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SPECIAL LEGCO SITTING NOT REQUIRED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS RECEIVED FROM MR S.L. CHEN, THE ACTING SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING HELD AMONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS ON SEPTEMBER 3, NOTING THEIR DECISION ON A VISIT BY THE FACT-FINDING DELEGATIONS TO PEKING TO DISCUSS THEIR FINDINGS, AND NOTING THAT MOST MEMBERS FELT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE CONSTRUCTIVE AT THIS TIME TO HOLD A SPECIAL SITTING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PRIOR TO THAT VISIT.

A GROUP OF OTHER MEMBERS WHO HAD BEEN PRESENT AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING CALLED ON THE GOVERNOR THIS MORNING TO URGE NEVERTHELESS THAT HE SHOULD CALL A SPECIAL SITTING UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 7A OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE COUNCIL. HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE ACTING SENIOR MEMBER AND THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE GROUP OF OTHER MEMBERS, THE GOVERNOR HAS DECIDED THAT IN THE LIGHT OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF CONCLUSIONS REACHED AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING, HE IS NOT SATISFIED THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST DOES REQUIRE A SPECIAL SITTING AT THIS TIME.

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EXCO ACCEPTS WAR MEMORIAL FUND RECOMMENDATIONS

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND, WHICH WAS TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 16 THIS YEAR.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN ENDORSED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 2 SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND PROVISION OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD SHORTLY BE IN TOUCH WITH THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WERE THAT:

- * PRESENT BENEFICIARIES, WHO ARE THOSE ACTUALLY RECEIVING BENEFITS ON FEBRUARY 18, 1985, SHOULD RETAIN THEIR EXISTING MONTHLY GRANTS BUT SHOULD ALSO STATE ANNUALLY WHETHER THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED;

/ * NEW APPLICANTS

- * NEW APPLICANTS LIVING IN HONG KONG SHOULD MAKE THEIR APPLICATION IN THE FORM OF A STATUTORY DECLARATION WHICH WOULD INCORPORATE AN EXTRACT FROM SECTION 4 OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND ORDINANCE SETTING OUT THE OBJECTS OF THE FUND AND WHATEVER INCOME THRESHOLD THE COMMITTEE MAY SET FOR A MAINTENANCE GRANT. THE APPLICANT WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO STATE DETAILS OF HIS INCOME;
- * NEW APPLICANTS LIVING OVERSEAS SHOULD, AS BEFORE, BE REQUIRED TO STATE DETAILS OF THEIR INCOME AND HAVE THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES ASSESSED BY A SOCIAL WORKER. THIS WAS BECAUSE THEIR STATUS DIFFERED FROM LOCAL APPLICANTS WHO WOULD EITHER BE KNOWN TO OR WHOSE SITUATION COULD BE VERIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE; AND
- * THE FUND SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR JULY RELEASED

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BOTH HONG KONG DOLLAR AND FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW IN JULY, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH TODAY. THE GROWTH RATE OF FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS REMAINED HIGHER THAN THAT OF HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS.

HONG KONG DOLLAR M1 (THE NARROWEST DEFINITION OF MONEY SUPPLY) DECREASED, DUE TO A FALL IN DEMAND DEPOSITS. HONG KONG DOLLAR M2 AND M3, ON THE OTHER HAND, BOTH INCREASED.

LOANS AND ADVANCES CONTINUED TO GROW IN JULY. LOANS TO FINANCE TRADE INCREASED FASTER THAN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ALSO CONTINUED TO INCREASE.

THE COMPARISONS WITH THE MONTH OF APRIL 1986 ARE DISTORTED BY THE UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVELS OF DEMAND DEPOSITS AND LOANS AT THE END OF APRIL CAUSED BY THE SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES OF CATHAY PACIFIC AT THAT TIME.

DEPOSITS

IN JULY, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS DECREASED BY 2.5 PER CENT AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS BY 0.3 PER CENT, BUT TIME DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 3.0 PER CENT. TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 1.1 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 1.0 PER CENT LAST MONTH. OVER THE YEAR, THEY GREW BY 8.5 PER CENT.

/FOREIGN CURRENCY

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FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW BY 3.0 PER CENT IN JULY, AFTER INCREASES OF 2.0 PER CENT AND 1.5 PER CENT IN MAY AND JUNE. OVER THE YEAR, THE GROWTH RATE WAS 34.7 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 1.7 PER CENT IN JULY AFTER A FALL OF 0.8 PER CENT IN JUNE. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 1.2 PER CENT IN JULY AND BY 10.3 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR; ADJUSTED FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW FASTER, BY 3.2 PER CENT IN JULY AND BY 36.0 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS.

DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 3.0 PER CENT IN JULY WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 2.5 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, THE FORMER GREW BY 27.2 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER FELL BY 2.0 PER CENT.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY M1 FELL BY 0.9 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 1.2 PER CENT IN JUNE. HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3, ON THE OTHER HAND, GREW BY 1.7 PER CENT AND 1.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, HK\$M1 GREW BY 7.8 PER CENT, HK\$M2 BY 13.4 PER CENT AND HK\$M3 BY 9.8 PER CENT.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS ROSE FASTER THAN THE HONG KONG DOLLAR COMPONENT IN JULY. TOTAL M1 GREW BY 0.8 PER CENT WHILE TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 GREW BY 3.0 PER CENT AND 2.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1 INCREASED BY 10.4 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 26.5 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 21.4 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED FASTER THIS MONTH, BY 2.3 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 1.0 PER CENT IN JUNE. OVER THE 12 MONTHS, THEY GREW BY 10.9 PER CENT. LOANS DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES GREW FASTER AT 4.2 PER CENT WHILE LOANS DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 0.4 PER CENT IN JULY. OVER THE YEAR, THE FORMER GREW BY 14.5 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER GREW BY 7.5 PER CENT.

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WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS TO FINANCE THE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG ROSE BY 3.3 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 2.3 PER CENT IN JUNE. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JULY, THESE LOANS GREW BY 4.0 PER CENT. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG INCREASED BY 1.7 PER CENT IN JULY; OVER THE YEAR, THEY GREW BY 8.7 PER CENT.

LIQUIDITY RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS FELL TO 54.2 PER CENT IN JULY FROM 54.6 PER CENT IN JUNE. THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AS DEFINED IN S.24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) DECREASED TO 41.0 PER CENT IN JULY FROM 43.0 PER CENT IN JUNE.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 149. THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 1 TO 37. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY 3 TO 261.

MONETARY STATISTICS

MONETARY STATISTICS - JULY 1986

(HK\$mn)

	<u>Jul 1986</u>	<u>Earlier months</u> (% change to July 1986)		<u>Jul 1985</u>
		<u>Jun 1986</u>	<u>Apr 1986</u>	
<u>Money Supply</u>				
M1 - HK\$	42,474	42,854 (- 0.9%)	92,189 (-53.9%)	39,405 (+ 7.8%)
Foreign currency	4,946	4,167 (+18.7%)	3,917 (+26.3%)	3,553 (+39.2%)
Total	47,420	47,021 (+ 0.8%)	96,106 (-50.7%)	42,959 (+10.4%)
M2 - HK\$	210,350	206,836 (+ 1.7%)	248,716 (-15.4%)	185,415 (+13.4%)
Foreign currency	238,903	229,438 (+ 4.1%)	220,781 (+ 8.2%)	169,811 (+40.7%)
Total	449,253	436,274 (+ 3.0%)	469,497 (- 4.3%)	355,226 (+26.5%)
M3 - HK\$	245,513	242,432 (+ 1.3%)	285,463 (-14.0%)	223,543 (+ 9.8%)
Foreign currency	284,796	276,731 (+ 2.9%)	267,663 (+ 6.4%)	213,366 (+33.5%)
Total	530,308	519,164 (+ 2.1%)	553,126 (- 4.1%)	436,909 (+21.4%)
<u>Deposits</u>				
Demand deposits	29,919	29,772 (+ 0.5%)	78,759 (-62.0%)	27,622 (+ 8.3%)
Savings deposits	105,460	104,471 (+ 0.9%)	97,017 (+ 8.7%)	94,723 (+11.3%)
Time deposits with banks	289,997	278,543 (+ 4.1%)	269,981 (+ 7.4%)	212,005 (+36.8%)
Time deposits with dtcs	77,180	79,165 (- 2.5%)	79,853 (- 3.3%)	78,747 (- 2.0%)
All HK\$ deposits	222,886	220,409 (+ 1.1%)	263,466 (-15.4%)	205,480 (+ 8.5%)
All foreign currency deposits	279,670	271,542 (+ 3.0%)	262,144 (+ 6.7%)	207,617 (+34.7%)
Total	502,556	491,951 (+ 2.2%)	525,610 (- 4.4%)	413,097 (+21.7%)
<u>Loans and advances</u>				
To finance Hong Kong's visible trade	35,014	33,882 (+ 3.3%)	33,664 (+ 4.0%)	31,286 (+11.9%)
To finance merchandising trade not touching Hong Kong	4,492	4,961 (- 9.5%)	4,865 (- 7.7%)	4,915 (- 8.6%)
Other loans for use in Hong Kong	251,309	247,037 (+ 1.7%)	279,002 (- 9.9%)	231,123 (+ 8.7%)
Other loans for use outside Hong Kong	162,861	159,185 (+ 2.3%)	160,076 (+ 1.7%)	146,873 (+10.9%)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	27,735	25,467 (+ 8.9%)	24,327 (+14.0%)	19,709 (+40.7%)
All loans in HK\$	234,900	233,975 (+ 0.4%)	267,413 (-12.2%)	218,530 (+ 7.5%)
All loans in foreign currencies	246,510	236,556 (+ 4.2%)	234,521 (+ 5.1%)	215,375 (+14.5%)
Total	481,410	470,531 (+ 2.3%)	501,934 (- 4.1%)	433,905 (+10.9%)

LAW REFORM COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION, THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JAMES FINDLAY, QC, TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR SIMON IP AND MR MAXIMILIAN MA AS NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

MR IP, AGED 37, WHO WAS BORN IN HONG KONG AND EDUCATED HERE AND IN ENGLAND, IS A SOLICITOR IN PRIVATE PRACTICE AND A VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.

HE IS A MEMBER OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTEREST ON DEBT AND DAMAGES AND PREVIOUSLY SERVED ON THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURIES AND DEATH.

MR MA, AGED 32, WHO WAS BORN IN HONG KONG, IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF A DIAMOND COMPANY. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE INLAND REVENUE BOARD OF REVIEW AND A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS. MR MA WAS FORMERLY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

IN ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENTS, MR FINDLAY WELCOMED THE ADDITION TO THE COMMISSION OF TWO MEMBERS WITH SUCH VARIED EXPERIENCE. +THEIR BREADTH OF INTERESTS WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE TO THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION,+ HE SAID.

THE APPOINTMENTS OF MR IP AND MR MA FILL THE VACANCIES CAUSED BY THE RETIREMENTS OF MR ARJAN SAKHRANI, QC, AND MR T.S. LO ON THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR TERMS AS COMMISSION MEMBERS.

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SAFETY OFFICERS HAVE VITAL ROLE TO PLAY

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.C.A. HAMMOND, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE HEAVY TOLL IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REPRESENTS +A TREMENDOUS FINANCIAL LOSS AND HUMAN SUFFERING THAT NO ADVANCED SOCIETY CAN AFFORD OR TOLERATE+.

APART FROM THE LOSS OF PRODUCTION, DAMAGE TO PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND LARGE SUMS OF EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION PAID OUT, HE ADDED, WHAT IS MORE SERIOUS IS THE LOSS OF MANY SKILLED AND EFFICIENT WORKERS THROUGH DEATH OR INJURIES.

ADDRESSING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE SECOND CONSTRUCTION SAFETY OFFICER COURSE CONDUCTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, MR HAMMOND NOTED THAT 7 239 ACCIDENTS WITH 27 FATALITIES OCCURRED IN THE INDUSTRY IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 17 000 ACCIDENTS WITH 45 FATALITIES IN THE WHOLE OF 1985.

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+YOU WILL PROBABLY AGREE WITH ME THAT MANY ACCIDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE WHICH OCCUR ON CONSTRUCTION SITES, CAN BE AVOIDED IF ADEQUATE PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN, OR IF THE WORKERS CONCERNED HAVE BEEN PROPERLY TRAINED IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY,+ HE SAID.

+IN THESE VITAL AREAS, A SAFETY OFFICER, WITH HIS SPECIALISED TRAINING IN ACCIDENT PREVENTION, HAS A VITAL PART TO PLAY.+

MR HAMMOND SAID THAT LEGISLATION ON COMPULSORY EMPLOYMENT OF SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS WOULD SOON BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION, HE SAID, REFLECTED THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH IN INDUSTRY.

IT ALSO REPRESENTED THE RESULT OF OVER FIVE YEARS' JOINT EFFORTS BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS, A SAFETY OFFICER WILL BE REQUIRED TO ASSIST THE PROPRIETOR OF A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN PROMOTING THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THE PERSONS EMPLOYED, INSPECT THE WORKPLACE TO IDENTIFY RISKS, ADVISE ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES, INVESTIGATE ACCIDENTS AND DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACCIDENT PREVENTION.

+MOST IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THE SAFETY OFFICER WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE PROPRIETOR, HE WILL BE IN AN ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION TO PERSUADE AND CONVINCE OTHER EMPLOYEES ON SITE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF USING PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OBSERVING SAFE WORK PRACTICES.+ MR HAMMOND SAID.

+AT THE SAME TIME, THE PROPRIETOR WILL BE OBLIGED TO ENSURE THAT HIS SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES PROPERLY AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND FACILITIES TO ACHIEVE THIS AIM.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS JOINT EFFORT OF THE PROPRIETOR, THE SAFETY OFFICER AND EMPLOYEES CONCERNED WORKING TOGETHER WILL PROVE TO BE A MORE EFFECTIVE MEANS OF ENSURING SAFETY AT WORK.+

MR HAMMOND ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY FOR ITS FORESIGHT IN ORGANISING TRAINING COURSES FOR SAFETY OFFICERS.

THROUGH ITS EFFORTS AND THOSE OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, HE SAID, THERE WOULD BE AN ADEQUATE POOL OF TRAINED SAFETY OFFICERS AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT WHEN THE REGULATIONS WERE PUT INTO EFFECT.

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FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS PAYING OFF
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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) WAS TOLD TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE NEWLY REPORTED TO BE INVOLVED IN DRUGS DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1986, THE LOWEST HALF-YEARLY FIGURE IN FIVE YEARS.

AT THE COMMITTEE'S 61ST MEETING, ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK, REPORTED THAT THERE WAS A DECREASE OF 20.3 PER CENT - FROM 1 750 TO 1 394 - IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS NEWLY REPORTED TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE (CRDA) IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1986 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985.

THE NUMBER OF NEWLY REPORTED YOUNG PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 DECREASED BY 23.9 PER CENT, FROM 489 TO 372.

MRS ALLCOCK ALSO POINTED OUT THAT A TOTAL OF 6 289 PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED FOR DANGEROUS DRUGS OFFENCES IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1986, AN INCREASE OF SEVEN PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

+HOWEVER, PROSECUTIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 21 SHOWED A DECREASE OF 11.9 PER CENT, FROM 588 TO 518,+ SHE ADDED.

WITH REGARD TO DRUG SEIZURES, MRS ALLCOCK SAID THAT DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1986, 250 KILOGRAMS OF ILLICIT OPIATES, MAINLY NO. 3 AND NO. 4 HEROIN, 71 KILOGRAMS OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS RESIN, 33.5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAQUALONE POWDER AND 132 731 MANDRAX TABLETS WERE SEIZED.

+THE TOTAL QUANTITY OF METHAQUALONE SEIZED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1986 WAS MORE THAN EIGHT TIMES THE AMOUNT SEIZED IN THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1985,+ SHE SAID.

THE MEETING ALSO NOTED THAT ADMISSION OF DRUG ADDICTS TO TREATMENT PROGRAMMES, ESPECIALLY YOUNG ADDICTS, IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1986 DECREASED BY SIX PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR WHILE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TREATMENT AND AFTERCARE INCREASED.

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MAGAZINE MAN IS MILLIONTH HK PAVILION VISITOR
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A TORONTO MAGAZINE EMPLOYEE, MR MICHAEL HAY, BECAME THE ONE-MILLIONTH VISITOR TO PASS THROUGH THE GATES OF THE HONG KONG PAVILION AT EXPO IN CANADA YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

AS MR HAY, HIS WIFE AND 14-MONTH-OLD DAUGHTER CAME OUT OF THE THEATRE IN THE PAVILION, THEY WERE PRESENTED WITH A SET OF SOUVENIRS BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, MR EDWARD HUNG.

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THESE INCLUDED A GIFT GOLD COIN, A HONG KONG YEAR BOOK, AN EXCLUSIVE PHOTO ALBUM EDITION ON HONG KONG AND FOUR ONE-DAY COMPLIMENTARY PASSES TO EXPO.

MR HAY, WHO WAS PAYING A SECOND-DAY VISIT TO THE EXPO SITE IN VANCOUVER, SAID HE WAS SURPRISED TO KNOW THAT HE WAS THE ONE-MILLIONTH PERSON TO SEE THE HONG KONG SHOW.

+THE PRESENTATION IS VERY INTIMATE AND THE SCENES ARE FAMILIAR AND VIVID,+ MR HAY EXPLAINED, ADDING THAT HE HAD BEEN ON A VACATION VISIT TO HONG KONG ONLY IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

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EVENTS ORGANISED IN FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN
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A CARNIVAL AND COMPETITIONS TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PREVENTION OF CRIME IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT ARE AMONG EVENTS IN THIS YEAR'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHOI HING-SHUN, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT TWO COMPETITIONS HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED TO URGE RESIDENTS TO HELP EACH OTHER AND THE AUTHORITIES TO CURB CRIME.

+THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNIT CONTEST IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AMONG RESIDENTS OF BUILDINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER,+ HE SAID.

+WHILE THE BRAVE AND WITTY CITIZENS AWARD SCHEME COMPETITION IS AIMED AT RECOGNISING INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS IN CRIME PREVENTION+, HE ADDED.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOTH COMPETITIONS ARE BEING INVITED AND THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 31. APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-254602.

IN MID-JANUARY, A FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AND AWARDEES WILL BE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTSGROUND.

A TOTAL OF 380 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNITS, COVERING 4 626 HOUSEHOLDS HAVE BEEN FORMED IN TEN BUILDINGS AND RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO FORM A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNIT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE HOME AND PROPERTY OF THEIR NEIGHBOURS.

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BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT COMPLETED AT LYEMUN BARRACKS
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A CEREMONY TO MARK COMPLETION OF A BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT AT THE OLD FORT AT LYEMUN BARRACKS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 6).

THE PROJECT WAS INITIATED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD LAST YEAR WITH AN ALLOCATION OF \$50 000.

IT INCLUDED CONSTRUCTION OF A RAINSHELTER WITH BENCHES AT THE ENTRANCE TO LYEMUN BARRACKS ROAD, THREE FLOWER BEIS, AND AN ORIENTATION TABLE GIVING THE SIGHTS TO BE SEEN FROM THE OLD FORT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE PROJECT WOULD BENEFIT VISITORS TO THE OLD FORT AS WELL AS MORNING WALKERS FROM SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN.

HE SAID A HISTORY BOARD HAD ALSO BEEN PROVIDED BY THE ARMY GIVING A BILINGUAL ACCOUNT OF THE HISTORY OF LYEMUN BARRACKS.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, AND LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W.J. DAWSON OF LYEMUN BARRACKS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AT THE OLD FORT AT LYEMUN BARRACKS AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AT 9.30 AM AT THE ENTRANCE TO LYEMUN BARRACKS ROAD.

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POST OFFICE TO ISSUE NEW AEROGRAMME

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A NEWLY DESIGNED A4 SIZE AEROGRAMME WILL BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 8).

THE NEW AEROGRAMME, DESIGNED BY MR NG KEE-CHUEN, WILL REPLACE THE PRESENT PLAIN BLUE AEROGRAMME. IT IS WHITE IN COLOUR AND ITS \$1.30 STAMP DEPICTS A MAP OF HONG KONG.

THE PRICE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT \$1.30 EACH.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO JOIN SWIMMING GALA
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THE FOURTH TUEN MUN DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28 AND PEOPLE WHO WORK, STUDY OR LIVE IN THE DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE CONTEST.

ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE TUEN MUN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE ANNUAL EVENT, TO BE HELD IN THE TUEN MUN SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, IS AIMED AT CULTIVATING PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN HEALTHY SPORTS.

THE RACE EVENTS INCLUDE FREE STYLE, BREAST-STROKE, BUTTERFLY, BACK-STROKE AND RELAY RACES. THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS OF DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE BUILDING IN SAN CHING ROAD, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, THE YAN OI TONG TAI HING SPORTS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HING CHEONG HOUSE, TAI HING ESTATE AND ALL THE SUB-OFFICES OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 16. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4510304.

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VEGETABLE GROWING COMPETITION ORGANISED FOR SCHOOLS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ARE ORGANISING A COMPETITION TO STIMULATE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN GROWING VEGETABLES IN POTS.

THE COMPETITION AIMS AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN IN URBAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT VEGETABLE CHARACTERISTICS.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE OPEN TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON.

CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN SEEDS SO THAT THEY CAN GROW PLANTS BETWEEN LATE SEPTEMBER AND JANUARY NEXT YEAR. JUDGING WILL BE DONE ON JANUARY 20.

A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23 TO PROVIDE TEACHERS WITH INFORMATION AND TECHNIQUES ON GROWING VEGETABLES IN POTS.

SCHOOL HEADS INTENDING THEIR PUPILS TO TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT ENTRY FORMS TO THE INSPECTOR (PRIMARY SCIENCE), SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY BY SEPTEMBER 12.

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TAI PO LANTERN DESIGN CONTEST
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STUDENTS IN TAI PO DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO TSAT YEUK RURAL COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT AN EXHIBITION IN THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 19.

STUDENTS STUDYING OR LIVING IN THE DISTRICT CAN ENTER THE CONTEST WHICH IS DIVIDED INTO THE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTIONS.

THE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED BOOK COUPONS.

THE LANTERNS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE AT 1 HEUNG SZE WUI STREET. DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 15 (MONDAY).

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PHOTO EXHIBITION ON HK HISTORY
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A HISTORICAL PHOTO EXHIBITION ENTITLED "HONG KONG AS TIME GOES BY", JOINTLY ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WILL BE HELD AT HONG KONG MUSEUM OF HISTORY FROM SEPTEMBER 7 (SUNDAY) TO SEPTEMBER 21.

THE VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR WANG GUNGWU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE FIRST FLOOR GALLERY OF THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY IN KOWLOON PARK.

THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE, AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF URBAN COUNCIL, MRS ELSIE TU, WILL ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. AS SPACE IS LIMITED, TELEVISION CAMERAMEN SHOULD USE HAND-HELD CAMERAS.

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HING WAH STREET CLEARANCE TO BE DISCUSSED
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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 5) AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL ON THE CLEARANCE OF HING WAH STREET AND ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

THE PROPOSAL FOLLOWS THE SUCCESSFUL CLEARANCE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE NAM CHEONG STREET NULLAH DECKING IN JULY.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PUBLIC HOUSING RENT POLICY AND THE FINAL REPORT OF THE GREEN PAPER ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING, WHICH WILL AFFECT ALL 130 000 PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE THE ACCUMULATION OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE WATER ON THE PAVEMENT OUTSIDE 528-530 CASTLE PEAK ROAD; SAFETY PROBLEM OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS STORE AT KING LAM STREET; SANITARY CONDITION OF FOOD STALLS; DECKING OF TONKIN STREET AND NULLAH ON TAI HANG TUNG ROAD; ERECTION OF +WELCOME+ SIGN BOARD; RELOCATION OF UN CHAU STREET TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINT; AND PROPOSED RAIN SHELTER AT FIVE RINGS GARDEN.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, AT 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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CONTRACT SIGNING FOR JUNK BAY TUNNEL
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A CONTRACT VALUED AT \$134.5 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAIN JUNK BAY TUNNEL CIVIL WORKS WILL BE SIGNED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, MR KENNETH KWOK, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTRACTOR, MESSRS. VIANINI LAVORI S.P.A.

THE SIGNING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 21ST FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT 10.30 AM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SIGNING CEREMONY.

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TRAFFIC PLAN FOR FOOTBALL MATCHES
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HAPPY VALLEY FROM SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 7) THROUGHOUT THE FORTH-COMING FOOTBALL SEASON, WHENEVER THERE IS A FOOTBALL MATCH AT HONG KONG STADIUM.

TWO HOURS BEFORE THE START OF EACH MATCH, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL COME INTO EFFECT:

- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND STADIUM PATH WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE RESTRICTED TO VEHICLES REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS.
- * EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, BUT VEHICLES WILL STILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE CAR PARK OF ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL FROM TUNG LO WAN ROAD.
- * LINK ROAD BETWEEN CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND HAPPY VIEW TERRACE WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY UPHILL. VEHICLES LEAVING THE UPPER SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE AND LEIGHTON HILL SHOULD PROCEED DOWN VIA BROADWOOD ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.
- * WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON HYSAN AVENUE WILL HAVE TO TURN LEFT INTO LEIGHTON ROAD EASTBOUND.
- * SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON SUN WUI ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO LEIGHTON ROAD WESTBOUND.
- * THE UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE HONG KONG STADIUM WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES.
- * GREEN MINIBUSES ROUTES 5 AND 14M BOUND FOR CAUSEWAY BAY WILL HAVE TO PROCEED VIA WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND MORRISON HILL ROAD, WHILE ROUTE 28A WILL NOT OPERATE THROUGH CAROLINE HILL ROAD, COTTON PATH AND EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD.
- * GREEN MINIBUSES ROUTE 30 ON ITS JOURNEYS TO CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE DIVERTED TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD TO HYSAN AVENUE.
- * THE BUS STOP ON EASTBOUND LEIGHTON ROAD NEAR MATHESON STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED IF NECESSARY.

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IN ADDITION, 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE END OF THE MATCH, CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, WHILE THE SECTION OF CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

LINK ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR ACCESS TO OR FROM PREMISES AT LINK ROAD VIA BROADWOOD ROAD.

MATHESON STREET, RUSSELL STREET, SHARP STREET EAST AND THE SECTION OF LEIGHTON ROAD SOUTH OF IRVING STREET WILL BE PROHIBITED TO LEARNER DRIVERS BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4.30 PM IN THE CASE OF DAY MATCHES, AND BETWEEN 7.30 PM AND 8.30 PM IN THE CASE OF NIGHT MATCHES.

PARKING SPACES ON SUN WUI ROAD, STADIUM PATH AND THE UNNAMED ROAD AROUND THE STADIUM WILL BE SUSPENDED ABOUT FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE MATCH.

ALL THE ABOVE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, WILL LAST UNTIL CROWDS HAVE DISPERSED AFTER THE MATCH.

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BRIDGE CLOSED FOR INSPECTION

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TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 7) FOR INSPECTION OF THE BRIDGE'S STRUCTURE.

IT WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12.30 AM TO 2.30 AM; 6.30 AM TO 7.30 AM; AND 3 PM TO 4 PM.

DURING THE CLOSURE, IT WILL BE REOPENED TO GENERAL TRAFFIC AT A FIVE-MINUTE INTERVAL AND TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES IMMEDIATELY.

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TWO-WAY TRAFFIC RESUMES ON KIK YEUNG ROAD

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TWO-WAY TRAFFIC ON KIK YEUNG ROAD IN YUEN LONG BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND THE ENTRANCE OF YUEN LONG (WEST) BUS TERMINUS WILL RESUME FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THIS FOLLOWS COMPLETION OF ROAD WORKS CARRIED OUT IN CONNECTION WITH THE TUEN MUN - YUEN LONG LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

KMB ROUTES 54, 56, 61, 64K, 68M, 76K, AND 77K WILL RESUME THEIR ORIGINAL ROUTINGS VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) AND KIK YEUNG ROAD. MEANWHILE, THE BUS STOPS FOR THESE ROUTES OUTSIDE THE OLD KMB BUS DEPOT, WHICH WERE SUSPENDED EARLIER, WILL RESUME OPERATION.

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