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HONG KONG WITHIN SIGHT OF ECONOMIC STABILITY  
REVISED FORECAST OF GDP - 12 PER CENT  
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HONG KONG IS WITHIN SIGHT OF ECONOMIC STABILITY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) AT A DINNER AT THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB.

MR. HADDON-CAVE ADDED THAT, FAR FROM HAVING HAD TO SACRIFICE GROWTH FOR STABILITY, THE GROWTH RATE OF THE ECONOMY HAS ACTUALLY ACCELERATED FROM 10 PER CENT IN 1978 TO A PROBABLE 12 PER CENT IN 1979, ALTHOUGH THE 6.4 PER CENT INCREASE IN POPULATION IN 1979 HAS MEANT THAT GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) PER HEAD WILL BE LESS THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE THE CASE.

THE REVISED GROWTH RATE OF 12 PER CENT FOR HONG KONG'S GDP IN 1979 IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST OF 7 PER CENT.

MR. HADDON-CAVE GAVE FIVE REASONS WHY THE REVISED FORECAST DIFFERS CONSIDERABLY FROM THE BUDGET FORECAST.

THEY WERE : FIRST, THERE HAD BEEN AN ALMOST DRAMATIC UPSURGE IN DEMAND FOR HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS- SECONDLY, THERE HAD BEEN HIGHER THAN EXPECTED INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND MACHINERY- THIRDLY, HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT TRADE HAD CONTINUED TO SURGE- FOURTHLY, THERE HAD BEEN AN UNEXPECTED ACCELERATION OF WORLD PRICES- AND FIFTHLY, THE BUDGET FORECAST HAD NOT ALLOWED SUFFICIENTLY FOR THE RECENT POPULATION INCREASE.

THE REVISED FORECAST FOR THE GROWTH RATES OF THE GDP COMPONENTS IN 1979 ARE : 11 PER CENT FOR PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE, COMPARED WITH NINE PER CENT IN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST AND 17 PER CENT ACHIEVED IN 1978- 12 PER CENT FOR GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE, COMPARED WITH NINE PER CENT IN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST AND 14 PER CENT ACHIEVED IN 1978- 15 PER CENT FOR GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION, COMPARED WITH NINE PER CENT IN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST AND 19 PER CENT ACHIEVED IN 1978- 16 PER CENT FOR EXPORTS OF GOODS, COMPARED WITH EIGHT PER CENT IN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST AND 14 PER CENT ACHIEVED IN 1978- AND 15 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS OF GOODS, COMPARED WITH 10 PER CENT IN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST AND 22 PER CENT ACHIEVED IN 1978.

MR. HADDON-CAVE DREW PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE REVISED FORECAST FOR THE GROWTH RATE OF INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND MACHINERY IS 20 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH EIGHT PER CENT IN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST AND 19 PER CENT ACHIEVED IN 1978. BUT THE REVISED FORECAST FOR THE GROWTH RATE OF INVESTMENT IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST AT 10 PER CENT. THE GROWTH RATE ACHIEVED IN 1978 WAS 15 PER CENT.

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HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE REVISED FORECAST FOR THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IS 13 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH SEVEN PER CENT IN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST AND 10.5 PER CENT ACHIEVED IN 1978- WHILST THE REVISED FORECAST FOR THE GROWTH RATE OF RE-EXPORTS IS 27 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 12 PER CENT IN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST AND 27 PER CENT ACHIEVED IN 1978.

ON PRICES, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID THE REVISED FORECAST FOR THE RATE OF INCREASE IN CONSUMER PRICES IN 1979 IS 11 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH NINE PER CENT IN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST AND SIX PER CENT IN 1978. THE REVISED FORECAST FOR THE RATE OF INCREASE IN THE GDP DEFLATOR IS ALSO HIGHER AT 14 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH EIGHT PER CENT IN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST AND 5.5 PER CENT IN 1978.

MR. HADDON-CAVE ALSO OUTLINED IN DETAIL THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ECONOMY OF THE REVISED FORECAST. WITH ONE +IMPORTANT EXCEPTION+, THESE IMPLICATIONS REPRESENT AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION ENVISAGED IN THE BUDGET SPEECH AND ON ACTUAL EXPERIENCE IN 1978.

THE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE A GROWTH RATE OF TOTAL DEMAND (13.7 PER CENT) WHICH IS MORE IN LINE WITH THE GROWTH RATE OF THE ECONOMY'S OUTPUT, AS MEASURED BY THE GROWTH RATE OF GDP (12 PER CENT). SO THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS (15 PER CENT) IS NOW SLOWER THAN THE GROWTH RATE OF EXPORTS (16 PER CENT). THIS MEANS THAT THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP, NAMELY, THAT PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT PAID FOR BY TOTAL EXPORT EARNINGS, IS ACTUALLY NARROWING INSTEAD OF WIDENING.

MR. HADDON-CAVE SAID THAT THIS NARROWING TRADE GAP +HAS CERTAIN IMPLICATIONS FOR THE EXCHANGE VALUE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS .....+.

HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT EXCHANGE RATE MOVEMENTS WILL ALSO BE +INFLUENCED BY THE MEDIUM TERM OUTLOOK FOR THE ECONOMY IN 1980-81 .....+.

THE REVISED FORECAST FOR THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC DEMAND (12 PER CENT) IS ACTUALLY LESS THAN THE GROWTH RATE OF EXPORTS (16 PER CENT). THIS MEANS, MR. HADDON-CAVE SAID, THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SHIFT OF RESOURCES IN FAVOUR OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR. ALSO, AS ENVISAGED IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, THE RELATIVE SHARE OF RESOURCES USED BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR IS LESS THAN IN 1978.

THE +IMPORTANT EXCEPTION+ MR. HADDON-CAVE REFERRED TO IN HIS ANALYSIS OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE REVISED FORECAST FOR THE ECONOMY IS THAT THERE IS STILL A +CONTINUING IMBALANCE BETWEEN THE DEMAND FOR, AND THE SUPPLY OF, RESOURCES INVOLVING AN ACCELERATION IN THE RATE OF INCREASE IN PRICES.+

WHILE POINTING OUT THAT +THE PRESSURE OF DEMAND ON RESOURCES IS NOW COMING FROM THE EXPORT SECTOR AS WELL AS THE SECTORS CATERING FOR DOMESTIC DEMAND+, MR. HADDON-CAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE PRESSURE ON THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WHICH, HE SAID, WAS +PARTICULARLY MARKED+ WITH BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS INCREASING AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 35 PER CENT. HE EMPHASISED THAT +THIS MAKES IT EVEN MORE ESSENTIAL FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR TO OBSERVE STRICTLY THE PLANNED SLOW DOWN IN THE GROWTH RATE OF EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL WORKS+.

ON THE FASTER INCREASE IN PRICES, MR. HADDON-CAVE EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS +NOT ENTIRELY DUE TO THE PRESSURE OF DEMAND INASMUCH AS WORLD PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS AND RAW MATERIALS ARE NOW FORECAST TO INCREASE BY 15 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH A FORECAST OF SEVEN PER CENT MADE AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR+.

IN AN ANALYSIS OF RECENT TRENDS IN THE GROWTH RATES OF THE MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT, MR. HADDON-CAVE SAID THAT THEY MUST BE LOOKED AT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE REVISED FORECAST OF THE ECONOMY'S PERFORMANCE THIS YEAR.

HE SAID THAT +THE REVISED FORECAST OF THE GROWTH RATE OF GDP AT CURRENT PRICES IS 27 PER CENT, WHILST THE ANNUALISED GROWTH RATE OF THE MONEY SUPPLY (M2) ON THE BASIS OF THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDING JULY 31 IS 22 PER CENT+. HE ADDED THAT THIS IS THE REVERSE OF THE SITUATION IN 1978 WHEN THE GROWTH RATE OF M2 AT 26 PER CENT WAS OUT OF LINE WITH THE GROWTH RATE OF GDP AT CURRENT PRICES AT 16 PER CENT.

MR. HADDON-CAVE CONCLUDED HIS SPEECH BY CLAIMING THAT +TO THE EXTENT THAT BUDGETARY POLICY THIS YEAR HAS INVOLVED INTERVENTIONISM, IT HAS PROVED TO BE AS INTENDED, COMPATIBLE WITH THE ADJUSTMENT PROCESS+.

HE NOTED THAT INTEREST RATES HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ASSISTING THE EXCHANGE RATE IN THE ADJUSTMENT PROCESS. HE DID NOT THINK THAT, IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, +A RETURN TO A FIXED EXCHANGE RATE REGIME WAS DESIRABLE, AS SOME CRITICS HAVE RECENTLY SUGGESTED, TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES NOTWITHSTANDING+. HE SAID HE WOULD RATHER HAVE THE EXCHANGE RATE FLOATING, BECAUSE THIS MEANS THAT +WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL DEGREE OF FREEDOM AS FAR AS MACRO-ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT IS CONCERNED+.

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#### LANTAU BOOMING AS A RESORT AREA

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THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN TODD TODAY (FRIDAY) PAINTED A PROMISING PICTURE ON LANTAU ISLAND AS A RESORT AREA WITH SEVERAL MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR HOLIDAY HOME PROJECTS.

THESE VERY VALUABLE PROJECTS, HE SAID, WERE VERY GOOD NEWS FOR HONG KONG IN TERMS OF THE CONFIDENCE IT SHOWS IN THE FUTURE.

THEY ALSO REFLECTED THE PLANNING AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN FULFILLING VERY LONG STANDING NEEDS IN RECREATIONAL OUTLETS AND A VERY DIFFERENT RESIDENTIAL LIFE-STYLE AWAY FROM CONCRETE TOWERS, HE ADDED.

MR. TODD MADE THESE REMARKS WHEN HE OFFICIALLY OPENED THE FIRST STAGE OF THE HOLIDAY RESORTS' SEA RANCH AT YI LONG WAN ON THE ISLAND.

THE SEA RANCH IS A \$70 MILLION HOTEL PROJECT UNDERTAKEN BY THE HUTCHISON GROUP AND IS THE FIRST OF A NUMBER OF SIMILAR PROJECTS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED.

IT COMPRISES 20 FOUR-STOREY BLOCKS WITH A TOTAL OF 184 APARTMENT ACCOMMODATION IN AN EXQUISITE ENVIRONMENT, COMPLETE WITH A WIDE RANGE OF OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDING TENNIS AND BADMINTON COURTS, SWIMMING POOLS, WATER SKIING AND MANY OTHERS.

MR. TODD ALSO SPOKE OF SOME OF THE OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS UNDER PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION ON LANTAU.

+AT DISCOVERY BAY, NOT FAR FROM HERE, AS YOU GET ON WITH THE SECOND STAGE OF OPERATION SEA RANCH, A VERY LARGE RESORT PROJECT IS BEING BUILT- AROUND THE CORNER AT TAI LONG WAN, THE GOVERNMENT IS NEGOTIATING FOR ANOTHER RESORT- AND YOU MAY HAVE READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS RECENTLY OF YET ANOTHER PROPOSAL TO BUILD HOLIDAY HOMES AT SILVERMINE BAY FOR HONG KONG'S BURGEONING MIDDLE-CLASS POPULATION.+

IN OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TOO, THE LEISURE INDUSTRY IS BOOMING, HE ADDED. +AT SAI KUNG, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION RECENTLY SIGNED THE FINAL CONDITIONS FOR A BOLD AND IMAGINATIVE MARINA-RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX AT HEBE HAVEN.

+YET THIS IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE VERY SWEEPING ADVANCES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE PURSUITS FOR THE POPULATION AS A WHOLE.+

THESE, SAID MR. TODD, INCLUDE THE COUNTRY PARK PROGRAMME WHICH HAS ALREADY COVERED HALF OF HONG KONG'S MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE- THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WHICH HAS BROUGHT MUCH PLEASURE FOR SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE- THE MOMENTUM OF THE PLANS FOR WELL-MANAGED CAMP SITES AND HOSTELS- AND THE FACILITIES AND EXPERTISE OFFERED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

HE ADDED: +THESE ARE BUT SOME OF THE MORE READILY-RECOGNISABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND MUST BE SET IN THE CONTEXT OF THE REMARKABLE PROGRESS HONG KONG HAS MADE ON SO MANY FRONTS IN THE LAST DECADE.+

MR. TODD ALSO EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT HONG KONG WAS IN THE MIDST OF ONE OF ITS MOST EXCITING AND CHALLENGING PHASES.

+WE HAVE A YOUNG, INTELLIGENT AND VITAL POPULATION WHICH IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY AWARE OF ITS ENVIRONMENT AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A COMMUNITY TOWARDS IT,+ MR. TODD SAID.

+WE HAVE A YOUNG AND INTELLIGENT POPULATION WHOSE EXPECTATIONS NO LONGER END AT THE HORIZON OF SIMPLE SURVIVAL BUT WHOSE ASPIRATIONS EXTEND FAR BEYOND THOSE OF PREVIOUS GENERATION.

+LET US HOPE THIS IMPRESSIVE OPENING TODAY IS A SIGN TO THEM THAT THERE ARE A GREAT MANY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG DEVOTING A GREAT DEAL OF TIME, THOUGHT AND INITIATIVE TO THE FUTURE PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING OF ALL SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

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ACCEPTANCE OF ADVANTAGES -- GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH ICAC, HAS COMPILED A LIST OF GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES TO ASSIST THEM IN DECIDING WHAT ADVANTAGES SCHOOL STAFF MAY OR MAY NOT ACCEPT.

IN A GENERAL CIRCULAR TO ALL SCHOOLS, THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES ARE THE OVERALL AUTHORITY BUT MAY DELEGATE THE GRANTING OF PERMISSION TO ACCEPTING AN ADVANTAGE TO SUPERVISORS OR PRINCIPALS IN WRITING.

BUT, IN ACCEPTING ANY ADVANTAGE, THE CIRCULAR REMINDED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES OF THE SPECIAL POSITION OF SCHOOLS IN RELATION TO THEIR INFLUENCE ON YOUNG PEOPLE AND +THE NEED FOR THEIR STAFF INDIVIDUALLY, AND THE SCHOOLS AS A WHOLE, TO BE IN EVERY WAY ABOVE SUSPICION OF ANY TRACE OF DOUBTFUL PRACTICES.+

+ALL SCHOOL STAFF SHOULD BE FULLY INFORMED OF THE CONTENTS OF THE CIRCULAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CIRCULAR OUTLINED THE FOLLOWING WHICH SHOULD NEVER BE PERMITTED. THESE ARE ADVANTAGES CONNECTED WITH:

- \* THE APPOINTMENT OR PROMOTION OF SCHOOL'S STAFF=-
- \* THE ADMISSION OR PROMOTION OF PUPILS (OTHER THAN FEES APPROVED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT)=-
- \* THE CONDUCT OF ANY TEST OR EXAMINATION (EXCEPT FOR PAYMENTS BY THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY)=-
- \* NOMINATIONS FOR COURSES OF TRAINING OR STUDY-TRIPS INVOLVING EITHER TEACHERS OR PUPILS=-
- \* DONATIONS TO AN INDIVIDUAL RATHER THAN TO THE SCHOOL=-
- \* COMMISSIONS OR GIFTS BY A SUPPLIER OR CONTRACTOR TO AN INDIVIDUAL RATHER THAN TO THE SCHOOL=- AND
- \* PAYMENTS FOR THE USE OF SCHOOL PREMISES OR FACILITIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL RATHER THAN TO THE SCHOOL.

THE CIRCULAR ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO ADVANTAGES WHICH SCHOOLS SUBSIDISED UNDER THE CODES OF AID SHOULD NOT PERMIT ALTHOUGH PRIVATE SCHOOLS' MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES MAY CONSIDER THEM PERMISSIBLE. THESE ARE:

- \* FEES FOR PRIVATE TUITION OF PUPILS OF THE SAME SCHOOL=- AND
- \* PAYMENTS BY TEACHERS ON SICK LEAVE TO OTHER TEACHERS TO ATTEND TO THEIR CLASSES.

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ON THE QUESTION OF DONATIONS TO SCHOOLS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES MAY GIVE GENERAL PERMISSION TO THEIR SUPERVISORS TO ACCEPT THEM PROVIDED:

- \* THEY ARE NOT IN ANY SENSE A REWARD FOR A FAVOUR BESTOWED ON AN INDIVIDUAL STUDENT SUCH AS ADMITTING HIM TO THE SCHOOL- AND
- \* IN THE CASE OF DONATIONS BY SCHOOL SUPPLIERS, THEY SHOULD IMPLY NO STANDING COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE TO USE THAT SUPPLIER, TO PERSUADE STUDENTS TO USE THAT SUPPLIER OR IN ANY WAY TO RESTRICT THE FREEDOM OF THE SCHOOL OR THE STUDENTS TO OBTAIN THE MOST EFFECTIVE SERVICES AT THE BEST POSSIBLE PRICE.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE TO PREVENT AN EXCHANGE OF GIFTS BETWEEN PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AS LONG AS IT IS NOT IN CONNECTION WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THE SCHOOL, OR THE MAKING OF A PROFIT BY THE PROPRIETORS OF PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS.

HE FURTHER NOTED THAT CASES OF ADVANTAGE WHICH MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO DISALLOW INCLUDE:

- \* SMALL GIFTS BY PUPILS OR PARENTS TO TEACHERS-
- \* GIFTS GIVEN AT GRADUATION CEREMONIES TO INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS- AND
- \* GRATUITIES PAID TO MINOR STAFF FOR EXTRA WORK IN CONNECTION WITH EXTRA-CURRICULAR USE OF SCHOOL PREMISES OR FACILITIES.

THE SPOKESMAN SUGGESTED THAT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES SHOULD SET A MAXIMUM CASH VALUE FOR SUCH GIFTS.

+IF YOU FIND THAT YOU NEED FURTHER GUIDANCE, PLEASE CONSULT YOUR DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER,+ HE SAID.

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SAFE MOTORING DAY TO BE LAUNCHED ON SUNDAY  
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THE SECOND MAJOR PHASE OF THIS YEAR'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 16) WITH A +SAFE MOTORING DAY+ IN VICTORIA PARK.

THIS SPECIAL EVENT, WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO EMPHASISE THE NEED FOR SAFER MOTORING THROUGH SENSIBLE AND PROPER MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES, WILL FEATURE AN EXHIBITION ON THE MANY ASPECTS OF ROAD SAFETY, AND AN ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME CENTRED ON SIMILAR THEMES.

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THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS WILL ALSO BE CONDUCTING BRIEFINGS ON THE PROPER MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF A VEHICLE. TURIN MOTORS LTD. WILL BE SHOWING FILMS AND EXHIBITING MODELS OF THE LATEST SAFETY FEATURES INCORPORATED WITHIN MODERN AUTOMOBILE DESIGN. THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL BE SHOWING FILMS OF THEIR DRIVERS TRAINING COURSE, AND EXHIBITING ONE OF THE LATEST MODELS TO JOIN THEIR FLEET OF BUSES.

AMONG THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS REPRESENTED WILL BE THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WITH A DISPLAY OF +TIPS ON CAR MAINTENANCE+ AND INFORMATION ON THE NEW KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION DEPOT, AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE ROAD SAFETY SECTION, WITH A DISPLAY ON ROAD SAFETY CASUALTY FIGURES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SAFE MOTORING DAY ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 16).

THERE WILL BE TWO SEPARATE OPENING CEREMONIES:

- 1) EDINBURGH PLACE - START OF THE CLASSIC CAR PARADE AT 1.30 P.M. OFFICIATING GUEST: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE.
- 2) VICTORIA PARK AT 2 P.M. OFFICIATING GUESTS: COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. ALAN ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT- DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR. JOHNNY JOHNSTON- ACTING CHIEF STAFF OFFICER (TRAFFIC) RHKPF, MR. JOHN WILSON- COMMISSIONER OF SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROLS, MR. CECIL CHAN- PRESIDENT OF THE H.K. AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION, MR. PHIL TAYLOR- AND CHAIRMAN OF THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS, MR. STEPHEN NG.

IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER BOTH OPENING CEREMONIES, OWING TO THEIR SCHEDULED TIMING.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO HMS TAMAR AT 1.20 P.M., FOR THE EDINBURGH PLACE EVENT, AND AT THE HING FAT STREET GATE OF VICTORIA PARK AT 1.50 P.M., FOR THE VICTORIA PARK EVENT. G.I.S. REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ON HAND TO MEET THEM.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE NEAR HMS TAMAR AFTER THE CLASSIC CAR PARADE HAS LEFT EDINBURGH PLACE FOR THOSE PRESS MEMBERS WISHING TO GO ON TO VICTORIA PARK, TO COVER THE REMAINING PROGRAMME.

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THE GUEST OF HONOUR FOR THE DAY WILL BE THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. ALAN ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT. THE OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR. JOHNNY JOHNSTON- THE ACTING CHIEF STAFF OFFICER (TRAFFIC) RHKPF, MR. JOHN WILSON- THE COMMISSIONER OF THE SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROLS, MR. CECIL CHAN- THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION, MR. PHIL TAYLOR AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS, MR. STEPHEN NG.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL COMMENCE AT 2 P.M. IN THE AREA OCCUPIED BY THE FOOTBALL PITCHES NUMBERS FOUR, FIVE AND SIX, ADJACENT TO THE HING FAT STREET ENTRANCE TO VICTORIA PARK.

THE MAIN HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY'S PROGRAMME WILL BE THE ARRIVAL OF THE +CLASSIC CAR PARADE+ FROM EDINBURGH PLACE WHERE A STARTING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 1.45 P.M.

OVER 20 CARS FROM THE CLASSICAL PERIOD OF AUTOMOBILE HISTORY WILL TAKE PART IN THE PARADE, CARRYING CELEBRITY PASSENGERS, INCLUDING TVB ARTISTS AND DIRECTORS OF THE PO LEUNG KUK.

THE CAR PARADE, WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE +OLD CAR CLUB+ OF THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION AND THE PO LEUNG KUK, IS PRIMARILY AN EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A NEW ROAD SAFETY BUS FOR CHILDREN.

THE CELEBRITIES TRAVELLING WITH THE PARADE, AND THE DRIVERS OF THE CARS WILL EACH BE PRESENTED WITH A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AT VICTORIA PARK.

IN ADDITION TO THE MANY AND VARIED ATTRACTIONS OF THE SAFE MOTORING DAY PROGRAMME, THERE WILL BE A LUCKY DRAW FOR THE SPECTATORS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE SAID: +IT IS MOST GRATIFYING TO SEE THE WAY THAT MANY COMPANIES, INCLUDING MOBIL OIL, TURIN MOTORS AND BURGER KING, TO NAME BUT A FEW, HAVE SHOWN THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN BY PROVIDING PRIZES FOR THE DRAW AND LEAFLETS ON CAR MAINTENANCE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC.+

THE MAIN ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY BOTH THE SILVER BAND AND THE PIPES OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, A DEMONSTRATION OF SKILFUL DRIVING TECHNIQUES BY THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS, A DEMONSTRATION OF SKATEBOARDING IN SAFETY, A DISPLAY BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES MOTORCYCLE TEAM, A DEMONSTRATION OF POLICE DOGS AT WORK, AND PERFORMANCES BY THE ST. BONAVENTURE SCHOOL BAND AND THE PRINCETON COLLEGE CHOIR.

THE EXHIBITION STANDS WILL ALSO OFFER INTERESTING AND ENTERTAINING ITEMS, INCLUDING A DRIVING SIMULATOR WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN TRY OUT, SUPPLIED BY THE GURKHA TRANSPORT REGIMENT AND AN EYE TESTING MACHINE AT THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS STAND.

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KOWLOON MAXICAB ROUTES TO BE REVISED  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT KOWLOON MAXICAB ROUTES NOS. 1, 2, 8, 9, 10 AND 21 WILL BE REVISED FROM TOMORROW (SEPTEMBER 15) TO IMPROVE PATRONAGE.

THE REVISED ROUTE NO. 1 FROM TSIM SHA TSUI (HANKOW ROAD) TO HO MAN TIN HILL (CIRCULAR) WILL BE VIA PEKING ROAD, KOWLOON PARK DRIVE, CANTON ROAD, FERRY STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, PUI CHING ROAD, SHEUNG HING STREET, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, HO MAN TIN HILL ROAD, WYLIE ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD, JORDAN ROAD, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON PARK DRIVE, MIDDLE ROAD AND HANKOW ROAD.

ROUTE NO. 2 FROM JORDAN ROAD FERRY TO WATERLOO HILL (MAN FUK ROAD) WILL BE VIA MAN WUI STREET, FERRY STREET, SAIGON STREET, WAI CHING STREET, JORDAN ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD, WYLIE ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, PUI CHING ROAD, MAN FUK ROAD AND HOK YU LANE AND THE RETURN JOURNEY WILL BE VIA HOK YU LANE, MAN FUK ROAD, MAN WAN ROAD, MAN FUK ROAD, PUI CHING ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, WYLIE ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD, JORDAN ROAD, FERRY STREET, MAN CHEONG STREET, MAN SING STREET AND MAN WUI STREET.

ROUTE NO. 8 FROM HO MAN TIN TO TSIM SHA TSUI (HANKOW ROAD) WILL BE VIA SHEUNG WO STREET, SHEUNG LOK STREET, SHEUNG SHING STREET, SHEUNG FOO STREET, FAT KWONG STREET, CHUNG HAU STREET, GOOD SHEPHERD STREET, CHUNG HAU STREET, CHUNG MAN STREET, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, HONG CHONG ROAD, SALISBURY ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, MIDDLE ROAD AND HANKOW ROAD AND THE RETURN JOURNEY WILL BE VIA HANKOW ROAD, PEKING ROAD, ASHLEY ROAD, MIDDLE ROAD, HANKOW ROAD, SALISBURY ROAD, HONG CHONG ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, PUI CHING ROAD, FAT KWONG STREET, SHEUNG FOO STREET, SHEUNG SHING STREET, SHEUNG LOK STREET AND SHEUNG WO STREET.

ROUTE NO. 9 FROM WATERLOO HILL (MAN FUK ROAD) TO TSIM SHA TSUI (HANKOW ROAD) WILL BE VIA HOK YU LANE, MAN FUK ROAD, MAN WAN ROAD, MAN FUK ROAD, PUI CHING ROAD, SHEUNG HING STREET, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, HONG CHONG ROAD, SALISBURY ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, MIDDLE ROAD AND HANKOW ROAD AND THE RETURN JOURNEY WILL BE VIA HANKOW ROAD, PEKING ROAD, ASHLEY ROAD, MIDDLE ROAD, HANKOW ROAD, SALISBURY ROAD, HONG CHONG ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, PUI CHING ROAD, MAN FUK ROAD AND HOK YU LANE.

ROUTE NO. 10 FROM KADOORIE AVENUE (BRAGA CIRCUIT) TO TSIM SHA TSUI (HANKOW ROAD) WILL BE VIA BRAGA CIRCUIT, KADOORIE AVENUE, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, SAI YEE STREET, ARGYLE STREET, YIM PO FONG STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, SHANGHAI STREET, JORDAN ROAD, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON PARK DRIVE, MIDDLE ROAD AND HANKOW ROAD AND THE RETURN JOURNEY WILL BE VIA HANKOW ROAD, PEKING ROAD, KOWLOON PARK DRIVE, CANTON ROAD, FERRY STREET, SAIGON STREET, CANTON ROAD, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, RECLAMATION STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, DUNDAS STREET, KWONG WA STREET, YIM PO FONG STREET, ARGYLE STREET, KADOORIE AVENUE AND BRAGA CIRCUIT.

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ROUTE NO. 21 FROM KOWLOON CITY (NAM KOK ROAD) TO FUK WAH TSUEN WILL BE VIA NAM KOK ROAD, NGA TSIN LONG ROAD, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, TAK KU LING ROAD, LOK SIN ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD, TSEUK LUK STREET, KING FUK STREET, SHUN LING STREET, HONG KEUNG STREET, YI LUN STREET, SHUN LING STREET, TSEUK LUK STREET, TAI YAU STREET, CHOI HUNG ROAD, HAMMER HILL ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, KWUN TONG ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND CHUN WAH ROAD AND THE RETURN JOURNEY WILL BE VIA CHUN WAH ROAD, JORDAN VALLEY SOUTH ROAD, JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, SHING SHUN ROAD, KWUN TONG ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, HAMMER HILL ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD, TAI YAU STREET, NG FONG STREET, SZE MEI STREET, KING FUK STREET, TSEUK LUK STREET, TAI SHING STREET, TAI TUNG STREET, TUNG FAT ROAD, TUNG LUNG ROAD, LOK SIN ROAD, KAI TAK ROAD, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD AND NAM KOK ROAD.

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## TAXI TENDER FORMS AVAILABLE TODAY

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TENDER FORMS FOR THE 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION TODAY (FRIDAY) FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG AND KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICES.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED INTENDING TENDERERS THAT THE TENDER FORMS FOR THIS BATCH OF LICENCES ARE LIGHT GREEN. ANY OTHER TYPES OF FORMS ISSUED PREVIOUSLY MUST NOT BE USED OTHERWISE THEIR TENDERS WILL BE DECLARED VOID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIVING TENDERS IS SEPTEMBER 28, 1979, BEFORE NOON. +NO LATE TENDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED,+ HE ADDED.

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## BRIGHT FUTURE FOR GRADUATES OF P.W.D.'S CRAFT APPRENTICE SCHEME

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THE FUTURE FOR YOUNG MEN GRADUATING FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CRAFT APPRENTICES SCHEME HAS NEVER BEEN BRIGHTER.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY MR. TOM TOMLINSON, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER.

ADDRESSING A GATHERING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR 28 CRAFT APPRENTICES AT THE CIVIL AID SERVICES' DEMONSTRATION THEATRE, IN CAROLINE HILL ROAD, MR. TOMLINSON POINTED OUT THAT WITH HONG KONG'S RAPID DEVELOPMENT INTO AN INDUSTRIAL CITY, CONTINUOUS GROWTH OF TECHNOLOGICAL EXPERTISE WAS ESSENTIAL FOR A SUCCESSFUL ECONOMY.

HE RANKED THE JOINT WATERWORKS AND ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE TRAINING SCHEME, WHICH IS OPERATED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, COLLEGES OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, AND THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE TERRITORY.

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MR. TOMLINSON ADDED THAT THE SCHEME, THOUGH RUN BY THE GOVERNMENT, WAS DESIGNED TO MEET THE GENERAL NEEDS OF HONG KONG AS A WHOLE.

THE P.W.D.'S CRAFT APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME WAS STARTED NINE YEARS AGO TO PROVIDE SELECTED SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH A FOUR-YEAR TRAINING PROGRAMME WHICH BLENDED, IN APPROPRIATE MEASURE, ACADEMIC LEARNING WITH PRACTICAL TRAINING.

TO-DATE, 459 CRAFT APPRENTICES HAVE GRADUATED UNDER THE SCHEME AND MANY OF THEM ARE APPLYING THEIR SKILLS IN P.W.D., THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AND THE FIRE SERVICES.

THIS YEAR'S BEST CRAFT APPRENTICE WAS MR. HO MAN-FAI WHO WAS PRESENTED WITH THE 'LAISHLEY' CUP.

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#### D.S.W. OPENS EXHIBITION \* \* \* \* \*

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY (FRIDAY) OFFICIALLY OPENED AN EXHIBITION DESIGNED TO DRIVE HOME THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER PARENTAL GUIDANCE IN CHILDREN'S PHYSICAL AND INTELLECTUAL GROWTH.

ENTITLED '+WONDERFUL CHILDREN+', THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL BY THE ZONTA CLUB OF KOWLOON IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD.

THE DISPLAY, INCLUDING MODELS, PHOTOGRAPHS, RESEARCH REPORTS, GAMES AND SLIDE SHOWS, IS THE WORK OF SIX LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS IN WHICH MEMBERS OF THE CLUB HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE PLANNING STAGE.

THE EXHIBITION REMAINS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 16).

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON, MR. LEE SAID THE PROCLAMATION OF 1979 AS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD WAS TO FOCUS WORLDWIDE ATTENTION ON THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN.

OVER THE YEARS, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN WORKING ALONG THIS LINE TO IMPROVE CHILD WELFARE.

THIS INCLUDED THE PROVISION OF BETTER CHILD CARE SERVICES, FREE EDUCATION, PERSONAL SOCIAL WORK AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES, AND CHILD LABOUR LEGISLATION, HE SAID.

MR. LEE SAID THE EXHIBITS WERE INTERESTING AND CALLED FOR CONCERTED EFFORTS TO MAKE LIFE A HAPPY ONE FOR THE CHILD.

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HK EXCELS IN OVERSEAS PUBLIC HEALTH COURSE  
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STUDENT HEALTH INSPECTORS OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE EXCELLED IN A RECENT BRITISH-RUN PUBLIC HEALTH DIPLOMA COURSE.

TWENTY-TWO STUDENT HEALTH INSPECTORS TOOK THE COURSE -- THE DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION FOR GENERAL OVERSEAS APPOINTMENT. OF THESE 20 PASSED THE EXAMINATION AFTER TWO YEARS OF TRAINING.

AN URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE RESULTS WERE ANNOUNCED RECENTLY, AND THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES HAVE NOW BEEN POSTED TO VARIOUS DISTRICTS TO CARRY OUT ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL WORK.

+THEY WILL BE AWARDED WITH DIPLOMAS BY THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH WHICH CONDUCTED THE COURSE IN HONG KONG,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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AMENITIES PLOTS IN KING'S ROAD  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR +REST AREAS+ IN KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT.

THE WORK, PUBLISHED IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, IS EXPECTED TO GET UNDER WAY IN MID-NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED AROUND THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY.

A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROJECT INCLUDED FOUR ROAD-SIDE AMENITIES PLOTS AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS ALONG KING'S ROAD.

EACH OF THESE PLOTS WILL COMPRISE CONCRETE BENCHES AND PLANTING AREAS.

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