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SOUND BASIS FOR RETURN TO BUSINESS AS USUAL
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THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WITH ITS DETAILED ASSURANCES PROVIDED A SOUND BASIS FOR A RETURN TO BUSINESS AS USUAL IN THE TERRITORY, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+ITS EFFECT SHOULD BE SEEN IN DUE COURSE IN AN INCREASED WILLINGNESS TO INVEST IN HONG KONG, BOTH IN PLANT AND MACHINERY AND IN PROPERTY, WITH HIGHLY FAVOURABLE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE LONG-TERM HEALTH AND PROSPERITY OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMY,+ SAID MR JACOBS IN AN ADDRESS TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.

+WHAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT PROVIDES IS THAT ATMOSPHERE OF CERTAINTY IN WHICH ENTREPRENEURS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE THEIR DECISIONS AS BEFORE. THAT IS THE STRENGTH OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT, WHICH IS GOOD FOR BUSINESS, NOT FOR THE SHORT-TERM GAINS IT BRINGS, BUT BECAUSE OF THE ASSURANCES IT CONTAINS ABOUT THE CONTINUITY OF HONG KONG'S EXISTING, SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT,+ HE STRESSED.

MR JACOBS SAID THAT WHILE THE DRAFT AGREEMENT PROVIDED A SOUND BASIS FOR CONTINUING PROSPERITY, IT DID NOT, AND SHOULD NOT, ATTEMPT TO INSULATE HONG KONG FROM THE INFLUENCE OF MARKET FORCES THAT HAD SO OFTEN BENEFITED HONG KONG IN THE PAST.

+IT MAY BE THAT FROM TIME TO TIME MARKET FORCES WILL GO AGAINST US, JUST AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST. BUT I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT IF AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS HONG KONG'S BUSINESSMEN AND MANAGERS WILL OVERCOME THE DIFFICULTIES, AGAIN JUST AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST,+ HE STATED.

RECALLING HOW HONG KONG CAME OUT OF THE SHORT-LIVED RECESSION IN THE EARLY 80'S TO REGAIN STRONG GROWTH IN ITS DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS, MR JACOBS SAID ONE FACTOR THAT CAST A SHADOW OVER THE ECONOMY DURING THE RECESSION IN 1982 AND EARLY 1983 WAS CONCERN OVER THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

+WHILE THE SINO-BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS WERE GOING ON, UNCERTAINTY INHIBITED INVESTMENT. IN AN ECONOMY AS DYNAMIC AS HONG KONG'S THERE IS ALWAYS A NEED FOR A STEADY STREAM OF NEW INVESTMENT TO MAINTAIN COMPETITIVENESS AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY.

+I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT DURING 1984, IN RESPONSE TO THE BOOM IN EXPORTS, AND PROBABLY WITH A GROWING PERCEPTION THAT A FAVOURABLE AGREEMENT WOULD BE NEGOTIATED, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASED WILLINGNESS TO INVEST IN PLANT AND MACHINERY. IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF THE YEAR, RETAINED IMPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS INCREASED BY ABOUT 25 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS+, MR JACOBS ADDED.

HE ALSO DREW THE ATTENTION OF CONVENTION PARTICIPANTS TO THE INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES IN TRADE WITH CHINA.

/+THE GROWTH

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+THE GROWTH IN TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA, WHICH IS NOW OUR SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IS CLEARLY OF MUTUAL BENEFIT, AND I WOULD EXPECT TO SEE IT DEVELOP FURTHER IN THE PERIOD UP TO 1997 AND BEYOND.

+LESS EASY TO QUANTIFY THAN THE EXPANSION OF TRADE IN GOODS, BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT, IS THE GROWING TRADE IN SERVICES. CHINA HAS INDICATED THAT HONG KONG IS EXPECTED TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FOUR MODERNISATIONS PROGRAMME.

+SO IN ADDITION TO THE USE CHINA CAN MAKE OF HONG KONG AS A MEANS OF INCREASING ITS EXPORT EARNINGS TO PAY FOR IMPORTED TECHNOLOGY, IT IS CLEAR THAT HONG KONG IS NOW SEEN AS A CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH CHINA CAN GAIN ACCESS TO THE PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL SKILLS IT NEEDS.

+OVERALL THERE WILL BE A CONTINUING NEED FOR INCREASED PROFESSIONALISM ON THE PART OF HONG KONG MANAGERS AND IMPROVED TRAINING AT ALL LEVELS. AND I WELCOME IN THIS AREA THE INCREASED EFFORTS OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, WHICH ARE BEGINNING TO BEAR FRUIT; FOR EXAMPLE, THE RECENT OPENING OF ITS MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AIMED AT COORDINATING AND IMPROVING MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY TRAINING,+ HE SAID.

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TRIBUNAL TO INVESTIGATE SHARES DEALING
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TODAY ISSUED A NOTICE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INSIDER DEALING TRIBUNAL REQUIRING THE TRIBUNAL TO INQUIRE INTO AND DETERMINE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE, WHETHER CULPABLE INSIDER DEALING IN RELATION TO ORDINARY SHARES IN INTERNATIONAL CITY HOLDINGS LTD. OR ANY RELATED COMPANIES TOOK PLACE IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1984 AND JUNE 30, 1984, AND THE IDENTITY OF ANY PERSONS INVOLVED IN SUCH INSIDER DEALING AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CULPABILITY.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD APPOINTED THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE CLOUGH AS CHAIRMAN OF THE INSIDER DEALING TRIBUNAL FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1984. THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ADDED THAT MR GORDON MACWHINNIE AND MRS BARBARA WONG HAD BEEN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO ACT IN RELATION TO THIS PARTICULAR INQUIRY.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TRIBUNAL WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK.

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+SOUND FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE POLITICAL SYSTEM+
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THE WHITE PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR WOULD FORM A SOUND FOUNDATION FOR HONG KONG'S POLITICAL SYSTEM IN THE YEARS TO COME, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE KOWLOON TONG DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL, MR LAM SAID, +TO COPE WITH MODERN DEVELOPMENTS AND NEEDS, THE LOCAL POLITICAL SYSTEM WILL UNDERGO CHANGES.+

+IN JULY, THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHED THE GREEN PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG, LISTING IN DETAIL THE PROPOSALS ON POLITICAL REFORMS,+ HE SAID.

AFTER A TWO-MONTH CONSULTATION PERIOD, IT WAS NOW BEING FORMULATED INTO A WHITE PAPER, HE ADDED.

ON THE RECENTLY COMPLETED VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE, MR LAM SAID THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS TOGETHER WITH THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS ELECTIONS, HAS NOW REACHED ABOUT 1.5 MILLION.

HE URGED MEMBERS OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT WHO HAVE REGISTERED AS VOTERS TO CONSIDER STANDING AS CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIONS AND TO CAST THEIR BALLOT IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS NEXT MARCH.

HE SAID THEY SHOULD EXERCISE THEIR OBLIGATION AS CITIZENS AND CONTRIBUTE TO HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AND STABILITY.

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BUSY DAY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CHIEF
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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL HAVE A BUSY DAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) OFFICIATING AT THREE SPORTS FUNCTIONS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR AKERS-JONES WILL TRAVEL TO TUEN MUN TO START OFF THE YAN OI TONG VOLLEYBALL DEMONSTRATION BY THE CHINA WOMEN'S NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL TEAM - THE CURRENT OLYMPIC CHAMPION - AT THE YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, YAN CHING CIRCUIT AT 10.30 AM.

HE WILL THEN RETURN TO KOWLOON TO PERFORM THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SECOND SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT 1 PM IN THE MONG KOK STADIUM, BOUNDARY STREET.

HE WILL NEXT LAUNCH THE 6TH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL AT A CEREMONY IN THE O.R. SADICK INDOOR GAMES HALL, HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, AT 3 PM.

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LADY YOUDE OPENS SPORTS MEET TOMORROW

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LADY YOUDE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 9TH HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPICS ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET TOMORROW.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND, HARBOUR ROAD, AT 10.30 AM.

IT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN A SIMILAR MANNER AS THE OPENING OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES. A LIGHTING OF THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLAME WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ATHLETES. THE HEAD COACH OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPICS, MR KWOK KA-MING, WILL LEAD THE PARTICIPANTS IN RECITING THE OLYMPICS OATH.

DISC JOCKEYS AND TV ARTISTES WILL JOIN A 4 BY 100 METRES RELAY AFTER THE CEREMONY. THE WINNING TEAMS WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES FROM LADY YOUDE.

ABOUT 3 000 MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE WILL TAKE PART IN THE ATHLETIC MEET. THEY WILL COMPETE IN FIELD-AND-TRACK EVENTS WHILE THE SEVERE-GRADED MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WILL JOIN SPECIALLY DESIGNED GAMES.

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\$392-MILLION WORTH OF BUILDING CONTRACTS SIGNED

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY (FRIDAY) SIGNED THREE BUILDING CONTRACTS TOTALLING \$392 MILLION TO PROVIDE 6 800 MORE FLATS FOR 30 800 PEOPLE BY 1987.

SIGNED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR FRED PANG, THE CONTRACTS ARE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE 2 OF THE NEW LONG PING ESTATE, PHASES 1 AND 2 OF PO LAM ESTATE AND PHASE 4 REDEVELOPMENT OF LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE.

THE LARGEST, WORTH \$169.6 MILLION, IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE 2 OF LONG PING ESTATE IN YUEN LONG.

THE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE TWO 26/28-STOREY DOUBLE-H BLOCKS, TWO 35-STOREY TRIDENT 2 BLOCKS, A SEVEN-STOREY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND TWO COOKED-FOOD STALLS AT LONG PING ESTATE IN YUEN LONG.

THE FOUR DOMESTIC BLOCKS WILL CONTAIN 3 188 NEW FLATS FOR 14 800 PEOPLE BY 1987.

THE SECOND CONTRACT, COSTING \$164.8 MILLION, IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND PHASES OF PO LAM ESTATE IN JUNK BAY.

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UNDER THIS CONTRACT, FOUR DOMESTIC BLOCKS -- TWO 35-STOREY TRIDENT 2 BLOCKS AND TWO 22-STOREY SLAB BLOCKS -- PLUS A SEVEN-STOREY PRIMARY SCHOOL, A COMMERCIAL CENTRE, AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AND A CAR PARK WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.

WORK ON THIS PROJECT HAS JUST STARTED AND WILL PROVIDE 2 488 NEW FLATS FOR 11 000 PEOPLE BY DECEMBER 1986.

THE THIRD CONTRACT, WORTH \$57.5 MILLION, IS FOR THE PHASE 4 REDEVELOPMENT OF LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE IN CENTRAL KOWLOON.

THE PROJECT, DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS AND RELIEVE OVERCROWDING FOR TENANTS AT THE ESTATE, WILL PROVIDE ONE NEW DOUBLE-H BLOCK OF 26/28 STOREYS AND ONE SINGLE-H BLOCK OF 26 STOREYS.

THE TWO BLOCKS TOGETHER WILL PROVIDE 1 142 MODERN FLATS FOR 5 000 PEOPLE.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND WILL BE FINISHED BY NOVEMBER 1986.

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THREE SITES TO BE AUCTIONED * * * *

THE ONLY REMAINING SITE, KNOWN AS KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 10729, FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST SHOPPING DISTRICT WILL BE AUCTIONED AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD IN THE JADE BALLROOM OF THE FURAMA HOTEL ON NOVEMBER 28, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

IT IS THE SECOND MAJOR SITE IN THE URBAN AREA FOR WHICH THERE WILL BE AN OPTION TO PAY THE PREMIUM IN THE FORM OF MONETISED LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A/B), SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE SITE, ON WHICH THERE IS A BUILDING HEIGHT RESTRICTION OF 51.82 METRES, IS AT SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD. IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH MAY INCLUDE A HOTEL.

UNDER THE SALES CONDITIONS, THE DEVELOPER WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 13 500 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE 2 850-SQUARE-METRE SITE BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1988.

ONE SITE IN KOWLOON BAY AND ANOTHER IN SHA TIN WILL ALSO BE OFFERED AT THE AUCTION.

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THE KOWLOON BAY SITE, MEASURING 2 058 SQUARE METRES, IS TO BE USED FOR STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF CEMENT, SAND AND OTHER SIMILAR BUILDING MATERIALS AS WELL AS FOR CONCRETE OR ASPHALT BATCHING.

THE SHA TIN SITE, MEASURING 2 200 SQUARE METRES, IS AT THE JUNCTION OF WONG CHUK YEUNG STREET AND KWEI TEI STREET, FO TAN. IT IS EARMARKED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN DEVELOPMENT OR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DATA PROCESSING CENTRE.

THE DEVELOPER FOR THE SHA TIN SITE MAY ALSO PAY THE PREMIUM IN THE FORM OF MONETISED LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A/B).

FULL PARTICULARS AND SALES CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND PLANS INSPECTED AT:

- * LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, (KOWLOON EAST AND WEST), YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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TWO MP'S TO VISIT HK
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TWO CONSERVATIVE MP'S, SIR HECTOR MONRO AND MR HAL MILLER, WILL ARRIVE IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS FOR A VISIT.

SIR HECTOR WILL FLY IN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WHILE MR MILLER IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON SUNDAY.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE TWO MP'S TO MEET A CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY AND VISIT A NUMBER OF PLACES, INCLUDING CHI MA WAN CLOSED CENTRE FOR REFUGEES AND SHA TIN DISTRICT.

THEY WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 10 (SATURDAY).

SIR HECTOR WILL LEAVE THE SAME DAY AND MR MILLER ON NOVEMBER 13.

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FITNESS VITAL TO FIREMEN
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FITNESS IS VITAL TO EVERY FIREMAN BOTH PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY, SAID MR BRIAN FENDER, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, HONG KONG FIRE COMMAND TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE MADE THE REMARK WHEN HE ADDRESSED A BATCH OF 20 PHYSICAL TRAINING INSTRUCTORS OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON COMPLETION OF A SIX-WEEK INTENSIVE TRAINING COURSE.

+I AM PROUD OF THE STANDARDS OF PHYSICAL FITNESS ENJOYED AND MAINTAINED BY MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE AND, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THERE IS NO OTHER FIRE SERVICE OF SIMILAR SIZE TO HONG KONG WHOSE PERSONNEL CAN EQUATE WITH SUCH LEVELS,+ MR FENDER SAID.

HE SAID THAT IN THE USA ONLY A FEW BRIGADES HAVE A REGULAR FITNESS TRAINING PROGRAMME ALTHOUGH THE JOB OF A FIREMAN IS AMONG THE TOP FIVE MOST DANGEROUS OCCUPATIONS.

MR FENDER ADDED THAT EVEN IN THE UNITED KINGDOM INTEREST WAS ONLY NOW BEING SHOWN IN A NUMBER OF BRIGADES AND PROGRAMMES WERE BEING INTRODUCED.

+WE IN HONG KONG ARE FORTUNATE IN HAVING AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME WITH TRAINED PHYSICAL FITNESS INSTRUCTORS AND FITNESS-EXERCISE ROOMS BEING PROVIDED. THE FAR SIGHTEDNESS OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH A TRAINING PROGRAMME IS DESERVING OF COMMENDATION.+

+THE BENEFITS ON THE FIREGROUND IN THE WAY WHICH PERSONNEL ARE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THE INTENSE PHYSICAL DEMANDS OVER MANY HOURS HAVE BEEN OBVIOUS AND IT SPEAKS MUCH OF THE EFFECTIVENESS AND SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAMME THAT SERIOUS INJURIES AND PROLONGED SICK LEAVE ARE RARE,+ MR FENDER ADDED.

MR FENDER LATER PRESENTED THE BEST TRAINEE AWARD TO FIREMAN WONG WAI-KEUNG. THE CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE VICTORY HALL OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE AT SHA TIN.

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SOCIAL CENTRES BRING ELDERLY PEOPLE TOGETHER
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SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY ENABLE OLD PEOPLE TO SPEND TIME TOGETHER AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO REMAIN ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY LIFE.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN HE OPENED THE LEUNG LEE SAU YU SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AT CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI. THE CENTRE IS RUN BY THE WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB, EASTERN DISTRICT HONG KONG.

+RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY IS VERY DEEPLY ROOTED IN CHINESE SOCIETY,+ HE SAID, +AND THERE CAN BE NO BETTER WAY OF DEMONSTRATING SUCH RESPECT THAN THROUGH ENERGETIC SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES WHICH PROMOTE THE WELFARE AND THE WELL-BEING OF ELDERLY CITIZENS.+

HE EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE PLACED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB TO THE EXPANSION OF SERVICES FOR OLD PEOPLE.

CHOI YUEN IS THE FIRST MAJOR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN, WHERE THE POPULATION IS EXPECTED TO GROW TO ABOUT 26 000 EVENTUALLY.

MR CHAMBERS THANKED THE DONOR, MADAM LEUNG LEE SAU-YU, AND SAID THE WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB, THOUGH FOUNDED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, HAD NOT BEEN SLOW IN RESPONDING TO NEW CHALLENGES AND IN EXTENDING ITS ACTIVITIES TO THE FAR NORTH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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SCHOOL HEADS TO ATTEND ADMINISTRATION COURSE
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THE PRINCIPALS OF 20 AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL ATTEND THE FIRST SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION COURSE TO BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 6 AND 23.

THE NINE-DAY COURSE WILL COVER MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS OF A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, EDUCATIONAL POLICIES, WAYS OF PROMOTING MORAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS, SCHOOL FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING, AND RELEVANT ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS.

MR R.M. CAMERON, SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SCHOOLS AND SERVICES) OF EDUCATION, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE COURSE ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING UNIT AT LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE, 3/F, 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG.

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DISTRICT FORUM FOR KWUN TONG

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KWUN TONG RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON VARIOUS DISTRICT MATTERS AND ON THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AT A PUBLIC FORUM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 4) AFTERNOON.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN THE DISTRICT, PROBLEMS IN THE LOCAL INDUSTRIAL AND SQUATTER AREAS, TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

THE DISTRICT FORUM, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL START AT 3 PM ON THE PODIUM OF TELFORD GARDENS IN KOWLOON BAY.

PANELISTS INCLUDE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK; FOUR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR CHAN KANG-CHOW, MR CHEUNG SHEK-FU, MR EDDIE LAMB AND MR LAM HANG-FAI; AN AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WONG CHAK-LEONG; AND TWO COMMUNITY WORKERS, MISS NORA YAU AND MR LEE CHEUK-YAN.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR ROAD PROJECT

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO SECTIONS OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, AN ELEVATED ROAD FROM THE ALREADY COMPLETED SECTION NEAR YEN CHOW STREET TO LAI CHI KOK ROAD WILL BE BUILT AND THE ELEVATED SECTION IN TUNG CHAU STREET WILL BE EXTENDED TO TONG MI ROAD.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR. WHEN COMPLETED IN 1987, THE NEW SECTIONS WILL SHORTEN TRAVELLING TIME BETWEEN SOUTH KOWLOON AND THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES AND EASE CONGESTION ON THE ROADS NEARBY.

CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA TOGETHER WITH THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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ABATTOIRS TO HAVE NEW LIFTS
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THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS RECENTLY APPROVED THE REPLACEMENT OF EIGHT GOODS LIFTS AT KENNEDY TOWN AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ABATTOIRS TO ENSURE CONTINUED EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE TWO ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE APPROVAL FOLLOWED AN IN-HOUSE STUDY ON THE ECONOMIC LIFE EXPECTANCY OF EQUIPMENT AT THE TWO ABATTOIRS.

THE STUDY SHOWED THAT THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE ABATTOIRS AND THE STRAIN PUT UPON THE LIFTS HAD CAUSED RAPID CORROSION AND DETERIORATION TO THE EQUIPMENT, RESULTING IN UNSATISFACTORY OPERATION AND FREQUENT BREAKDOWNS.

+DESPITE REGULAR AND COSTLY MAINTENANCE, THE CONDITION OF THE GOODS LIFTS HAS NOW DETERIORATED TO A POINT WHERE FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL MAINTENANCE IS NO LONGER ECONOMICALLY VIABLE,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

HE SAID THE NEW REPLACEMENT LIFTS, ESTIMATED TO COST \$10.44 MILLION, WOULD BE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO WITHSTAND ROUGH USAGE AND TO RESIST CORROSION.

CONDITIONS IN THE LIFT MOTOR ROOM WILL ALSO BE IMPROVED TO ENSURE GOOD VENTILATION ESSENTIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT.

+THE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PHASES BY THE CONTRACTOR UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+REMOVAL OF THE EIGHT EXISTING LIFTS IS EXPECTED TO START IN MID-1986 AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE REPLACEMENT LIFTS IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY 1989.+

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LAND FORMATION FOR HOSPITAL STARTING SOON

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WORK ON LAND FORMATION FOR THE EASTERN HOSPITAL IN CHAI WAN WILL START LATER THIS MONTH.

A CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT, WORTH ABOUT \$21.6 MILLION, WAS SIGNED THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING BY MR KAM SING-SUN, CHIEF STRUCTURAL ENGINEER OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AND AN OFFICIAL OF THE CONTRACTOR, JAPAN DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

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THE CONTRACT COVERS DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND THE FORMATION OF BUILDING PLATFORMS ON A HILL SLOPE.

THE LAND FORMATION WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION AT THE END OF THIS DECADE, THE EASTERN HOSPITAL WILL PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF SPECIALIST TREATMENT FACILITIES, INCLUDING PSYCHIATRY, A ROUND-THE-CLOCK ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE, A NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL AND A SPECIALISTS' OUTPATIENT CLINIC.

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CARNIVAL TO CROWN SPORTS FORTNIGHT
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THE YUEN LONG SPORTS FORTNIGHT WILL END TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WITH A CARNIVAL AT THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL IN TAI YUK ROAD.

THE CARNIVAL, WHICH WILL START AT 2 PM, WITH FEATURE DEMONSTRATIONS IN SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING, DIVING AND LIFE-SAVING. THERE WILL ALSO BE A CANOE-POLO MATCH AND A RELAY RACE.

YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY AT 4.30 PM.

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TENNIS COURTS TO MEET YAU MA TEI'S NEEDS
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YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY MORE ACTIVE RECREATION WHEN TWO TENNIS COURTS ARE COMPLETED IN THREE MONTHS' TIME.

+THE TENNIS COURTS ARE A MUCH WELCOMED PROJECT AS THERE ARE FEW ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE DENSELY POPULATED DISTRICT,+ SAID DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, AT THE EARTH-BREAKING CEREMONY TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE COURTS, LOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF DUNDAS STREET, ARE BEING BUILT AT A COST OF \$300 000, HALF OF WHICH IS CONTRIBUTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE OTHER HALF BY LOCAL KAIFONGS.

+THE PROVISION OF SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT IS INADEQUATE TO MEET RESIDENTS' NEEDS AS YAU MA TEI IS ONE OF THOSE AREAS WHICH WAS DEVELOPED AT AN EARLY STAGE SO THAT LAND USE WAS MAINLY FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES,+ HE SAID.

+THE DISTRICT BOARD, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS ARE AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS AND HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION,+ HE ADDED.

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STREET CLEANSING DAY FOR TUEN MUN
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MORE THAN 100 PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS WILL BE OUT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING TO HELP CLEAN UP THE STREETS OF TUEN MUN.

THE 'STREET CLEANSING DAY' IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ORGANISED BY THE CLEAN TUEN MUN CAMPAIGN SUB-COMMITTEE.

THE SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE HANDING OUT BOOKMARKERS AND STICKERS TO PASSERS-BY TO EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT.

A CEREMONY TO PRESENT FLAGS OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS TAKING PART IN THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD AT THE YAN OI TOWN SQUARE.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CLEAN TUEN MUN CAMPAIGN SUB-COMMITTEE, MR TSO SHIU-WAI; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WONG; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT; THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER (TUEN MUN), MR CHOI YING-WAI; AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR LEE MO.

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RESTRICTED ZONE
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FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), A SECTION OF WANG TAU HOM SOUTH ROAD WILL BE MADE A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THIS SECTION IS BETWEEN THE ROAD'S JUNCTION WITH WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES WEST OF THE JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

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WATER CUT IN CENTRAL
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 5) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, ICE HOUSE STREET, D'AGUILAR STREET, WING WAH LANE, WO ON LANE, WELLINGTON STREET AND POTTINGER STREET.

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