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NOTE TO EDITORS :

PRESS CONFERENCE ON TEXTILES CONTROL SYSTEM
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE 1983 REVIEW OF THE TEXTILES EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM, WILL BE HELD AT 11.30 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) AT THE GIS THEATRE, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR JOHN CHAN, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR C.W. LAU WILL BE PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE.

COPIES OF THE REVIEW REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE THEATRE AT 9.30 AM. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES PLEASE NOTE THAT CONTENTS OF THE REPORT SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL THE PRESS CONFERENCE IS OVER.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER. TV AND RADIO STATIONS REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT BY 11.15 AM.

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PORT SETS RECORD FOR MONTH
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AN ALL TIME RECORD WAS ACHIEVED IN THE PORT DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1983, IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS WHICH ARRIVED, AND, IN RESPECT OF THE TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED, SO MUCH SO THAT 1983 IS LIKELY TO BREAK ALL RECORDS PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED, A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS WHICH ENTERED HONG KONG IN AUGUST 1983, INCREASED BY ONLY SOME 9.0 PERCENT OVER AUGUST 1982, ENORMOUS PERCENTAGE INCREASES WERE EXPERIENCED IN CARGO BOTH LOADED AND DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG.

A REMARKABLE INCREASE OF 39.8 PERCENT WAS RECORDED IN CARGO LOADED BY OCEAN-GOING VESSELS, WHEREAS AN INCREASE OF SOME 24.3 PERCENT WAS RECORDED FOR CARGO DISCHARGED.

EVEN LARGER INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RIVER TRADE ACTIVITIES, WHERE A GROWTH OF SOME 79.2 PERCENT WAS RECORDED IN TERMS OF CARGO LOADED BY RIVER TRADE VESSELS, HE SAID.

A SUMMARY OF THE INCREASES IS AS FOLLOWS :-

COMPARATIVE PORT STATISTICS FOR OCEAN-GOING VESSELS

	AUGUST 1983	AUGUST 1982	CHANGE PER CENT INCREASE
NUMBER OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERED	1,019	935	+ 8.98PC

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NET REGISTERED TONNAGE OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERED	6,195,661	5,439,670	+ 13.90PC
CARGO DISCHARGED BY OCEAN-GOING VESSELS (IN TONNES)	2,569,877	2,067,770	+ 24.28PC
CARGO LOADED BY OCEAN-GOING VESSELS (IN TONNES)	954,580	682,887	+ 39.78PC
TOTAL CARGO LOADED AND DISCHARGED BY OCEAN-GOING VESSELS (IN TONNES)	3,524,457	2,750,657	+ 28.13PC

COMPARATIVE PORT STATISTICS FOR RIVER TRADE VESSELS

CARGO DISCHARGED BY RIVER TRADE VESSELS (IN TONNES)	376,170	293,880	+ 28.00PC
CARGO LOADED BY RIVER TRADE VESSELS (IN TONNES)	122,776	68,530	+ 79.16PC
TOTAL CARGO LOADED AND DISCHARGED BY RIVER TRADE VESSELS (IN TONNES)	498,946	362,410	+ 37.67PC

TOTAL COMPARATIVE PORT STATISTICS
OCEAN GOING PLUS RIVER TRADE

TOTAL CARGO DISCHARGED BY ALL VESSELS (IN TONNES)	2,946,047	2,361,650	+ 24.75PC
TOTAL CARGO LOADED BY ALL VESSELS (TONNES)	1,077,356	751,417	+ 43.38PC
TOTAL CARGO LOADED AND DISCHARGED BY ALL VESSELS (IN TONNES)	4,023,403	3,113,067	+ 29.24PC

PROVISIONAL FIGURES AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST 8 MONTHS OF 1983 (JANUARY TO AUGUST INCLUSIVE) SHOW AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 25.4 PERCENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1982 IN RESPECT OF THE TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED IN HONG KONG.

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DISABLED GATHER FOR CLOSER HARMONY
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THE FAR EASTERN REGIONAL CAMP FOR HANDICAPPED YOUNG PEOPLE WAS OPENED THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

SEVENTY DELEGATES FROM SEVEN COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES — SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN, TAIWAN, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, MACAU AND HONG KONG — ARE TAKING PART IN THE WEEK-LONG CAMP, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE HELD HERE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR CHAMBERS SAID THE CAMP AIMED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIPS AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG HANDICAPPED YOUTH FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, AND TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER BY EXCHANGING EXPERIENCES IN REHABILITATION WORK.

DURING THE WEEK, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SEEING A WIDE VARIETY OF REHABILITATION SERVICES AND VISITING PLACES OF INTEREST.

+I AM SURE THAT THROUGH THESE VISITS, TALKS, SEMINARS AND EXCHANGES OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, NEW IDEAS ON WORKING WITH AND FOR THE HANDICAPPED WILL EMERGE AND BEAR FRUIT IN THE DAYS TO COME,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ORGANISERS, THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH, FOR THEIR SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED, WHICH INCLUDED AN ACTIVITIES CENTRE, A HALF-WAY HOSTEL, A SELF-SUPPORTING WORKSHOP AND A DRIVING SCHOOL.

NOTING THAT THE FEDERATION WAS FOUNDED BY THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE WELFARE AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAMBERS SAID +IT IS A FINE EXAMPLE WHICH DEMONSTRATES THE HANDICAPPED PEOPLE CAN DO A GREAT DEAL TO HELP THEMSELVES.+

ONE OF THE AIMS OF THE FEDERATION, HE SAID, WAS TO PROMOTE REHABILITATION SERVICES THROUGH THE SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER AGENCIES IN THIS FIELD, BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

MR CHAMBERS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT MORE SIMILAR EXCHANGE CAMPS WOULD BE HELD IN THE FUTURE.

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SITE TENANCY INVITED

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A SITE AT YEN CHAU STREET, SHAM SHUI PO.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 5 770 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR FEE PAYING VEHICLE PARK PURPOSE.

THE TENANCY IS FOR 18 MONTHS AND MONTHLY THEREAFTER.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR THE SITE IS NOON ON OCTOBER 7.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND PLAN INSPECTED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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TAI HING SUB-OFFICE OPENS

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE'S SUB-OFFICE IN TAI HING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WAS OPENED TODAY, PROVIDING SERVICES TO 70 000 RESIDENTS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, SAID THE NEW OFFICE WOULD SERVE AS A GOOD VENUE FOR RESIDENTS TO AIR THEIR VIEWS AND MAKE ENQUIRIES.

+IN SO DOING, THE GOVERNMENT MAY THEREFORE BE AWARE OF THE NEEDS AND THE OPINIONS OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

THE SUB-OFFICE, SITUATED AT UNITS 17-20 ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HING FAI HOUSE, IS OPEN FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 0-824104.

SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE SUB-OFFICE INCLUDE THE ADMINISTERING OF STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT FORMS AND INFORMATION PAMPHLETS, HANDLING COMPLAINTS, ANSWERING ENQUIRIES ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES, AND MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLIENTS SEEKING FREE LEGAL ADVICE.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK AND THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WONG-FAT AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR NIP CHAK-TONG AND NG CHEUK-TAI.

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ROOFTOP SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

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PLANS FOR THE FOUR ROOFTOP PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN TIN WAN WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) AFTERNOON.

IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED THAT TWO OF THE MORE FULLY ENROLLED SCHOOLS BE RETAINED AFTER IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT, AND THE OTHER TWO SCHOOLS BE PHASED OUT.

THE FOUR SCHOOLS WHICH WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION ARE THE ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION FONG SHU CHUEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, THE MAGDALENE OF CANOSSA SCHOOL, THE SKH CHI NAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE PO LEUNG KUK CFA KAP SHEN PRIMARY SCHOOL.

AT THE MEETING, BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PROPOSED COOKED FOOD CENTRE AT NAM LONG SHAN ROAD.

THEY WILL REVIEW THE BOARD'S CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES, IN LIGHT OF PAST EXPERIENCE AND THE PHYSICAL AND SOCIO-POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

REPORTS ON TWO SEMINARS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF RELIGIOUS BODIES AND LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION.

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SHING ON STREET REOPENS

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SHING ON STREET IN SAI WAN HO HAS BEEN REOPENED TO TRAFFIC TODAY (SEPTEMBER 21), FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ROAD WORKS.

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WATER SUSPENSION

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES AND VILLAGES IN SHAM TSENG AND TSING LUNG TAU WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 24) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

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