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GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE EFFORTS FOR HK'S SUCCESS: GOVERNOR  
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IT WILL BE THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSTANT CONCERN THAT THE ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTES OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS SHOULD CONTINUE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY OF EXCHANGE SQUARE THIS AFTERNOON, SIR EDWARD SAID:

+I AM VERY GLAD TO BE HERE THIS AFTERNOON FOR THE TOPPING-OUT OF EXCHANGE SQUARE.

+WE ARE STANDING HERE ON THE ROOF OF WHAT WILL BECOME THE UNIFIED STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG. NEXT YEAR OUR FOUR STOCK EXCHANGES WILL COME TOGETHER IN THIS BUILDING. TODAY'S CEREMONY THEREFORE IS SYMBOLIC OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AS THE WORLD'S THIRD LARGEST FINANCIAL CENTRE.

+WHILE WE CELEBRATE TODAY THE TOPPING-OUT OF THIS MAJOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, WE SHOULD ALSO REFLECT WHY INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND FINANCE FINDS HONG KONG SO ATTRACTIVE. THE SECRET OF HONG KONG'S COMMERCIAL SUCCESS LIES IN A COMBINATION OF FACTORS.

+THERE ARE THE TRADING AND FINANCIAL SKILLS OF OUR PEOPLE, WHICH ARE ALLOWED FULL SCOPE IN A FREE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT. THERE IS THE BUSINESS ACUMEN OF OUR ENTREPRENEURS. THERE ARE HONG KONG'S EXCELLENT COMMUNICATIONS WHICH MAKE IT A NATURAL REGIONAL CENTRE.

+THERE IS THE FREE FLOW OF MONEY IN AND OUT OF THE TERRITORY. THERE IS A STABLE AND LOW TAXATION SYSTEM. AND, THERE IS A RESPECTED AND LONG-STANDING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY AIMED AT THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE. IT WILL BE OUR CONSTANT CONCERN THAT THESE ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTES OF HONG KONG'S SUCCESS SHOULD CONTINUE.

+I CONGRATULATE THE HONG KONG LAND COMPANY LIMITED AND ALL ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF EXCHANGE SQUARE. THEY HAVE IN ONLY TWO YEARS TRANSFORMED THE SITE INTO THE MAGNIFICENT BUILDING WHICH WE TOP OUT TODAY, AND WHICH IS A WELCOME AND ATTRACTIVE ADDITION TO HONG KONG'S FAMOUS WATERFRONT SKYLINE.

+I WISH HONG KONG LAND WELL WITH ITS BOLD PLANS FOR EXCHANGE SQUARE; AND I WISH THE NEW UNIFIED STOCK EXCHANGE SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY WHEN IT STARTS OPERATING IN THESE PREMISES.+

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SECOND +CALL+ ON CATEGORY 637  
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THE UNITED STATES TODAY (FRIDAY) MADE AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION +CALL+ ON CATEGORY 637 (MAN-MADE FIBRE PLAYSUITS, SUNSUITS, ETC) - THE SECOND CALL ON THIS CATEGORY THIS YEAR, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THIS CATEGORY WAS FIRST CALLED IN FEBRUARY, BUT THE UNITED STATES WITHDREW THE CALL ON MAY 15, AFTER THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY HAD EXAMINED THE CASE AT HONG KONG'S REQUEST.

THE CALL MADE AT 12.15 PM TODAY BRINGS THE TOTAL OF CALLS BY THE UNITED STATES ON HONG KONG IN 1984 TO 12.

PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUSPENDED THE ISSUE OF FURTHER EXPORT AUTHORISATION FOR THIS CATEGORY AS FROM 12.15 PM TODAY.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL HOWEVER AS USUAL CONTINUE TO APPROVE AND ISSUE EXPORT LICENCES FOR THIS CATEGORY AGAINST VALID EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS APPROVED PRIOR TO THE SUSPENSION.

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NEED FOR NEW IDEAS, MACHINERY STRESSED  
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HONG KONG INDUSTRY MUST MODERNISE ITS MACHINERY, USE BETTER QUALITY MATERIALS AND DEVELOP NEW DESIGN AND PACKAGING IDEAS TO ENSURE ITS SURVIVAL AND COMPETITIVENESS, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY STRESSED TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE 5TH MACHINERY AND MATERIALS EXHIBITION AND THE ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING EXHIBITION HELD AT THE HONG KONG EXHIBITION CENTRE IN WAN CHAI.

HE SAID THAT THE INCREASED INDUSTRIALISATION IN OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE IMPROVED SOPHISTICATION OF AUTOMATED PROCESSES IN THE INDUSTRIALISED WORLD POSED +AN ENORMOUS CHALLENGE TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY.+

+WE CAN NO LONGER RELY ON LABOUR INTENSIVE ASSEMBLY LINES, SUPER-EFFICIENT AS THEY MAY HAVE BECOME IN HONG KONG. OUR WORKERS' SKILLS MUST NOW BE SUPPLEMENTED BY THE LATEST TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS IF WE ARE TO PRODUCE MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN OUR COMPETITORS,+ HE SAID.

A MANUFACTURER, MR YAXLEY SAID, SHOULD NO LONGER ASK HIMSELF WHETHER HE CAN AFFORD TO UPGRADE HIS MACHINERY, INSTEAD, HE MUST ASK HIMSELF WHETHER HE CAN AFFORD NOT TO.

/LAST YEAR, .....

LAST YEAR, HONG KONG'S RETAINED IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS, SEMI-MANUFACTURES AND CAPITAL GOODS AMOUNTED TO HK\$69 BILLION, REPRESENTING ALMOST 58 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL RETAINED IMPORTS AND A 28 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 1982.

HONG KONG INDUSTRY'S DEMAND FOR MATERIALS AND MACHINERY WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW AS HONG KONG NEEDED TO BROADEN ITS INDUSTRIAL BASE AND STRENGTHEN ITS LINKAGE AND SUPPORT INDUSTRIES, HE REMARKED.

MR YAXLEY PAID TRIBUTE TO THOSE OVERSEAS COMPANIES WHICH HAVE TRANSFERRED THEIR TECHNOLOGY HERE BY SUPPLYING HONG KONG WITH THEIR MATERIALS, MACHINERY, AND SERVICES, AND INVITED THEM +TO TAKE ONE STEP FURTHER BY DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN HONG KONG INDUSTRY+.

+BY THE END OF LAST YEAR, WE ALREADY HAD A TOTAL OF 530 WHOLLY OVERSEAS-OWNED OR JOINT-VENTURE FACTORIES KNOWN TO THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO BE OPERATING IN HONG KONG. WE WOULD WELCOME MORE COMPANIES TO JOIN THEIR RANKS AND SHARE HONG KONG'S SUCCESS,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

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#### INDUSTRY'S SUPPORT FOR BOARDS URGED

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FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WILL PROVIDE MORE CHANCES FOR RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL AFFAIRS AND WILL MAKE DISTRICT BOARDS MORE REPRESENTATIVE, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR K.C. KWONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

BUT THIS COULD ONLY BE SUCCESSFUL IF PEOPLE BECAME MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION WOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT GOVERNMENT POLICIES WERE IN LINE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE AND WOULD HELP IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT INDUSTRIALISTS ASSOCIATION, MR KWONG SAID DISTRICT BOARDS HAD BEEN DOING A LOT SINCE 1981 TO IMPROVE THE LIVELIHOOD OF RESIDENTS.

+THE BOARD'S ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE LAID A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING THE INCREASE IN ELECTED SEATS IN DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE ELECTION OF UNOFFICIAL BOARD CHAIRMAN,+ HE SAID.

WHILE IT WAS IMPORTANT TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION ON THE DISTRICT BOARDS, IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE BALANCED REPRESENTATION FROM EVERY SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY.

TO ACHIEVE THIS, ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS, INCLUDING THE 900 000 PEOPLE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, SHOULD REGISTER AS VOTERS AND VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, HE SAID.

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MUSICAL MARATHON TO MARK QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY  
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THE FIRST MUSICAL MARATHON OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG - WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA ON JUNE 16, TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

THE EVENT, JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW WORLD CENTRE, WILL START AT 12 NOON.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, DR HENRIETTA IP AND THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR CLIVE OXLEY WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THIRTEEN YOUTH CHINESE AND WESTERN ORCHESTRAS, BANDS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL PROVIDE FIVE HOURS OF UNINTERRUPTED MUSICAL SELECTIONS.

A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE AUDIENCE WOULD, FOR THE FIRST TIME, BE ABLE TO SAMPLE THE VARIED AND COLOURFUL REPERTOIRE OF THE PERFORMING GROUPS. +THE MARATHON WILL PROMISE TO BE A WORTHWHILE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO SPEND A HOLIDAY AFTERNOON,+ HE ADDED.

A BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED BOOKMARK FEATURING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE TO THE AUDIENCE AS A SOUVENIR MARKING THE OCCASION.

IN THE EVENING, ANOTHER QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWNHALL AUDITORIUM AT 8 PM.

A NUMBER OF UMEICO MEMBERS, SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND DIGNITARIES FROM TSUEN WAN WILL ATTEND.

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BOARD TO REVIEW ILLEGAL STRUCTURE PROBLEM  
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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL REVIEW THE PROBLEMS OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND EXTENSIONS IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS AT THEIR MEETING ON MONDAY (JUNE 11).

A GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR WILL TALK ON NEW PLANS TO STEP UP CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AGAINST CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE BUILDING ORDINANCE.

THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION.

AT THE MEETING MEMBERS WILL COMMENT ON THE URBAN COUNCIL'S PRESENT POLICY FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF HAWKERS AND SUGGEST MEASURES FOR IMPROVEMENT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS OBJECTIONS BY RESIDENTS OF MEI FOO SUN CHUEN AGAINST THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL.

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VITAL ROLE OF RURAL COMMITTEES STRESSED

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RURAL COMMITTEES HAVE CHANGED THEIR ROLE, BUT THEY REMAINED VERY IMPORTANT IN THE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE A MORE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT FOR HONG KONG, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

HE SAID THE COMMITTEES' SUPPORT AND ADVICE WERE STILL GREATLY VALUED AND GOVERNMENT HAD ENSURED THAT THEY COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT BOARDS ALONGSIDE THEIR ELECTED AND APPOINTED COLLEAGUES.

+WHEN WE HAVE THE NEW REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK WILL PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE COUNCIL'S BUSINESS,+ HE SAID.

+ALL THESE CHANGES WILL PRESENT NEW CHALLENGES TO THE RURAL COMMITTEES, AND I HAVE BEEN GREATLY PLEASED AND ENCOURAGED TO SEE HOW WELL RURAL COMMITTEES HAD SUCCEEDED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS NEW SYSTEM AND I AM SURE THAT THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK WILL BE EQUALLY SUCCESSFUL IN THE NEW REGIONAL COUNCIL.+

MR MACPHERSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE.

HE SAID THAT THOUGH THE 25-YEAR OLD TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE WAS RELATIVELY YOUNG, HE WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED AT WHAT COULD BE ACHIEVED IN A SHORT PERIOD.

+I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT THIS YOUNG RURAL COMMITTEE IS ALSO A PROGRESSIVE RURAL COMMITTEE, FOR IT HAS NOT ONLY SUCCEEDED IN REPRESENTING THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION AND THE RURAL AREAS IN THE DISTRICT, BUT HAS ALSO SERVED THE NEW POPULATION WHO HAVE COME TO SETTLE IN TAI PO IN ITS NEWLY DEVELOPED AREAS.+

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UMELCO STILL TALKING

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED AFTER THE UMELCO MEETING THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING:

REGARDING THE PROPOSED UMELCO TRIP TO PEKING, WE ARE STILL DISCUSSING WITH RELEVANT PARTIES THE POSSIBILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF MAKING THE VISIT. WHEN A FINAL DECISION IS MADE, WE WILL MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. IN THE MEANTIME WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO EARLIER STATEMENTS.

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## HOUSEWIFE WINS \$10 000 METRICATION PRIZE

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A HOUSEWIFE'S INTEREST IN METRICATION HAS MADE HER \$10 000 RICHER.

THIS WAS THE SUM MRS NG HO YIN-KUEN RECEIVED TODAY AS THE FIRST PRIZE IN THE +METRIC FAMILY LUCKY DRAW+, ORGANISED BY THE METRICATION COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH OVER 30 SUPERMARKETS.

HER ENTRY WAS AMONG 30 000 ENTRIES IN THE CONTEST WHICH WAS DESCRIBED BY THE METRICATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR JAMES WU, AS +HAVING PROVED SUCCESSFUL IN PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE COMMON USE OF METRIC UNITS IN THE PURCHASE OF DAILY SUNDRIES.+

PRESENTING THE \$10 000 BANK DEPOSIT TO MRS NG, MR WU SAID THAT EFFORTS WOULD BE STEPPED UP IN PROMOTING THE USE OF METRIC UNITS IN THE CONSUMER GOODS AND SERVICES SECTOR.

+OUR COMMITTEE WILL SOON JOIN HANDS WITH THE CONSUMER COUNCIL IN CONDUCTING A SURVEY ON THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF WEIGHING EQUIPMENT, AND A SPECIAL ARTICLE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN 'CHOICE MAGAZINE' TO INCREASE PEOPLE'S KNOWLEDGE IN THIS AREA,+ HE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE WAS ALSO WORKING WITH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON A PROGRAMME TO PUBLICISE METRIC ROAD SIGNS.

SEVEN OTHER WINNERS OF THE LUCKY DRAW RECEIVED PRIZES RANGING FROM A COMPACT DISC PLAYER, A COMPANY GIFT COUPON OF \$1 000 TO A CASSETTE TAPE RECORDER.

MORE THAN 150 OTHER PARTICIPANTS WERE AWARDED SHOPPING VOUCHERS OF \$200 EACH.

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## TWO MORE JAPANESE BANKS LICENSED HERE

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TWO MORE OVERSEAS BANKS HAVE BEEN GRANTED LICENCES TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

THEY ARE THE HOKKAIDO TAKUSHOKU BANK LIMITED AND THE KYOWA BANK LIMITED, BOTH INCORPORATED IN JAPAN.

+THEY HAVE SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE BANKING ORDINANCE WHICH INCLUDE MINIMUM TOTAL ASSETS, LESS CONTRA ITEMS, EQUIVALENT TO US\$12 000 MILLION AND EFFECTIVE SUPERVISION BY THE MONITORING AUTHORITIES IN THE COUNTRY OF THEIR INCORPORATION,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE CONTINUING INTEREST BY FOREIGN BANKS IN ESTABLISHING BRANCHES IN HONG KONG IS A DEMONSTRATION OF OVERSEAS CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE, PARTICULARLY AS A MAJOR FINANCIAL CENTRE,+ HE SAID.

/ALSO ANNOUNCED .....

ALSO ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY IS THE REVOCATION OF A LICENCE GRANTED TO THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF SEATTLE-FIRST NATIONAL BANK, WHICH HAS CEASED TO TRANSACT BANKING BUSINESS IN HONG KONG AFTER BECOMING A SUBSIDIARY OF THE BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION.

WITH THESE LATEST CHANGES, THERE ARE NOW 137 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG.

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#### UMELCO TO VISIT KOWLOON CITY

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A PARTY OF ELEVEN UMELCO MEMBERS WILL VISIT KOWLOON CITY ON MONDAY (JUNE 11) MORNING TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT AND TO DISCUSS LOCAL AFFAIRS WITH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

HEADED BY HON WONG LAM, THE PARTY WILL COMPRISE HON CHARLES YEUNG, HON ANDREW SO, HON F. K. HU, HON WONG PO-YAN, HON CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, DR HON HENRIETTA IP, HON CHAN YING-LUN, HON MRS RITA FAN, HON MRS PAULINE NG AND HON YEUNG PO-KWAN.

THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR ALBERT LAM; THE DISTRICT OFFICER (KOWLOON CITY), MR GORDON JONES AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UMELCO OFFICE, MR JOSEPH W. P. WONG.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO COVER THE VISIT ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, KOWLOON CITY, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, 1ST FLOOR, KOWLOON, AT 9.15 AM. INFORMATION OFFICERS OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE UMELCO OFFICE WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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#### CAREERS GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS

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A MONTH-LONG FURTHER STUDIES AND CAREERS GUIDANCE PROJECT FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS WILL BE LAUNCHED NEXT MONTH IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

IT WILL BE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT STUDENTS SERVICES COMMITTEE, AND WILL BE SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED FOR STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT STARTING ON JULY 2.

/THE ACTIVITIES .....

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE AND A MINI EXHIBITION TO BE SET UP BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE AT THE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, CAREERS FORUMS AND MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS, AN OUTING TO TAI PO AND WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES, AND A FREE HANDBOOK ON FURTHER STUDIES.

STUDENTS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE CAREERS FORUMS, MOCK INTERVIEWS AND THE OUTING SHOULD CALL THE ORGANISERS AT 5-538035 OR 5-546321.

SCHOOLS WHICH WISH TO ARRANGE GROUP VISITS FOR THEIR STUDENTS TO THE CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE AND THE MINI EXHIBITION MAY CONTACT THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE AT 5-7956067.

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#### PUBLICISING ELECTIONS BY SONG

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TWELVE YOUNG AMATEURS IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL COMPETE AT THE DISTRICT'S PRELIMINARY SINGING CONTEST TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

THE CONTESTANTS WERE CHOSEN FROM 350 ENTRANTS RECEIVED IN SHAM SHUI PO - THE 11TH DISTRICT TO HOLD THE TERRITORY-WIDE CONTEST.

THE WINNER OF THE NIGHT WILL REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN A SEMI-FINAL ON AUGUST 11 IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

A GRAND FINAL WILL BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SEPTEMBER 2, WHEN NINE FINALISTS WILL CONTEND FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE BEST PERFORMER IN THE GRAND FINAL WILL BE AWARDED A RECORDING CONTRACT WITH A LEADING LOCAL COMPANY, WHILE OTHER WINNERS WILL RECEIVE PRIZES WORTH MORE THAN \$40 000.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SING TAO NEWSPAPERS LIMITED, THE 18-DISTRICT AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST IS AIMED AT BOOSTING REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

TOMORROW'S CONTEST WILL START AT 8 PM IN THE LAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL IN LAI KOK ESTATE. THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO), MISS REBECCA KO, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION, MR KWOK CHEONG WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUESTS.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT DEMOCRACY, STUDENTS URGED  
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SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVERS WERE URGED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DEMOCRACY AND ELECTIONS AND TO HELP PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE YUEN LONG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICHARD YUEN, AT A JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON AND YUEN LONG LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOLS.

MR YUEN SAID THAT NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WOULD BE A MILESTONE IN HONG KONG HISTORY, AS THERE WOULD BE MORE ELECTED SEATS AND THE BOARD CHAIRMEN WOULD BE ELECTED AMONG THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

+EVERY VOTE WILL BE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE,+ HE SAID.

HE CALLED UPON THE STUDENTS TO PASS ON THE ELECTION MESSAGE TO THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO REGISTER AS VOTERS AND VOTE ON ELECTION DAY.

MR YUEN SAID THAT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD HAD DONE A LOT TO IMPROVE THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE RESIDENTS.

FOR INSTANCE, HE SAID, ABOUT \$1.3 MILLION WAS SPENT LAST YEAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, AND FUNDS WERE ALLOCATED FOR ORGANISING THE ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL FOR THE RESIDENTS.

+THE BOARD NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO CONTINUE ITS WORK FOR THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

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NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR FOR TAI PO  
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A NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT TAI PO TO MEET THE NEW TOWN'S INCREASING DEMAND FOR WATER.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS BY JUNE 29 TO BUILD THE PUN CHUN YUEN FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR, WHICH WILL BE LOCATED ON THE HILLSIDE IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF TAI PO TAU SERVICE RESERVOIR.

WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 68 000 CUBIC METRES, THE RESERVOIR IS TO BE BUILT OF REINFORCED CONCRETE.

THE SITE WILL BE LANDSCAPED TO MINIMISE THE VISUAL IMPACT OF THE RESERVOIR ON TAI PO AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND BE COMPLETED IN THREE YEARS.

TAI PO TAU SERVICE RESERVOIR HAS A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 18 538 CUBIC METRES AND WILL CONTINUE IN USE AFTER THE NEW ONE HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

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MP'S COMING ON SOCIAL STUDY VISIT

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FIVE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS SUB-COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS AND IMMIGRATION (SCORRI) WILL VISIT HONG KONG FROM JUNE 10 TO 16 TO HELP IN THEIR INQUIRY INTO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN.

THEIR PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED TO GIVE THE MP'S AS CLEAR AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN THE UK AS IS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE TIME AVAILABLE.

THEY ARE MR JOHN WHEELER (CHAIRMAN), MR ROBIN CORBETT, MR JEREMY HANLEY, MR JOHN HUNT, AND MS CLARE SHORT.

SINCE MOST OF THE CHINESE IN THE UK COME FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE PROGRAMME FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL CONCENTRATE ON THAT AREA. THE FIVE MP'S WILL MEET THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND OTHER NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS, AND CALL AT VILLAGES IN YUEN LONG, TAI PO AND NORTH SAI KUNG.

THE MP'S WILL ALSO TOUR YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK URBAN DISTRICTS. THEY WILL MEET MEMBERS OF UMELCO AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, AS WELL AS DB MEMBERS AND OTHER LOCAL RESIDENTS. THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE VISITED. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE LUNCH WITH THE GOVERNOR. THE VISITORS WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JUNE 15 (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THE SUB-COMMITTEE HAS EXTENDED ITS INQUIRIES OUTSIDE THE UK. HONG KONG WAS CHOSEN AS PART OF THE PRESENT STUDY BECAUSE MOST OF THE CHINESE IN BRITAIN HAVE CLOSE CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC LINKS WITH HONG KONG. THE STUDY IS NOT RELATED TO DISCUSSIONS ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE.+

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A PRESS NOTICE ISSUED TODAY BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS AND IMMIGRATION ON THEIR HONG KONG VISIT:

+IN JANUARY 1983 THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS AND IMMIGRATION DECIDED TO HOLD AN INQUIRY INTO THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN. THE GENERAL ELECTION IN JUNE 1983 BROUGHT THEIR WORK TO A HALT AND THEIR PROPOSED VISIT TO HONG KONG IN MAY 1983 HAD ALSO TO BE CANCELLED. THE NEW SUB-COMMITTEE, SET UP IN JANUARY 1984, AGREED THAT THEY SHOULD CONTINUE THE INQUIRY INTO THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN.

+IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS INQUIRY DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WITHIN ITS REMIT. THE OBJECT OF THIS INQUIRY IS TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN FACE. THE SUB-COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN EXAMINING THE NATURE OF ANY DISTINCT DISADVANTAGES - FOR EXAMPLE IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, HEALTH, EDUCATION.- AND WHETHER GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE SUFFICIENTLY AWARE OF AND RESPONSIVE TO THEIR NEEDS IN AREAS SUCH AS GRANTS AND FUNDING, PROVISIONS OF INTERPRETATION FACILITIES, SOCIAL SERVICES, ETC.

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+IN THE COURSE OF ITS INQUIRY THE SUB-COMMITTEE HAVE VISITED CHINESE COMMUNITIES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, CARDIFF, GLASGOW, MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL AND THE LONDON BOROUGHS OF WESTMINSTER AND TOWER HAMLETS.

+PAST INQUIRIES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE HAVE TAKEN THEM ABROAD TO THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT, THE CARIBBEAN, THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. AS PART OF THE PRESENT INQUIRY THEY WILL VISIT HONG KONG, ARRIVING ON SUNDAY 10 JUNE AND DEPARTING ON SATURDAY 16 JUNE. IT IS A FACT THAT MOST CHINESE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM EITHER COME FROM OR MAINTAIN STRONG LINKS WITH HONG KONG AND MANY OF THEIR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES ARE LINKED TO HONG KONG. CLEARLY THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARDS WORK, HOUSING, FAMILY STRUCTURE, EDUCATION, ETC., ARE VERY MUCH MOULDED BY THEIR HONG KONG BACKGROUND. GIVEN THAT MANY COME FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES, THAT HAS A DISTINCT EFFECT UPON THEM. DURING THEIR VISIT THEY INTEND TO GET AN IMPRESSION OF THESE ASPECTS OF OUR CHINESE COMMUNITY'S BACKGROUND. THIS WILL ENHANCE THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE ASPIRATIONS AND ATTITUDES OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN, AND ENABLE IT TO CONSIDER THE COMMUNITY'S PROBLEMS MORE EFFECTIVELY.+

#### MONASTERY ACCESS ROADS TO BE WIDENED

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SECTIONS OF SHAM WAT ROAD AND NGONG PING ROAD ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL BE WIDENED TO ENABLE NEW LANTAU BUS COMPANY'S STANDARD SINGLE-DECK BUSES TO REACH PO LIN MONASTERY.

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO WIDEN THE ROADS TO SIX METRES WHEREVER POSSIBLE AND PROVIDE PASSING PLACES WHERE THEY CANNOT BE WIDENED.

A 1.6 METRE WIDE FOOTWAY WILL BE BUILT ON ONE SIDE OF THE ROADS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS.

ACCESS TO PO LIN MONASTERY IS VIA A SHORT SECTION OF SHAM WAT ROAD LEADING TO NGONG PING ROAD.

THE ROADS ARE OF SUBSTANDARD WIDTH AND CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE MINI-BUSES OPERATED BY NEW LANTAU BUS COMPANY.

A +GOLDEN BUDDHA+ IS NOW BEING BUILT CLOSE TO THE MONASTERY, AND THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE MONASTERY IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE WHEN IT IS COMPLETED.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORK IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

A PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY;
- \* ISLANDS DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 4TH FLOOR, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 141, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL; AND
- \* ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, SINCERE BUILDING, 16TH FLOOR, 173, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS IN WRITING BY AUGUST 7.

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SUMMER TECHNICAL COURSES POPULAR

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THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WILL BE OFFERING 154 SUMMER SHORT COURSES PROVIDING 6 000 PLACES FOR PEOPLE OVER 15 YEARS OF AGE TO UPGRADE THEIR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FOR A WIDE RANGE OF SHORT TECHNICAL, COMMERCIAL AND LEISURE INTEREST STUDIES.

THE COURSES WILL RANGE FROM EIGHT HOURS TO 60 HOURS AND WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST.

THEY WILL BE IN COMMERCIAL AND GENERAL STUDIES, DESIGN, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, TEXTILE, CLOTHING, CONSTRUCTION, MARINE AND FABRICATION, AND ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, AND MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING.

THE SUMMER CLASSES WILL HELP SUPPORT THE SHORT COURSES WHICH ARE MOSTLY HELD IN THE EVENINGS DURING NORMAL TERM TIMES, + A VTC SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COUNCIL HAD STARTED RUNNING SUMMER SHORT COURSES LAST YEAR, THEY HAD ATTRACTED 31 000 APPLICATIONS, PROVIDING THEIR POPULARITY, HE SAID.

COURSE FEE, MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE SUMMER PROGRAMME WILL BE ADVERTISED IN TOMORROW'S (SATURDAY) PAPERS. THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS JUNE 23.

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM DISTRICT OFFICES, THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AS WELL AS THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES NAMELY MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG AND LEE WAI LEE.

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NEW BUS TERMINUS FOR CHAI WAN  
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A BUS TERMINUS WILL BE BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF CHAI WAN ROAD AND SHEUNG ON STREET TO PROVIDE A MORE SATISFACTORY SERVICE TO COMMUTERS.

IT WILL CONSIST OF SIX BAYS VARYING IN LENGTH FROM 19 METRES TO 43 METRES, SIX PASSENGER PLATFORMS, AND FOOTWAYS.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORK, WHICH WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

SHELTERS FOR THE PASSENGER PLATFORMS, A KIOSK AND A CANTEEN FOR BUS REGULATORS WILL BE BUILT BY THE BUS COMPANY AT A LATER STAGE AFTER THE GOVERNMENT CONTRACT HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

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FLUSHING MAINS TO BE LAID IN SHA TIN  
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WORK ON LAYING 1 160 METRES OF FLUSHING WATER MAINS ALONG A SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD, NEAR HO TUNG LAU, SHA TIN, WILL START EARLY NEXT WEEK.

A \$1.1 MILLION CONTRACT WAS AWARDED RECENTLY TO SHUN HING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THE MAINS, OF 700 AND 800 MILLIMETRES DIAMETER, WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE EXISTING FLUSHING WATER MAINS SYSTEM.

THEY FORM PART OF A SCHEME TO EXTEND FLUSHING WATER SUPPLIES TO THE WHOLE OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN, WHICH HAS A RAPIDLY EXPANDING POPULATION.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR MONTHS.

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ROAD SECTION TO BE CLOSED FOR EARLY WORK  
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HENNESSY ROAD BETWEEN PERCIVAL STREET AND LEE GARDEN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 10) FOR WORK ON THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:-

\* VEHICLES ON HENNESSY ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD, PENNINGTON STREET AND YEE WO STREET.

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- \* VEHICLES ON CAUSEWAY ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LEIGHTON ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD, TIN LOK LANE AND HENNESSY ROAD.
- \* THE PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FROM ENTERING PENNINGTON STREET BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND YEE WO STREET, AND MORRISON HILL ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND WAN CHAI ROAD WILL BE LIFTED.

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TSING YI BRIDGE TRAFFIC

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FOR THREE ONE-HOUR PERIODS ON SUNDAY (JUNE 10), TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC AT INTERVALS OF FIVE MINUTES ONLY, TO ALLOW MAINTENANCE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THESE ONE-HOUR PERIODS WILL START FROM 12.30 AM, 6.30 AM AND 3 PM.

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FOR BUSES ONLY

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THE NEW BUS TERMINUS AT ROAD D5 IN SHA TIN WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 10).

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED PUBLIC OMNIBUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BUS TERMINUS.

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WORK DELAYS SUNDAY TRAM RUNS

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TRAM SERVICES WILL START LATER THAN USUAL ON SUNDAY (JUNE 10) MORNING TO ALLOW MTR CONSTRUCTION WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT AT HENNESSY ROAD.

THE FIRST TRAMS WILL LEAVE SHAU KEI WAN FOR WESTERN MARKET AT 6.25 AM, AND NORTH POINT FOR WHITTY STREET AT 6.15 AM.

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COUNCILLORS SEE SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT SCHEME  
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THE CLOSE CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE SERVICES, HAS GREATLY IMPROVED THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF FOUR SQUATTER AREAS IN EAST KOWLOON.

THIS WAS THE OBSERVATION MADE TODAY BY THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, AFTER VISITING TAI SHING VILLAGE, SAU ON VILLAGE, ON LOK VILLAGE AND SEI WO YUEN IN KWUN TONG.

ACCOMPANYING HIM ON THE TOUR WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEE, MR HOWARD YOUNG, COUNCILLORS MR STEPHEN LAU AND MR TONG KAM-BIU, AND THE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES, MR MICHAEL SUEN.

+UNDER AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR THE YEAR, THE COUNCIL WILL SPEND \$4.5 MILLION TO PROVIDE SOME 100 TOILET COMPARTMENTS, 60 BATH UNITS AND 60 REFUSE DRUMS FOR THE 6 000 RESIDENTS IN THE FOUR VILLAGES,+ MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID.

+APART FROM THESE, THE COUNCIL WILL ALSO ENDEAVOUR TO TURN THE OPEN SPACE IN THE VILLAGES INTO PLAYGROUNDS OR SITTING-OUT AREAS.+

DURING THE VISIT WHICH LASTED FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS, THE COUNCILLORS MET MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGES' MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND DISCUSSED WITH THEM THE SANITATION AND RELATED PROBLEMS.

THEY ALSO TALKED TO LOCAL RESIDENTS AND LISTENED TO THEIR VIEWS ON HOW TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS THERE.

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