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SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH HAZARDOUS INSTALLATIONS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL SOON SET UP A COMMITTEE ESPECIALLY TO DEAL WITH THE SITING OF HAZARDOUS INSTALLATIONS AND TO DEAL WITH ANY MATTER ARISING FROM EXISTING HAZARDOUS INSTALLATIONS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF DOW CHEMICAL PACIFIC LTD'S POLYSTYRENE PLANT ON TSING YI ISLAND, SIR DAVID SAID IT WOULD BE A STANDING COMMITTEE OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO LEARN FROM HISTORY AND THE LESSONS OF THE PAST — +AND NATURALLY FOR THE SITING OF ANY NEW PLANTS WE SHOULD LEARN FROM THESE LESSONS AND SITE PLANTS WITH GREAT CARE.+

THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT TURNED DOWN ANY RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD BY CONSULTANTS. +IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF TURNING ANYTHING DOWN. IT'S RATHER A QUESTION OF LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE AND THE FUTURE SITING OF INSTALLATIONS AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE UPGRADING THE SAFETY OF OUR EXISTING INSTALLATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+WHAT WE'VE HAD TO DO IS TO ENSURE THAT ALL EXISTING PLANTS ARE MAINTAINED TO THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARDS AND WHEN NEW STANDARDS ARE INTRODUCED AND NEW TECHNIQUES ARE INTRODUCED, WE SHOULD INTRODUCE THESE INTO HONG KONG.+

ON THE NEED TO SET UP A COMMITTEE WITH LEGAL POWERS TO DEAL WITH HAZARDOUS INSTALLATIONS, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG ALREADY HAD A GREAT MANY LEGAL POWERS IN VARIOUS PIECES OF LEGISLATION TO CONTROL THE OPERATION OF SUCH INSTALLATIONS.

+WE DON'T NEED ONE GREAT PIECE OF OMNIBUS LEGISLATION,+ HE SAID. +WE NEED TO GET ON WITH THE JOB OF ENSURING THAT PLANTS ARE OPERATED AND INSTALLED SAFELY.+

SIR DAVID DISAGREED WITH A SUGGESTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS UNDER PRESSURE FROM BIG BUSINESS TO LOWER SAFETY STANDARDS FOR SUCH PLANTS.

+FAR FROM IT,+ HE SAID. +I FIND THAT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG IS VERY CONSCIOUS OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY, AND IN MANY CASES, INSTALLS MEASURES WHICH ARE AHEAD OF THE SAFETY REGULATIONS.+

ASKED WHETHER +COST WAS A FACTOR IN IGNORING SOME OF THE EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATIONS+, THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT PRACTICALITY WAS THE POINT.

/+AND IF

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+AND IF YOU LOOK AT INSTALLATIONS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, YOU'LL FIND SIMILAR SORTS OF SITUATIONS IN EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD,+ HE SAID.

ON THE SAFETY OF EXISTING PLANTS, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE MOBIL INSTALLATION ON TSING YI ISLAND WAS A CASE IN POINT.

+IN THAT INSTALLATION, THE OPERATORS OF THE INSTALLATION THEMSELVES HAVE INSTALLED A NUMBER OF NEW FEATURES IN THE PLANT WHICH ADD TO THE SAFETY OF THAT PLANT.

+THIS IS WHAT I MEAN,+ HE SAID. +WHEN THERE IS NEW TECHNOLOGY, A NEW DEVICE, THEN WHAT WE WANT TO SEE IS OUR OPERATORS INSTALLING THOSE DEVICES, AND I'M QUITE SATISFIED THAT THEY ARE IN FACT DOING THIS.

+THEY ARE VERY CONSCIOUS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE COMMUNITY.+

+AND IF YOU NOTICE IN THIS PLANT TODAY, IF YOU LISTEN TO MR GOODCHILD'S (COLIN GOODCHILD, PRESIDENT OF DOW CHEMICAL PACIFIC LTD) SPEECH, THIS PLANT HAS NOW OPERATED FOR ONE MILLION HOURS WITHOUT ONE HOUR OF DOWN TIME BECAUSE OF INJURY OR ACCIDENT.

+NOW THAT IS REMARKABLE, NOT ONE HOUR OF DOWN TIME IN A MILLION HOURS.+

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR DAVID SAID HE DOUBTED IF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSULTANTS ON HAZARDOUS INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC BECAUSE THEY CONTAINED A LOT OF PRIVATE COMMERCIAL INFORMATION.

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RECIPE FOR INDUSTRIAL SUCCESS
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THE +PARTNERSHIP+ BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN EXPANDING HONG KONG'S TRADE AND INDUSTRY IF THOSE INVOLVED REMAIN ALERT TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES, NEW TECHNOLOGY AND NEW MACHINERY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING AT A CELEBRATION MARKING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DOW CHEMICAL PACIFIC LIMITED'S POLYSTYRENE PLANT ON TSING YI.

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HE DESCRIBED THE ESSENTIAL AND POSITIVE SUPPORT ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR AS BEING TO PROVIDE THE LAND, THE INFRASTRUCTURE, AN EFFICIENT TRANSPORT SYSTEM, AND AN EDUCATED AND SKILLED WORKFORCE.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO HELPED TO UPGRADE MANAGEMENT AND TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY, ASSISTED AND ENCOURAGED RESEARCH, AND AIDED THE MARKETING OF PRODUCTS OVERSEAS.

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT-COMMISSIONED STUDY OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY, JUST PUBLISHED, SHOULD PROVIDE VALUABLE INFORMATION ON THE WAY AHEAD.

SIR DAVID PRAISED THE DOW COMPANY FOR ITS IMAGINATION AND FORESIGHT IN DECIDING TO INVEST IN THE TSING YI POLYSTYRENE PLANT, WHICH NOW PROVIDED HONG KONG INDUSTRY WITH 40 PER CENT OF ITS NEEDS AND IN ADDITION EXPORTED A SIGNIFICANT QUANTITY OF ITS OUTPUT.

HE SAID: +DOW WERE GRANTED THIS SITE AS PART OF OUR POLICY TO HELP SPECIAL INDUSTRY WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. TODAY 56 FACTORIES HAVE BEEN GRANTED LAND IN THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES OF TAI PO AND YUEN LONG BECAUSE THEY BRING NEW TECHNOLOGY TO HONG KONG AND CANNOT FIT INTO A CONVENTIONAL MULTI-STOREY FACTORY BUILDING.

+WHEN DOW CAME TO TSING YI IN 1976 THE BRIDGE TO TSING YI WHICH WAS TO TURN TSING YI FROM A QUIET RURAL ISLAND INTO AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CENTRE, HAD JUST BEEN BUILT. TODAY A SECOND BRIDGE WHICH WILL BE COMPLETE IN 15 MONTHS' TIME IS RAPIDLY TAKING SHAPE AND TSING YI WILL HAVE A POPULATION OF 200 000 BY 1990.+

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STORAGE, FINANCING, BUSINESS SERVICES SURVEY RESULTS OUT
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THERE WERE 191 STORAGE ESTABLISHMENTS IN OPERATION DURING THE WHOLE OR PART OF 1984, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 5 PER CENT OVER 1983, ACCORDING TO THE SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE 1984 SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SECTOR'S TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED ALSO DECREASED, BY 9 PER CENT TO 3 476. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS GENERATED \$915 MILLION OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME (A DECREASE OF 8 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1983).

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THEY SPENT \$161 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (-4 PER CENT) AND \$548 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES (+3 PER CENT). THE VALUE ADDED OF THIS SECTOR, REPRESENTING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, GREW BY 2 PER CENT TO \$455 MILLION IN 1984.

IN THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR WHICH INCLUDES TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, COURIER, RADIO-PAGING AND OTHER TELE-COMMUNICATION COMPANIES, THERE WERE 132 ESTABLISHMENTS IN OPERATION IN 1984, AN INCREASE OF 21 PER CENT OVER 1983. HOWEVER, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED DECREASED SLIGHTLY BY 1 PER CENT TO 19 355.

COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AMOUNTED TO \$1 399 MILLION AND OPERATING EXPENSES TO \$2 552 MILLION, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 10 PER CENT AND 23 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER 1983.

BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT TO \$6 226 MILLION, WHILE THE CONTRIBUTION OF THIS SECTOR TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT TO \$3 479 MILLION.

IN THE FINANCING SECTOR, 2 036 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE IN OPERATION DURING 1984, A DECREASE OF 4 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1983. THIS SECTOR COMPRISES BILL DISCOUNTING COMPANIES, CREDIT INSTITUTIONS, FINANCE, LEASING, LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANIES, PAWNSHOPS, INVESTMENT AND HOLDING COMPANIES, SECURITY, COMMODITY FUTURES AND GOLD BULLION BROKERS AND DEALERS, MONEY CHANGERS AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE BROKERS AND DEALERS; BUT IT EXCLUDES BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WHICH ARE COVERED UNDER A SEPARATE SURVEY.

THE SECTOR'S TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT TO 18 067.

ON THE OTHER HAND, \$1 663 MILLION WAS SPENT ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND \$6 222 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES, BOTH REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 22 PER CENT OVER 1983. THE TOTAL BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME GREW BY 21 PER CENT TO \$16 956 MILLION, WHILE THIS SECTOR'S VALUE ADDED INCREASED BY 39 PER CENT TO \$3 144 MILLION.

IN THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THERE WERE 4 405 ESTABLISHMENTS IN OPERATION IN 1984, AN INCREASE OF 14 PER CENT OVER 1983. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING LEGAL, ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND DATA PROCESSING FIRMS; COMPANIES ENGAGING IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTING, ADVERTISING, DESIGNING, SECRETARIAL AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES; TECHNICAL SERVICES AND MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL COMPANIES; EMPLOYED A WORKFORCE OF 45 891 PERSONS, AN INCREASE OF 13 PER CENT OVER 1983.

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THEY SPENT \$2 794 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (+27 PER CENT) AND \$4 522 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES (+19 PER CENT) AND GENERATED \$9 513 MILLION OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME (+21 PER CENT).

THE SECTOR CONTRIBUTED \$4 764 MILLION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (+22 PER CENT), MEASURED IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED.

IN THE INSURANCE SECTOR, WHICH INCLUDES GENERAL AND LIFE INSURERS, INSURANCE AGENTS AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES, THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS DECREASED SLIGHTLY TO 1 003 WHILE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT TO 10 608.

THIS SECTOR GENERATED \$6 967 MILLION OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME (+12 PER CENT), AND SPENT \$737 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (+12 PER CENT). THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THIS SECTOR DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT TO \$628 MILLION.

THE 1984 SURVEY WAS ONE IN A SERIES OF ANNUAL SURVEYS CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS AND OF UPDATING THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

DATA COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDED TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME, AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

DESCRIPTIONS OF THE BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY OF THE SURVEY, TOGETHER WITH ANALYTICAL TABLES SHOWING THE PRINCIPAL STATISTICS FOR ALL ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED BY SERVICES GROUP-SECTOR AND ANALYSED BY VARIOUS ECONOMIC VARIABLES, ARE INCLUDED IN THE STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED +1984 SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES+.

THE REPORT WILL BE ON SALE EARLY NEXT MONTH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE- AND THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

STATISTICS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT WILL BE USEFUL TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR DECISION MAKING, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, AND MARKET RESEARCH.

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ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE TRANSPORT AND SERVICES STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 3-661070).

COMPARISON OF SELECTED PRINCIPAL STATISTICS FOR ALL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS BETWEEN 1983 AND 1984

SECTOR		NO. OF ESTABLISHMENTS	NO. OF PERSONS ENGAGED	NO. OF EMPLOYEES	COMPEN-
					SATION OF EMPLOYEES
					\$MN.
STORAGE	1983	201	3 840	3 827	167.1
	1984	191	3 476	3 466	160.8
	% CHANGE	- 5	- 9	- 9	- 4
COMMUNICATIONS	1983	109	19 487	19 402	1 276.0
	1984	132	19 355	19 319	1 398.6
	% CHANGE	+21	- 1	*	+10
FINANCING	1983	2 117	18 535	17 123	1 368.3
	1984	2 036	18 067	16 926	1 662.7
	% CHANGE	- 4	- 3	- 1	+22
BUSINESS SERVICES	1983	3 867	40 348	37 023	2 199.3
	1984	4 405	45 891	42 304	2 793.9
	% CHANGE	+14	+13	+14	+27
INSURANCE	1983	1 007	9 579	9 084	659.2
	1984	1 003	10 608	10 077	737.1
	% CHANGE	*	+11	+11	+12
GOVERNMENT/ SEMI- GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS	1983	2	4 347	4 347	313.7
	1984	2	4 431	4 431	366.2
	% CHANGE	0	+ 2	+ 2	+17

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SECTOR		OPERATING EXPENSES	BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME	VALUE ADDED
		\$MN.	\$MN.	\$MN.
STORAGE	1983	530.0	995.3	445.4
	1984	547.5	915.1	455.2
	% CHANGE	+ 3	- 8	+ 2
COMMUNICATIONS	1983	2 068.9	5 253.0	3 056.3
	1984	2 552.4	6 226.3	3 478.5
	% CHANGE	+23	+19	+14
FINANCING	1983	5 084.0	13 981.8	2 268.7
	1984	6 222.1	16 956.1	3 143.8
	% CHANGE	+22	+21	+39
BUSINESS SERVICES	1983	3 788.5	7 855.5	3 912.0
	1984	4 521.9	9 512.7	4 763.6
	% CHANGE	+19	+21	+22
INSURANCE	1983	641.5	6 199.3	-
	1984	628.1	6 966.8	-
	% CHANGE	- 2	+12	-
GOVERNMENT/ SEMI- GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS	1983	337.1	757.7	-
	1984	333.0	876.7	-
	% CHANGE	- 1	+16	-

NOTES: (1) * DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5% IN MAGNITUDE.

(2) IN THE FINANCING SECTOR, VALUE ADDED WAS NOT COMPILED FOR INVESTMENT AND HOLDING COMPANIES DUE TO THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF THEIR BUSINESS OPERATION. HENCE, TOTAL VALUE ADDED FOR THE SECTOR DID NOT INCLUDE THAT OF INVESTMENT AND HOLDING COMPANIES.

(3) VALUE ADDED WAS NOT COMPILED FOR THE INSURANCE SECTOR AND GOVERNMENT/SEMI-GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS.

(4) GOVERNMENT/SEMI-GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS COMPRISED THE POST OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION.

(5) FIGURES DENOTING CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM UNROUNDED FIGURES.

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WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO MARK QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

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A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AS PART OF CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ON JUNE 14 (SATURDAY).

THE CELEBRATIONS WILL START TODAY (THURSDAY) WITH A RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE, WILL HOST THE FUNCTION WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 400 GUESTS.

CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE ON SATURDAY (JUNE 14). THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, YOUNG AND OLD, FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES. THESE ACTIVITIES ARE BEING PRESENTED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND CO-ORDINATED BY THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

PAMPHLETS LISTING THE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES ARE AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IS PRESENTING A VARIETY OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES WITH SHA TIN AND YUEN LONG AS THE TWO MAIN VENUES. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE INTER-DISTRICT FINAL COMPETITIONS IN BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL AND MINI-SOCCER, AND THERE WILL ALSO BE TENNIS MATCHES, 'DANCE-FOR-ALL', FUN GAMES AND WATER CARNIVALS.

THE GOVERNOR, ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, WILL ATTEND THE EVENTS AT YUEN LONG STADIUM, ARRIVING THERE AT 10 AM.

SIR EDWARD WILL TOUR VARIOUS PARTS OF THE STADIUM TO SEE PARTICIPANTS ENJOYING THE FUN GAMES, SPORTS, PONY-RIDING, AND A TRAMPOLINING DEMONSTRATION. LATER, HE WILL PROCEED TO YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL TO ATTEND A WATER CARNIVAL BEFORE DEPARTING.

ON THE SAME DAY, A SERIES OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR. THE MAIN VENUES WILL BE VICTORIA PARK, CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND AND MORSE PARK.

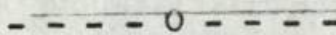
EVENTS AT MORSE PARK INCLUDE A WATER CARNIVAL, BAND PERFORMANCE, TAI CHI DISPLAY, DANCE DEMONSTRATION, AND FUN GAMES SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

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AT CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND, THERE WILL BE AN ARMY BAND PERFORMANCE, VARIOUS BALL-GAME COMPETITIONS, A ROLLER-SKATING DEMONSTRATION, AND A 'DANCE-FOR-ALL' SESSION.

AT VICTORIA PARK, THERE WILL BE A FULL MORNING'S SPORTS PROGRAMME RANGING FROM BASKETBALL TO MINI-SOCCER. THE LESS ENERGETIC WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN JOGGING AND FITNESS EXERCISES.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR CHUI KAM, WILL JOIN IN THE FUN AT VICTORIA PARK AT 10.10 AM. SIR DAVID WILL LISTEN TO A PERFORMANCE BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE BAND AND PRESENT A PENNANT TO THE BAND. HE WILL ALSO TOUR VARIOUS PARTS OF THE PARK TO SEE RESIDENTS ENJOYING THE ACTIVITIES.



WARNING ON USE OF OXY-ACETYLENE EQUIPMENT
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) WARNED ALL USERS OF OXY-ACETYLENE EQUIPMENT TO EXERCISE EXTREME CARE SO THAT ACCIDENTS WOULD BE AVOIDED.

THIS WARNING FOLLOWED AN ACCIDENT IN WHICH AN OXYGEN GAS CYLINDER ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE EXPLODED, CAUSING DAMAGE TO OTHER EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS TO THE WINDOWS OF SOME BUILDINGS NEARBY.

+THIS INCIDENT HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR A GREATER APPRECIATION BY WORKERS OF THE HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH PRESSURE EQUIPMENT AND USERS AND OPERATORS OF SUCH EQUIPMENT SHOULD TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT FIRE AND ACCIDENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN RECOMMENDED THAT THE FOLLOWING MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN USING OXY-ACETYLENE EQUIPMENT:

- * GAS CYLINDERS SHOULD BE KEPT AWAY FROM SPARKS, FLAMES OR SLAG; AND FROM WELDING AND CUTTING OPERATIONS;
- * AN ACETYLENE CYLINDER SHOULD ALWAYS BE STORED IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION;
- * THE CYLINDER SHOULD BE OPENED SLOWLY WITH A SPECIAL TOOL WHICH SHOULD BE LEFT ON THE STEM SO THAT THE VALVE CAN BE CLOSED QUICKLY IN AN EMERGENCY;

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- * AN EFFICIENT NON-RETURN VALVE AND FLASHBACK ARRESTOR SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN EACH GAS SUPPLY LINE BETWEEN EACH BLOWPIPE AND THE SOURCE OF SUPPLY AS NEAR AS PRACTICABLE TO THE BLOWPIPE ;
- * CYLINDER VALVES, HOSES, CONNECTIONS AND BLOWPIPES SHOULD BE CHECKED FREQUENTLY FOR LEAKAGE WITH SOAPY WATER ;
- * A SUITABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER SHOULD BE KEPT READY FOR IMMEDIATE USE AT A REASONABLE DISTANCE FROM ANY PLACE WHERE HOT WORK IS DONE ;
- * THE BLOWPIPE, WHEN ALIGHT, SHOULD NOT BE PLACED NEAR GAS CYLINDERS AND LEFT UNATTENDED ; AND
- * IF AN ACETYLENE CYLINDER IS HEATED ACCIDENTALLY OR BECOMES HOT THROUGH A SEVERE FLASHBACK OR OTHER CAUSE, ALL PERSONNEL SHOULD BE CLEARED FROM THE AREA AND THE CYLINDER COOLED WITH A LARGE QUANTITY OF WATER, BEFORE THE SUPPLIER IS NOTIFIED.

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HOLIDAY MAIL

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THERE WILL BE ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON SATURDAY (JUNE 14), THE BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, BUT NO MAIL DELIVERY ON MONDAY (JUNE 16), WHICH IS ALSO A HOLIDAY, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

FORTY-ONE POST OFFICES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES IN KOWLOON, TSUEN WING STREET, SHA TIN CENTRAL AND TAI PO POST OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAY.

ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY.

DETAILS ABOUT POSTAL SERVICES ON SATURDAY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU AT TEL. 5-231071.

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FOCUS ON COUNCIL'S CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S PLANS AND WORKS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE +FIVE-YEAR URBAN COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME 1986-87 TO 1990-91+ AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MISS ELLE SHUM, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING AND EXPLAIN THE DETAILS OF THE WORKS PROGRAMME.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD TO THE FUTURE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA AT WESTERN RECLAMATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S PLANS AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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TRAFFIC MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF PARKING FACILITIES IN NAM CHEONG DISTRICT.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO LOOK INTO PROBLEMS CAUSED BY LOADING AND UNLOADING ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE CAUSED INCONVENIENCE TO PEDESTRIANS.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, 39 TONKIN STREET, THIRD FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING ON FRIDAY AT 2 PM IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM AT 39 TONKIN STREET, THIRD FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETS

A PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE YUEN CHAU KOK DISTRICT OPEN SPACE AREA WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE SLOPE CONDITIONS AT NGAU PEI SHA VILLAGE AND THE LACK OF VENUES IN PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL ESTATES FOR HOLDING MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

PAPERS CONCERNING SLOPE SAFETY IN HONG KONG AND CYCLING SAFETY IN SHA TIN WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE NAMING OF ROADS IN SHA TIN, REPORTS FROM THE WORKING GROUPS, AND DISTRICT BOARD-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT 9.30 AM AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE EXTENDED IN CHINA

SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO CHINA WILL BE EXTENDED FROM NEXT TUESDAY (JUNE 17) TO CHONGQING AND KUNMING, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THIS WILL INCREASE TO 33 THE NUMBER OF CITIES IN CHINA TO WHICH THE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108.

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FOOTBRIDGES TO TUEN MUN TOWN PARK BEING BUILT

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GRADE-SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO TUEN MUN TOWN PARK AND NEARBY DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED IN 15 MONTHS WHEN TWO COVERED FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD ARE COMPLETED.

THE BRIDGES, ONE 75-METRE-LONG AND THE OTHER 100-METRE-LONG, WILL LINK THE TOWN PARK WITH THE FUTURE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM, THE CENTRAL BUS STATION AND THE CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT RECENTLY AWARDED A \$15.5 MILLION CONTRACT TO SHUN SHING CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED FOR THE PROJECT, WORK ON WHICH HAS ALREADY STARTED.

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ROAD CLOSED IN WAN CHAI FOR CABLE-LAYING

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FOR THE LAYING OF ELECTRIC CABLE ACROSS FLEMING ROAD, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 8 AM AND 11 PM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 15):

- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM SOUTHBOUND FLEMING ROAD TO EASTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED. VEHICLES ON SOUTHBOUND FLEMING ROAD HEADING FOR GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE LOOP ROAD BELOW THE FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER, FLEMING ROAD NORTHBOUND, HARBOUR ROAD AND FENWICK STREET.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM EASTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD TO NORTHBOUND FLEMING ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED, DURING WHICH VEHICLES ON EASTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD HEADING FOR FLEMING ROAD WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA TONNOCHY ROAD AND HARBOUR ROAD.

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