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MAY-JULY UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION IMPROVES  
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THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION REMAINED STABLE WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION IMPROVED IN THE QUARTER MAY-JULY 1986, COMPARED WITH THE QUARTER ENDING APRIL 1986, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY-JULY 1986 WAS 2.9 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 3.2 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING APRIL 1986 AND 2.9 PER CENT FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR. THE DECREASE OF 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER IS NOT STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER MAY-JULY 1986 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 79 900, COMPARED WITH 85 400 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING APRIL 1986 AND 78 300 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY-JULY 1986 WAS 1.7 PER CENT, WHICH COMPARES WITH THE RATE OF 2.2 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING APRIL 1986. THE RATE FOR MAY-JULY 1985 WAS 1.8 PER CENT.

WHILE THE DECREASE OF 0.5 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT, THE DECREASE OF 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR IS NOT STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR THE QUARTER MAY-JULY 1986 WAS 45 700, COMPARED WITH 57 700 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING APRIL 1986 AND 47 600 FOR MAY-JULY 1985.

CONSISTENT WITH THE LATEST RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (FOR EXAMPLE, PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY.

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THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR JUNE - AUGUST 1986 WAS 3.2 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.5 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WILL BE LOWER AFTER SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT. (THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY-JULY 1986 WAS 3.0 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 14 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 52 000 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 AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1986 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AROUND DECEMBER 20.

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FIRE STATION, AMBULANCE DEPOT FOR JUNK BAY  
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A SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION AND AN AMBULANCE DEPOT ARE TO BE BUILT ON A 4 600-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN JUNK BAY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FIRE-FIGHTING COVER FOR A POPULATION OF 223 000 IN PHASE ONE OF THE DEVELOPING NEW TOWN.

WORK ON THE PROJECT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF A STANDARD FOUR-STOREY FIRE STATION, A STANDARD FOUR-STOREY AMBULANCE DEPOT, A NINE-STOREY DRILL TOWER, DRILL YARDS AND ANCILLARY BUILDINGS.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WORK ON WHICH WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN 15 MONTHS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 3.

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TSUEN WAN COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS YOUTH PROBLEMS  
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THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) TO DISCUSS UNDESIRABLE INFLUENCES OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND VARIOUS OTHER PROBLEMS FACING THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH.

THE COMMITTEE WILL JOIN FORCES WITH THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT EIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM BY MEANS OF A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH INVOLVING PARTICIPATION BY PROFESSIONALS FROM RELATED FIELDS IN YOUTH WORK.

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER A PROGRESS REPORT BY THE WORKING GROUP ON 'BUILDING THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF TSUEN WAN'.

A PROGRAMME PROPOSED FOR THE TSUEN WAN HEALTH WEEK WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING AT 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS  
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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS FOR AN ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN AND TWO CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS TO BE LAUNCHED LATER THIS YEAR.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE ENHANCEMENTS TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SYSTEM BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER, MR POON HUEN-WAI.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE A SOCIAL SERVICES WELFARE EXHIBITION AND A REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUP ON THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW AT 9.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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SHA TIN DB TO CONSIDER RENT PROPOSALS  
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING SUBSIDY AND THE DOMESTIC RENT POLICY REVIEW AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES, AND ENDORSE FUNDS FOR THE FIRST SHA TIN FESTIVAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT 9.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE.

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SHAM SHUI PO LANTERN CARNIVAL ORGANISED  
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A LANTERN CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) EVENING FOR SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

CO-ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION, THE CARNIVAL WILL OPEN AT 7.45 PM WITH A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MRS ELSIE TU, AND AN OPENING SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR KEVIN MAK.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW WITH PROGRAMMES INCLUDING PERFORMANCE BY THE SHAM SHUI PO CHILDREN'S CHOIR, CHINESE FOLK SONGS AND DANCES, CHINESE ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE, CANTONESE OPERATIC SONGS, RHYTHMIC DANCE AND PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS.

PARTICIPANTS CAN ALSO TAKE PART IN GAMESTALLS THAT INCLUDE CHINESE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY DEMONSTRATIONS, LANTERN RIDDLES, HANDICRAFT DISPLAY, SHADOW CUTTING, PALM READING AND FORTUNE TELLING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERN CARNIVAL ON FRIDAY AT MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND, SHAM SHUI PO. THE OPENING CEREOMONY WILL START AT 7.45 PM.

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PRESS BRIEFING ON YAU MA TEI CARNIVAL  
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A LANTERN CARNIVAL WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) EVENING TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR YIP WAH, WILL ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE CARNIVAL AT A PRESS BRIEFING TO BE HELD AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS BRIEFING TO BE HELD AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YUEN LONG  
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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TUEN MUN-YUEN LONG LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM, SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN YUEN LONG TOWN FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 17).

THE DETAILS ARE:

TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS:

- \* THE SECTION OF MA MIU ROAD BETWEEN ON NING ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) WILL BE CHANGED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND;
- \* THE SECTION OF TAI YUK ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) AND KAU YUK ROAD WILL BE CHANGED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND; AND
- \* NO RIGHT-TURN WILL BE ALLOWED FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) WESTBOUND ON TO KIK YEUNG ROAD NORTHBOUND EXCEPT BY FRANCHISED BUSES.

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DURING THE TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS, MOTORISTS FROM TUEN MUN AND ARE TRAVELLING FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) TO YUEN LONG TOWN NORTH ARE ADVISED TO USE KIK YEUNG ROAD. TRAFFIC FROM YUEN LONG TOWN SOUTH TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FUNG NIN ROAD OR TAI TONG ROAD.

BUS DIVERSIONS:

- \* KMB ROUTES 54, 64K, 76K AND 77K WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) AND KIK YEUNG ROAD (OMITTING YUEN LONG WESTERN ROUNDABOUT) ON JOURNEYS TO YUEN LONG (WEST) BUS TERMINUS. AT THE SAME TIME, THEIR BUS STOPS OUTSIDE AND OPPOSITE THE OLD KMB DEPOT ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) WILL BE SUSPENDED.
- \* KMB ROUTE 56 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI TONG ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) AND KIK YEUNG ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO YUEN LONG (WEST) BUS TERMINUS. ITS EXISTING BUS STOPS AT KAU YUK ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED AND TWO ADDITIONAL BUS STOPS WILL BE DESIGNATED AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) OUTSIDE HOUSE NOS. 116 AND 200.
- \* NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS' SERVICE ROUTE 68R WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, HONG LOK ROAD, MA WANG ROAD, PING WUI ROAD, ON NING ROAD, KIK YEUNG ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO YUEN LONG MARKET. ITS EXISTING STOPPING PLACES ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) WILL BE SUSPENDED.

THE TERMINAL POINT OF THE SERVICE WILL BE RELOCATED AT KIK YEUNG ROAD OPPOSITE YUEN LONG (WEST) BUS TERMINUS AND AN ADDITIONAL STOPPING PLACE WILL BE DESIGNATED AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 63.

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CLINIC SERVICES FOR THE HOLIDAY

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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL STAY OPEN ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 19), THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, WHICH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

THE CLINICS, WHICH WILL BE OPEN BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM, ARE THE VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; THE KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; THE LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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NO MAIL DELIVERY  
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THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY ON SEPTEMBER 19 (FRIDAY) WHICH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

HE ADDED THAT ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THAT DAY.

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ROADWORKS PROPOSED FOR SHEK WU HUI  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO BUILD A NUMBER OF VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ROADS AT SHEK WU HUI TO THE WEST OF FANLING WAI.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CAR AND LORRY PARKS, A CYCLE PARK, A BUS BAY, CYCLE TRACKS AND FOOTPATHS, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED STORMWATER AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS.

ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED IN THE AREA DURING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC.

OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY NOVEMBER 11.

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VISIT TO TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX  
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A PRESS VISIT HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO THE KWAI CHUNG TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) STARTING AT 2 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE KWAI FONG MTR STATION (KWAI FONG ESTATE BLOCK 4-11 EXIT) WHERE TWO VANS WILL LEAVE FOR THE COMPLEX BY 1.30 PM.

THOSE WISHING TO GO ON THEIR OWN SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE COMPLEX AT 13-19 SAN KWAI STREET AT 2 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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FUND-RAISING COMPETITION MAKES GOOD START

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A DISTRICT-WIDE FUND-RAISING COMPETITION IN KWUN TONG, WHICH STARTED YESTERDAY (SUNDAY), DREW ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM RESIDENTS.

MORE THAN 700 MEMBERS FROM THE DISTRICT'S 14 AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS MADE DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS TO APPEAL FOR DONATIONS.

THE COMPETITION IS ONE OF SEVERAL EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROJECT.

THE THREE-DAY COMPETITION WILL END TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 71.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 417.534 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 459.311 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 78.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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EASTERN DISTRICT WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR URGENT REPAIR WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY HOI TAI STREET, FINNIE STREET, ALDRICH STREET, PO MAN STREET AND THE SEA FRONT, INCLUDING QUARRY BAY, TAIKOO SHING, NAN FUNG SUN CHUEN, KORNHILL AND SAI WAN HO.

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# Royal Visit.

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## GOLD COIN TO MARK ROYAL VISIT IN OCTOBER

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A COMMEMORATIVE \$1 000 GOLD COIN WILL BE ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO MARK THE SECOND VISIT TO HONG KONG OF THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PROOF VERSION OF THE COIN IS PRICED AT \$3 300 WHILE THE BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN COSTS \$2 200. THESE ARE THE PRICES AT WHICH THE COCKEREL, THE DOG, THE PIG, THE RAT, THE OX AND THE TIGER COINS WERE SOLD.

TOGETHER WITH THE COIN FOR THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT, TO BE ISSUED EARLY NEXT YEAR, THE ROYAL VISIT COIN WILL COMPLETE THE SET OF 14 HONG KONG COMMEMORATIVE GOLD COINS, THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS ISSUED IN 1975 TO COMMEMORATE THE QUEEN AND THE PRINCE PHILIP'S FIRST VISIT TO HONG KONG.

THIS COIN ALONE WILL BEAR THE NEW RAPHAEL MAKLOUF PORTRAIT OF HER MAJESTY, REPLACING THE FAMILIAR ARNOLD MACHIN DESIGN USED ON THE 1975 AND THE 12 LUNAR YEAR COINS. THE NEW EFFIGY OF THE QUEEN IS THE FIRST COIN DESIGN BY MAKLOUF AND WAS INTRODUCED IN 1985.

THE REVERSE OF THE COIN DISPLAYS THE ARMORIAL BEARINGS SYMBOLISING HONG KONG'S ASSOCIATION WITH BRITAIN AND ITS DEPENDENCE ON SEA COMMUNICATIONS AND TRADE. THE CREST CONSISTS OF A ROYAL LION WITH THE IMPERIAL CROWN, HOLDING A PEARL, SYMBOLIC OF HONG KONG, THE PEARL OF THE ORIENT. THE SHIELD CONTAINS A NAVAL CROWN WITH TWO STYLISED JUNKS INDICATING EASTERN TRADE. THE SHIELD AND THE CREST ARE SUPPORTED BY THE ROYAL LION AND A CHINESE DRAGON, REPRESENTING THE BRITISH AND CHINESE ASPECTS OF HONG KONG.

THE COIN, WHICH WILL BE LEGAL TENDER IN HONG KONG, IS OF 22 CARAT GOLD AND IS 15.976 GRAMMES IN WEIGHT AND 28.4 MILLIMETRES IN DIAMETER.

THE ISSUE WILL BE LIMITED TO 32 000 COINS OF WHICH 12 000 WILL BE OF PROOF AND 20 000 OF BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED QUALITY. OF THE TOTAL, 22 000, CONSISTING OF 9 500 PROOF AND 12 500 UNCIRCULATED, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE EXCLUSIVELY TO HOLDERS OF HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS. IN THE EVENT OF OVERSUBSCRIPTION A BALLOT WILL BE HELD.

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APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK AND AT DISTRICT OFFICES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 29 AND OCTOBER 11. THE COMPLETED FORMS, TOGETHER WITH CROSSED CHEQUES OR BANKER'S CASHIER ORDERS, SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ONE OF THE COLLECTION CENTRES LISTED ON THE APPLICATION FORM NO LATER THAN 12.30 PM ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1986.

A SET OF THE 14 COINS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE QUEEN WHEN SHE LUNCHES AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON THE FIRST DAY OF HER VISIT.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALES OF THE GOLD COINS ARE HELD IN A SPECIAL COIN SUSPENSE ACCOUNT. FUNDS FROM THE ACCOUNT HAVE BEEN USED TO FINANCE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, CAREFULLY SELECTED PROJECTS FOR THE COMMUNITY, SUCH AS THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, THE SHA TIN INFIRMARY, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE AND FLATS FOR THE ELDERLY.

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