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10 PER CENT GROWTH IN GDP FORECAST  
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THIS EVENING FORECAST A 10 PER CENT GROWTH RATE IN THIS YEAR'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT — UP ONE PER CENT OVER HIS BUDGET FORECAST — BUT WARNED THAT CONSUMER PRICES COULD BE EXPECTED TO RISE FASTER THAN ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED.

THE REVISED FORECASTS WERE AMONG A NUMBER SIR PHILIP PRESENTED IN A SPEECH TO THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF SECURITY ANALYSTS.

WITH THE IMPORTANT EXCEPTION OF PRICES WHICH WERE NOW INCREASING AT RATES FASTER THAN FORECAST IN THE BUDGET SPEECH, SIR PHILIP SAID THAT GENERALLY SPEAKING THE REVISED FORECAST INDICATES THAT THE ECONOMY IS IN BETTER BALANCE THAN HE ENVISAGED IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH AND IS EXPECTED TO RECORD ANOTHER YEAR OF DOUBLE DIGIT GROWTH.

SIR PHILIP OUTLINED REVISED FORECASTS IN:-

TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON GDP

THE REVISED FORECAST FOR THE GROWTH RATE OF GDP IN 1980 IS NOW 10 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST OF 9 PER CENT AND THE ACHIEVED GROWTH RATE OF 11 PER CENT IN 1979.

IN VIEW OF THE MARGINS OF ERROR ASSOCIATED WITH MACRO-STATISTICAL CALCULATIONS, SIR PHILIP SAID HE USES 10 PER CENT AS A SHORTHAND FOR A RANGE BETWEEN 9 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT AND AT THIS PERCENTAGE THE REVISED FORECAST OF EXPENDITURE ON THE GDP AT CONSTANT (1973) PRICES IN 1980 BECOMES \$61.8 BILLION, WHICH IS VIRTUALLY THE SAME AS THE FIGURE USED IN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST.

PRICES

THE REVISED FORECAST FOR THE RATE OF INCREASE IN CONSUMER PRICES IN 1980 IS NOW 14 PER CENT, RATHER HIGHER THAN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST OF 10 PER CENT AND 12 PER CENT EXPERIENCED IN 1979.

SO AT CURRENT PRICES, THE REVISED FORECAST OF EXPENDITURE ON THE GDP IN 1980 IS \$108.6 BILLION, OR ABOUT 25 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE REVISED PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE FOR 1979.

IN PER CAPITA TERMS, GDP AT CURRENT PRICES IS ABOUT \$21 400 REPRESENTING A GROWTH RATE OF 21 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST OF 17 PER CENT AND THE ACHIEVED GROWTH RATE OF 19 PER CENT IN 1979.

EXPORTS

SIR PHILIP FORECAST THAT THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN 1980 WOULD REACH 14 PER CENT. THIS COMPARED WITH 7 PER CENT ORIGINALLY FORECAST IN THE BUDGET SPEECH, BUT WAS STILL LOWER THAN THE ACHIEVED GROWTH RATE OF 17 PER CENT IN 1979.

WHILE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1980 RECORDED A GROWTH RATE OF 20 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1979, SIR PHILIP ANTICIPATED A SLOWING DOWN IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR. NEVERTHELESS, THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE FOR THE YEAR AS A WHOLE HAD TO BE REVISED UPWARDS TO NO LESS THAN 15 PER CENT.

THE REVISED GROWTH RATE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO GERMANY IS 12 PER CENT, AS AGAINST THE 10 PER CENT FORECAST IN THE BUDGET SPEECH, WHILE THAT FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM IS REVISED DOWNWARDS FROM 6 PER CENT TO 4 PER CENT. AS FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE REST OF THE WORLD, THE REVISED GROWTH FORECAST IS 17 PER CENT, SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST OF 9 PER CENT.

FOR RE-EXPORTS, FROM THE GROWTH RATE OF 28 PER CENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, IT APPEARS THAT A VERY HIGH GROWTH RATE WILL CONTINUE TO BE RECORDED THIS YEAR. AS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, MUCH OF THIS GROWTH IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA'S FOREIGN TRADE. SIR PHILIP'S REVISED FORECAST FOR THE GROWTH RATE IN 1980 IS 27 PER CENT, ABOUT TWICE THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST AND ONLY JUST BELOW THE ACHIEVED GROWTH RATE IN 1979.

SO FOR TOTAL EXPORTS IN 1980 SIR PHILIP NOW FORECASTS A GROWTH RATE OF 17 PER CENT, ABOUT TWICE HIS BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST OF 9 PER CENT AND NOT MUCH BELOW THE ACHIEVED GROWTH RATE OF 20 PER CENT IN 1979.

SIR PHILIP NOTED THAT OUR EXPORT PERFORMANCE LAST AND THIS YEAR, AFTER ALL THE INFLATIONARY PRESSURES GENERATED BY FIVE YEARS OF SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH, IS AS REMARKABLE AS OUR PERFORMANCE IN 1976 WHEN EXPORTS SURGED BY 28 PER CENT AS WE MOVED OUT OF RECESSION WITH A DEFLATED COST/PRICE STRUCTURE.

+IT IS A TRIBUTE TO OUR FREE ENTERPRISE ECONOMY AND, OF COURSE, IS A VINDICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S NON-INTERVENTIONIST POLICY STANCE .....,+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

#### IMPORTS

THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS IN 1980 THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE REVISED FORECASTS FOR THE OTHER COMPONENTS OF EXPENDITURE ON THE GDP AND WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1980 BECOMES 17 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST OF 11 PER CENT AND THE ACHIEVED GROWTH RATE OF 16 PER CENT IN 1979.

#### PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE

SIR PHILIP SAID THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST GROWTH RATE OF 9 PER CENT MIGHT BE A LITTLE ON THE HIGH SIDE BECAUSE OF THE CONSTRAINING EFFECT OF HIGHER THAN EXPECTED PRICES. THIS MEANS THAT THE GROWTH RATE WILL BE LESS THAN THAT OF THE GDP FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING, IMPLYING, FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, THAT THE MARGINAL PROPENSITY TO SAVE MAY HAVE INCREASED.

GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE

THE GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS WAS ABOUT 5 PER CENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR, COMPARED WITH THE FIRST HALF OF 1979. THIS IS MUCH LESS THAN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST FOR THE YEAR AS A WHOLE OF 12 PER CENT. SIR PHILIP SET OUT THREE REASONS FOR THIS SHORTFALL. ALTHOUGH HE HAD EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL NOT BE AS OPERATIVE IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR, THE SLOW GROWTH RATE IN THE FIRST HALF MEANS THAT THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST WOULD HAVE TO BE REDUCED TO 8 PER CENT, WHICH REPRESENTS A SLOWDOWN COMPARED WITH THE ACHIEVED GROWTH RATE OF 11 PER CENT IN 1979.

GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION

IN THE BUDGET SPEECH, SIR PHILIP FORECAST A GROWTH RATE OF INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND MACHINERY IN 1980 OF 15 PER CENT. THE REVISED FORECAST IS FOR 25 PER CENT WHICH, ALTHOUGH VERY REMARKABLE, IS STILL LOWER THAN THE ACHIEVED GROWTH RATE OF 38 PER CENT IN 1979.

THE HIGHER FORECAST IS MAINLY A REFLECTION OF A VERY RAPID GROWTH RATE OF INVESTMENT IN SUCH TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AS AIRCRAFT, VESSELS, RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK AND VEHICLES WHILE THAT OF INVESTMENT IN INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY ALSO REMAINED FAIRLY HIGH.

SIR PHILIP STILL EXPECTED A GROWTH RATE OF 5 PER CENT, MUCH THE SAME AS THE ACHIEVED GROWTH RATE OF 4 PER CENT FOR 1979 FOR INVESTMENT IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR. HOWEVER FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR (INCLUDING THE MTR CORPORATION), PERFORMANCE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1980 APPEARS TO HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST GROWTH RATE OF 15 PER CENT, AND A REALISTIC FORECAST OF ITS LIKELY GROWTH RATE FOR THE YEAR AS A WHOLE IS 10 PER CENT INSTEAD OF 15 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH AN ACTUAL DECREASE OF 2 PER CENT IN 1979.

THE GROWTH RATE OF TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION IS NOW THEREFORE REVISED TO 7.5 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECAST OF 10 PER CENT AND AN ACHIEVED GROWTH RATE OF 1 PER CENT IN 1979.

NET EXPORT OF SERVICES

SIR PHILIP'S REVISED FORECAST FOR THE GROWTH RATE OF EXPORTS LESS IMPORTS OF SERVICES IN 1980 IS 4 PER CENT INSTEAD OF THE EARLIER FORECAST OF 9 PER CENT, WHICH IS THE SAME AS THE ACHIEVED GROWTH RATE IN 1979. THE DOWNWARD REVISION IS MAINLY THE RESULT OF AN UNEXPECTED FALL IN THE NUMBER OF TOURISTS COMING TO HONG KONG COUPLED WITH HIGHER THAN EXPECTED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF OVERSEAS TRIPS TAKEN BY HONG KONG RESIDENTS.

REASONS FOR REVISIONS

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY CITED FIVE REASONS FOR THE REVISIONS IN HIS ORIGINAL FORECASTS.

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FIRST, CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS, THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS CONTINUES TO BE RAPID DESPITE THE RECESSIONARY CLIMATE PREVAILING IN THE ECONOMIES OF SOME OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS-

SECONDLY, THE SURGE OF THE RE-EXPORT TRADE WHICH STARTED IN 1978 CONTINUES APACE, UNIQUELY FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR AND SO, IN CONSEQUENCE.

THIRDLY, THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS IS ALSO HIGHER THAN THE RATE LOGICALLY IMPLIED IN THE BUDGET SPEECH FORECASTS OF THE COMPONENTS OF TOTAL FINAL DEMAND-

FOURTHLY, INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND MACHINERY IS PROVING TO BE HIGHER THAN EXPECTED.

BUT, FIFTHLY, HIGHER THAN EXPECTED PRICES IN 1980 COMPARED WITH 1979 APPEAR TO BE EXERCISING A FURTHER CONSTRAINING EFFECT ON CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE, BOTH BY THE PUBLIC AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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#### ROLE OF PACKAGING IN HONG KONG TRADE

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+THE PACKAGE IS YOUR SALESMAN, ESPECIALLY IN THESE DAYS OF SELF SERVICE,+ SAID THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR BILL DORWARD TODAY WHEN HE OPENED THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON +RECENT TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN PACKAGING+.

MR DORWARD UNDERLINED THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE - AND THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION GAINED - IN THE FIELD OF PACKAGING IN HONG KONG OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS. HOWEVER, HE QUESTIONED WHETHER HONG KONG INDUSTRY IS YET DOING ANYTHING LIKE ENOUGH TO USE THE TALENT THAT IS UNDOUBTEDLY AVAILABLE.

+THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS STILL HAS SOME WAY TO GO TO OVERCOME DIFFIDENCE, AND THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF WORLD MARKETS, WHICH CAUSES MANUFACTURERS TO RESORT TO PRINTERS AND COMMERCIAL ARTISTS TO PRODUCE SOME EXPEDIENT LABELLING, RATHER THAN TO HARNESS THE PROFESSIONAL SKILL AND IMAGINATION OF A DESIGNER,+ HE SAID.

+I SUPPOSE IT MUST SOMETIMES SEEM THAT THE EXTRA EXPENSE OF USING DESIGNERS IS ONE AREA WHERE, IN DAYS OF RISING COSTS AND NARROW PROFIT MARGINS, A LITTLE SAVING CAN BE MADE. BUT IS THIS NOT A FALSE ECONOMY, IF - AS A CONSEQUENCE OF DULL, PROSAIC PACKAGING - THE GOODS LIE UNSOLD IN THE DEPARTMENT STORES AND SUPERMARKETS OR SELL TO ONLY A FRACTION OF THEIR POTENTIAL?+ HE ASKED.

MR DORWARD POINTED OUT THAT THE +MADE IN HONG KONG+ LABEL IS NOW GENERALLY ACCEPTED AS STANDING FOR GOOD QUALITY AT A FAIR PRICE. IN ADDITION, IT ALSO CONJURES UP THE COLOUR AND EXCITEMENT AND VISUAL STIMULATION ASSOCIATED WITH HONG KONG AND THE VISUAL ARTS OF CHINA.

/+BUT I .....

+BUT I WONDER IF WE HAVE DONE ENOUGH, IN THE FIELD OF PACKAGING, TO CAPITALISE ON THIS OTHER IMAGE CONJURED UP BY THE NAME OF HONG KONG.

+HERE IS AN ADVANTAGE WE ARE BLESSED WITH. WE DO NOT HAVE TO CREATE IT BY EXPENSIVE ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS. SHOULD WE NOT BE MAKING GREATER USE OF IT?+ HE ASKED.

+I SAID WE HAVE THE TALENT. WE DO. AND IT IS NOT JUST THE TALENT TO EMULATE THE STYLES OF LONDON, ZURICH, OR NEW YORK. THE POLYTECHNIC IS PRODUCING YOUNG DESIGNERS WHOSE TALENTS IMPRESS ME MORE AND MORE EACH TIME I SEE ONE OF THEIR STIMULATING EXHIBITIONS.

+TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND OTHER CENTRES OF LEARNING ARE CONTRIBUTING TO OUR RESERVOIR OF YOUNG TALENT UNIQUELY EQUIPPED TO BRING TO THE TECHNIQUES OF TODAY THE TRADITIONS OF YESTERDAY AND TO USE A VISUAL VOCABULARY WHICH CAN COMMUNICATE THE COLOUR AND VIBRANCE OF THIS EXCITING CITY IN WHICH THEY LIVE.+

ON THE ROLE OF THE HONG KONG PACKAGING COUNCIL, MR DORWARD SAID THAT IT WAS SET UP BY PEOPLE RESPONDING TO AN EVIDENT NEED, AND WHO HAD THE FORESIGHT TO SEE THAT THE UPWARD TREND IN QUALITY OF PRODUCT HAD TO BE MATCHED BY PACKAGING IF THE COMPETITIVE EDGE OF INDUSTRY WAS NOT TO BE LOST.

THE INTERNATIONAL PACKAGING SYMPOSIUM WAS HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG PACKAGING COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES TO MARK THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HONG KONG PACKAGING COUNCIL.

IT WAS ORGANISED TO PROVIDE AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PACKAGING KNOWLEDGE.

IN ADDITION TO THE LOCAL AUDIENCE, DELEGATES FROM ASIA'S MAJOR PACKAGING ORGANISATIONS ALSO TOOK PART IN THE EVENT AFTER ATTENDING THE 7TH ASIAN PACKAGING FEDERATION CONGRESS HELD IN TOKYO FROM SEPTEMBER 3 TO 5.

OTHER SPEAKERS AT THE SYMPOSIUM INCLUDED THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD PACKAGING ORGANISATION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG PACKAGING COUNCIL.

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#### HONG KONG/NORWAY TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS ADJOURNED

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CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND NORWAY ON ARRANGEMENTS TO REPLACE NORWAY'S EXISTING IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS WERE ADJOURNED TODAY, AFTER TALKS LASTING FOUR DAYS.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE CONSULTATIONS WILL RESUME IN THE FIRST HALF OF NEXT MONTH.

THE CONSULTATIONS ARE BEING HELD FOLLOWING A GATT COUNCIL DECISION IN JUNE THAT NORWAY'S RESTRICTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19 WERE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GATT.

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'BON VOYAGE' TO FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS  
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SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY TODAY WISHED BON-VOYAGE TO LOCAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE HONG KONG IN LONDON FESTIVAL AT A RECEPTION HELD IN THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES THEATRE.

OUT OF THE OVER 150 PARTICIPANTS, THE MAIN CONTINGENT, ABOUT 90 PERSONS, WILL BE LEAVING FOR LONDON THIS SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 14) EVENING.

MR BRAY COMMENDED THE PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR COMMUNITY SPIRIT. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FESTIVAL WOULD NEVER HAVE BECOME SUCH A LARGE SCALE EVENT WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT.

DURING THE RECEPTION, SOUVENIR BANNERS WERE PRESENTED IN APPRECIATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL SPONSORING ORGANISATIONS AND PARTICIPATING GROUPS.

THE FESTIVAL, ON SEPTEMBER 20 AND 21, WILL BE THE BIGGEST OVERSEAS PROMOTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS EVER STAGED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. ITS FIVE MAJOR ATTRACTIONS WILL BE: DRAGON BOAT RACES, EXHIBITION OF THE JUNK +KEYING II+, A LANTERN PARADE, A MARKET FAIR AND A CHINESE THEATRE.

MORE THAN THREE QUARTERS OF THE PERFORMANCE IN THE CHINESE THEATRE WILL BE STAGED BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE NT HEUNG YEE KUK, CHIU CHOW ASSOCIATION AND KIANGSU-CHEKIANG RESIDENT (HK) ASSOCIATION.

MR BRAY PAID TRIBUTE TO THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, FOR PROVIDING FREE TRAVEL INSURANCE TO PARTICIPANTS. THE COMPANY ALSO SPONSORED THE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE FESTIVAL EQUIPMENT SENT FROM HONG KONG.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS ALSO THANKED THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION FOR SPONSORING THE DECORATIVE LANTERNS WHICH WILL BE HUNG ALONG THE ROAD IN BATTERSEA PARK WHERE THE LANTERN PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE.

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MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR TAI PO ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION  
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THE TAI PO DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, FORMED MORE THAN THREE MONTHS AGO, IS TRYING TO INCREASE ITS MEMBERSHIP.

THE ASSOCIATION WAS SET UP IN MAY TO PROMOTE ARTS AND CULTURE AMONG TAI PO'S POPULATION OF 100 000.

IT IS BACKED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

ALL THOSE LIVING OR WORKING IN THE DISTRICT, WHICH COVERS TAI PO AND SAI KUNG NORTH, ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN. MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

/PREPARATORY WORK .....

PREPARATORY WORK IS NOW UNDER WAY TO FORM A CHILDREN'S CHOIR, A DANCE TROUPE AND A DRAMA GROUP.

THERE ARE ALSO PLANS TO HOLD CONCERTS, EXHIBITIONS, COMPETITIONS AND TRAINING CLASSES IN DRAMA, PHOTOGRAPHY, CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY, CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PLAYING AND FLOWER PLANTING.

MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE, MOSTLY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, HAVE JOINED THE ASSOCIATION SO FAR.

STUDENTS PAY AN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$3 AND GENERAL MEMBERS \$10. THE SUBSCRIPTION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP IS \$100.

APPLICATIONS TO JOIN CAN BE MADE TO TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE.

MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION ARE BEING FINANCED BY THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH HAS EARMARKED \$100 000 FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, IS PATRON OF THE ASSOCIATION. LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADER, MR CHEUNG CHE-FANG, IS CHAIRMAN.

THE FIRST INAUGURATION OF OFFICE-BEARERS WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 4. MR AKERS-JONES WILL OFFICIATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

JOINT PRIMARY SCHOOLS GRADUATION CEREMONY  
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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE, WILL ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) OFFICIATE AT A JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS RUN BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA.

MRS DOE WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING AND PRESENT CERTIFICATES.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 11.15 AM IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

## ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN OPENING CEREMONY

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SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, WILL OPEN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN AT A CEREMONY IN EDINBURGH PLACE AT 10 AM THIS SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 14).

THE CHAIRMAN OF ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE, MR KARL STUMPF- THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR BOWEN LEUNG AND OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL ALSO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY.

A TWO-HOUR VARIETY SHOW FEATURING TV ARTISTES AND LOCAL PERFORMERS WILL BE PRESENTED AFTERWARDS.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE VARIETY SHOW.

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## CRAFT APPRENTICES GRADUATE

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AS DEMANDS GROW FOR MORE AND BETTER TRAINED PERSONNEL, YOUNG MEN GRADUATING FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CRAFT APPRENTICES SCHEME SHOULD HAVE A GOOD FUTURE AND ATTRACTIVE OPPORTUNITIES, MR D.M. HOWES, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT A CRAFT APPRENTICES GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE CIVIL AID SERVICES HEADQUARTERS, MR HOWES SAID OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG APPRENTICES SHOULD BE EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE AND IF THEY NOW HARNESS THE KNOWLEDGE THEY GAINED TO THEIR CHOSEN CAREERS, PROSPECTS SHOULD BE EXCELLENT.

MR HOWES ALSO REFERRED TO THE RAILWAY'S MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME, WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO CARRY UP TO 500 000 PEOPLE A DAY BY 1990.

HE SAID: +THE PACE OF INTRODUCTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNIQUES HAS BEEN ALMOST TERRIFYING OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES AND INNOVATION SHOWS NO SIGNS OF REACHING A PLATEAU.

+MODERN TECHNOLOGY IS INEVITABLY HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED AND IS SUPERB WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL. HOWEVER, LIKE ALL SOPHISTICATION, WITH FINE TIMING, TIGHT TOLERANCES AND DELICATE DESIGN, THERE ARE POTENTIAL INGREDIENTS WHICH CAN AND DO GO WRONG AND THUS PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ON THE ONE HAND AND FAST AND CORRECTIVE EMERGENCY CORRECTIVE REPAIRS ARE VITAL INGREDIENTS IF WE ARE TO HARNESS AND OBTAIN THE FULLEST USE FROM EXPENSIVE INVESTMENT.+

/HE POINTED .....

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL AND CRAFT APPRENTICES WITH THE VERY THOROUGH TRAINING THEY RECEIVED WAS THEREFORE A VITAL ELEMENT IN SUCCESSFULLY HARNESSING MODERN TECHNOLOGY FOR INDUSTRIAL NEEDS.

MR HOWES RECALLED THAT SINCE THE START OF THE SCHEME SOME 145 TECHNICAL APPRENTICES AND 620 CRAFT APPRENTICES HAD ALREADY GRADUATED.

THE CURRENT SCHEME OF TRAINING CRAFT AND TECHNICAL APPRENTICES BEGAN IN 1969 AS A JOINT EFFORT BY THE PWD'S ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE, THE PWD'S WATERWORKS OFFICE AND THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY. PWD'S GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATED IN LATER YEARS.

DURING THE CEREMONY, MR HOWES PRESENTED GRADUATION CERTIFICATES TO 51 CRAFT APPRENTICES.

HE ALSO PRESENTED THE +LAISHLEY CUP+ TO THE BEST CRAFT APPRENTICE, PUN SUN-KEUNG, OF WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

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WATER SUPPLIES DIRECTOR INSPECTS  
INSTALLATIONS ON CHEUNG CHAU

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THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WILLIAM TUCKER, THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING INSPECTED WATERWORKS INSTALLATIONS WHICH PROVIDE FRESH WATER TO CONSUMERS ON CHEUNG CHAU.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER (CONSUMER SERVICES) OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, MR TANG KWOK-YUE.

MR TUCKER SAW WATERWORKS OPERATIONS AND NEW PROJECTS IN PROGRESS ON THE ISLAND.

TWO SERVICE RESERVOIRS, WITH A COMBINED STORAGE CAPACITY OF 3 850 CUBIC METRES, PROVIDE FRESH WATER TO 6 370 REGISTERED CONSUMERS.

THE SUPPLY COMES FROM THE SILVER MINE BAY TREATMENT WORKS ON LANTAU VIA A TRUNK MAIN ALONG THE CHI MA WAN PENINSULA AND A SUBMARINE MAIN BETWEEN THE TWO ISLANDS TO CHEUNG CHAU PUMPING STATION AT TAI KWAI WAN FROM WHERE IT IS PUMPED TO THE SERVICE RESERVOIRS.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS IMPLEMENTING A \$3.8 MILLION EXTENSION PROJECT FOR ONE OF THE RESERVOIRS WHICH WILL ENABLE THE TOTAL STORAGE CAPACITY ON THE ISLAND TO BE DOUBLED TO 7 260 CUBIC METRES BY EARLY 1982.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS WORK, THE CAPACITY OF THE TRUNK MAIN ALONG THE CHI MA WAN PENINSULA WILL ALSO BE INCREASED.

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RETIREMENT OF IRD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, MR CHOW KING-CHOI IS RETIRING AFTER 24 YEARS SERVICE WITH THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

IN A FAREWELL CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON, THE COMMISSIONER, MR V.A. LADD PRESENTED MR CHOW WITH A SOUVENIR ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

MR CHOW JOINED GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN 1947 AND WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT AS TAX INSPECTOR IN 1956.

HE BECAME ASSISTANT ASSESSOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR AND AFTER THREE PROMOTIONS WAS MADE CHIEF ASSESSOR IN 1972. HE WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER IN 1975.

AT THE CEREMONY MR LADD THANKED MR CHOW FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT. DURING HIS SERVICE, MR CHOW HAS WITNESSED A TREMENDOUS GROWTH IN ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE SALARIES TAX UNIT, HE SAID.

WHEN HE WAS IN CHARGE, THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE FILES INCREASED BY SOME 190 PER CENT TO 485 000 AND THE NUMBER OF SECTIONS UNDER HIS CONTROL INCREASED FROM 15 TO 35.

+TO MEET CHANGES OF THIS MAGNITUDE, MR CHOW FACED BUT SUCCESSFULLY OVERCAME MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS WHICH FULLY TAXED HIS RESOURCEFULNESS AND LEADERSHIP,+ MR LADD SAID.

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SECOND CLASS AIRMAIL TO VIETNAM SUSPENDED

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES THAT DUE TO LIMITED AIRCRAFT SPACE ON THE ROUTE TO HO CHI MINH CITY, SECOND CLASS AIRMAIL ITEMS SUCH AS PRINTED PAPERS, SMALL PACKETS AND POSTCARDS FOR THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAN NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED IN THE POST.

AIRMAIL LETTERS INCLUDING REGISTERED LETTERS WILL, HOWEVER, STILL BE ACCEPTED.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1980

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PWD SWIMMING GALA  
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THE 1980 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SWIMMING GALA WILL BE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN SWIMMING POOL ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 14).

ABOUT 300 STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE TAKING PART IN THE SWIMMING GALA WHICH WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD.

MRS MCDONALD AND THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS UP OF THE MISS HONG KONG CONTEST, MISS JULIA CHAN AND MISS JANET WONG, WILL CUT THE RIBBON AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

MISS CHAN AND MISS WONG WILL ALSO PRESENT SOUVENIR PENNANTS TO GUEST PERFORMERS WHILE THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS WILL PRESENT TROPHIES AND PRIZES TO WINNERS.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, THERE WILL BE SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING DISPLAY BY THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE OCCASION BETWEEN 2 PM AND 6 PM AT THE ABERDEEN SWIMMING POOL ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 14). PWD INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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NEW SITTING-OUT AREAS IN MONG KOK  
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TWO MORE SITTING-OUT AREAS WILL BE BUILT IN MONG KOK TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.

THE AREAS ARE IN NELSON STREET AT ITS JUNCTIONS WITH RECLAMATION STREET AND CANTON ROAD.

THEY WILL HAVE CHILDREN'S PLAY EQUIPMENT, ARBOURS, BENCHES AND FLOWER BEDS.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WORK WILL BEGIN IN NOVEMBER AND WILL BE COMPLETED NEXT MARCH.

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SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD CLOSED  
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BROADWOOD ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO 12 AND HAPPY VIEW TERRACE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) FOR NINE MONTHS FOR ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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