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JOBLESS RATE REMAINS LARGELY STABLE

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION REMAINED LARGELY STABLE IN THE QUARTER MAY - JULY 1985 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE QUARTER ENDING APRIL 1985, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY - JULY 1985 WAS 3.0 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 3.3 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING APRIL 1985. THE RATE FOR MAY - JULY 1984 WAS 3.4 PER CENT.

WHILE THE DECREASE OF 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT, THE DECREASE OF 0.4 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE YEAR IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT - THAT IS, IT IS GREATER THAN MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO ARISE FROM SAMPLING ERROR.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER ENDING JULY 1985 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 80 600, COMPARED WITH 84 400 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING APRIL 1985 AND 90 200 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY - JULY 1985 WAS 1.2 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 1.1 PER CENT FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. THE RATE FOR MAY - JULY 1984 WAS 0.9 PER CENT. WHILE THE INCREASE OF 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT, THE INCREASE OF 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE YEAR IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JULY 1985 WAS 33 000, COMPARED WITH 28 300 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING APRIL 1985 AND 23 200 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE SEEKING MORE WORK OR WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED MORE WORK WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WHICH HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FOR THE VARIATION IN FIRST-TIME JOB SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

HE SAID THAT BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST MOVING THREE-MONTH 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 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR JUNE - AUGUST 1985 WAS 3.5 PER CENT, AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.3 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WILL BE LOWER AFTER SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT. THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY - JULY 1985 WAS 3.2 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY (GHS) CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 52 000 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.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID THAT TO CONFORM TO THE LATEST STANDARDS RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO, THE GHS DEFINITIONS OF +UNEMPLOYMENT+ AND +UNDEREMPLOYMENT+ HAD BEEN MODIFIED SINCE JANUARY 1985.

HOWEVER, A COMPLETE CONVERSION WOULD ONLY BE INTRODUCED IN MAY 1986 WHEN A SUFFICIENTLY LONG SERIES OF THE STATISTICS UNDER THE NEW DEFINITIONS IS AVAILABLE. USING THE NEW DEFINITIONS THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY - JULY 1985 WAS 2.9 PER CENT, AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.8 PER CENT.

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 1985 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE LATER THIS MONTH.

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AUGUST WETTER, CLOUDIER THAN USUAL
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AUGUST 1985 WAS WETTER AND CLOUDIER THAN USUAL, WITH TOTAL RAINFALL OF 501.4 MM, 21 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTS.

THE 1741.0 MM OF RAINFALL FROM JANUARY 1 UP TO THE END OF AUGUST WAS SLIGHTLY ABOVE NORMAL.

THERE WERE 188.4 HOURS OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE IN THE MONTH, NINE PER CENT BELOW AVERAGE.

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THE MEAN DEW POINT OF 25.1 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE FIFTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

THE WEATHER WAS FINE AND SUNNY ON AUGUST 1 AND 2 APART FROM A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS AND SOME HEAT THUNDERSTORMS AT SEK KONG IN THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 2.

THERE WERE SCATTERED MORNING SHOWERS AND SUNNY PERIODS FROM AUGUST 3 TO 5, AND SOME ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS ON AUGUST 3.

HOWEVER, IT WAS FINE, SUNNY AND HOT ON AUGUST 6 AND 7. AND ON AUGUST 5 AND 7 THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE ROSE TO 33.0 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE HIGHEST SO FAR THIS YEAR.

IT WAS SHOWERY IN THE MORNING OF AUGUST 8 BUT TURNED FINE AND HOT IN THE AFTERNOON. FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER PREVAILED ON AUGUST 9 AND 10 APART FROM A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS IN THE MORNING OF AUGUST 9.

A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE FORMED OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON AUGUST 11 AND THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG WAS CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS AND SUNNY INTERVALS ON AUGUST 11 AND 12.

AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE OVER THE WESTERN COAST OF GUANGDONG BROUGHT UNSETTLED WEATHER TO HONG KONG FROM AUGUST 13 TO 16.

THERE WERE OCCASIONAL HEAVY SHOWERS DURING THIS PERIOD, AND ABOUT 70 MM OF RAINFALL WERE RECORDED AT FANLING IN THE THUNDERY SHOWERS ON AUGUST 14, AND 150 MM OF RAINFALL WERE RECORDED DURING THE HEAVY SHOWERS AND SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS IN TSUEN WAN BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5 PM ON AUGUST 16.

A TOTAL OF 179 PEOPLE WERE EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES DUE TO MUDSLIPS AND FLOODS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ANOTHER 87 RESIDENTS HAD TO BE EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES AT THE SHAM WAN ROAD SQUATTER AREA IN ABERDEEN FOLLOWING A MUDSLIP IN THE MORNING OF AUGUST 16.

THE WEATHER ON AUGUST 17 AND 18 WAS GENERALLY FINE APART FROM SOME LIGHT SHOWERS IN THE MORNING.

AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE DEVELOPED NEAR TAIWAN ON AUGUST 19. IT MOVED SOUTHWESTWARD ALONG THE COAST OF SOUTHEAST CHINA ON THE NEXT TWO DAYS AND PASSED TO THE WEST OF HONG KONG EARLY ON AUGUST 22.

THE LOCAL WEATHER WAS FINE AT FIRST BUT SQUALLY AND THUNDERY SHOWERS OCCURRED IN THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING ON AUGUST 19. GUSTS OF UP TO 46 KNOTS WERE RECORDED AT WAGLAN ISLAND AT ABOUT 3 PM IN THE SQUALLY SHOWERS WHILE SAI KUNG REGISTERED ABOUT 100 MM OF RAINFALL IN THE THREE HOURS BETWEEN 2 PM AND 5 PM.

/SIX WOODEN

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SIX WOODEN HUTS ON THE HILLSIDE IN SAU ON VILLAGE, KWUN TONG, BECAME UNSAFE WHEN A STREAM OVERFLOWED AND WASHED AWAY PART OF THEIR FOUNDATIONS. A TOTAL OF 22 PEOPLE HAD TO BE EVACUATED. THE WEATHER WAS FINE ON AUGUST 20 BUT SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS RETURNED THE NEXT DAY. GUSTS OF UP TO 42 KNOTS WERE RECORDED AT CHEUNG CHAU AT ABOUT 1 AM ON AUGUST 21 DURING THE SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS.

SHOWERY WEATHER CONTINUED ON AUGUST 22.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED IN HONG KONG WITH PLENTY OF SUNSHINE ON AUGUST 23 AS THE AREA OF LOW PRESSURE CONTINUED TO MOVE WESTWARD TO THE LEIZHOU PENINSULA. THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON BECAME VERY ACTIVE OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND SOUTHWESTERLY WINDS STRENGTHENED OFFSHORE IN HONG KONG ON AUGUST 24. IT WAS CLOUDY ON AUGUST 24 WITH ISOLATED SHOWERS AND SUNNY PERIODS.

THE NEXT DAY SHOWERS BECAME MORE FREQUENT AND WERE OCCASIONALLY HEAVY.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONTINUED TO AFFECT HONG KONG FROM AUGUST 26 TO 29. MORE THAN 100 MM OF RAINFALL WERE RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY IN THE EIGHT HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 8 AM ON AUGUST 26.

SOME 130 PEOPLE WERE FORCED TO FLEE THEIR HOMES DUE TO THE MUDSLIPS IN SAU ON VILLAGE, POKFULAM VILLAGE AND ON TIN WAN PRAYA ROAD, ABERDEEN. THE TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR FLOODED SOME LOW-LYING AREAS BUT THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF SERIOUS DAMAGE. THE WORST HIT AREAS WERE KOWLOON CITY, TSUEN WAN NEAR FUK LOI ESTATE, YUEN LONG AND TIN SHUI WAI.

PERSISTENT RAIN CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON AUGUST 27 WITH ANOTHER 74.3 MM RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

TWENTY NINE REPORTS OF MINOR FLOODING WERE RECEIVED AND THERE WERE 19 REPORTS OF LANDSLIPS, MUDSLIPS AND CRASHING BOULDERS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. ABOUT 80 PEOPLE WERE EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES IN CHA KWO LING, CHAI WAN AND ON AP LEI CHAU.

THE RAINY WEATHER CONTINUED UNTIL AUGUST 29.

MUDSLIPS OCCURRED AT LAM TIN AND YAU TONG IN KOWLOON AND AT SAI KUNG AND SHAM TSENG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON AUGUST 29.

FINE WEATHER SET IN ON AUGUST 30 AND CONTINUED THE NEXT DAY.

NINE TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC DURING THE MONTH, BUT NONE AFFECTED HONG KONG.

DURING THE MONTH NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

/THUNDERSTORM

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THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON AUGUST 3, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 28 AND 29. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON AUGUST 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26 AND 27. A LANDSLIP WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON AUGUST 27.

NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED AND THERE WERE NO STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL AND TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS HOISTED.

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	188.4 HOURS = 17.6 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	501.4 MM = 88.0 MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	70% = 4% MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	85% = 2% HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	30.6 DEGREES C = 0.6 DEGREE C BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	28.0 DEGREES C = 0.2 DEGREE C BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	26.1 DEGREES C = 0.2 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	25.1 DEGREES C = 0.3 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	125.6 MM = 37.9 MM BELOW NORMAL

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 33.0 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON AUGUST 5 AND 7.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 24.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON AUGUST 27.

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SAI KUNG RESIDENTS PRAISED FOR CIVIC INTEREST
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SAI KUNG'S ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND LI, TODAY (SATURDAY) PRAISED RESIDENTS FOR THEIR INTEREST IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

MR LI SAID ALSO THAT THE RESIDENTS SHOULD, IN THE SAME SPIRIT, TAKE PART IN THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE WHICH ENDS ON OCTOBER 1.

/+RESIDENTS SHOULD

+RESIDENTS SHOULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO BECOME ELECTORS SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE PART IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION NEXT MARCH,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, MR LI SAID THE SUCCESS OF THE SYP WAS THE RESULT OF UNITY AND CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS AND THE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

+THIS REFLECTS THE CONCERN SAI KUNG RESIDENTS HAVE FOR THEIR COMMUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

MR LI ALSO SAID THAT SAI KUNG DISTRICT HAD THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF VOTER TURNOUT DURING THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, AN ACHIEVEMENT EACH RESIDENT SHOULD BE PROUD OF.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE MAN YEE REHOUSING ESTATE PLAYGROUND IN SAI KUNG TOWN. IT WAS FOLLOWED BY AN ATHELETIC COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN.

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CENTRE FOR SAI YING PUN YOUTHS

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THE FIRST YOUTH CENTRE LOCATED IN COMMERCIAL PREMISES, FOR WHICH A SUBVENTION-SUPPORTED COMMERCIAL RENT IS PAID, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CARITAS YOUTH CENTRE IN SHEK TONG TSUI, MRS CHAN SAID THAT THE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF YOUTH CENTRES IN THE DENSELY POPULATED SAI YING PUN AREA, WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF 70 000.

THE CARITAS YOUTH CENTRE IS LOCATED IN THE CHONG YIP SHOPPING ARCADE AT DES VOEUX ROAD WEST. IT HAS BEEN FITTED WITH OVER \$200 000 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT ALLOCATED FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND. THE LAYOUT HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY STUDENTS FROM THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

MRS CHAN SAID ALSO THAT ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY YOUTH CENTRES MUST BE ATTRACTIVE, LIVELY AND WELL-ORGANISED, TO ENCOURAGE YOUTH PARTICIPATION.

+YOUNG PEOPLE CAN GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER THROUGH PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES, AND THUS DEVELOP THEIR INDEPENDENCE, CONFIDENCE AND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, AS WELL AS THEIR POTENTIAL AND ABILITIES TO ADAPT TO AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN SOCIETY,+ SHE SAID.

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COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH
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REFRESHER COURSES WILL BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH TO ACQUAINT TEACHERS WITH THE REVISED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENGLISH SYLLABUS AND A RANGE OF COMMUNICATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES.

THE COURSES, RUN BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ARE ALSO AIMED AT IMPROVING THE TEACHERS' FLUENCY IN SPOKEN ENGLISH.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO COMPLETE THE REFRESHER COURSE TO ENROL, FREE OF CHARGE, IN THE CLASSES ON ORAL PROFICIENCY AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL.

THE COURSE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY TEACHERS FROM THE BRITISH COUNCIL, AND GUEST TUTORS FROM THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY.

EACH COURSE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT 100 TEACHERS. CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL AT HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON YOUTH EVENT
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO GIVE DETAILS OF A YOUTH PROGRAMME, ENTITLED '+CIVIC DAY FOR YOUTH+' WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) AT 2.30 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON 5/F OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

+CIVIC DAY FOR YOUTH+ WILL BE A TERRITORY-WIDE EVENT ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (CCCIYY). ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS ON THE THEME -- +TO CARE FOR, TO SERVE AND TO BUILD YOUR COMMUNITY+.

URBAN COUNCILLOR MR LEE CHIK-YUET, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE '+CIVIC DAY FOR YOUTH+' WILL ANNOUNCE THE DETAILS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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FOOTBRIDGE PLANNED FOR HENNESSY ROAD
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PLANS HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A 35-METRE COVERED FOOTBRIDGE AT PERCIVAL STREET.

THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL SPAN HENNESSY ROAD.

IT WILL BE INSTALLED WITH AN ESCALATOR AND A STAIRCASE AT THE SOUTHERN END AND A TEMPORARY STAIRCASE AT THE NORTHERN END, ADJACENT TO THE MTR CAUSEWAY BAY STATION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A STAIRCASE AT THE MID-SPAN SECTION OF THE FOOTBRIDGE ON HENNESSY ROAD, LEADING TO A TRAM SHELTER.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

PERSONS WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MURRAY BUILDING, 20TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE NOVEMBER 12, 1985.

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FERRY PIER WALKWAY TO BE BUILT
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COVERED WALKWAY LINKING NORTH POINT FERRY PIER TO THE BUS TERMINUS AT THE FERRY CONCOURSE.

THE WALKWAY, 130 METRES IN LENGTH, WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN STEEL. THE PROVISION OF FOOTINGS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORK WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SOUVENIR STALL OPERATOR NEEDED
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF A SOUVENIR STALL AT CASTLE PEAK BEACH IN TUEN MUN FROM NOVEMBER 1.

SITUATED AT 19 MILESTONE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, THE BEACH IS A POPULAR SIGHTSEEING SPOT FOR OVERSEAS TOURISTS, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE CONTRACT IS FOR THREE YEARS.

TENDER FORMS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE RSD HEADQUARTERS AT SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 3/F, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI; OR THE RSD'S TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE AT 3/F, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENT KIOSKS
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS INVITING TENDERS TO OPERATE LIGHT REFRESHMENT KIOSKS AT THE JUNCTION ROAD PARK AND AT THE BLAKE PIER ROOF-TOP GARDEN.

SUCCESSFUL TENDERS WILL EACH BE GIVEN A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT. THE CONTRACT FOR THE JUNCTION ROAD PARK KIOSK WILL START FROM DECEMBER 1, 1985 WHILE THAT FOR THE BLAKE PIER ROOF-TOP GARDEN WILL COMMENCE FROM THE DATE OF SIGNING THE CONTRACT. THE CURRENT MONTHLY RENTALS FOR THE KIOSKS ARE \$6 520 FOR THE ONE IN JUNCTION ROAD PARK AND \$28 628 FOR THE ONE IN BLAKE PIER ROOF-TOP GARDEN.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON REGIONAL OFFICE (LEISURE SERVICES KOWLOON EAST), 70-78, 2ND FLOOR, AMOY PLAZA, PHASE I, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, AND CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICE, TOP FLOOR, CENTRAL MARKET BUILDING, 80, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, RESPECTIVELY.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE AND PLACED BY HAND IN THE TENDER BOX SITUATED AT THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECEPTION COUNTER ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, BEFORE 9 A.M. ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1985 IN RESPECT OF JUNCTION ROAD PARK KIOSK AND BEFORE 9 A.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1985 FOR THE BLAKE PIER ROOF-TOP GARDEN. LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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NO FLUSHING WATER
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE WHOLE OF SAN PO KONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) FOR MAINS WORK.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE
PEAK RANGE ON SIX DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS
ARE HOISTED.

THE PRACTICE WILL BE FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON MONDAY
(SEPTEMBER 16), 8 AM TO 6 AM FROM TUESDAY TO FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER
17 TO 20) AND FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 21).

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