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BUSY DAY FOR LEGCO TOMORROW
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS WILL HAVE A BUSY TIME TOMORROW, DEALING WITH 17 BILLS, FOUR MOTIONS AND 14 QUESTIONS, AND DEBATING +THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG+.

MUCH WORK HAS STILL TO BE DONE BEFORE THE COUNCIL ENDS ITS CURRENT SESSION, AND AN ADDITIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK (JULY 18), APART FROM THE SCHEDULED MEETING ON JULY 25, AND A POSSIBLE AUGUST 1 MEETING.

AS INDICATED BY A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EARLIER, THE GREEN PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL LIKELY BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL AT THE JULY 18 MEETING.

AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, 14 NEW BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED AND READ A SECOND TIME, WHILE DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THREE OTHERS PRIOR TO FINAL READING.

THE ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM WILL BE RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON ALLEN LEE.

AT THE SAME MEETING, AN AFFIRMATION AND OATHS WILL BE TAKEN BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. THE HON RUDY KHOO, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, THE HON. EDDY SHORT AND THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON G.L. MORTIMER.

DUE FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING ARE: INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1984; RATING (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1984; AUDIT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984; LEGAL AID (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984; DISTRICT BOARDS AND URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1984; ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1984; IMPORT AND EXPORT (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1984; RESERVED COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984; BUSINESS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984; BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984; FOREIGN MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984; LEGITIMACY (ANENDMENT) BILL 1984; FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984; TATTOOING OF YOUNG PERSONS BILL 1984.

DUE FOR COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING ARE : COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1984; BANKRUPTCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984; EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO.3) BILL 1984.

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RICHARD LUCE TO VISIT
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THE FOLLOWING WAS ISSUED BY THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE TODAY:

+MR RICHARD LUCE, MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, WILL PAY A VISIT TO HONG KONG BETWEEN 12 AND 14 JULY. HIS VISIT IS PART OF THE REGULAR PATTERN OF VISITS BY MINISTERS TO ENABLE THEM TO KEEP IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH OPINION IN HONG KONG TO WHICH THEY ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE. WHILE HE IS IN HONG KONG, MR LUCE WILL ATTEND A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND WILL ALSO MEET UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY.+

IN ANSWER TO PRESS QUESTIONS ON THE VISIT OF MR RICHARD LUCE TO HONG KONG A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN GAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

MR LUCE WILL HAVE VERY LITTLE TIME IN HONG KONG AND THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS STAY HAVE NOT YET BEEN FINALISED. IT IS NOT, THEREFORE, KNOWN WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE.

AS STATED, HE WILL MEET EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES. HE WILL ALSO ATTEND A RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

HIS VISIT TO HONG KONG IS, AS STATED, PART OF THE NORMAL SERIES OF VISITS TO THE TERRITORY BY MINISTERS.

MR LUCE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR HAYDEN WARREN-GASH, AND MR CHRISTOPHER HUM, ASSISTANT HEAD OF THE HONG KONG DEPARTMENT IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

AS STATED BY THE GOVERNOR THIS WEEK THE SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY ARE CONTINUING NORMALLY.

MR LUCE WILL BE RETURNING TO LONDON AFTER HIS VISIT TO HONG KONG.

THERE ARE NO PLANS AT PRESENT FOR SIR RICHARD EVANS OR MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY TO BE IN HONG KONG DURING MR LUCE'S VISIT.

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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR PEKING
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR PEKING THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON TO TAKE PART IN ANOTHER ROUND OF SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

SIR EDWARD WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DENIS BRAY, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO AND THE VICE-CHIEF EDITOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR TAN GAN.

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GOVERNMENT PRESSING ON WITH PUBLIC WORKS
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EXPENDITURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1984-85 ON CAPITAL WORKS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME WAS ESTIMATED AT \$6 800 MILLION, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR EDDY SHORT, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION'S DINNER, MR SHORT POINTED OUT THAT THIS FIGURE EXCLUDED SPENDING ON THE BUILDING OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE UNDER THE DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT.

IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT HAD INJECTED \$3 600 MILLION WORTH OF NEW PUBLIC WORKS, HE SAID, AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THIS LEVEL OF NEW COMMITMENTS WOULD BE MAINTAINED OR INCREASED IN 1985-86.

+THIS IS A FIRM INDICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND I HOPE, BY IMPLICATION, THE CONTINUING WELL BEING OF YOUR MEMBERS,+ MR SHORT SAID.

HE SAID THE INJECTION OF FUNDS WOULD ALLOW WORK TO BE STARTED ON 120 NEW ITEMS.

THE \$3 600 MILLION COMPRISES \$745 MILLION FOR BUILDINGS, \$47 MILLION FOR PORT WORKS, \$648 MILLION FOR SEWAGE-REFUSE DISPOSAL, \$510 MILLION FOR ROADS, \$162 MILLION FOR TRANSPORT PROJECTS OTHER THAN ROADS, \$296 MILLION FOR RECLAMATION AND LAND FORMATION, AND \$ 1 192 MILLION FOR WATER SUPPLIES WORKS.

IN ADDITION, THERE WERE MANY MAJOR ON-GOING PROJECTS ON WHICH THE EXPENDITURE WOULD TOTAL ABOUT \$8 760 MILLION.

+I HAVE SO FAR ONLY MENTIONED PUBLIC WORKS, BUT THERE ARE ALSO SOME VERY LARGE PRIVATE BUILDING PROJECTS DUE TO START PRESENTLY, SUCH AS KORNHILL, REDHILL AND THE NEW BANK OF CHINA BUILDING,+ MR SHORT SAID.

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MAJOR PRIVATE PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION INCLUDE THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE, EXCHANGE SQUARE AND THE HONG KONG BANK BUILDING.

HE SAID THAT OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THERE HAD BEEN A SMALL BUT STEADY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF BUILDING PLAN SUBMISSIONS TO THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE.

IN HIS VIEW, THE INCREASE WAS A CLEAR INDICATION OF AN EARLY REKINDLING OF INTEREST IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

ON CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY, MR SHORT EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN TRYING TO MAKE CONSTRUCTION SITES SAFER PLACES ON WHICH TO WORK.

+THE EFFORTS OF YOUR MEMBERS ARE REFLECTED IN THE NUMBER OF CONSTRUCTION SITE ACCIDENTS WHICH HAVE CONTINUED TO FALL WITH THE RESULT THAT THE NUMBER OF WORKERS KILLED AND INJURED IN 1983 WAS LESS THAN THE FIGURES FOR 1981 AND 1982,+ MR SHORT SAID.

AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATION AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE DRAFT SAFETY OFFICER REGULATIONS ARE BEING PREPARED.

THESE REGULATIONS MORE ACCURATELY REFLECTED THE VIEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND A COMMON ACCORD WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON HOW BEST TO TACKLE THE PROBLEMS OF SITE SAFETY HAD BEEN REACHED, MR SHORT SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS TYPE OF CONSULTATION AS IT WAS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF SOLICITING THE VIEWS OF THE INDUSTRY.

IN PARTICULAR HE THANKED THOSE WHO SERVED ON THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEES.

THEIR VIEWS WERE ALWAYS GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND WOULD PLAY A LARGE PART IN FORMULATING POLICY FOR THE FUTURE, HE SAID.

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FACTORIES PROVIDE 869 300 JOBS IN MARCH
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THERE WERE 869 300 PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN MARCH THIS YEAR, AND THIS WAS 2.4 PER CENT MORE THAN THE MARCH 1983 FIGURE OF 848 700, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AT THE SAME TIME THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND THE RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR EMPLOYED 533 100 PERSONS, OR 3.1 PER CENT MORE THAN THE 517 200 FOR MARCH 1983.

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EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 165 000, INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT OVER THE MARCH 1983 FIGURE OF 164 500.

ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES, AT 71 600, DECREASED BY 6.2 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE MARCH 1983 FIGURE OF 76 400.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE STATISTICS FOR MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN MARCH 1984 WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT, COVERING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES. THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1983 AND DECEMBER 1983, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE *	
	MAR. 83	DEC. 83	MAR. 84	MAR. 84 ON MAR. 83	MAR. 84 ON DEC. 83
MANUFACTURING	848 700	855 400	869 300	+ 2.4	+ 1.6
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	76 400	70 600	71 600	- 6.2	+ 1.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	517 200	532 000	533 100	+ 3.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	164 500	161 700	165 000	+ 0.4	+ 2.1

* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

RELATIVE TO DECEMBER 1983, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED IN ALL OF THE ABOVE SECTORS. THE INCREASES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR WERE 1.6 PER CENT, 1.4 PER CENT, 0.2 PER CENT AND 2.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE SURVEY ALSO PROVIDED VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE MAJOR SECTORS, OTHER THAN FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION. THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1983 AND DECEMBER 1983, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE *	
	MAR. 83	DEC. 83	MAR. 84	MAR. 84 ON MAR. 83	MAR. 84 ON DEC. 83
MANUFACTURING	38 550	32 530	49 060	+27.3	+50.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	4 750	4 820	6 580	+38.4	+36.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1 930	1 780	2 500	+29.9	+40.8

* BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES

COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1983, INCREASES OF 27.3 PER CENT, 38.4 PER CENT AND 29.9 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES WERE RECORDED FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

RELATIVE TO DECEMBER 1983, INCREASES OF 50.8 PER CENT, 36.4 PER CENT AND 40.8 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES WERE REGISTERED FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

/TOTAL QUARTERLY

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SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE *
	1ST QTR. 1983	1ST QTR. 1984	1ST QTR. 1984 ON 1ST QTR. 1983
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	6 011	7 006	+16.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	4 185	4 793	+14.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	2 128	2 421	+13.8

* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES

RELATIVE TO THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 16.6 PER CENT, 14.5 PER CENT AND 13.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

BY ADJUSTING FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL PAYROLL OUTLAYS ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED. TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED. VALUES OF THESE TWO INDICES ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW:-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	MAR. 83	MAR. 84	MAR. 84 ON MAR. 83
MANUFACTURING	149.2	171.5	+14.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	149.3	166.8	+11.7

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FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	150.8	164.0	+ 8.8
	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	MAR. 83	MAR. 84	MAR. 84 ON MAR. 83
MANUFACTURING	107.6	113.6	+ 5.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	107.7	110.5	+ 2.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	108.8	108.6	- 0.2

COMPARED WITH MARCH 1983, INCREASES OF 14.9 PER CENT, 11.7 PER CENT AND 8.8 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED SHOWED INCREASES OF 5.6 PER CENT AND 2.6 PER CENT AND A NEGLIGIBLE DECREASE OF 0.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE ABOVE SECTORS.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SELECTED INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE FOUR SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES ATTACHED. FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS OF THE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT: MR AU HOO-KIT - 5-434185; MR NG KUNG-TAK - 5-455661, AND MR CHIU FOOK-CHING - 5-446720.

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DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES

I. MANUFACTURING SECTOR

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT IN+</u>		<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE *</u>
	<u>DEC. 83</u>	<u>MAR. 84</u>	MAR. 84 ON DEC. 83
WEARING APPAREL (EXCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	253 300	257 600	+ 1.7
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	111 300	112 000	+ 0.6
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	131 600	129 900	- 1.3
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	80 100	88 300	+ 8.9
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	66 100	67 800	+ 2.5

+ CONCURRENT WITH THE SEPTEMBER 1982 ROUND OF THE SURVEY, AN INDUSTRY UPDATING EXERCISE WAS PERFORMED. RESULTS OF THIS EXERCISE HAVE BEEN USED TO UPDATE INFORMATION ON BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OF EACH AND EVERY ESTABLISHMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR (I.E. ISIC MAJOR DIVISION 3) AS FROM THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983. STATISTICS SINCE THIS QUARTER ANALYSED BY INDUSTRY ARE, THEREFORE, NOT STRICTLY COMPARABLE WITH THOSE IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTERS. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1983 ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE TABLE.

* BASED ON UNROUNDED FIGURES

/II. BUILDING AND

II. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR
 (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)

CONTRACTING PARTY	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE *	
	MAR. 83	DEC. 83	MAR. 84	MAR. 84 ON MAR. 83	MAR. 84 ON DEC. 83
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	15 900	14 600	13 200	-17.2	- 9.4
OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT+	17 800	17 600	18 500	+ 3.9	+ 5.4
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION++	5 800	7 000	6 000	+ 4.9	-13.7
PRIVATE SECTOR+++	36 800	31 500	33 800	- 8.1	+ 7.6

+ ALL SITES UNDER THE CHARGE OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT; ALSO INCLUDING KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION SITES NOT REGISTERED WITH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, FOR WHICH CONSTRUCTION WORK WAS COMMITTED, CONTRACTED OR STARTED BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1983.

++ CONSTRUCTION SITES CONTRACTED OUT BY MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION THAT ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE. IN THE CASE OF KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION SITES, ONLY THOSE CONTRACTED OUT AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 1983 ARE INCLUDED. THOSE CONTRACTED OUT BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1983 ARE INCLUDED UNDER OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

+++ INCLUDING THOSE SUPER-STRUCTURES ON SITES ABOVE THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS OR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY STATIONS WHICH WERE REGISTERED WITH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, E.G. THOSE REAL-ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS DEVELOPED JOINTLY WITH PRIVATE DEVELOPERS.

* BASED ON UNROUNDED FIGURES

/III. WHOLESALE AND

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III. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES,
AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE *	
	MAR. 83	DEC. 83	MAR. 84	MAR. 84 ON MAR. 83	MAR. 84 ON DEC. 83
WHOLESALE TRADE	58 000	59 800	60 400	+ 4.0	+ 1.0
RETAIL TRADE	165 300	165 900	163 500	- 1.1	- 1.5
IMPORT/EXPORT BUSINESS	133 200	140 200	142 900	+ 7.3	+ 1.9
RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS	138 100	143 400	143 900	+ 4.3	+ 0.4
HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES	22 600	22 700	22 400	- 1.1	- 1.5

* BASED ON UNROUNDED FIGURES

IV. FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND
BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE *	
	MAR. 83	DEC. 83	MAR. 84	MAR. 84 ON MAR. 83	MAR. 84 ON DEC. 83
MONETARY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING BANKS	52 500	50 000	52 100	- 0.8	+ 4.2
REAL ESTATE COMPANIES	26 800	26 400	27 500	+ 2.7	+ 4.2
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	24 900	22 900	23 800	- 4.7	+ 3.9
ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FIRMS	6 300	6 900	6 600	+ 6.0	- 3.4
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	10 400	9 700	9 700	- 7.3	- 0.8

* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

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OPEN SELECTION FOR MAXICAB SERVICE
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THE SELECTION OF OPERATORS FOR ANY NEW MAXICAB SERVICE IS BY OPEN SELECTION, AND ALL EXISTING PLB OPERATORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THIS TODAY IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT PUBLIC CONCERN OVER THE SELECTION OF MAXICAB OPERATORS.

IN SUBMITTING THEIR APPLICATIONS, PLB OPERATORS MUST GIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE IN THE PLB AND MAXICAB TRADE, THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES THEY CAN APPLY, AND THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATION.

THESE APPLICATIONS ARE FIRST VETTED BY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT STAFF AND ASSESSED ON A POINTS SYSTEM. THOSE OBTAINING HIGHER POINTS ARE THEN INVITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE MAXICAB SELECTION BOARD.

THE BOARD IS CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT AND HAS AS MEMBERS, AN UNOFFICIAL OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ICAC, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, TRANSPORT BRANCH AND THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IN MAKING ITS FINAL DECISION, THE BOARD TAKES ALL FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT THE BOARD HAS TO BEAR IN MIND IS WHETHER THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WILL BE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING A DEPENDABLE AND ADEQUATE SERVICE TO THE LOCAL RESIDENTS, HE POINTED OUT.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE BOARD ARE FAIR AND HAVE THE OVERALL PUBLIC INTEREST IN MIND.

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JUNE WEATHER 'RATHER NORMAL'
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JUNE'S RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURE WERE +RATHER NORMAL+, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTS.

HOWEVER, THE CUMULATIVE RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR OF 1 148.7 MM, WAS STILL ABOUT 16 PER CENT MORE THAN AVERAGE. AND THE MONTHLY MEAN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE OF 1 004.3 MILLIBARS WAS THE SEVENTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR JUNE.

THERE WERE ISOLATED SHOWERS ON JUNE 1 AND A FEW THUNDERY SHOWERS ON JUNE 2.

SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS, WITH GUSTS REACHING 50 KNOTS AND 39 KNOTS AT TSIM BEI TSUI AND CHEUNG CHAU RESPECTIVELY, OCCURRED IN THE AFTERNOON ON JUNE 3.

/UNSETTLED WEATHER

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UNSETTLED WEATHER CONTINUED ON THE NEXT TWO DAYS, AND THERE WERE OCCASIONAL SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS WHICH LED TO MINOR FLOODING IN PLACES.

TWO LANDSLIPS OCCURRED ON JUNE 5, ONE IN THE MORNING AT TAI PO ROAD NEAR TAI PO KAU, AND THE OTHER IN THE AFTERNOON IN A SQUATTER AREA IN KWUN TONG.

FROM JUNE 6 TO 9, IT WAS SUNNY AND HOT.

FROM TIME TO TIME BETWEEN JUNE 10 AND 15, SHOWERS OCCURRED. APART FROM AN OVERCAST DAY ON JUNE 12, SUNNY PERIODS WERE ALSO EXPERIENCED DURING THE PERIOD.

HOWEVER, A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE BROUGHT UNSTABLE WEATHER TO THE COASTAL REGIONS OF SOUTHERN CHINA FROM JUNE 16 TO 21.

THERE WERE TORRENTIAL DOWNPOURS AND WIDESPREAD THUNDERSTORMS ON JUNE 16, AND A TOTAL OF 174.7 MM OF RAIN WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY. THE HEAVY RAIN, WHICH OCCURRED MAINLY IN THE MORNING, RESULTED IN 41 INCIDENTS OF FLOODING. THE WORST-HIT AREA WAS SAI TAU TSUEN IN KOWLOON CITY WHERE FLOOD WATER WAS REPORTED TO BE NEARLY TWO METRES DEEP. FOUR LANDSLIPS WERE REPORTED, THREE IN SQUATTER AREAS AT WONG TAI SIN, NGAU CHI WAN AND SAU MAU PING AND ONE AT LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NEAR SHA TIN.

ON JUNE 17 AND 18, ONLY ISOLATED SHOWERS WERE RECORDED. CONDITIONS DETERIORATED AGAIN ON JUNE 19 AND THERE WERE OCCASIONAL SHOWERS UP TO JUNE 21.

JUNE 22 WAS A FINE DAY APART FROM SOME ISOLATED SHOWERS IN THE MORNING.

THE WEATHER REMAINED FINE AND SUNNY ON JUNE 23. IT BECAME VERY HOT ON JUNE 24 WHEN TEMPERATURES ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 32.9 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF THE MONTH. THERE WERE SOME THUNDERY SHOWERS IN THE AFTERNOON, AND AT ABOUT 2.30 PM ON THE SAME DAY, A WATERSPOUT LASTING ABOUT 10 MINUTES WAS SIGHTED OVER THE WEST LAMMA CHANNEL.

EARLY ON JUNE 25, SEVERE TROPICAL STORM WYNNE APPROACHED FROM THE EAST AND CAME CLOSE TO HONG KONG. LOCAL WINDS STRENGTHENED FROM THE NORTHEAST AT FIRST AND REACHED GALE FORCE IN EXPOSED PLACES FOR A SHORT DURATION DURING THE MORNING. THEY TURNED EASTERLY AND MODERATED IN THE AFTERNOON AS WYNNE MOVED AWAY FROM HONG KONG. FREQUENT SHOWERS WERE RECORDED DURING THE CLOSE APPROACH OF WYNNE. CONDITIONS IMPROVED IN THE EVENING AND THERE WERE ONLY ISOLATED SHOWERS ON JUNE 26.

DURING THE REST OF THE MONTH, THERE WERE SCATTERED SHOWERS AND SUNNY PERIODS. ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS WERE ALSO RECORDED ON JUNE 28.

TWO TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

TROPICAL STORM VERNON WAS THE FIRST TROPICAL CYCLONE OF THE YEAR. IT FORMED NEAR NANSHA ON JUNE 8 AND DISSIPATED ABOUT 60 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF VIENTIANE ON JUNE 11.

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SEVERE TROPICAL STORM WYNNE DEVELOPED ABOUT 730 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF TAIPEI ON JUNE 19. IT SKIRTED THE SOUTHERN TIP OF TAIWAN ON JUNE 24 AND PASSED ABOUT 70 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH OF HONG KONG EARLY ON JUNE 25. WYNNE DISSIPATED NEAR HANOI ON JUNE 26.

SIX AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE IN EFFECT ON JUNE 2 TO 5, 16 AND 28. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JUNE 4, 5, 16 AND 25 AND A LANDSLIP WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON JUNE 16.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS :

<u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u>
SEVERE TROPICAL STORM WYNNE	1	JUNE 24 3.20 AM	JUNE 24 3.30 PM
	3	JUNE 24 3.30 PM	JUNE 25 4.30 AM
	8NE	JUNE 25 4.30 AM	JUNE 25 7.10 AM
	3	JUNE 25 7.10 AM	JUNE 25 1.32 PM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE :

SUNSHINE	169.0 HOURS	=	9.8 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
RAINFALL	445.7 MM	=	13.9 MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	77 %	=	2 % MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	86 %	=	2 % HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	30.4 DEGREES CELSIUS	=	NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	27.9 DEGREES CELSIUS	=	0.2 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	26.1 DEGREES CELSIUS	=	0.5 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	25.2 DEGREES CELSIUS	=	0.7 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	113.4 MM	=	39.2 MM BELOW NORMAL

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 32.9 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JUNE 24

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 23.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JUNE 4

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CONVERSION CARDS TO PROMOTE METRICATION
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A USEFUL METRIC CONVERSION CARD IS NOW AVAILABLE TO HELP SALES STAFF AND CUSTOMERS TO UNDERSTAND THE COMMON CONVERSION FACTORS FOR EVERYDAY ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

THE CARD, PRODUCED BY THE METRICATION COMMITTEE, FEATURES COMMON CONVERSION FACTORS OF SIZES OF TV SCREENS AND ELECTRIC FAN BLADES, REFRIGERATOR VOLUME, AND CAPACITIES OF AIR CONDITIONERS, DEHUMIDIFIERS, WASHING MACHINES AND WATER HEATERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE METRICATION COMMITTEE SAID THAT THE 100 000 CONVERSION CARDS PRODUCED WOULD HELP PROMOTE METRICATION IN THE DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES TRADE.

+IN THE PAST, MOST ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES WERE SPECIFIED IN METRIC UNITS AT THE IMPORT-WHOLESALE LEVEL. TO SUIT LOCAL DEMAND, THEY WERE THEN CONVERTED BY RETAILERS TO IMPERIAL UNITS,+ HE POINTED OUT.

+DUAL LABELLING IS BEING USED IN THE PRESENT TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THESE CONVERSION CARDS, IT IS HOPED THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE METRIC SYSTEM SO THAT A COMPLETE CHANGEOVER COULD BE ACHIEVED SOON,+ HE ADDED.

THE CONVERSION CARDS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE FOUR MAJOR TRADE ASSOCIATIONS TO RETAIL SHOPS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES; THE CONSUMER COUNCIL AND ITS BRANCH OFFICES; GIS MARKETING OFFICE AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL; AND THE METRICATION COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT AT 31/F, UNITED CENTRE, 95 QUEENSWAY.

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RESCUE STAR FOR 35
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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR. JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN WILL PRESENT THE RESCUE STAR TO 35 PEOPLE, INCLUDING SEVEN FISHERMEN, AT A CEREMONY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE RESCUE STAR IS PRESENTED TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED SAVE LIFE AT SEA, IN SWIMMING POOLS OR AT PUBLIC BEACHES.

TOGETHER, THE RECIPIENTS RESCUED A TOTAL OF 110 PEOPLE IN DANGER AND IN DISTRESS LAST YEAR.

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BETTER CARE FOR PRIVATE STREETS

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND CANOPIES WERE DEMOLISHED AT SAM PAN STREET, WAN CHAI TODAY, IN THE FIRST CLEARANCE UNDER A PILOT SCHEME TO RESUME AND REPAIR SEVEN PRIVATE STREETS IN THE URBAN AREA.

THE OPERATION WILL ENABLE REPAIR WORK TO BE DONE, INCLUDING RECONSTRUCTION OF PART OF THE CARRIAGEWAY AND FOOTPATHS, AND IMPROVEMENT TO THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

TODAY'S CLEARANCE WAS CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TOGETHER WITH THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION, HIGHWAYS OFFICE AND THE URBAN SERVICES AND LANDS DEPARTMENTS.

THE REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS WOULD BEGIN SHORTLY AND BE COMPLETED IN MID-SEPTEMBER, SAID THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG.

HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD FOR MANY YEARS RECOGNISED THAT PRIVATE STREETS POSED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

+BECAUSE OF THEIR MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP, MOST OF THE 384 PRIVATE STREETS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY ARE NOT PROPERLY MANAGED AND WERE IN SEVERELY DILAPIDATED CONDITION.

+THE SITUATION HAS GIVEN RISE TO SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AND COMPLAINTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+TO ALLEVIATE THESE PROBLEMS, EFFECTIVE STREET MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL. THESE INVOLVE THE RESUMPTION OF THE STREETS, IMPLEMENTING REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND THEREAFTER MAINTAINING THE ROADS AND DRAINAGE IN A PROPER MANNER BY THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, DUE TO THE HIGH COST INVOLVED IN REPAIRING THE LARGE NUMBER OF STREETS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, MR LAM SAID, THE PILOT SCHEME WAS BEING LAUNCHED FOR THE SEVEN STREETS, AT A TOTAL COST OF \$1.44 MILLION.

+THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME IS TO ASSESS THE EXTENT OF WORK INVOLVED, THE IMPLICATION FOR STAFF RESOURCES AND OTHER ASSOCIATED PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

+THE INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM THE PILOT SCHEME WILL HELP FUTURE PLANNING.+

RESUMPTION AND IMPROVEMENT WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN SIX MONTHS ON THE OTHER SIX STREETS - YUET YUEN STREET AND COMFORT TERRACE IN NORTH POINT, AND HOK LING STREET, SHIM LUEN STREET, TSUN FAT STREET AND YIN ON STREET IN KOWLOON CITY.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES REMINDED TO SUBMIT RETURNS

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED OPERATORS OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY RETURNS SUMMARISING THEIR ACTIVITIES.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FOUR EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES HAD BEEN PROSECUTED RECENTLY FOR FAILING TO SUBMIT SUCH RETURNS WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME. ALL OF THEM WERE CONVICTED AND FINED.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT FAILURE TO SUBMIT QUARTERLY RETURNS BY A LICENSEE OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IN THE PRESCRIBED MANNER IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY REGULATIONS, AND IS LIABLE, ON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000.

ENQUIRIES ON THE OPERATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES MAY BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICES ON TELEPHONE 5-767420 OR 5-767311.

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YOUTHS SEEN AT CAMP WORK

THE SECRETARY FOR CIVIL SERVICE, MR MARTIN ROWLANDS TODAY (TUESDAY) SAW HOW YOUNGSTERS BENEFITED FROM THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

HE SPENT THE AFTERNOON TOURING A TRAINING CAMP IN SAI KUNG ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FOR STUDENT CONSERVATION LEADERS.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AT 2 PM, HE WAS MET BY MRS RUBY LAU, ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; MR M.K. CHEUNG, CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT; DR. YIP LAI-LAN, SENIOR LECTURER OF SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, AND MR K.S. YIP, INSPECTOR, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

AFTER BEING BRIEFED ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE TRAINING CAMP, MR ROWLANDS JOINED A GROUP OF 50 STUDENTS, AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 20, IN ANALYSING THE QUALITY OF WATER SAMPLES AT THE FIELD STUDY CENTRE, TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF POLLUTION.

THE AIM OF ORGANISING SUCH CAMPS IS TO ENABLE STUDENTS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CONSERVATION PRINCIPLES AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND TO BECOME EFFICIENT LEADERS IN THIS FIELD.

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ACTIVITIES OFFERED IN THE ONE-WEEK TRAINING PROGRAMME INCLUDE LECTURES, DEMONSTRATIONS, VISITS, LABORATORY EXERCISES, FIELD WORK AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

MR ROWLANDS WAS IMPRESSED THAT THE PROGRAMME WAS ABLE TO STRIKE A GOOD BALANCE BETWEEN RECREATION AND EDUCATION, FITTING IN VERY WELL WITH THE +HEALTH, HELP, HAPPINESS+ THEME OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

VISITORS TALKED TO THE PARTICIPANTS, INSPECTED THE DORMITORY AND OTHER FACILITIES. THEY LEFT THE CAMP AT 4 PM.

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NEW OFFICE TO TAKE OVER DRIVING TESTS
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DRIVING TEST APPOINTMENTS FOR GOODS VEHICLES, BUSES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE HANDLED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S SHA TIN DRIVING TEST OFFICE WHEN IT OPENS ON JULY 23.

SITUATED ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HOUSE, SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION, ADJOINING THE DEPARTMENT'S SHA TIN LICENSING OFFICE, THE NEW OFFICE WILL TAKE OVER THE TEST APPOINTMENT FUNCTIONS FROM THE KOWLOON DRIVING TEST OFFICE AT DUNDAS STREET.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT APPOINTMENTS FOR THESE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVING TESTS SHOULD BE MADE WITH THE SHA TIN OFFICE AS FROM JULY 23.

+HOWEVER, THE VENUES FOR THE TESTS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE HANDOVER,+ HE SAID.

+APPLICANTS OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVING TESTS WHO WISH TO BE TESTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND SHOULD APPLY TO THE HONG KONG DRIVING TEST OFFICE AT 2 MURRAY ROAD, CENTRAL.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT PRIVATE CAR DRIVING TEST APPOINTMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED BY THE DUNDAS STREET AND MURRAY ROAD OFFICES ONLY.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE KOWLOON DRIVING TEST OFFICE ON 3-317723, OR THE SHA TIN DRIVING TEST OFFICE ON 0-6061676 AFTER JULY 20, 1984.

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SUMMER FUN FOR TUEN MUN YOUTHS
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THIS YEAR'S TUEN MUN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, FEATURING MORE THAN 410 ITEMS OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, WILL BEGIN ON THURSDAY (JULY 12).

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND WITH GAMES STALLS AND A TELEMATCH FOR MORE THAN 2 000 LOCAL YOUNGSTERS.

THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG, AND THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR MUI KAN-KIT.

A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS AND 32 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, HAVE BEEN FORMED TO ORGANISE THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME.

ABOUT \$200 000 WILL BE SPENT ON THE PROGRAMME. OF THESE, \$110 000 WILL COME FROM THE JOCKEY CLUB, \$25 000 FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND THE REST FROM LOCAL DONATIONS.

A LEAFLET GIVING DETAILS OF THE EVENTS IS AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (TUEN MUN OFFICE).

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ALL ABOUT 'SWINGING SUMMER'
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DETAILS OF THE 1984 +SWINGING SUMMER+ TV SERIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY (JULY 12), STARTING AT 2.30 PM AT RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, BROADCASTING HOUSE, 30 BROADCAST DRIVE, KOWLOON.

MISS MARIA WAN, ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, AND MRS BETTY SHUM, ACTING CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE CHAIRING THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE TWO MASTERS OF CEREMONY OF THE TV SERIES, MISS CONNIE MAK AND MR WAN CHI-KEUNG, AS WELL AS SINGERS AND TV ARTISTES WHO WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE PROGRAMME.

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COMPETITIONS TO PROMOTE MORAL EDUCATION
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STUDENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT ARE TAKING PART IN ESSAY, DRAWING AND LOGO COMPETITIONS BEING HELD AT MORE THAN 60 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN CONNECTION WITH A MORAL EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

AN EXHIBITION OF THE WINNING AND OUTSTANDING ENTRIES WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (JULY 14) FROM 2.30 PM TO 5 PM IN THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL WHERE LOCAL STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW UP THE EXHIBITION WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT 7.30 PM THE SAME DAY.

THE CAMPAIGN WAS INITIATED BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD WITH THE SUPPORT OF ALL SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EXHIBITION AND THE VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL IN LUNG SUM ROAD, SHEUNG SHUI, ON SATURDAY (JULY 14).

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STREETS IN CENTRAL TO BE IMPROVED
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WORK TO IMPROVE D'AGUILAR STREET, LAN KWAI FONG AND WING WAH LANE IN CENTRAL WILL START NEXT WEEK.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$2 MILLION CONTRACT TO CHUEN HING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD TO RECONSTRUCT THE EXISTING PEDESTRIAN LANES AT LAN KWAI FONG AND WING WAH LANE SO THAT VEHICLES CAN USE THEM TO GAIN ACCESS TO D'AGUILAR STREET.

D'AGUILAR STREET WILL ALSO BE WIDENED AND ITS LEVEL RAISED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

THE CONTRACT ALSO INCLUDES PROVISION OF BENCHES AND FLOWER BEDS AT LAN KWAI FONG AND WING WAH LANE TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY APRIL NEXT YEAR.

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TRAFFIC MEASURES IN SHA TIN
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FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JULY 12), THE SECTION OF ROAD T1 BETWEEN SHA TIN WAI ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD, ALONG WITH ITS SLIP ROADS, WILL BE MADE RESTRICTED ROADS WHERE VEHICLES ARE SUBJECT TO A SPEED LIMIT OF 40 MILES PER HOUR.

THE SLIP ROADS INVOLVED CONNECT SHA TIN WAI ROAD, TAI CHUNG ROAD AND YUEN WO ROAD.

ALSO FROM THURSDAY, THE SAME SECTION OF ROAD T1 AND ITS SLIP ROADS WILL BE MADE DAILY 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONES.

WITHIN THESE ZONES, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, OR FROM LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS OFFERED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS 92ND AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (JULY 14) STARTING AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

THE FOLLOWING 35 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE UP FOR BIDDING:

DC 662	DC 1288	DC 668	DC 771	CJ 105
DC 1368	DC 1638	DC 1	DC 2	DC 911
DC 172	CN 678	DC 991	DC 368	CC 838
DC 6663	DC 938	DC 728	DC 168	DC 8636
DC 289	BW 8888	DC 6282	DB 8	CW 3
CX 25	DC 338	HK 2000	AD 339	DC 8328
DC 155	DC 328	DC 790	DC 928	AA 77

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL, AS USUAL, GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

AUCTIONS BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN HELD SINCE MAY 1973.

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