK) WAS COMMISSIONED LAST YEAR TO CARRY OUT AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY ON THE CODISPOSAL OF THD WASTES WITH MUNICIPAL WASTE UNDER LOCAL CONDITIONS.

THE CONSULTANTS ARE EXAMINING VARIOUS TYPES OF THD WASTES SUITABLE FOR CODISPOSAL BY SETTING UP LABORATORY SCALE AND FIELD SCALE EXPERIMENTS.

THEIR WASTE MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORT PRESENTS INTERIM RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH ARE REQUIRED FOR SETTING UP A CODISPOSAL FACILITY IN HONG KONG BASED ON EXPERIMENTAL WORK CARRIED OUT SO FAR AND ON THE EXPERIENCE OF CODISPOSAL IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THE EXPERIMENTAL WORK BEING CARRIED OUT HERE WILL ESTABLISH AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT UPON WHICH TO PLAN CODISPOSAL LOCALLY.

AT THE SITE PLANNING AND DESIGN STAGE, SITE INVESTIGATION IS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH THE HYDROLOGICAL-HYDROGEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND OFF-SITE INVESTIGATIVE BOREHOLES MIGHT BE REQUIRED FOR DETAILED SITE ASSESSMENT.

THE BOREHOLES COULD BE USED FOR DEVELOPING A DATABASE ON GROUNDWATER QUALITY AND CONTINUED MONITORING OF THEM AFTER SITE OPERATION BEGINS WOULD PROVIDE DATA FOR ASSESSMENT OF ANY LIKELY GAS MIGRATION-LEACHATE CONTAMINATION PROBLEMS.

THERE ARE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING CODISPOSAL FACILITIES AND THESE INCLUDE A SITE LABORATORY, A WASTE RECEPTION AND SAMPLING AREA, AND A TEMPORARY STORAGE FACILITY. A CHEMIST WOULD BE REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE THE DUTIES OF SUPERVISION OF WASTE SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS, SUPERVISION OF CODISPOSAL OPERATION, MAINTAINING PROPER SITE RECORDS, REVISION OF LOADING RATES AND ADVISING ON CODISPOSAL AREAS.

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TO REDUCE THE RAINWATER INFILTRATION AND LEACHATE GENERATION, THE CONSULTANTS ADVOCATE A CELLULAR METHOD OF WASTE DEPOSITION IN A NUMBER OF DISCRETE OPERATIONAL PHASES AND THE PHASED RESTORATION OF EACH TIPPING PHASE. SUCH A METHOD WOULD ALSO PROVIDE ADEQUATE DEPTHS OF UNSATURATED SOLID WASTE FOR THD WASTE ATTENUATION WITHIN A SHORT TIME FRAME.

ON-SITE MONITORING WOULD INCLUDE GAS AND LEACHATE ANALYSIS, AND TEMPERATURE AND SETTLEMENT MEASUREMENT. METEOROLOGICAL DATA COLLECTION AND LEACHATE LEVEL MEASUREMENT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR PREDICTING FUTURE LEACHATE PRODUCTION USING WATER BALANCE CALCULATION TECHNIQUES.

TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THERE WERE NO ADVERSE POLLUTION EFFECTS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF PREVIOUS DISPOSAL OPERATIONS, POST-OPERATION SITE MONITORING BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO BE REQUIRED FOR MANY YEARS BEYOND THE ACTIVE LIFE OF THE SITE.

THE REPORT IS BEING CIRCULATED TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR CONSULTATION.

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STUDENTS GETTING TO KNOW THEIR DISTRICT

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MORE THAN 500 STUDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE OUT AND ABOUT IN THE STREETS OF THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING FINDING THEIR WAY TO VARIOUS COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE STUDENTS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN A CIVIC EDUCATION URBAN ORIENTEERING COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD.

ABOUT 160 TEAMS, EACH CONSISTING OF AT LEAST THREE MEMBERS, HAVE REGISTERED TO TAKE PART. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO VISIT AS MANY DISTRICT COMMUNITY ESTABLISHMENTS AS POSSIBLE WITHIN TWO HOURS.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS WILL INCLUDE COMMUNITY CENTRES, HOSPITALS, LIBRARIES, OFFICES OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, ICAC OFFICE, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

+THE SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE HOPES THAT AFTER PARTICIPATING IN THE COMPETITION THE STUDENTS WILL HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT AND AN INCREASED CIVIC KNOWLEDGE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

/A CEREMONY .....

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE START WILL BE HELD AT 8.45 AM AT THE WONG TAI SIN GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG, COMMITTEE MEMBERS MR WONG PO-SHUEN AND MR LAI MAN, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL OFFICIATE.

A PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT NOON. THE WONG TAI SIN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (WEST), MR NG HON-WAH, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CIVIC EDUCATION URBAN ORIENTEERING COMPETITION. THE CEREMONY TO MARK THE START WILL BE HELD AT 8.45 AM TOMORROW AT THE WONG TAI SIN GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 100 CHING TAK STREET, WONG TAI SIN.

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WONG TAI SIN DB MEMBERS ON UK STUDY TOUR

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TEN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS HAVE LEFT FOR A WEEK-LONG STUDY TOUR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE PARTY IS HEADED BY THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG, AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK.

DURING THEIR STAY IN BRITAIN, MEMBERS WILL VISIT VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS TO STUDY THE LEGISLATURE AND SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEMS THERE.

THE PARTY WILL VISIT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON, THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND SOME NEW DISTRICT DEVELOPMENTS.

THEY WILL ALSO TAKE A LOOK AT THE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND AT HOUSING AND EDUCATION.

SOME OF THE MEMBERS WILL PAY A BRIEF VISIT TO EUROPE BEFORE JOINING THE PARTY IN BRITAIN.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ON THE TOUR ARE MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM, MR STEPHEN LEUNG, MR ALBERT LI, MISS MARGARET HONG, MR LIU KOON-SING, MR WONG KAM-CHI, MISS CECILIA YEUNG, MR YIU SIU-SING, AND MR YUEN CHAU.

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HUNDREDS TO WATCH SAI KUNG RACES

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HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO FLOCK TO SAI KUNG ON JUNE 11 (WEDNESDAY) TO WATCH THE ANNUAL DRAGON BOAT RACES AT THE WATERFRONT OF SAI KUNG TOWN.

KEEN COMPETITION IS EXPECTED AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO WILL BE VYING FOR TOP HONOURS AND THE RIGHT TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACES.

THE RACES, SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE HONG KONG AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED (HAECO), ARE ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION UNDER THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE.

THIRTY-NINE TEAMS, WITH MORE THAN 1 600 PARTICIPANTS, WILL COMPETE IN THE RACES TO BE HELD FROM 8.30 AM TO 3 PM OVER A 1 300-METRE COURSE FROM YEUNG CHAU ISLAND TO THE WATERFRONT FOR SAI KUNG TOWN.

APART FROM THE MEN'S OPEN RACES AND A PHOENIX RACE, A +ROW FOR CHARITY+ RACE ORGANISED BY OXFAM AND A +HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CUP CHAMPIONSHIP+ RACE SPONSORED BY HAECO WILL ALSO BE HELD.

THE WINNER OF THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP WILL REPRESENT SAI KUNG DISTRICT IN THE INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

THE SAI KUNG TEAM HAS A PROUD RECORD OF WINNING SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL RACES AND HAD REPRESENTED HONG KONG SIX TIMES IN INTERNATIONAL RACES HELD IN PENANG IN MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND WEST GERMANY.

SAI KUNG IS ALSO THE FIRST AMONG LOCAL ORGANISERS TO PROMOTE SPONSORED, FUND-RAISING DRAGON BOAT RACES. THIS YEAR, 11 TEAMS WILL COMPETE IN RACES TO RAISE ABOUT $125 000 FOR OXFAM TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN ETHIOPIA.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR FOR THIS YEAR'S DRAGON BOAT RACES.

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NEW DRAGON BOATS FOR TAI PO RACES

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THREE NEW DRAGON BOATS HAVE BEEN DONATED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES FOR THE TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACES CELEBRATING THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL ON JUNE 11 (WEDNESDAY).

AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE TAI WONG YEH TEMPLE, YUEN CHAU TSAI, BEFORE THE BOATS ARE LAUNCHED.

THE GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN, AND THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH STARTS AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW AT THE TAI WONG YEH TEMPLE, YUEN CHAU TSAI (ISLAND HOUSE), IN TAI PO.

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UK POSTAL DISPUTE ENDS

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A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE BY POSTAL STAFF IN GREAT BRITAIN HAS ENDED.

HOWEVER, DUE TO A BACKLOG OF LETTERS AND PARCELS CAUSED BY THE DISPUTE, SOME MAIL TO AND FROM GREAT BRITAIN IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO MIGHT STILL BE SUBJECT TO DELAY, HE ADDED.

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SUMMER COURSES BEING RUN AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES

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THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR 172 SHORT COURSES TO BE OFFERED AT THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IN JULY AND AUGUST.

THESE SHORT COURSES IN SUMMER COVER A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS IN THE AREAS OF COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, COMPUTING STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, PRINTING, TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, MARINE AND FABRICATION, DESIGN, AND MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING.

THE OBJECTIVE OF RUNNING SHORT COURSES IS TO UPDATE THE SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE OF PEOPLE ALREADY IN EMPLOYMENT.

SOME OF THE COURSES CONCERN HOBBY AND LEISURE SUBJECTS.

DETAILS OF THE COURSES WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE PRESS TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES BY JUNE 21.

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SPECIAL COUNTERS SET UP

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WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (JUNE 9), TWO SPECIAL COUNTERS WILL BE DESIGNATED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE FOR THE SALE OF STAMPS AND THE POSTING OF A SINGLE REGISTERED LETTER, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS IS TO PROVIDE QUICKER SERVICE FOR CUSTOMERS WHO WISH TO POST ONLY ONE REGISTERED LETTER.

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EYE CARE CAMPAIGN OPENS ON SUNDAY

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THE FOUR-WEEK 'EYE CARING CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY' IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT WILL BE OPENED ON SUNDAY (JUNE 8) IN THE TAI WO HAU ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TAI WO HAU ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (TSUEN WAN), MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG; TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN CHIN-YUEN; PRESIDENT OF KWAI CHUNG ROTARY CLUB, MR LAM KWING-CHEE; AND KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, AT 11 AM.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL JULY 2, THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION ON EYE CARE, EYE CHECKS FOR THE ELDERLY, FREE PROVISION OF SPECTACLES FOR NEEDY OLD PEOPLE AND DISTRIBUTION OF EYE CARE BOOKLETS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EYE CARING CAMPAIGN OPENING CEREMONY THIS SUNDAY AT 11 AM IN THE TAI WO HAU ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TAI WO HAU ROAD.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN NORTH POINT, SO KON PO

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THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD, BETWEEN TIN CHIU STREET AND HEALTHY STREET WEST, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON MONDAY (JUNE 9) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, BUSES ON EASTBOUND KING'S ROAD HEADING FOR QUARRY BAY AND FURTHER EAST WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA TIN CHIU STREET, JAVA ROAD, THE SLIP ROAD LINKING JAVA ROAD AND KING'S ROAD NEAR HEALTHY STREET WEST AND KING'S ROAD.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY, THE SECTION OF EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD GOVERNMENT SCHOOL AND BUDDHIST WONG FUNG LING COLLEGE WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND. VEHICLES MAY ENTER EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD VIA THE NEWLY-OPENED SLIP ROAD OUTSIDE WONG FUNG LING COLLEGE.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD

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THE TRAFFIC LANES OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD WILL BE SEPARATELY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORKS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE FAST LANE ON THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN TUNNEL TOLL BOOTHS AND HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 PM ON JUNE 9 TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, AND THE SLOW LANE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 PM ON JUNE 17 TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE FAST LANE ON THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE AND TSANG TAI UK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 PM ON JUNE 20 TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, AND THE SLOW LANE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 PM ON JUNE 21 TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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ILLEGAL ROOFTOP STRUCTURE FACES CLOSURE

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING CLOSURE OF AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ON THE ROOF OF A 22-STOREY BUILDING AT 62-68 JAVA ROAD, HONG KONG, SO THAT DEMOLITION CAN BEGIN.

THE ACTION IS BEING TAKEN TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR REQUIRING DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON JULY 9 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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