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VOTER REGISTRATION BEGINS TOMORROW

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HONG KONG PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT GOT REGISTERED AS ELECTORS HAVE A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO PUT THEIR NAMES ON THE GENERAL ELECTORAL REGISTER.

THE VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR 1988 BEGINS TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND WILL LAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30.

ALTHOUGH LATE SUBMISSIONS MAY ALSO BE ACCEPTED UP TO NOVEMBER 21, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO SEND IN THEIR FORMS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30.

REGISTERED ELECTORS ARE URGED TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION (RED) OF ANY CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS FOR THE UPDATING OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL, WHICH IS COMPILED ON A CONSTITUENCY BASIS ACCORDING TO THE RESIDENCE OF THE ELECTORS.

REGISTRATION OFFICER OF RED, MR LAI KWAN-TAI, ALSO REMINDED THE PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FURNISHING CORRECT PARTICULARS AND ENSURING THAT A MAILING ADDRESS IS GIVEN IN ADDITION TO THE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IN CASE THE LATTER IS INSUFFICIENT FOR POSTAL PURPOSES.

THERE ARE THREE GOOD REASONS TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION, MR LAI SAID.

"FIRSTLY, WHEN ACCEPTED, AN APPLICANT WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE IN THE COMING MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

"SECONDLY, THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL IS ALSO USED FOR ELECTIONS TO DISTRICT BOARDS AND NO SEPARATE APPLICATION IS REQUIRED.

"THIRDLY, THOSE WHO ARE REGISTERED ON THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL ROLL BUT HAVE YET TO SIGN UP FOR THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL WILL NEED TO BE PROPERLY REGISTERED ON THE LATTER IF THEY WISH TO REMAIN ON THE FORMER AFTER THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER."

MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSIONAL SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED AS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORS ARE PARTICULARLY REMINDED THAT ENROLMENT AS AN ELECTOR FOR THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IS A PREREQUISITE QUALIFICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTOR.

THEY ARE URGED TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION ON THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL NOW SO THAT THEY MAY ALSO SEEK REGISTRATION ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL ROLL IN APRIL 1989 OR BEFORE THE 1991 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS IF THEIR PROFESSION ALREADY FORMS PART OF A FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY.

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"THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION ON THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL ARE SIMPLE," MR LAI SAID.

"ANYONE WHO IS 21 YEARS OLD BY DECEMBER 31, 1988 AND HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS OR MORE OR WHO IS A HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER."

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICES AND BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG BANK AND HANG SENG BANK.

DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD, VARIOUS PROMOTION ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF AND DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS WILL BE PAID TO MOST NEWLY ESTABLISHED PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

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UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR APRIL-JUNE

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT REMAINED AT A VERY LOW LEVEL IN THE THREE MONTHS APRIL-JUNE 1988, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THESE FIGURES INDICATE THAT THE LABOUR MARKET CONDITIONS HAVE REMAINED TIGHT, WITH THE LOCAL WORKFORCE FULLY EMPLOYED.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR APRIL-JUNE 1988 WAS 1.8 PER CENT, WHICH WAS HIGHER THAN THE 1.6 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1988 BUT WAS THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE INCREASE OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN APRIL-JUNE 1988 WAS ESTIMATED AT 49,400, COMPARED WITH 44,500 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1988 AND 47,800 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1987.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR APRIL-JUNE 1988 WAS 0.7 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 0.9 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1988. THE RATE FOR APRIL-JUNE 1987 WAS 1.1 PER CENT.

THE DECREASES OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS PERIOD AND 0.4 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

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THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR APRIL-JUNE 1988 WAS 18,900, COMPARED WITH 25,200 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1988 AND 29,500 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1987.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT 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 ON 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 NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE MONTHS PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY.

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

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY-JULY 1988 WAS 1.7 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 0.6 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 49,000 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 JUNE 1988 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AROUND SEPTEMBER 20 AT \$10 PER COPY.

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RAINFALL IN JULY ABOVE NORMAL

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FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, RAINFALL FOR A CALENDAR MONTH - JULY - WAS ABOVE NORMAL, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) IN ITS REPORT ON THE MONTH'S WEATHER.

THE OBSERVATORY RECORDED RAINFALL OF 327.4 MILLIMETRES IN JULY, WHICH WAS THREE PER CENT ABOVE THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF 316.8 MILLIMETRES.

HOWEVER, FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR THE RAINFALL AMOUNT OF 875.4 MILLIMETRES STILL REPRESENTS ONLY 67 PER CENT OF THE NORMAL OF 1,309.7 MILLIMETRES AND IS THE SEVENTH LOWEST ON RECORD.

ALTHOUGH THE RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH WAS SLIGHTLY ABOVE NORMAL, THE MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD OF 56 PER CENT WAS THE FIFTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR JULY.

THE TOTAL DURATION OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE, 259.6 HOURS, WAS MORE THAN 10 PER CENT ABOVE THE NORMAL FOR THE MONTH.

MOST OF THE RAINFALL DURING THE MONTH WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO TYPHOON WARREN WHICH REQUIRED THE HOISTING OF THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3 FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR.

ALMOST 250 MILLIMETRES OF RAINFALL WERE RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING JULY 19 AND 20 AND OVER 300 MILLIMETRES FELL IN PARTS OF THE NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES WHERE WIDESPREAD SEVERE FLOODING OCCURRED.

THE HEAVY RAIN ALSO RESULTED IN SEVERAL LANDSLIPS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THE WEATHER FOR JULY 1 WAS GENERALLY CLOUDY WITH SOME MORNING SHOWERS. AS A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE EXTENDED TOWARDS THE SOUTH CHINA COAST FROM THE EAST, THE WEATHER TURNED FINE DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 2.

WITH THE RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE REMAINING OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, FINE WEATHER PREVAILED FOR THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS APART FROM SOME ISOLATED SHOWERS ON JULY 4 TO 5.

THE SUNNY CONDITIONS ALSO KEPT THE DAYTIME MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE TO OVER 32 DEGREES CELSIUS ON MOST OF THE DAYS.

A MAXIMUM OF 33.8 DEGREES WAS RECORDED ON JULY 9, THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR.

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MEANWHILE AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE TO THE SOUTHEAST OF TAIWAN WAS EDGING WESTWARDS. ON JULY 10, THIS AREA OF LOW PRESSURE MOVED ACROSS THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL WATERS, BRINGING SHOWERS AND OCCASIONAL THUNDERSTORMS TO HONG KONG.

SHOWERY WEATHER PREVAILED UNTIL JULY 13 WHEN A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE SET IN AND THE WEATHER BECAME GENERALLY FINE APART FROM A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS OVER THE NEXT FOUR DAYS.

ON JULY 18, WARREN, A FAST-MOVING TYPHOON SKIRTED THE NORTHERN TIP OF LUZON AND ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. THE STAND BY SIGNAL NO. 1 WAS HOISTED AT 11 AM WHEN WARREN WAS ABOUT 800 KILOMETRES EAST-SOUTHEAST OF HONG KONG.

WITH RAINBANDS ASSOCIATED WITH WARREN STILL QUITE FAR AWAY, THE WEATHER ON JULY 18 CONTINUED TO BE MAINLY FINE. HOWEVER, ONE OF THESE RAINBANDS REACHED HONG KONG EARLY NEXT MORNING AND GAVE RISE TO PERIODS OF HEAVY RAIN AND SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS WITH GUSTS REACHING 58 KILOMETRES PER HOUR IN THE URBAN AREAS AND 90 KILOMETRES PER HOUR OFFSHORE.

AS WARREN CONTINUED TO MOVE CLOSER TO THE SOUTH CHINA COAST, THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3 WAS HOISTED AT 4.10 AM ON JULY 19. THE WEATHER THROUGHOUT THE DAY WAS CLOUDY WITH SOME ISOLATED SHOWERS.

WARREN MADE LANDFALL AT AROUND 4.30 PM ABOUT 210 KILOMETRES EAST-NORTHEAST OF HONG KONG AND BEGAN TO WEAKEN.

ITS EXTENSIVE RAIN AREA AFFECTED HONG KONG THAT EVENING AND THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. WINDS ALSO REACHED STRONG FORCE.

SOME FLOODING AND LANDSLIP INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED AS A RESULT OF THE HEAVY DOWNPOURS. A SCAFFOLDING IN TSIM SHA TSUI ALSO COLLAPSED.

WITH THE FURTHER WEAKENING OF WARREN OVER LAND THE NEXT DAY, ALL SIGNALS WERE LOWERED AT 5 AM ON JULY 20.

HOWEVER, RAIN CONTINUED THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE DAY AND WAS HEAVIEST OVER THE NORTHWESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CAUSING SEVERE FLOODING IN THE AREA.

A TOTAL OF 270 HECTARES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WAS FLOODED. SIXTY-FIVE TONNES OF FRESH-WATER FISH AND A LARGE NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK WERE REPORTED LOST.

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APART FROM SOME MORNING SHOWERS, THE WEATHER WAS GENERALLY FINE BETWEEN JULY 21 AND 26.

ON JULY 27, A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE PASSED OVER HONG KONG IN THE LATE AFTERNOON AND TRIGGERED A SERIES OF SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS. THE HEAVY RAIN BROUGHT THE TEMPERATURE DOWN TO 24.2 DEGREES WHICH WAS THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE FOR THE MONTH.

THIRTY-FIVE INCIDENTS OF FLOODING WERE REPORTED AS A RESULT OF THE TORRENTIAL RAIN. IN ADDITION, A FOUR-METRE HIGH WALL IN CHEUNG SHA WAN COLLAPSED, DAMAGING A LIGHT TRUCK AND A CAR.

WITH THE TROUGH REMAINING ALMOST STATIONARY OVER THE SOUTH CHINA COAST, THE WEATHER CONTINUED TO BE CLOUDY WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED ON JULY 30 AS THE TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE WEAKENED. OTHER THAN A COUPLE OF BRIEF SHOWERS, THE WEATHER WAS GENERALLY FINE ON JULY 31.

DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, TWO TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

THE FIRST ONE WAS TYPHOON WARREN. THE SECOND WAS TROPICAL STORM AGNES WHICH FORMED AS A TROPICAL DEPRESSION ABOUT 1,610 KILOMETRES SOUTH OF TOKYO ON JULY 29. IT MOVED NORTH-NORTHWESTWARDS AT ABOUT 22 KILOMETRES PER HOUR INITIALLY.

AGNES INTENSIFIED TO A TROPICAL STORM AND ACCELERATED NORTH-NORTHEASTWARDS TO A SPEED OF ABOUT 34 KILOMETRES PER HOUR THAT EVENING. IT PASSED ABOUT 460 KILOMETRES SOUTHEAST OF TOKYO ON JULY 30 AND BECAME EXTRATROPICAL SOON AFTER.

DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, TWO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH TYPHOON WARREN.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JULY 1, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29 AND 30.

FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JULY 19, 20 AND 27. A LANDSLIP WARNING WAS IN EFFECT BETWEEN JULY 19 AND 20.

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SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
TYPHOON WARREN	1	JULY 18 11 AM	JULY 19 4.10 AM
	3	JULY 19 4.10 AM	JULY 20 5 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	259.6 HOURS	;	28.7 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	19.39 MJ/SQ. METRE	;	0.10 MJ/SQ. METRE ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	327.4 MM	;	10.6 MM ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	56 PER CENT	;	10 PER CENT LESS THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	81 PER CENT	;	NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	31.5 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	29 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	26.9 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	25.2 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	0.2 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	163.4 MM	;	11.6 MM BELOW NORMAL

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WORK OF POLICE AT ERSKINE CAMP

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WITHIN 48 HOURS OF AN URGENT CALL FOR THE POLICE TO SET UP AND STAFF A CAMP FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE A DERELICT FORMER MILITARY SITE WAS ESTABLISHED AND PREPARED TO RECEIVE 1,200 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING, ERSKINE CAMP IN SAI KUNG WAS BEING SPEEDILY TRANSFORMED FROM A VANDALISED AND NEGLECTED GROUP OF NISSEN HUTS IN A TANGLED AND OVERGROWN JUNGLE TO AN ORDERLY AND HABITABLE CAMP.

IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE HAS BEEN CALLED UPON TO CARRY OUT SUCH DUTIES.

NEWLY APPOINTED COMMANDANT AT ERSKINE CAMP, SUPERINTENDENT VIANNEY WILLY-FURTH, SAID: "WE'RE STILL WORKING VERY MUCH OFF THE CUFF. WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG WE'LL BE HERE. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO I'VE GOT - BUT I KNOW WHAT I'VE GOT."

AS HE SPOKE WORK CONTINUED OUTSIDE MR WILLY-FURTH'S IMPROVISED OFFICE TO RENOVATE OLD BUILDINGS, IMPROVE SECURITY FENCES AND PROVIDE BASIC SERVICES.

A WORK FORCE WAS PROVIDED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AND THE ARMY TO CARRY OUT THE URGENT WORK OF MAKING THE CAMP READY WHILE THE NEW INMATES WATCHED FROM THEIR CLOSED HUTTED ACCOMMODATION.

"WE'VE HAD TO START FROM SCRATCH," SAID MR WILLY-FURTH. "GUARD ROOM, KITCHEN, PLUMBING, A CLINIC, FURNITURE - YOU NAME IT AND WE HAD TO PROVIDE IT CALL IN A COUPLE OF DAYS."

THE 1,200 BOAT PEOPLE ARRIVED IN THREE CONVOYS OF 400 ON THE DAY AFTER MR WILLY-FURTH AND HIS HASTILY ASSEMBLED STAFF FIRST VISITED THE SITE.

THEY ARRIVED WITH ONLY BASIC DOCUMENTATION - DETAILS OF THE BOAT ON WHICH THEY ARRIVED, THEIR FAMILY GROUPINGS AND NUMBERS.

"I HAVE NO IDEA OF WHERE ANY INDIVIDUAL COMES FROM, NORTH OR SOUTH VIETNAM OR WHETHER HE'S GOOD OR BAD. I'VE GOT 11 HUTS BULGING WITH THEM AND THERE'S A LOT OF PAPER WORK TO DO.

"WHEN WE'VE DONE THE DOCUMENTATION WE'LL START TO THINK OF THE REFINEMENTS."

MR WILLY-FURTH SAID THE NEW ARRIVALS - TRANSFERRED ASHORE AFTER UP TO SIX WEEKS ON THE FERRY MAN YIP - WERE MOSTLY FARMERS OR FISHERMEN, ALTHOUGH SOME WERE HIGHLY EDUCATED AND OTHERS HAD ENTRY PERMITS TO OTHER DESTINATIONS OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

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THE VIETNAMESE HAVE BEEN DIVIDED AS EQUALLY AS POSSIBLE INTO THE HUTS, GROUPED AS THEY WERE WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN HONG KONG WATERS.

AS WORK PROGRESSES THE FAMILIES WILL BE PUT INTO GROUPS AND SINGLE MEN AND WOMEN ACCOMMODATED SEPARATELY.

WORK DETAILS WILL BE ORGANISED AND JOBS ALLOCATED, WITH THE INMATES WORKING UNDER STRICT SECURITY SUPERVISION.

"THEY ARE GOING TO WORK THE CAMP THEMSELVES," SAID MR WILLY-FURTH. "THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO STRICT DISCIPLINE BUT WITHOUT BEING HARSH. THE PLACE WILL BE MADE AS PLEASANT AS POSSIBLE.

"WE'RE TEACHING THEM TO USE FLUSHING TOILETS AND THEY HAVE SHOWERS AND A LOT OF GRASS TO WALK ON."

A DAILY ROUTINE IS ALREADY BEING BUILT, WITH A ROTA SYSTEM IN FORCE FOR SERVING FOOD AND CLEANING THE WASH PLACES AND LAVATORIES. FOOD, AT PRESENT BEING DELIVERED FROM OUTSIDE, WILL EVENTUALLY BE PREPARED IN A CAMP KITCHEN.

A SYSTEM OF EXERCISE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WILL FOLLOW.

MR WILLY-FURTH HAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF SIX WITH OTHER OFFICERS AND AUXILIARIES WORKING ON SHIFTS.

ALTHOUGH THE NEWCOMERS ARE RELIEVED TO BE ON DRY LAND AND IN MORE COMFORTABLE ACCOMMODATION THAN UNDER THEIR RECENT CONDITIONS, MINOR THEFTS AND OTHER INCIDENTS HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED AT ERSKINE CAMP.

"WE ARE ON OUR GUARD AGAINST TROUBLE," SAID MR WILLY-FURTH. "WE'VE HAD SOME SQUABBLES WITH PEOPLE WANTING MORE THAN THEIR FAIR SHARE OF HUT SPACE. WE'RE ALSO LETTING THEM TAKE TURNS IN GETTING FIRST PORTIONS OF THE FOOD AND WE HAVE OUR EYES ON PREVENTING PEOPLE SETTING THEMSELVES UP AS TABACCO BARONS.

"EVENTUALLY ALL OF THEM WILL BE SCREENED SO THAT WE WILL KNOW WHO'S HERE."

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PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES WELL PATRONISED

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THE 67 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) HAVE BEEN WELL PATRONISED DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CNTA SAID DURING THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD THE CENTRES, LOCATED CONVENIENTLY THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, HANDLED ABOUT THREE MILLION CASES.

HE SAID THE WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRES INCLUDED ANSWERING GENERAL ENQUIRIES, ADMINISTERING DECLARATIONS AND OATHS, MANAGING THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME AND THE RENT OFFICER SCHEME.

THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS OF ENQUIRY RELATED TO EMIGRATION AND OVERSEAS VISITS, CIVIL SERVICE JOB VACANCIES, DECLARATION/OATH/AFFIRMATION AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS, LOCATIONS AND OFFICE HOURS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

OF THE 388,000 DECLARATIONS AND OATHS ADMINISTERED DURING THE PERIOD, MOST WERE RELATED TO DECLARATIONS OF TRUE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS, EMIGRATION, DISPUTES, AND APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING, HE ADDED.

ON THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG AND THE CNTA, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A TOTAL OF 1,407 CASES WERE REFERRED TO THE LAW SOCIETY DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

AS TO THE RENT OFFICER SCHEME, 8,281 PEOPLE HAD CONSULTED RENT OFFICERS OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT STATIONED IN 13 DISTRICT OFFICES FOR ADVICE ON RENT AND TENANCY PROBLEMS.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE SERVICES, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES ALSO DISTRIBUTED SOME 5.3 MILLION FORMS AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS DURING THE PERIOD.

MAJOR ITEMS ISSUED WERE THE WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND APPLICATION FORMS FOR GOVERNMENT JOBS, ADMISSION TO EVENING COURSES OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, PUBLIC HOUSING AND VARIOUS NON-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE MAY TELEPHONE OR VISIT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE SECTION AT CNTA HEADQUARTERS AT 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, HARBOUR CITY, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON (TEL. 3-692255).

THEY MAY ALSO CALL AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES AT THE 19 DISTRICT OFFICES AND THEIR SUB-OFFICES.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY BEGINS
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THE MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL START A SURVEY TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE INDUSTRY'S MANPOWER AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE ONE-MONTH SURVEY WILL COVER ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES : BASIC METAL INDUSTRY, MANUFACTURE OF FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, MACHINERY (EXCEPT ELECTRICAL) AND MECHANICAL CLOCKS AND WATCHES AS WELL AS PLANT MAINTENANCE SECTION OF FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

RELEVANT DIVISIONS OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS RELATED PUBLIC UTILITY AND ENGINEERING SERVICING COMPANIES WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THIS SURVEY.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO BE SURVEYED. SURVEY INTERVIEWING OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENT TO ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE SURVEY WILL BE COMPLETED ON SEPTEMBER 10. INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

THE TRAINING BOARD URGES EMPLOYERS TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING ACCURATE INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE IMPORTANT IN FORMULATING MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

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PTU ANTI-RIOT EXERCISE IN YUEN LONG
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POLICE VANS AND SAXON ARMoured PERSONNEL CARRIERS RUMBLED THROUGH THE BLACK TARMAC STREETS OF YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, STOPPING AT THIS ROAD JUNCTION AND THEN THAT. IN NO TIME AT ALL SWEEPS BY RIFLE-TOTING OFFICERS WERE UNDER WAY.

NO, THE RESPONSE WAS NOT TO ANY SERIOUS DISTURBANCE, NOR A SUDDEN INFLUX OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN THIS DEVELOPING AREA. IN FACT, IT WAS A PLATOON OF POLICE TACTICAL UNIT OFFICERS CARRYING OUT AN ANTI-RIOT EXERCISE AS PART OF THEIR INTERNAL SECURITY TRAINING.

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EQUIPPED WITH FULL RIOT GEAR OF MASKS, HELMETS, RATTEN SHIELDS, SMOKE PISTOLS, SHOTGUNS AND RIFLES, FOUR COLUMNS OF KHAKI-DRESSED OFFICERS SPILLED FROM FOUR APC'S AND IMMEDIATELY FORMED A BATTLE ARRAY. IN SECTIONS OF EIGHT AND FOUR COLUMNS DEEP, THE PLATOON STOOD ON GUARD OPPOSITE IMAGINARY RIOTERS.

FOLLOWED BY THE FOUR IRON-PACKED MONSTERS, THE "SMOKE SECTION" AND THE "BATON SECTION" CAME TO THE FRONT LINE, SIMULATED THE LOADING OF SHELLS IN THE BREECHES OF THEIR GUNS AND ADVANCED.

THE EXERCISE, A MUST FOR EVERY INTAKE AT THE PTU, IS AIMED AT MAKING THE OFFICERS EXPERT IN USING THE ARMoured CARS TO SET UP ROADBLOCKS AND TO SURROUND SUSPECTED TARGETS IN CASE OF INTERNAL UNREST.

ONE OF THE SAXONS, WAS AN ARMoured COMMAND VEHICLE WITH DESK SPACE INCLUDED IN THE INTERNAL CONFIGURATION. THE REMAINING THREE WERE PERSONNEL CARRIERS CAPABLE OF CARRYING 10 OFFICERS, PLUS DRIVER AND COMMANDER.

ALL VEHICLES HAVE RADIO INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS. THEY ARE ALSO EQUIPPED WITH DETACHABLE TURRETS WITH SMOKE GRENADE LAUNCHERS.

OFFICERS OF THE PTU BETTER KNOWN AS THE "BLUE BERETS" ARE NO STRANGERS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. SINCE THE UNIT WAS FORMED IN 1968 FROM THE OLD POLICE TRAINING CONTINGENT WHICH HELPED QUELL THE 1967 RIOTERS, THE HIGHLY MOBILISED ELITE FORMATION HAS SHOULDERED A WIDE RANGE OF COMMITMENTS SUCH AS CROWD CONTROL AT FOOTBALL MATCHES AND RACE MEETINGS, KEEPING THE PEACE DURING SQUATTER AND OTHER CLEARANCE OPERATIONS AND CARRYING OUT ANTI-CRIME AND ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATIONS.

ITS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN TACKLING THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE RIOTS AT KAI TAK NORTH CAMP IN 1982 AND INCIDENTS CONNECTED WITH THE TAXI STRIKE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR IN 1984 HAS PROVED BEYOND DOUBT THAT THE UNIT FULFILLS THE ROLE OF THE FORCE "TROUBLE-SHOOTERS".

THE PTU HAS AN ESTABLISHMENT OF SIX COMPANIES - 1,020 MEN - AND PROVIDES AN IMMEDIATE RESERVE OF MANPOWER FOR USE IN AN EMERGENCY. ALL THE TRAINEES FROM THE RANKS OF CONSTABLE TO SUPERINTENDENT ARE DRAWN IN ROTATION FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS WHO SERVE FOR 30 WEEKS WITH THE UNIT - 10 WEEKS TRAINING IN FANLING BASE AND 20 WEEKS IN A DISTRICT.

AT ANY ONE TIME, TWO COMPANIES ARE UNDER TRAINING AT THE PTU BASE AND FOUR COMPANIES ARE ON REGIONAL ATTACHMENT - TWO IN KOWLOON, ONE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND ONE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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IT IS INTENDED THAT AN EXTRA FIVE TO SIX COMPANIES WILL BE FORMED BY THE EARLY 1990'S TO RESUME RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE ARMY FOR ALL ANTI-II OPERATIONS AT THE BORDER.

THE NEW COMPANIES WILL BE FORMED BY INCREASING THE NUMBERS AND LENGTHENING THE TIME FOR WHICH POLICEMEN ARE ATTACHED TO THE PTU. ULTIMATELY, THE PTU ATTACHMENT CYCLE WILL COVER 52 WEEKS, MADE UP OF 12 WEEKS ON INTERNAL SECURITY TRAINING, FOUR WEEKS ON ANTI-II TRAINING, 12 WEEKS ON BORDER PATROLS, FOUR WEEKS IN RESERVE AND 20 WEEKS ON ATTACHMENT TO A REGION.

ONCE THE NEW PTU BASE IN FANLING IS OPENED IN 1990, THERE WILL BE THREE COMPANIES UNDER TRAINING AT ANY ONE TIME.

TRAINING AT THE PTU IS RIGOROUS AND IMPRESSIVE. IN THE FIRST 10-WEEK COURSE AT FANLING, OFFICERS ARE TRAINED IN BASIC ANTI-RIOT WORK AND IN USING DIFFERENT TYPES OF WEAPONS. THE OFFICERS ARE ALSO TRAINED TO ROPE DOWN FROM A HOVERING HELICOPTER FOR RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN EMERGENCY.

AS RIOT HAS NO CONSTANT FORMAT, MUCH EMPHASIS IS PLACED IN FLEXIBILITY IN THE PTU'S ANTI-RIOT DRILL. DURING 1987, A TOTAL OF 1,700 OFFICERS UNDERWENT TRAINING.

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DISTRICT OFFICER TO VISIT TUEN MUN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, WILL VISIT A NUMBER OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 16) TO OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE VILLAGES AND THE PROGRESS OF IMPROVEMENT WORKS THERE.

HE WILL EXAMINE PROJECTS WHICH HAVE BEEN COMPLETED OR ARE BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S WORKS SECTION AT TAI LAM CHUNG, LUNG KWU TAN, SIU HANG SAN TSUEN, NAI WAI, LAM TEI AND TSENG TAU CHUNG TSUEN.

THE PROJECTS INVOLVED INCLUDE A NULLAH, CROSS ROAD, VAN TRACK, FOOTPATH, FOOT BRIDGE AND RAMP.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER'S VISIT TO LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 16).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 10 AM AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN. THOSE WISHING TO TAKE GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 9 AM AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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FIRE SERVICES SEEKING RECRUIT AMBULANCEMEN

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS RECRUITING YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN A CAREER AS AMBULANCEMEN.

AN APPLICANT SHOULD BE UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE, HAVE GOOD PHYSIQUE AND FIVE YEARS' CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE IN HONG KONG AND MUST BE ABLE TO SPEAK FLUENT CANTONESE AND READ AND WRITE CHINESE.

HE SHOULD BE WITHIN THE HEIGHT RANGE OF 165 TO 191 CENTIMETRES AND CORRESPONDING WEIGHT RANGE OF 52 TO 86.75 KILOGRAMS IN A SPECIFIC PROPORTIONAL HEIGHT AND WEIGHT SCALE.

HIS CHEST MEASUREMENT SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN 84 CENTIMETRES, BREATH EXHALED, WITH AN EXPANSION OF AT LEAST FIVE CENTIMETRES.

THE MINIMUM ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION REQUIRED IS SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF FORM 3.

THE STARTING SALARY FOR AN AMBULANCEMAN RANGES FROM \$4,225 TO \$4,655, DEPENDING ON QUALIFICATIONS, AND RISES TO \$6,165.

A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE TRAINED AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR 24 WEEKS BEFORE BECOMING AN AMBULANCEMAN.

APPLICATION FORMS (GF 340) CAN BE OBTAINED FROM DISTRICT OFFICES AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE RECRUITMENT UNIT, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 1 HONG CHONG ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, AUGUST 29.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE RECRUITMENT UNIT ON 3-7337675.

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JOB BAZAAR BEING PLANNED FOR KOWLOON

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO HOLD A THIRD JOB BAZAAR IN KOWLOON IN LATE SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THIS FOLLOWS THE SUCCESS OF TWO SIMILAR ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN, IN JANUARY AND THE CITYPLAZA, TAIKOO SHING, IN MAY.

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A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE THIRD JOB BAZAAR WOULD BE HELD AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL, TSIM SHA TSUI, BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 3.

ABOUT 16 COMPANIES, TO BE CHOSEN FROM THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS, WOULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. HE EXPECTED THAT ONLY ONE TO TWO FIRMS WOULD BE SELECTED TO REPRESENT A PARTICULAR TRADE OR INDUSTRY.

"FOR THIS REASON," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, "ACCEPTANCE FOR ENROLMENT WILL BE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS."

"EMPLOYERS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE BAZAAR ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8524157.

THE JOB BAZAAR IS A NEW CONCEPT INTRODUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO HELP EMPLOYERS PUBLICISE THEIR JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND TO ATTRACT MORE JOB SEEKERS TO TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT OR FIND A MORE SUITABLE CAREER.

IT ALSO PROVIDED AN IMMEDIATE, CORDIAL AND DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND JOB SEEKERS, THEREBY REDUCING THE TIME NEEDED EITHER TO FILL VACANT POSTS OR TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT, HE SAID.

TO PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND STAFF RECRUITMENT IN THE URBAN AREAS, THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED IT WORTHWHILE FOR A THIRD BAZAAR TO BE ORGANISED IN KOWLOON.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT IT WAS ALSO HOPED THAT THE EVENT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS ALLEVIATING THE PROBLEM OF LABOUR SHORTAGE IN HONG KONG.

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INSPECTOR PLANS TO BUILD MODEL OF POLICE LAUNCH

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SOME MIGHT REGARD THEIR HOMES AS THEIR CASTLES - BUT TO INSPECTOR NG KWOK-LUN OF THE POLICE MARINE NORTH DIVISION HIS HOME IS HIS BATTLEFIELD.

HIS HOUSE IS INUNDATED WITH TANKS, HELICOPTERS, JEEPS, FIGHTER PLANES, CRUISERS, DESTROYERS AND MACHINE GUNS.

FORTUNATELY THEY ARE ALL MODELS.

/MR NG

MR NG IS A MEMBER OF HONG KONG MILITARY MODELLING SOCIETY AND TAKES EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE REAL LIFE EXAMPLES OF THE MILITARY HARDWARE HE REPRODUCES SO ACCURATELY IN HIS SCALE MODELS.

MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY ARE PRIVILEGED TO GO ABOARD MILITARY SHIPS, SUCH AS THE "ENTERPRISE" OR THE "MIDWAY" AIRCRAFT CARRIER, WHEN THEY VISIT HONG KONG.

SAID MR NG : "MODELLING IS NOT JUST A GAME FOR CHILDREN. MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, FROM LAWYERS TO ORDINARY WORKERS.

"IN FACT MODELLING HELPS ME TO DEVELOP MY POWERS OF OBSERVATION BECAUSE I HAVE TO KNOW THE EXACT POSITION OF EACH COMPONENT AND FIT THEM ALL IN THE RIGHT PLACES."

HE ALSO USES REFERENCE BOOKS TO STUDY THE EXACT SPECIFICATIONS OF THE SUBJECTS OF HIS MODELS.

AS HE IS A POLICE MARINER IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT MR NG HAS NOW TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO MODELLING A POLICE LAUNCH. HIS SUBJECT IS PL 71 THE DAMEN MARK III "KING YEE".

HIS AMBITIOUS PROJECT WILL BE TO BUILD A 42-INCH MODEL OF THE "KING YEE" TO A SCALE OF 1:25.

"I EXPECT TO TAKE A YEAR TO COMPLETE THE MODEL AND IF IT IS A SUCCESS I PLAN TO FIT IT WITH REMOTE CONTROL POWER. IT WILL BE COMPLETELY SEA WORTHY.

"IT WILL COST ME MORE THAN \$10,000 TO BUILD ONE MODEL DAMEN BUT IF I CAN ATTRACT THE INTEREST OF OTHER POLICE OFFICERS WE CAN REDUCE HE COST CONSIDERABLY.

"IF WE GOT TOGETHER TO BUILD A COMPLETE FLEET OF 15 MODEL POLICE LAUNCHES WE COULD REDUCE THE COST PER LAUNCH TO AROUND \$3,000.

"WE WOULD BE SPENDING ABOUT TWO HOURS A DAY ON THE PROJECT IN OUR OWN SPARE TIME.

"THE EXERCISE WILL ALSO HELP US TO BECOME BETTER POLICE OFFICERS BECAUSE MODELLING GIVES US PATIENCE AND ENDURANCE WHICH ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT IN OUR JOBS."

MR NG JOINED THE FORCE IN 1978 AS A POLICE CONSTABLE. HE WAS PROMOTED SERGEANT IN 1984 AND BECAME AN INSPECTOR IN 1986.

BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO MARINE REGION IN APRIL THIS YEAR HE SERVED IN UNIFORM BRANCH, POLICE TACTICAL UNIT AND EMERGENCY UNIT.

HE RECEIVED A COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENDATION IN 1985 FOR HIS WORK IN A PROTRACTED AND SUCCESSFUL INVESTIGATION OF A GANG OF PICK POCKETS.

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IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW ON CHATHAM ROAD NORTH

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORISTS AND BUS PASSENGERS THAT NEW TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON CHATHAM ROAD NORTH TOWARDS THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE MEASURES ARE PART OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE REPORT ON CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL STUDY, JOINTLY COMPILED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND A CONSULTANCY FIRM.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, THE EXISTING BUS STOPS AT CHATHAM ROAD NORTH SOUTHBOUND NEAR BAKER STREET WILL NOT BE OBSERVED BY CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTES NO. 101, 108, 109, 116 AND 121 AND AIRBUS ROUTES NO. A2 AND A3. HOWEVER, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED BY KMB ROUTES NO. 13X, 14X, 15X AND 24X.

NEW BUS STOPS FOR THESE CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTES WILL BE PROVIDED AT A BUS BAY NEAR THE FAT KWONG STREET FLYOVER. THE TWO AIRBUS ROUTES WILL ALSO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AT THE SAME LOCATION.

"THE CANCELLATION OF THE BAKER STREET STOPS FOR CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTES WILL REDUCE THE REQUIREMENT FOR THESE BUSES TO WEAVE ACROSS TUNNEL TRAFFIC QUEUES ON CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, THUS GIVING THEM A FREER APPROACH TO THE EXISTING BUS GATE SLIP ROAD AT THE LEFT TURN TO HONG CHONG ROAD," SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THE REDUCTION IN WEAVING ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO HELP TO IMPROVE THE FLOW OF OTHER TRAFFIC ALONG CHATHAM ROAD NORTH SOUTHBOUND."

MEANWHILE, THE CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS ON CHATHAM ROAD NORTH SOUTHBOUND WILL BE ADJUSTED TO IMPROVE THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC HEADING FOR YAU MA TEI AREA.

AT PRESENT, MANY MOTORISTS HEADING FOR THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ARE MAKING USE OF THE TRAFFIC LANES HEADING FOR THE NON-TUNNEL AREA TO MOVE INTO THE TUNNEL QUEUES, AND ARE CAUSING CONSIDERABLE CONFLICT WITH AND DELAYS TO NON-TUNNEL TRAFFIC.

WITH THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS IN CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS, WHICH INCLUDE THE DESIGNATION OF NEW SOLID/BROKEN WHITE LINES AND THE SHORTENING OF SOME OF THE EXISTING SOLID/BROKEN WHITE LINES, SUCH CONFLICT WILL BE AVOIDED AND NON-TUNNEL TRAFFIC WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A SMOOTHER FLOW.

"MOTORISTS COMING FROM THE EAST KOWLOON WAY WILL THEREFORE HAVE TO SELECT THE APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC LANES EARLIER, DEPENDING ON WHETHER THEY WISH TO CROSS THE HARBOUR OR TO GO TO YAU MA TEI AREA," THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

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BUS SERVICES ON HK ISLAND TO BE ADJUSTED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT A NEW CMB URBAN EXPRESS ROUTE NO. 18 PLYING BETWEEN NORTH POINT (HEALTHY STREET CENTRAL) AND WEST POINT (HOLLAND STREET) VIA WAN CHAI NORTH WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM TUESDAY (AUGUST 16).

THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6.27 PM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND BETWEEN 7 AM AND 2.51 PM ON SATURDAYS AT A FREQUENCY OF NINE TO 12 MINUTES. THE SINGLE JOURNEY FARE WILL BE \$1.50.

AT THE SAME TIME, CMB ROUTE NO. 10A PLYING BETWEEN NORTH POINT FERRY AND CENTRAL (WING WO STREET) WILL OPERATE DURING PEAK HOURS ONLY, THAT IS, BETWEEN 6.50 AM AND 8 PM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND BETWEEN 6.50 AM AND 10.12 AM ON SATURDAYS.

MEANWHILE, CMB ROUTE NO. 10B RUNNING BETWEEN NORTH POINT (HEALTHY STREET CENTRAL) AND CENTRAL (MACAU FERRY) AND ROUTE NO. 5M PLYING BETWEEN KENNEDY TOWN AND WAN CHAI FERRY WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM SERVICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THESE CHANGES ARE MADE TO RATIONALISE THE EXISTING BUS SERVICES WITH A VIEW TO BETTER UTILISING BUS RESOURCES AND REDUCING LOW-PATRONAGE ROUTES.

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REMINDER ON ARGYLE STREET ROADWORKS
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORISTS TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT WORKS TO RECONSTRUCT THE ROAD PAVEMENT IN ARGYLE STREET AT ITS JUNCTION WITH LOMOND ROAD WILL START TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE ROADWORKS ARE NECESSARY TO ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY. THEY WILL INVOLVE DIGGING UP THE EXISTING DEFECTIVE ROAD PAVEMENT, CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD PAVEMENT IN CONCRETE AND ANCILLARY ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN TRAFFIC FLOW AT THIS BUSY TRAFFIC JUNCTION, THE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN EIGHT STAGES AND WILL TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

DURING THE WORK PERIOD, PART OF THE CARRIAGEWAY AT THE JUNCTION WILL HAVE TO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP ON SITE TO GUIDE ROAD USERS.

AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED AT THIS JUNCTION DURING PEAK HOURS, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE OR USE OTHER ALTERNATE ROUTES IF POSSIBLE.

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