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GOVERNMENT, UMELCO REVIEWING REDRESS SYSTEM
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THE GOVERNMENT AND UMELCO ARE PUTTING THEIR HEADS TOGETHER TO REVIEW THE WHOLE RANGE OF PROCEDURES IN THE REDRESS SYSTEM TO SEE WHETHER IT MEETS THE NEW NEEDS OF HONG KONG OR WHETHER SOME NEW MEASURES SHOULD BE INTRODUCED, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX IN KWUN TONG, SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS STILL A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE.

+SO DON'T THINK THAT WE ARE GOING TO SET THESE THINGS UP TOMORROW,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHY THERE WERE PLANS TO SET UP AN OMBUDSMAN TO SCRUTINISE ADMINISTRATIVE MISCONDUCT, SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT NO PLANS HAD BEEN FINALISED YET.

HE SAID: +WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT IS THE WHOLE RANGE OF PROCEDURES, SOME OF WHICH EXIST AND SOME OF WHICH SHOULD BE UPDATED, WHICH ALREADY EXIST AND HOW THEY CAN BE IMPROVED.

+BECAUSE HONG KONG IS CHANGING AND WE WILL HAVE A NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND SO WE THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO LOOK AT THE SYSTEMS AS WE HAVE NOW, AND DECIDE WHETHER THEY MEET THE NEW NEED OR WHETHER WE SHOULD INTRODUCE SOME NEW MEASURES.

+WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IS, AS YOU KNOW, THAT THERE HAVE BEEN TWO EXERCISES. ONE IS BEING DONE IN THE GOVERNMENT AND ONE IS BEING DONE BY THE UMELCO MEMBERS, AND WE ARE PUTTING OUR HEADS TOGETHER.

+THERE IS QUITE A LOT OF HARD WORK TO BE DONE IN DECIDING WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO GO AND THE RESOURCES WHICH THEY WILL TAKE.

+BUT THE WHOLE OBJECT IS TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE.+

ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS A DATE FOR SETTING UP AN OMBUDSMAN, SIR EDWARD SAID: +NO, THERE IS NO DATE FOR SETTING UP THE OMBUDSMAN. NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN ON WHETHER TO SET UP THIS PARTICULAR KIND OF OFFICE OR WHETHER TO MAKE SOME MODIFICATION.+

ASKED WHETHER ONE OPTION BEING CONSIDERED WAS AN INDEPENDENT OMBUDSMAN TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS, HE SAID: +THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OPTIONS WHICH WE ARE CONSIDERING.

+WHEN PEOPLE TALK OF OMBUDSMAN OR PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER, THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT SYSTEMS WHICH ARE IN OPERATION AROUND THE WORLD AND WHAT WE SHALL HAVE TO DO IS TO FIND A NEW SYSTEM, IF THAT IS THE WAY WE DECIDE TO GO, WHICH BEST SUITS HONG KONG'S SYSTEMS, BECAUSE THERE ARE ALREADY ARRANGEMENTS.

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+AS YOU KNOW, THE UMELCO RECEIVE QUITE A LOT OF COMPLAINTS. THEY HAVE ALREADY A VERY GOOD COMPLAINT SYSTEM AND THEY HAVE A BASIS ON WHICH THEY CAN APPEAL.

+THERE ARE OTHER CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH PEOPLE CAN APPEAL TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND MANY PEOPLE OF COURSE APPEAL TO ME.

+WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS LOOK AT THE WHOLE RANGE AND TRY TO COME OUT WITH A SENSIBLE PATTERN AT THE END OF THE DAY.+

ASKED WHY A REVIEW WAS NEEDED, THE GOVERNOR SAID: +THE PRESENT UMELCO SYSTEM DOES WORK VERY WELL, BUT LIFE IS CHANGING AND WHENEVER A LIFE CHANGES, AND HONG KONG IS CHANGING OF COURSE, THE AMOUNT OF ADMINISTRATION WHICH GOES ON AND THE WAY IN WHICH IT AFFECTS PEOPLE'S LIVES IS CHANGING, SO WE THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD THING TO LOOK AT THE SYSTEM.

+OF COURSE WE REVIEW QUITE A LARGE NUMBER OF THINGS ALL THE TIME IN ORDER TO KEEP THE PLACE EFFICIENT AND VERY IMPORTANT, RESPONSIVE TO THE WISHES AND THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE PEOPLE DO WANT TO GET THEIR VIEWS KNOWN AND THEY DO WANT TO HAVE THEIR COMPLAINTS HEARD.

+WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS SET UP A SYSTEM OR RATHER TO CONTINUE A SYSTEM WHICH WILL ENABLE THAT TO BE DONE.+

ASKED WHETHER THE NCNA WAS INVOLVED IN THE EXERCISE, SIR EDWARD SAID THE NCNA WAS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY WAY.

ASKED WHETHER COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT WERE INCREASING, HE SAID: +THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ON MY DESK HAS NOT INCREASED.+

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GOVERNOR STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING * * * * *

THE GOVERNMENT SHARED THE EDUCATION COMMISSION'S BELIEF THAT VOCATIONAL TRAINING WAS AS IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY AS GENERAL EDUCATION, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THAT WAS WHY THE GOVERNMENT HAD ACCEPTED ITS RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN EXPANSION OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FORM OF ONE-YEAR FULL TIME BASIC CRAFT COURSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND TRAINING CENTRES.

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX, THE FIRST OF THE TWO MAJOR TRAINING CENTRES TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

/HE SAID

HE SAID THE PROGRESS AND UPGRADING OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY DEPENDED UPON THE SKILLS OF THE WORKFORCE, AND THESE IN TURN DEPENDED ON THE RANGE AND QUALITY OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AVAILABLE.

+THE OPENING OF THIS COMPLEX TESTIFIES TO OUR DETERMINATION TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING,+ HE SAID.

THE IMPRESSIVE FACILITIES AT THE FIVE TRAINING CENTRES - FOR ELECTRONICS, HOTEL, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING, PLASTICS, AND PRINTING - IN THE NEW COMPLEX WOULD PROVIDE THE INDUSTRIES WITH THE SKILLED MANPOWER THEY NEEDED, HE SAID.

+THEY WILL ALSO PROVIDE FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO RECEIVE THE SKILLED TRAINING WHICH THEY WILL REQUIRE FOR A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN INDUSTRY,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL NOW HAD PLANS TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE COMPLEX TO INCLUDE TRAINING IN PRECISION TOOLING.

THE PRECISION TOOLING CENTRE, WHEN COMPLETED NEXT YEAR, WOULD PROVIDE TRAINING IN TOOL DESIGN, MANUFACTURE AND MAINTENANCE.

+IT WILL PROMOTE THE FURTHER DIVERSIFICATION AND EFFICIENCY OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

SIR EDWARD THEN CONGRATULATED THE COUNCIL, AND OTHERS CONCERNED IN BRINGING THE COMPLEX INTO OPERATION AND WISHED THEM EVERY SUCCESS IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS.

IN HIS WELCOMING ADDRESS, THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, DR FRANCIS TIEN, THANKED THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS SUPPORT BY PROVIDING FUNDS TO BUILD AND EQUIP THE COMPLEX.

HE SAID THAT THE COUNCIL WAS ALSO GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY DONATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SECTORS.

THE FIVE CENTRES IN THE NINE-STOREY COMPLEX WILL BE PROVIDING A TOTAL OF 18 FULL-TIME AND TWO PART-TIME COURSES RANGING FROM 30 HOURS TO A YEAR IN LENGTH TO ABOUT 4 000 TRAINEES ANNUALLY.

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AUXILIARY SERVICES PROVIDING CRUCIAL SUPPORT - SIR EDWARD
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HONG KONG'S ABILITY TO COPE SUCCESSFULLY WITH NATURAL DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES DEPENDED IN PART UPON THE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY SERVICES WHO PROVIDED CRUCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE REGULAR UNITS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, SIR EDWARD SAID TRAINING AND ENTHUSIASM WERE THE KEY ELEMENTS IN THE SUCCESS OF THE AUXILIARIES.

+FROM ALL I HAVE SEEN, PARTICULARLY ON MY VISIT TO YOUR TRAINING CAMP, AND HEARD OF THE WORK OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, YOU HAVE INDEED ACHIEVED A VERY HIGH STANDARD IN BOTH RESPECTS,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY MUCH ADMIRERD THE WAY THE CAS HAD MET THE CHALLENGES OF THE WIDE RANGE OF ITS TASKS, WHICH INCLUDED CROWD CONTROL, FIGHTING FOREST FIRES, AND CLEANING UP OIL POLLUTION.

THE CAS HAD PROVIDED AN IMPORTANT SERVICE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN THE FUTURE, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

EARLIER, THE CAS COMMISSIONER, SIR ROGER LOBO, SAID THE SERVICE WAS FULLY ESTABLISHED BOTH IN THE CADET CORPS AND IN THE ADULT SERVICE, INDICATING THAT MORALE WITHIN THE SERVICE WAS HIGH.

STATING THAT THE YEAR HAD BEEN MORE ACTIVE THAN USUAL, HE SAID THAT DURING THE GROUNDING OF 'MV FROSTA DURBAN', THE CAS WAS MOBILISED TO ASSIST THE MARINE AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS IN LOADING LARGE DRUMS OF DISPERSANTS AND IN SPRAYING THE SEA TO BREAK UP THE OIL SLICKS AFFECTING THE BEACHES ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE CAS WAS INVOLVED IN THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WALK FOR A MILLION FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO TAIKOO SHING, IN WHICH OVER 110 000 WALKERS PARTICIPATED AND AT WHICH MORE THAN \$3.1 MILLION WAS RAISED - A RECORD FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST AND THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS.

SIR ROGER SAID THAT LADY YOUDE WOULD BE VISITING THE CAS TRAINING CENTRE AT YUEN TUN EARLY IN OCTOBER TO OPEN THE ORNAMENTAL GARDEN AND LAKE CONSTRUCTED BY VOLUNTEERS.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 1986, HE SAID, THE CAS HOPED TO ESTABLISH ITS FIRST ISLAND UNIT ON LANTAU.

+THERE IS A DEFINITE FEELING AMONG MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THEY WISH TO JOIN AN ORGANISATION SUCH AS THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, IN ORDER TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THEIR TERRITORY,+ HE SAID.

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JULY ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL FIGURES OUT
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) IN THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR REMAINED STABLE IN JULY 1985 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE WEARING APPAREL AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES SHOWED SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR ORDERS POSITION. HOWEVER, A DECLINE IN THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS WAS REPORTED BY MANUFACTURERS IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS A WHOLE REMAINED STABLE. AMONG INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES, INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE REPORTED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY AND, MORE NOTABLY, IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AS MORE SUMMER WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED. HOWEVER, THESE WERE OFFSET BY DECREASES IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE TEXTILES, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

INCREASES IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE REPORTED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES MAINLY DUE TO PAYMENTS FOR MORE OVERTIME WORK BY SOME FIRMS. SALARY REVISION AND SEVERANCE PAY ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR PART OF THE INCREASES.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR SHOWED A SLIGHT INCREASE AS SOME NEW PROJECTS STARTED WORK, WHILE THAT IN THE SERVICES SECTOR REMAINED STABLE. BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND MOST SERVICES SECTORS INCREASED IN JULY MAINLY DUE TO SALARY REVISION AND PAYMENTS FOR MORE OVERTIME WORK. THE HOTEL SECTOR, HOWEVER, RECORDED A SLIGHT DECLINE IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLES BELOW.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH THEY SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

/THE SURVEY

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JULY 1985 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 3-7212854.

A. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| INDUSTRY | (% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH) | | | ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR JULY 1985 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|
| | MAY 1985 | JUNE 1985 | JULY 1985 | |
| WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR | * | - 1 | 2 | 4.44 |
| TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL | * | * | 4 | 2.16 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS | - 1 | - 1 | * | 4.27 |
| FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS | - 1 | - 4 | - 2 | 3.48 |
| ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS | - 4 | 1 | - 3 | 5.10 |
| OTHERS | - 1 | * | * | 4.44 |
| <u>ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES</u> | <u>- 2</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>4.32</u> |

B. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

| INDUSTRY/SERVICES | PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED | | | PER CAPITA EARNINGS | | | PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR JULY 1985 HK\$ |
|----------------------|---|-----------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|---|
| | (% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH) | | | | | | |
| | MAY 1985 | JUNE 1985 | JULY 1985 | MAY 1985 | JUNE 1985 | JULY 1985 | |
| <u>MANUFACTURING</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>-1</u> | <u>-3</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>2 981</u> |
| FOOD AND DRINKS | 1 | * | 1 | 6 | -3 | 6 | 3 893 |

/WEARING APPAREL,

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|--|----|----|----|-----|----|----|-----------------------------|
| WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR | * | * | * | 5 | -4 | 5 | 2 546 |
| TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL | -2 | -1 | -1 | 5 | -4 | 1 | 3 089 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS | 2 | 8 | 7 | -19 | -8 | 7 | 2 649 |
| FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS | 2 | 3 | -3 | -2 | -2 | 10 | 2 672 |
| ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS | -1 | * | -1 | -4 | * | 1 | 2 842 |
| OTHERS | 2 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -3 | 1 | 3 962 |
| CONSTRUCTION** | 1 | -1 | 1 | * | 2 | 1 | 4 458 |
| <u> </u> | - | - | - | - | - | - | <u> </u> |
| SERVICES | * | * | * | -3 | * | 8 | 5 639 |
| <u> </u> | - | - | - | - | - | - | <u> </u> |
| BANKS | * | * | * | 1 | * | 5 | 5 005 |
| HOTELS | 1 | * | * | -10 | 1 | -2 | 3 560 |
| PUBLIC UTILITIES | * | * | * | -5 | 2 | 11 | 5 844 |
| OTHERS | 1 | 1 | 1 | * | -2 | 5 | 6 844 |

* CHANGES WITHIN +0.5%

** PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

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UK TRANSPORT SECRETARY TO PAY VISIT
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT, MR NICHOLAS RIDLEY, WILL VISIT HONG KONG FOR FOUR DAYS STARTING THIS SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 22).

ACCOMPANIED BY MRS RIDLEY, HE WILL BE ARRIVING FROM LONDON ON FLIGHT BR 382, ETA 6.10 PM.

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DURING HIS STAY, MR RIDLEY WILL BE MEETING LOCAL BUSINESSMEN AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ESPECIALLY IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR.

ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) MORNING, MR RIDLEY WILL MEET BANKERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. HE WILL SPEND THE AFTERNOON VISITING THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION.

LATER THE SAME DAY, MR RIDLEY WILL GO TO THE LION'S PAVILION IN SHA TIN FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE NEW TOWN, BEFORE MOVING TO ANOTHER VANTAGE POINT AT KAU TO HILL FOR A BRIEFING ON THE MA ON SHAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE TOLO HIGHWAY, DUE TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED NEXT WEEK.

ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 24), MR RIDLEY WILL VISIT THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION. HE WILL THEN CALL ON GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND VISIT THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING CONTROL CENTRE TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME.

LATER IN THE DAY, MR RIDLEY WILL TOUR THE EASTERN DISTRICT INCLUDING THE TAIKOO SHING CITY PLAZA AND WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TRANSPORT NETWORK.

PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR PEKING ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 25), MR RIDLEY WILL MEET THE MEDIA AT THE AIRPORT VIP PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER MR RIDLEY'S VISIT:

1. ARRIVAL AT KAI TAK

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE ARRIVAL SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING BY 5.20 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 22).

2. VISIT TO SHA TIN

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARPARK AT 2.45 PM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 23). THOSE TRAVELLING ON THEIR OWN SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE LION'S PAVILION BY 3.45 PM.

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3. TOUR OF EASTERN DISTRICT

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE TAIKOO SHING CITY PLAZA AT TAIKOO SHING ROAD AT 3 PM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 24).

4. PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT

MR RIDLEY WILL MEET THE MEDIA IN THE AIRPORT VIP PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM AT 11.45 AM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) BEFORE DEPARTING FOR PEKING ON FLIGHT CA 106, ETD 12.25 PM. THOSE COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE VIP PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE FIRST FLOOR AT 11.15 AM.

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BRIEFING ON LEGCO ELECTIONS PRESS ARRANGEMENTS
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A BRIEFING ON THE ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE THE MEDIA COVERING THE FORTHCOMING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT WEEK WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) AT 4 PM AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

THE BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN BY PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (ELECTORAL SERVICES) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH, MR LEE LAP-SUN; PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (GENERAL) OF CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR C.M. LEUNG AND THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NEWS) OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, MR JIMMIE MARSHALL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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SECOND MEETING FOR COMMITTEE

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THE WAYS AND MEANS SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS SECOND MEETING ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 23).

IT WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE CONCEPT OF THE PROVISIONAL ACCEPTABLE LEVEL (PAL) OF EXPENDITURE AS A BUDGET MANAGEMENT TOOL.

THE MEETING, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 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 EVENT.

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LDC STEERING GROUP MEETS AGAIN

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THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION STEERING GROUP, CHAIRED BY THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS, MR JOHN TODD, HELD ITS SECOND MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY) TO LOOK INTO ALL ASPECTS RELATED TO THE SETTING UP OF THE CORPORATION.

THE MEETING CONSIDERED INTERIM REPORTS BY THE WORKING GROUP ON HOUSING AND THE SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES WORKING GROUP. THEY SOUGHT ADVICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE STEERING GROUP ON THE QUESTIONS OF REHOUSING POLICY AND COMPENSATION AND ON MATTERS RELATING TO SHAREHOLDING AND VALUATION.

MEMBERS ADVISED THAT THE TWO WORKING GROUPS WOULD CONTINUE THEIR DELIBERATIONS AND REPORT BACK TO THE STEERING GROUP AT ITS NEXT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 1.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT AN INTERIM REPORT SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE LAND AND BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE TWO GROUPS WHO SUBMITTED INTERIM REPORTS AT TODAY'S MEETING ARE AMONG THREE ALREADY FORMED. THE THIRD IS LOOKING INTO ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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UP IN THE AIR OVER VOTER REGISTRATION

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A LARGE HELIUM BALLOON WILL AGAIN BE FLOATED IN KWAI CHUNG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO PUBLICISE THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT.

MEASURING ABOUT SIX BY TWO METRES, THE BALLOON WITH THE VOTER REGISTRATION MESSAGE WILL BE FLOATED IN HANG PING STREET AS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE TO ATTRACT POTENTIAL VOTERS.

ON THE SAME DAY, A SPECIAL EVENT FEATURING A +MALIBU+ CAR RACE AND A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT 7 PM IN THE SHEK LEI ESTATE RECREATION GROUND NO. 9.

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, AND KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR LAM KIN-MING, WILL ATTEND THE CAR RACE.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO SIGN UP AS VOTERS

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EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, TONIGHT (FRIDAY) CALLED ON PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT YET SIGNED UP AS VOTERS IN THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE TO DO SO IMMEDIATELY.

+THERE ARE ONLY TEN MORE DAYS BEFORE THE EXERCISE ENDS, AND THOSE WHO FAIL TO REGISTER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE IN THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION NEXT MARCH,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY AT TAIKOO SHING CITY PLAZA TONIGHT TO LIGHT UP A GIANT MID-AUTUMN LANTERN, MR LEUNG SAID THAT MORE PEOPLE SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

ANYONE WHO HAS REACHED OR WILL BE 21 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR AND WHO HAS BEEN LIVING IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS CAN REGISTER AS A VOTER.

MR LEUNG ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAVE CHANGED THEIR ADDRESS OR PERSONAL PARTICULARS TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION OFFICE, OR OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS BRANCH OFFICES IN CAUSEWAY BAY, SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN.

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AT TONIGHT'S CEREMONY, MR LEUNG, TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM SWIRE PROPERTIES AND AMERICAN EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATION SWITCHED ON THE LIGHTS TO THE MID-AUTUMN LANTERN, WHICH FEATURES DRAGON AND PHEONIX DESIGNS.

THE LANTERN, WHICH WAS SPECIALLY SHIPPED TO HONG KONG FROM FOSHAN IN CHINA, WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

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ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR EXTENSION PROPOSED
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PLANS TO CONSTRUCT AN EXTENSION TO THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND PAK CHAI WAN WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROPOSED DUAL TWO-LANE PRIMARY DISTRIBUTOR ROAD, ELEVATED MOST THE WAY, WILL LINK THE PRESENT SHAU KEI WAN SECTION WITH AN EXISTING VIADUCT AT PAK CHAI WAN.

LOCAL SERVICE ROADS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN A KUNG NGAM, AND A LOOP ROAD LINK WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ACCESS TO THE HENG FA CHUEN DEVELOPMENT.

ALSO INCLUDED WILL BE AN ACCESS BRIDGE ACROSS THE CORRIDOR IN LYEMUN BARRACKS.

LANDSCAPING WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND OTHER SERVICES WILL BE INSTALLED TO CATER FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROJECT MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, HARBOUR CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 880-886 KING'S ROAD, GROUND FLOOR AND FIRST FLOOR; AND EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHAU KEI WAN SUB-OFFICE, 243 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY NOVEMBER 19.

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TRAFFIC FACILITIES IMPROVED FOR RESIDENTS
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IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE TO A BUS STOP AND A CORNER KERBSIDE IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT RECENTLY AFTER CIVIC-MINDED RESIDENTS WROTE TO THE DISTRICT BOARD.

USING THE +MY SUGGESTIONS TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD+ POSTGRAMMES, A RESIDENT OBSERVED THAT THE DESIGN OF THE QUEUE RAILING AT A BUS STOP NEAR POKFULAM VILLAGE CAUSED CONFUSION DURING RUSH HOURS.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIONS BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY, MODIFICATIONS WERE MADE TO PROVIDE SEPARATE QUEUE RAILINGS FOR CENTRAL-BOUND AND MID-LEVELS-BOUND BUSES. BUS DRIVERS HAVE ALSO BEEN ADVISED TO PULL UP AT THE CORRECT SPOTS WHEN SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS.

IN ANOTHER CASE, A RESIDENT FELT THAT VEHICLES TURNING LEFT FROM ISLAND ROAD JUNCTION INTO REPULSE BAY ROAD WERE SOMETIMES FORCED TO MOUNT THE PAVEMENT CORNER BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF MANOEUVRING SPACE. THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LOOKED INTO THE MATTER AND WORK WAS CARRIED OUT TO ROUND OFF THE KERBLINE TO FACILITATE SMOOTHER TURNING MOVEMENTS FOR VEHICLES.

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE POSTGRAMME SCHEME WAS IDEAL FOR RESIDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON DISTRICT ISSUES.

+THE POSTAGE-FREE POSTGRAMMES, PUBLISHED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, ARE OBTAINABLE AT MORE THAN 50 DISTRIBUTION POINTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

+THESE INCLUDE THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, POST OFFICES, A FEW SELECTED GOVERNMENT OFFICES, COMMUNITY HALLS, MAJOR BANKS, RESTAURANTS, PETROL FILLING STATIONS AND SOME LOCAL ORGANISATIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ACCURATE INFORMATION IN FIRE FIGHTING STRESSED
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT CANNOT MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SERVICE WITHOUT ACCURATE INFORMATION AND EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS COMMAND, MR JOHN BREDBURY, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION OF 17 SENIOR FIREWOMEN AND FIREMEN OF THE FIRE SERVICES COMMUNICATION CENTRE WHO HAD COMPLETED NINE WEEKS OF TRAINING AT THE KOWLOON BAY FIRE STATION.

/WHILE CONGRATULATING

WHILE CONGRATULATING THE RECRUITS, MR BREDBURY WARNED THEM THERE WERE MANY NEW CHALLENGES AHEAD OF THEM.

+FOR THE MOST PART YOUR DUTIES WILL BE TO DESPATCH FIRE APPLIANCES AND AMBULANCES TO THE MANY EMERGENCIES WHICH OCCUR EVERY DAY. AND YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN AN EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM DURING SUCH EMERGENCIES.

+FOR WITHOUT ACCURATE INFORMATION AND EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.+

MR BREDBURY SAID THAT WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RECRUITS COULD ADJUST THEIR SOCIAL LIVES TO THE NEED OF THE SERVICE AND FIND THE NEW VOCATION A VERY REWARDING EXPERIENCE.

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SEMINARS FOR ECONOMICS, SCIENCE, CHEMISTRY TEACHERS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE HOLDING SEMINARS ON ECONOMICS, SCIENCE AND CHEMISTRY WITH THE FIRST, ON QUANTITY THEORY OF MONEY FOR HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL ECONOMICS TEACHERS, BEING HELD AT THE LECTURE THEATRE OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE SEMINAR, THE EIGHTH IN THE SERIES, WILL AGAIN BE JOINTLY HELD BY THE ECONOMICS AND ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AND THE HONG KONG EXAMINATION AUTHORITY. IT WILL FOCUS ON VARIOUS TOPICS IN THE 1986 HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL ECONOMICS SYLLABUS.

ANOTHER SEMINAR ON SCIENCE TEACHING FOR NEW TEACHERS WILL BE HELD AT HO LAP COLLEGE IN SAN PO KONG ON OCTOBER 26.

ORGANISED BY THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE IT IS AIMED AT INTRODUCING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SCIENCE TEACHING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO NEW TEACHERS OF PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, HUMAN BIOLOGY AND INTEGRATED SCIENCE.

FOUR REPEATED SEMINARS ON INTRODUCTION TO TEACHER ASSESSMENT SCHEME FOR ADVANCED LEVEL CHEMISTRY PRACTICAL WILL BE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG EXAMINATION AUTHORITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN EDUCATION OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR, DESIGNED FOR ADVANCED LEVEL CHEMISTRY TEACHERS, IS TO INTRODUCE THE NATURE OF THE TEACHER ASSESSMENT SCHEME INCLUDING ITS PHILOSOPHY, OPERATION AND SUPERVISION.

THE SEMINARS WILL BE HELD AT THE SCIENCE TEACHING CENTRE AT PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, BETWEEN OCTOBER 5 AND 26.

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POSTAL CONTRACT RENEWED
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THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE HAS RENEWED A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH CROWN AGENTS STAMP COMPANY FOR PRODUCING POSTAGE STAMPS AND FOR MARKETING PHILATELIC ITEMS AROUND THE WORLD.

THE NEW CONTRACT WAS SIGNED RECENTLY BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR H.G. ARDLEY, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CROWN AGENTS STAMP COMPANY, MR BRYAN COLLINGS, AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICES EXTENDED
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SPEEDPOST SERVICES TO BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE GUERNSEY, JERSEY AND ISLE OF MAN FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 23), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

+ ITEMS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEES ON THE SECOND WORKING DAY AFTER POSTING. BOTH 'CONTRACT' AND 'ON DEMAND' SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE, + HE SAID.

THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT PER ITEM IS 15 KILOGRAMMES AND THE POSTAL RATES ARE:

- * ITEM WEIGHING UNDER 250G :\$85
- * ITEM WEIGHING BETWEEN 250G AND 500G :\$95
- * EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500G :\$25

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108.

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NEW POST OFFICE OPENS
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POSTAL SERVICES IN TAI KOK TSUI HAVE BEEN IMPROVED WITH THE OPENING OF A NEW POST OFFICE IN THE AREA TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE 102TH IN HONG KONG, THE NEW POST OFFICE PROVIDES THE NORMAL RANGE OF COUNTER SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAY.

OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR HUGH ARDLEY, AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG.

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STAFF MEMBERS TEST AQUATIC SKILLS
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AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT STAFF TURNED OUT IN FORCE THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TO TEST THEIR AQUATIC SKILLS AT THE ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA AT THE LAI CHI KOK PARK SWIMMING POOL.

MORE THAN 200 MALE AND FEMALE STAFF MEMBERS TOOK PART IN THE 11 EVENTS OF THE GALA, THE 18TH ORGANISED BY THE AFD STAFF CLUB.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY'S EVENTS WAS AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL INVITATION RELAY, IN WHICH TEAMS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES, WATER SUPPLIES, HOUSING AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS COMPETED.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, PRESENTED PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS TO WINNERS AT INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

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SECOND MOBILE LIBRARY FOR NON-URBAN AREA OPENED
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RESIDENTS IN THE NON-URBAN AREA WILL HAVE BETTER LIBRARY SERVICE FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WHEN THE SECOND MOBILE LIBRARY OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMES INTO OPERATION.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, DR HO MAN-WUI, SAID THERE WERE AT PRESENT 15 PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND ONE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVING THE NINE DISTRICTS IN THE NON-URBAN AREA.

TO COMPLEMENT THE SERVICES OF THE STATIC LIBRARIES, THE DEPARTMENT INTRODUCED A MOBILE LIBRARY IN 1981.

+WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION GROWTH IN THE NEW TOWNS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, THERE IS AN INCREASING NEED TO EXTEND THE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE NEW LIBRARY, HE SAID IT COULD HOLD SOME 4 000 BOOKS - SEVERAL HUNDRED MORE THAN THE EXISTING ONE. ITS WIDE RANGE OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH BOOKS WOULD BE REPLENISHED DAILY FROM A COMPREHENSIVE STOCK OF OVER 26 000 VOLUMES AT ITS TSUEN WAN BASE.

FOR THE COMFORT OF USERS, THE MOBILE LIBRARY WOULD BE AIR-CONDITIONED WHEN STATIONARY, DR HO SAID. AS FROM TOMORROW, THE NEW LIBRARY WOULD BE JOINING THE EXISTING ONE TO CALL AT 24 STOPS IN THE NON-URBAN AREA.

/HE THANKED

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HE THANKED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS GENEROUS DONATION WITHOUT WHICH, HE ADDED, THE PROJECT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE.

JOINING DR HO AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG- THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR TONY HAMMOND, AND THE INFORMATION SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, MR DAVID YAU.

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COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDS FOR FIVE MINOR PROJECTS
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THE CAPITAL WORKS SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS GIVEN APPROVAL TO SPEND \$2.3 MILLION UNDER THE MINOR PROJECTS BLOCK VOTE TO MEET THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF FIVE PROJECTS IN THE URBAN AREA.

AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING TODAY, CHAIRED BY MR AUGUSTINE CHUNG, MEMBERS NOTED THAT THREE OF THE PROJECTS ARE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND TWO IN KOWLOON.

THE ONES OF THE ISLAND INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO TEMPORARY BASKETBALL COURTS ON A 1 400-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN ELECTRIC ROAD, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SITTING-OUT AREA AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE IN CENTRAL AND THE LANDSCAPING OF AN OPEN SPACE AT TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD.

THE PROJECTS IN KOWLOON ARE THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE PAK HOI STREET PUBLIC TOILET AND BATHHOUSE AND THE RENOVATION OF THE POLYTECHNIC DENTAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING WHICH HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE SCIENCE MUSEUM OFFICE AS SUPPORTING FACILITIES FOR THE PERMANENT MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THESE PROJECTS IS EXPECTED TO START IN LATE 1985 FOR COMPLETION IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID THE MINOR PROJECTS BLOCK VOTE IS INTENDED TO COVER EXPENDITURE FOR MINOR WORKS PROJECTS AS WELL AS TO IMPROVE EXISTING FACILITIES.

A PROVISION OF \$35 MILLION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE VOTE FOR 1985/86 BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. AND DURING THE FIVE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED AUGUST THIS YEAR, ABOUT \$6 MILLION HAD ALREADY BEEN SPENT.

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CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS PASSING OUT

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECRUIT OFFICERS AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

ON PARADE WILL BE 15 OFFICERS AND 73 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED SIX MONTHS OF BASIC TRAINING.

MR JEAFFRESON WILL ADDRESS THE PARADE AND PRESENT SILVER WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST RECRUITS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PASSING-OUT PARADE AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CSD STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, 47 TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY.

TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE CSD HEADQUARTERS AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 9 AM SHARP.

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YOUTHS TO TELL OF TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

THE 24 RECIPIENTS OF THE HOMESTAY SCHOLARSHIP, OFFERED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SPONSORED BY CINEMA CITY COMPANY, WILL BE GIVING A REVIEW TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT BROADCASTING HOUSE OF THEIR RECENT EXPERIENCE OF TRAVELLING TO SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

THE OUTSTANDING YOUNGSTERS HAVE BEEN TO COUNTRIES OF THEIR OWN CHOICE LIKE NEPAL, INDIA, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, MALAYSIA AND JAPAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT BROADCASTING HOUSE, RTHK.

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CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL APPROACH ROADS TO BE CLOSED
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THE APPROACH ROADS OF THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DURING THE FOLLOWING PERIODS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HUNG HING ROAD FLYOVER:

MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) -- 1 AM TO 6 AM

- * THE APPROACH ROAD LINKING THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL AND THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. VEHICLES FROM THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE CAUSEWAY BAY SLIP ROAD, VICTORIA PARK ROAD EASTBOUND, GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER AND GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND TO REJOIN CANAL ROAD FLYOVER. VEHICLES ON CANAL ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE DOWN RAMP TO VICTORIA PARK ROAD EASTBOUND, GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER, GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND AND THE FLYOVER LEADING TO CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL.
- * THE SLIP ROADS LEADING FROM THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL TO NORTH POINT AND CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE CAUSEWAY BAY SLIP ROAD, VICTORIA PARK ROAD EASTBOUND AND GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER. TRAFFIC HEADING FOR CENTRAL WILL HAVE TO PROCEED TO GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND WHILE TRAFFIC HEADING FOR NORTH POINT WILL BE DIVERTED TO GLOUCESTER ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND CAUSEWAY ROAD.

TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 24) -- 1 AM TO 6 AM

THE APPROACH ROAD LEADING FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD TO CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. VEHICLES ON GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER INTERCHANGE, CANAL ROAD EAST, CANAL ROAD WEST AND CANAL ROAD FLYOVER TO CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL.

WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) -- 1 AM TO 6 AM

THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL TO CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. VEHICLES FROM THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE SLIP ROAD TO HAPPY VALLEY, CANAL ROAD FLYOVER, CANAL ROAD EAST, MORRISON HILL ROAD, TIN LOK LANE AND HENNESSY ROAD TO CAUSEWAY BAY.

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FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS WATERLOO ROAD PLANNED
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT TWO COVERED FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS WATERLOO ROAD AT DERBY ROAD AND DURHAM ROAD TO PROVIDE GRADE-SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN THE AREA.

AS PART OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT, THE SECTION OF DERBY ROAD BETWEEN CHESTER ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ACCOMMODATE THE EASTERN RAMP AND STAIRCASE OF THE FOOTBRIDGE.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT ARE MODIFICATIONS TO THE FOOTPATH, ROAD JUNCTIONS AND CENTRAL DIVIDER ALONG WATERLOO ROAD NEAR THE FOOTBRIDGES, AND THE RELOCATION OF AFFECTED BUS BAYS ALONG WATERLOO ROAD.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROJECT MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON.

OBJECTION SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY NOVEMBER 19.

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LANTAU ROAD CLOSURE
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A SECTION OF NGONG PING ROAD FROM ABOUT 400 METRES TO ABOUT 760 METRES OFF THE JUNCTION OF NGONG PING ROAD AND SHAM WAT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM NEXT MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) TO OCTOBER 25.

IT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM AND FROM 1.45 PM TO 5 PM DAILY EXCEPT SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD WIDENING WORK.

THE SAME SECTION WILL AGAIN BE CLOSED FROM NOVEMBER 4 TO 8.

DURING THE CLOSURE, NORMAL DIRECT BUS SERVICES TO AND FROM THE PO LIN MONASTERY IN NGONG PING WILL BE SUSPENDED. HOWEVER, SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE LOWER END OF THE ROAD FOR PASSENGERS TO AND FROM THE MUI WO FERRY PIER AND AT THE UPPER END OF THE ROAD TO TAKE PASSENGERS TO AND FROM THE MONASTERY.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE ROAD SECTION.

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