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FS REVISES GDP FORECAST UPWARDS

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THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) FOR 1986 HAS BEEN REVISED UPWARDS TO ABOUT 5-1/2 PER CENT, FROM A BUDGET FORECAST OF 4-1/2 PER CENT, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

MR JACOBS WAS GIVING A MID-YEAR REVIEW OF THE ECONOMY IN A SPEECH TO THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF SECURITY ANALYSTS.

HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY SO FAR THIS YEAR WAS GENERALLY AT LEAST AS GOOD AS THE BUDGET PREDICTIONS.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS HAD RECOVERED SIGNIFICANTLY, UNEMPLOYMENT WAS LOW, AND INFLATION WAS ONLY MODERATE.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOVERY IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS, THERE HAD BEEN A SHARP INCREASE IN RETAINED IMPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY.

THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM CONTINUED TO WORK WELL. THE DEPRECIATION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR, DUE TO ITS LINK WITH THE U.S. DOLLAR, HAD ENHANCED THE TERRITORY'S INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS WITHOUT CREATING UNDUE PRESSURE ON ITS DOMESTIC INFLATION.

+I WISH TO REPEAT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO INTENTION OF TAMPERING WITH EITHER THE PRESENT LINKED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM OR THE PRESENT LINKED RATE,+ HE ADDED.

MR JACOBS NOTED THAT THE NEW BANKING ORDINANCE, DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION OF BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, HAD COME INTO EFFECT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH.

+I MUST, HOWEVER, STRESS THAT THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS OF INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTIONS LIES WITH THE DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT, NOT WITH SUPERVISORS.+

+ON OCCASIONS THE SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY MAY NEVERTHELESS FIND IT NECESSARY TO EXERCISE HIS POWERS OF INTERVENTION, IF THE STABILITY OF THE BANKING SECTOR, AND OF THE COMMUNITY, IS THREATENED,+ HE SAID.

ON GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRY, MR JACOBS SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE PRESENT POLICY OF FACILITATING THE ACQUISITION AND DISSEMINATION OF USEFUL TECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES, THE PROMOTION OF INWARD INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT AND THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE MANPOWER TRAINING, SHOULD CONTINUE.

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IN THIS CONTEXT, HE WELCOMED THE INITIATIVE OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS IN ADDRESSING THE SUBJECT OF RISK ASSESSMENT OF INDUSTRIAL LOANS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF VENTURE CAPITAL. SUCH PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES WOULD NO DOUBT CONTRIBUTE TO THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG INDUSTRY.

DEALING WITH THE GDP, MR JACOBS SAID THAT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE GOOD PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY SO FAR THIS YEAR, HE HAD REVISED THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE FOR 1986 UPWARDS TO ABOUT 5-1/2 PER CENT, FROM THE BUDGET FORECAST OF 4-1/2 PER CENT.

IN PARTICULAR, UPWARD REVISIONS WERE MADE TO TWO MAJOR COMPONENTS, EXPORTS AND PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE.

THESE MORE THAN OFFSET THE DOWNWARD REVISIONS MADE TO SEVERAL SMALLER COMPONENTS, SUCH AS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND NET EXPORTS OF SERVICES.

+AS PREDICTED IN THE BUDGET, 1986 IS PROVING TO BE A YEAR OF EXPORT-LED GROWTH. MOREOVER, THE RECOVERY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCES AFTER A PERIOD OF DEFICIT IS CONFIRMED,+ HE SAID.

AS REGARDS THE LONGER TERM OUTLOOK, MR JACOBS SAID THAT HONG KONG REMAINED HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS FOR ITS ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.

AND HERE PROTECTIONISM REMAINED A CONSTANT THREAT. ANY FURTHER INTENSIFICATION OF PROTECTIONIST MEASURES, PARTICULARLY IN THE UNITED STATES, WOULD AFFECT THE LONGER TERM PROSPECTS FOR HONG KONG'S EXPORTS AND FOR WORLD TRADE GENERALLY.

+THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL IT CAN TO PROTECT HONG KONG'S TRADING RIGHTS AND INTERESTS,+ HE ADDED.

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HK-NETHERLANDS AIR AGREEMENT SIGNED

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A HONG KONG-NETHERLANDS AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT (ASA) WAS SIGNED IN THE HAGUE TODAY (SEPTEMBER 17). THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF HONG KONG AND THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR HANS VAN DEN BROEK, FOR THE NETHERLANDS.

SIGNATURE OF THE ASA FOLLOWS DISCUSSIONS EARLIER IN THE YEAR BETWEEN THE UK AND NETHERLANDS DELEGATIONS AT WHICH PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE TEXT. HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVES WERE INCLUDED IN THE UK DELEGATION AT THOSE TALKS.

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THE ASA IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES INTENDED TO PROVIDE SEPARATE HONG KONG ASA ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN ACCOUNT OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION. AS SUCH, IT IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD.

WHEN THE ASA COMES INTO FORCE, PROBABLY IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1987, IT WILL PROVIDE TWO SCHEDULED SERVICES PER WEEK EACH BY DUTCH AND HONG KONG AIRLINES ON THE ROUTE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND AMSTERDAM.

UNTIL THEN, SERVICES ON THAT ROUTE BY THE AIRLINES OF EITHER SIDE WILL BE OPERATED UNDER TEMPORARY INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF HONG KONG AND THE NETHERLANDS.

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FOLLOWING IS THE SPEECH BY MR YAXLEY:

+TODAY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW AND IMPORTANT ERA IN HONG KONG'S CIVIL AVIATION HISTORY.

+SIGNATURE OF THE HONG KONG-NETHERLANDS AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT MAKES IT THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF SEPARATE AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS, WHICH HONG KONG, ACTING UNDER ENTRUSTMENT FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, AIMS TO CONCLUDE IN THE COMING YEARS. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THESE AGREEMENTS TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG. AFTER 1997, UNDER THESE PROVISIONS, HONG KONG WILL BE ABLE TO CONCLUDE ITS OWN AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS, ACTING UNDER SPECIFIC AUTHORISATIONS FROM THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

+OUR ABILITY TO REACH A SUCCESSFUL EARLY CONCLUSION OF THIS, THE FIRST SEPARATED AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT, IS DUE IN NO SMALL PART TO THE SUPPORT WHICH THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN TO THE JOINT DECLARATION, FOR WHICH WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL, AND TO THE CO-OPERATIVE AND UNDERSTANDING ATTITUDE TO THIS UNIQUE EXERCISE WHICH HAS BEEN SHOWN THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PART PLAYED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT IN NEGOTIATING ON HONG KONG'S BEHALF.

+SIGNATURE OF THE HONG KONG-NETHERLANDS AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT IS SIGNIFICANT IN OTHER RESPECTS. IT WILL PROVIDE A VALUABLE PRECEDENT WHICH OTHER SEPARATION PARTNERS WILL NOW BE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW.

+IT WILL ALSO, WHEN BROUGHT INTO FORCE AND FOLLOWING THE FORMAL DESIGNATION OF AIRLINES OF BOTH PARTIES TO OPERATE SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND AMSTERDAM, DO MUCH IN THE COMING YEARS TO STRENGTHEN EXISTING TIES AND PROMOTE NEW ONES TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

+FINALLY, I THANK YOU, MINISTER, OFFICIALS OF THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT MOST SINCERELY FOR THE PART ALL OF YOU HAVE PLAYED IN ENSURING THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE HONG KONG/NETHERLANDS AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT AND WHICH HAS RESULTED IN OUR BEING HERE TODAY FOR THIS HISTORIC SIGNING CEREMONY.+

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CREEPING MALAISE THREATENING WORLD TRADE -- HO

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NOT ONLY THE STABILITY BUT THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM IS NOW UNDER THREAT, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, SAID WHEN ADDRESSING A MEETING YESTERDAY (SEPTEMBER 16) OF CONTRACTING PARTIES OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE IN URUGUAY.

HE SAID THAT HONG KONG SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF A NEW ROUND OF GATT TALKS. A CREEPING MALAISE HAD BEEN AFFLICTING INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE, IMPEDING DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD TRADE IN ALL SECTORS RANGING FROM BASIC RESOURCE PRODUCTS TO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY GOODS.

+PROTECTIONISM PREVAILS, AS IS EVIDENT FROM THE INCREASING TENDENCY OF TRADING NATIONS, IN PARTICULAR MAJOR INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES, TO RESORT TO NATIONAL TRADE POLICIES OF AN INWARD-LOOKING AND RESTRICTIVE NATURE.

+THE SOLE AIM OF THESE SHORT-SIGHTED, EXPEDIENT POLICIES IS TO INSULATE THE SHELTERED, OFTEN AILING, DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES FROM INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION, CONTRARY TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT AND COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE, AND RESULTING IN DISTORTION AND CONTRACTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE,+ HE SAID.

+THUS, LONG-STANDING PROBLEMS IN THE AREA OF TARIFFS, SUCH AS TARIFF PEAKS AND TARIFF ESCALATION, REMAIN UNRESOLVED. NON-TARIFF MEASURES PROLIFERATE, AND SUCH MEASURES ARE OFTEN TAKEN OUTSIDE THE RULES OF THE GATT SYSTEM - WHETHER IN THE OBVIOUS FORMS OF VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINTS OR ORDERLY MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS, OBSCURE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, AND EVEN HEALTH REGULATIONS.

+THE SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED TO THE EXTENT THAT NOT ONLY THE STABILITY BUT THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM IS THREATENED,+ HE ADDED.

HONG KONG WAS A SMALL CONTRACTING PARTY, HE SAID, AND TRADE IS ITS LIFE BLOOD.

+ACCORDINGLY, WE PLACE A HIGH PRIORITY ON ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF AN OPEN MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM. HENCE, WE ALSO VIEW WITH CONCERN THE DEVELOPMENT AND INTENSIFICATION OF CONFLICTS IN KEY SECTORS SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, WHERE EXISTING RULES ARE IMPRECISE AND SCARCELY ADHERED TO.

+THOSE INVOLVED IN FARM TRADE ARE, OF COURSE, THE MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED, BUT AS PROBLEMS IN THIS SECTOR TEND TO INFLAME OTHER SECTORS, NO MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMMUNITY CAN BE UNAFFECTED.

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+CLEARLY, THE TIME HAS COME TO REVERSE THE PROTECTIONIST TIDE, AND TO REVITALISE THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM, AND TO ACHIEVE EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. A GLOBAL INITIATIVE WITH THESE OBJECTIVES OUGHT TO ATTRACT THE SUPPORT OF THE ENTIRE TRADING COMMUNITY.+

MR HO SAID THAT THE CONCEPT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION AND THE MOST-FAVOURED-NATION PRINCIPLE ARE THE VERY BASIS OF A FAIR AND EQUITABLE TRADING SYSTEM AND CANNOT THEMSELVES BE FOR RENEGOTIATION. THE STARTING POINT MUST BE THE PRESERVATION AND STRENGTHENING OF THE GROUND RULES OF GATT UPON WHICH RESTS THE ENTIRE MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK APPLICABLE TO MORE THAN 80 PER CENT OF WORLD TRADE IN GOODS.

INITIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN LAUNCHING THE ROUND MUST BE TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFECTIVE STANDSTILL AND ROLLBACK OF PROTECTIVE MEASURES, PARTICULARLY THOSE INCONSISTENT WITH OR NOT BASED ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT OR RELATED INSTRUMENTS.

THERE IS ALSO A NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON SAFE-GUARDS AND ATTENTION MUST BE PAID TO THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM.

HONG KONG COULD SEE THE DESIRABILITY OF EXTENDING TO SERVICES THE GATT DISCIPLINES AND PRINCIPLES, MR HO SAID, ALTHOUGH SOLVING THE PROBLEMS IN THE TRADITIONAL GATT AREAS REMAINED ITS PRIORITY. THE TERRITORY HAD DEVELOPED TRADE IN EXCESS OF U.S.$ 10 BILLION IN 1985 THROUGH ITS TRADITIONAL APPROACH OF FOLLOWING OPEN MARKET PRINCIPLES.

HE ADDED: +IT SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE IS NO SCOPE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR LINKAGE WITH PROGRESS ON OTHER ITEMS OR TRADE-OFFS OUTSIDE THE FIELD OF SERVICES.+

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MARINE ADVISER POST CREATED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS TODAY ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO CREATE A POST OF MARINE ADVISER IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON.

THE NEED FOR THIS POST HAS ARISEN BECAUSE, FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, HONG KONG IS REQUIRED TO SET UP ITS OWN SYSTEM OF SHIPPING LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING ITS OWN SHIPPING REGISTER, INDEPENDENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN PREPARATION FOR 1997.

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AT THE PRESENT TIME, MOST SHIPPING LEGISLATION IS UK LEGISLATION EXTENDED TO HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER IS IN FACT A PART OF THE BRITISH REGISTRY.

THE MARINE ADVISER WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE UK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION AND THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES CURRENTLY UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT FOR HONG KONG BACK TO HONG KONG.

HE WILL ALSO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION OF WHICH HONG KONG HAS ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. IN THIS WAY, HE WILL BE ABLE TO PASS BACK TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE RELATING TO THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS WHICH ARE THE MAIN BASIS FOR HONG KONG SHIPPING LEGISLATION.

IN VIEW OF HIS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING MATTERS AND HIS EXTENSIVE CONTACTS WITH THE UK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, THIS POST WILL BE FILLED INITIALLY BY THE PRESENT DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR PETER CHAN.

THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF MARINE WILL BE FILLED BY MR G.A. HIGGINSON, PREVIOUSLY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO THREE YEARS.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

MR CHAN YUE-YAN, PETER

AGED 53. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS A SURVEYOR OF SHIPS IN 1962. HE HAS SERVED IN A VARIETY OF POSTS IN THE MARINE DEPARTMENT. HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARINE IN 1982, TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN 1983 AND TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF DIRECTOR IN 1984.

MR G.A. HIGGINSON

AGED 43. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS INSPECTOR OF POLICE IN 1966. HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1968. HE HAS HELD A NUMBER OF SENIOR POSTS INCLUDING CLERK OF COUNCILS, DISTRICT OFFICER (SHA TIN), ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR AND DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN 1982.

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IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT STRESSED
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IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE USE OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION SERVICES, ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE WAS ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE.

HE NOTED THAT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALMOST EVERY TYPE OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE, THERE WAS A TENDENCY TO MAKE USE OF THE FUNCTIONS AND CAPACITY OF THE COMMUNITY.

+AS FOR PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION, BECAUSE OF TRADITIONAL ATTITUDES, THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE ASPECT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS GREATER, SO AS TO PROVIDE EX-MENTAL PATIENTS WITH BETTER CHANCES TO LEAD AN INDEPENDENT, HEALTHY AND HAPPY LIFE,+ HE SAID.

MR LAW SAID HE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS ONLY NATURAL FOR A PERSON TO RETURN TO HIS COMMUNITY AND FAMILY FOR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE WHEN HE CAME ACROSS DIFFICULTIES AND NEEDED HELP.

THE ASSISTANCE OFFERED BY PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS IS LIMITED, HE SAID.

+THE RESOURCES AND MOTIVATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THE HELP AND CO-OPERATION OF VARIOUS SECTORS HAVE TO BE MADE USE OF TO GET AN ALL ROUND EFFECT,+ HE ADDED.

MR LAW SAID THAT PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION SERVICE WAS AFFECTED BY TRADITIONAL ATTITUDES AND INADEQUATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE EX-MENTAL PATIENTS AND IT WAS MORE DIFFICULT TO ENLIST THE ASSISTANCE OF THE COMMUNITY.

+IN ORDER TO ATTAIN BETTER RESULTS, THE STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AND ITS CONDITIONS HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN THE EXECUTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

MR LAW SAID THAT THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION HAD DONE MUCH IN THIS RESPECT.

+BESIDES HAVING A LOT OF PROGRESS IN GETTING THE UNDERSTANDING AND THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY, THE ASSOCIATION PLANS TO PUT MORE EFFORT IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC SO THAT THE EX-MENTAL PATIENTS CAN WORK AND LIVE IN A NORMAL ENVIRONMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE.

+THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL TRY ITS BEST TO WORK WITH THE ASSOCIATION IN PROMOTING THIS,+ HE SAID.

+THE EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE PAST FEW YEARS HAS GIVEN US A LOT OF ENLIGHTENMENT AND WE DRAW MANY LESSONS FROM IT.

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+WE SHOULD BE MORE CONFIDENT AND HAVE FIRMER BELIEF IN DEVELOPING THE POTENTIAL OF OUR COMMUNITY STEP BY STEP SO THAT IT CAN ACCEPT THE RECOVERED MENTAL PATIENTS AND GIVE THEM THE ASSISTANCE THEY DESERVE, FOR THEY ALSO BELONG TO THE COMMUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

MR LAW SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE TO APPEAL TO PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO GIVE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THIS INDISPENSABLE JOB.

TURNING TO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, HE SAID IT WAS PLANNED TO PROVIDE ENOUGH HALFWAY HOUSE PLACES IN THREE YEARS' TIME, THE PLACES IN THE SHELTERED WORKSHOPS WOULD BE INCREASED AND THE LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES WOULD START PROVIDING SERVICES TO MEET THE DEMAND.

IN ADDITION TO THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY, MR LAW SAID THE PARTICIPATION OF MORE PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS AS WELL AS THE CO-OPERATION AND HELP OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS WERE ALSO NEEDED.

+GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND MORE HELP FROM OTHER SOCIAL WORKERS CAN ALSO QUICKEN THE PACE OF THE PROGRESS.

+THE PATIENCE AND HELP OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE EX-MENTAL PATIENTS ARE FUNDAMENTAL,+ HE SAID.

MR LAW ADDED THAT IT WAS HEARTENING TO SEE MANY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF SERVICE AND TO BRING ABOUT IMAGINATIVE APPROACHES.

MR LAW ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION FOR PROVIDING MORE THAN HALF OF THE HALFWAY HOUSE AND SHELTERED WORKSHOP PLACES NOW AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES AS DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAS BEEN REVOKED TODAY AT THEIR OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE 1986:

CROCKER INTERNATIONAL (H.K.) LIMITED

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1987 TIDE TABLES PUBLISHED

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THE TIDE TABLES FOR HONG KONG 1987, PRODUCED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, IS NOW ON SALE.

THE TIDE TABLES, PRINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER, CAN BE OBTAINED AT $5 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, AND THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HEADQUARTERS.

THE BOOKLET CONTAINS TABLES SHOWING THE PREDICTED HEIGHTS AND TIMES OF DAILY HIGH AND LOW WATER LEVELS AND NORTH POINT FOR 1987. IT ALSO PROVIDES THE METHODS OF FINDING THE HEIGHTS AND TIMES OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS AT OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE TERRITORY.

IN THE PAST, TIDAL PREDICTIONS FOR HONG KONG WERE PREPARED AND PUBLISHED BY THE HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. WITH THE ACQUISITION OF A COMPUTER PROGRAM, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY NOW HAS THE TECHNIQUE TO ANALYSE AND PREDICT TIDES.

THE BOOKLET IS USEFUL TO SHIPPING AND WHARF COMPANIES, ENGINEERS, CONTAINER TERMINAL OPERATORS, DOCKYARDS AND YACHTSMEN, AS WELL AS FISHING AND WATER SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS.

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EDUCATION SUNDAY TO MARK NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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TO MARK THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, THE COMING SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 21) HAS BEEN DESIGNATED EDUCATION SUNDAY.

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND AT ST. TERESA'S CHURCH AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN KOWLOON.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THESE SERVICES WHICH ARE HELD TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO PERFORM THE TASK AHEAD WITH CONFIDENCE.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, WILL ATTEND THE SERVICE AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL STARTING AT 11 AM WHILE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION), DR VERNER BICKLEY, WILL BE PRESENT AT THE SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AT 9 AM.

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TWO NEW TERRITORIES SITES ARE BEING OFFERED FOR RENT ON SHORT-TERM TENANCY BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

ONE, BETWEEN SHA TIN CITY ONE AND SIU LEK YUEN AND MEASURING 2 850 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORING PLANTS.

THE OTHER SITE, MEASURING 2 740 SQUARE METRES AT PING SHUN STREET, YUEN LONG, IS FOR PARKING PRIVATE CARS AND LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES.

TENANCIES ON THE SITES ARE FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 3.

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CONTRACT FOR SITTING-OUT AREA AWARDED

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED AN $824 000 CONTRACT TO KIN KEUNG CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED TO BUILD A SITTING-OUT AREA AT WAH ON LANE IN SHEUNG WAN.

THE SITTING-OUT AREA, MEASURING ABOUT 750 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH CONCRETE PAVING, PLANTERS, WOODEN ARBOURS, BENCHES AND CHAIRS.

A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND A STORE ROOM WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS

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RESIDENTS AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS IN SHAM SHUI PO HAVE BEEN URGED TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BY REGISTERING AS VOTERS AND ORGANISING MORE CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL VARIETY SHOW AT PO ON ROAD PLAYGROUND THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, REMINDED RESIDENTS THAT VOTER REGISTRATION WOULD CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 30.

HE SAID THAT BY REGISTERING AS VOTERS RESIDENTS WOULD BE EXERCISING THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND FULFILLING A CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

MR TSE ALSO REMINDED DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES THAT THEY SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH.

HE SAID THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION HAD ALLOCATED $250 000 TO ASSIST LOCAL BODIES IN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION.

SUCH ACTIVITIES WOULD ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND ENHANCE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, HE SAID.

MR TSE SAID MOST ORGANISATIONS IN FACT SHARED THE SAME AIM, WHICH WAS TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT AND TO CULTIVATE GOOD CITIZENSHIP THROUGH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

THE VARIETY SHOW WAS ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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WONG TAI SIN THROUGH THE LENS, PAINT BRUSH

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WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXPRESS THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF THE DISTRICT THROUGH THEIR CAMERAS AND PAINT BRUSHES.

THE DISTRICT'S NEW BUILDINGS AND TEMPLES AND THE CONTRAST OF THE NEW AND THE OLD WILL BE THE THEME OF A PHOTOGRAPHY AND A PAINTING COMPETITION.

THE PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION IS OPEN TO THOSE WHO LIVE OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT.

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PARTICIPANTS MAY HAND IN A MAXIMUM OF THREE SLIDES, PROPERLY MOUNTED, TO ANY ONE OF THE FOUR BRANCH OFFICES OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE OR TO THE DISTRICT'S ARTS COUNCIL AT BLOCK 30, LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES WILL BE SEPTEMBER 29.

THE ADJUDICATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE HONG KONG AUDIO-VISUAL AND ANIMATION SOCIETY. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS.

THE PAINTING COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THE PRIMARY STUDENT CATEGORY AND THE SECONDARY STUDENT CATEGORY.

STUDENTS STUDYING OR LIVING IN THE DISTRICT MAY SEND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S ARTS COUNCIL BEFORE SEPTEMBER 26.

PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO DO A SKETCH PAINTING ON OCTOBER 5 AND TO SUBMIT ANOTHER PAINTING BEFORE OCTOBER 23.

BOTH PAINTINGS WILL BE ADJUDICATED TO DECIDE ON THE WINNER.

THE COMPETITIONS ARE ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HONG KONG AUDIO-VISUAL AND ANIMATION SOCIETY AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-222261 EXTENSION 361 OR AT 3-261494.

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TRANSPORT CHANGES FOR RACING AT SHA TIN

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR SHA TIN RACECOURSE DURING THE NEW HORSE RACING SEASON WHICH BEGINS ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 20).

DETAILS ARE:

KCR SERVICES

FOR DAY RACE MEETINGS, SPECIAL SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED FROM SHA TIN RACECOURSE STATION TO KOWLOON STATION BETWEEN 11.06 AM AND 2.22 PM AND FROM 4.15 PM TO 7.19 PM AT A SIX TO EIGHT MINUTES INTERVAL. IN ADDITION, 12 TRAIN SERVICES BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED TO SERVE SHA TIN RACECOURSE STATION.

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FOR DAY CROSS-BETTING, 39 TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACECOURSE WILL BE PROVIDED BETWEEN 11.32 AM AND 6.49 PM.

FOR NIGHT CROSS-BETTING, 34 TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACECOURSE WILL BE PROVIDED BETWEEN 6.02 PM AND 11.25 PM.

PASSENGERS GOING TO STATIONS NORTH OF RACECOURSE STATION AFTER RACE MEETINGS OR CROSS-BETTING ARE ADVISED TO CHANGE FOR NORTHBOUND TRAINS AT SHA TIN STATION.

BUS SERVICES

SPECIAL BUS SERVICES WILL AGAIN OPERATE. THESE ARE ROUTE 848 FROM TSUEN WAN FERRY, ROUTE 887 FROM TAI KOK TSUI FERRY, ROUTE 888 FROM SHA TIN MARKET, ROUTE 889 FROM KWUN TONG FERRY AND ROUTE 891 FROM KOWLOON CITY FERRY. ROUTE 872 WILL ALSO RESUME OPERATION BUT WILL ONLY OPERATE FOR TAI PO BOUND JOURNEYS FROM THE RACECOURSE AFTER THE RACE MEETING.

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

FOR ACCESS TO SHA TIN RACECOURSE, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES COMING FROM KOWLOON SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE FLYOVER ON TAI PO ROAD NEAR FO TAN KCR DEPOT. PLB'S COMING FROM TAI PO SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE SLIP ROAD OFF TAI PO ROAD OPPOSITE RACECOURSE STATION.

NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS AND PLB'S WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM USING THE RAMP OFF TAI PO ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD OFF TOLO HIGHWAY (KOWLOON BOUND CARRIAGEWAY), LEADING TO THE MEMBERS' MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE GRANDSTAND. NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS GOING TO THE TAXI STAND SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE SLIP ROAD OFF TAI PO ROAD OPPOSITE RACECOURSE STATION.

URBAN TAXIS GOING TO THE TAXI STANDS UNDER GRANSTAND II SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE RAMP OFF TAI PO ROAD OR THE ACCESS ROAD OFF TOLO HIGHWAY (KOWLOON BOUND CARRIAGEWAY).

PEOPLE GOING TO SHA TIN RACECOURSE ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AS PARKING SPACES IN THE VICINITY ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED.

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TRANSPORT SERVICES EXTENDED FOR FESTIVAL

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THE MAJOR MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT WILL EXTEND THEIR SERVICES FOR THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

MTR TRAINS ON TSUEN WAN LINE, KWUN TONG LINE AND ISLAND LINE WILL OPERATE ALL NIGHT TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

ON KCR SERVICES, THE SHA TIN-BOUND TRAIN DEPARTING FROM KOWLOON STATION AT 12.12 AM ON SEPTEMBER 19 WILL BE EXTENDED TO SHEUNG SHUI STATION. IT WILL ARRIVE AT THE SHEUNG SHUI STATION AT 12.44 AM AND WILL STOP AT ALL STATIONS ENROUTE.

KMB ROUTE 93R, PLYING BETWEEN CHOI HUNG AND PAK TAM CHUNG, WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES TOMORROW. THE FIRST DEPARTURE FROM CHOI HUNG WILL BE AT 6.30 PM WHILE THE LAST DEPARTURE WILL BE AT 11 PM. FROM PAK TAM CHUNG, THE FIRST AND LAST DEPARTURE WILL BE AT 7.30 PM AND MIDNIGHT RESPECTIVELY.

KMB ROUTE 32R, WHICH OPERATES FROM TSUEN WAN FERRY TO SHING MUN RESERVOIR, WILL EXTEND ITS SERVICES TO THE DAY FOLLOWING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL. THE LAST BUS WILL DEPART FROM TSUEN WAN FERRY AND SHING MUN RESERVOIR AT 12.10 AM AND 12.30 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) RESPECTIVELY.

REGARDING NT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 1 FROM SAI KUNG TO CHOI HUNG, THE LAST DEPARTURE AT THE TWO TERMINI WILL BE AT 2 AM AND 1.30 AM ON SEPTEMBER 19 RESPECTIVELY.

RUNNING FROM TAI PO KCR STATION TO SAM MUN TSAI, NT GREEN MINIBUS 20K'S LAST DEPARTURE FROM TAI PO KCR STATION WILL BE AT 12.36 AM ON SEPTEMBER 19. THE LAST DEPARTURE FROM SAM MUN TSAI WILL BE AT 12.30 AM ON THE SAME DAY.

MEANWHILE, NT GREEN MINIBUS CIRCULAR ROUTE NO. 61M FROM LEK YUEN/WO CHE TO KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION WILL OPERATE UNTIL 5.45 AM ON SEPTEMBER 19.

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FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU ON MOVE

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THE OFFICES OF THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU ARE BEING MOVED TO THE NEW FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST THIS WEEK.

THE NEW OFFICES ARE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS AT 1, HONG CHONG ROAD, AND WILL BE OPERATIONAL FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 22). THE OLD OFFICES IN ASIAN HOUSE WILL THEN CLOSE.

FROM MONDAY, ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE BUREAU'S RECEPTION DESK ON 3-7337619.

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH EXPERT RETIRES

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THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CONSULTANT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, DR FRANK O'KELLY, WILL RETIRE FROM GOVERNEMT SERVICE SHORTLY.

DR O'KELLY JOINED THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON SECONDMENT FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN LATE 1980. HE HAD JOINED THE MHD AFTER RETIRING FROM THE ROYAL NAVY EARLIER THAT YEAR.

AS HEAD OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DIVISION, HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING AN ADVISORY SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF WORKERS AND THE HYGIENE OF THE WORKPLACE, IDENTIFYING THE TREND OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH HAZARDS AND PROBLEMS, AND RECOMMENDING MEASURES FOR THEIR DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT AND ELIMINATION.

HE ALSO UNDERTAKES IN-SERVICE TRAINING OF PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL STAFF, AS WELL AS PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING A PROGRESSIVE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMME.

BEFORE JOINING THE DEPARTMENT, DR O'KELLY SERVED FOR 33 YEARS IN THE ROYAL NAVY FROM WHICH HE RETIRED IN 1980 IN THE RANK OF SURGEON REAR-ADMIRAL. HE WAS THE ADVISER IN OCCUPATIONAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH TO THE ROYAL NAVY BETWEEN 1972 AND 1977 AND WAS APPOINTED AS HONORARY PHYSICIAN TO THE QUEEN FROM 1976 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SERVICE. DR O'KELLY WAS AWARDED THE OBE IN 1965.

AT A FAREWELL LUNCHEON TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.C.A. HAMMOND, THANKED DR O'KELLY FOR HIS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEPARTMENT AND PRESENTED HIM A SOUVENIR ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

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PUBLIC LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT TO BE DISCUSSED

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THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE FIVE AREA COMMITTEES ON LOCATIONS FOR IMPROVED PUBLIC LIGHTING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT THE REAR LANES OF CHUNG KING MANSIONS, DESIGN AND LOCATION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD LANDMARK AND THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

THESE INCLUDE THE TOKWAWAN NORTH AREA HEALTH DAY AND CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION; TOKWAWAN SOUTH CIVIC EDUCATION COURSE; A SEMINAR ON THE EFFECTS OF THE FAMILY ON STUDENTS' BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOL TO BE ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' LIAISON COMMITTEE; THE 1987 NEW YEAR HARRIER RACE; AND THE DISTRICT DANCE COMPETITION AND DANCE APPRECIATION NIGHT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE AND THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN THE BUDGET FOR 1986-87.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TOKWAWAN.

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ALL-STAR SHOW FOR TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS

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RESIDENTS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TREATED TO AN ALL-STAR SHOW FEATURING WELL-KNOWN SINGERS TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

THE SHOW WILL BE HELD IN THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) NIGHT AND IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE PUBLIC IN THE DISTRICT.

A TOTAL OF 11 SINGERS WILL APPEAR IN THE SHOW WITH LIVE BAND MUSIC. THE SHOW WILL START AT 8 PM AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

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CENTRAL DISTRICT TRAFFIC CHANGES

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AS PART OF THE HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER SHORT-TERM TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 20):

* THE SECTION OF MURRAY ROAD BETWEEN CHATER ROAD AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND;

* LAMBETH WALK WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO TWO-WAY;

* THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM COTTON TREE DRIVE NORTHBOUND INTO MURRAY ROAD OR CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC PERMANENTLY. AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED TO LAMBETH WALK.

* LAMBETH WALK, EXCLUDING A LAY-BY ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OUTSIDE HUTCHISON HOUSE, WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY;

* THE EXISTING PEAK HOUR (7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF MURRAY ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LAMBETH WALK TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE EXTENDED TO OPERATE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY;

* CMB ROUTES 12M ON ITS JOURNEYS TO DRAKE STREET AND 23B ON ITS JOURNEYS TO CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE DIVERTED TO LAMBETH WALK WESTBOUND BEFORE RESUMING THEIR NORMAL ROUTEINGS; AND

* CMB ROUTES 16, 99, 721 AND 722, AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 22 ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO CENTRAL WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA LAMBETH WALK WESTBOUND AND MURRAY ROAD NORTHBOUND BEFORE RESUMING THEIR NORMAL ROUTEINGS.

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PRESS RELEASE

Royal Visit.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1986

YOUTHFUL VITALITY ON SHOW FOR THE QUEEN

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SIX THOUSAND OF HONG KONG'S YOUNG PEOPLE WILL STAGE A SPECTACULAR SHOW FOR THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AT THE COLISEUM ON OCTOBER 21.

THE SHOW, TO BE PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, WILL HAVE AS ITS THEME YOUTH AND VITALITY, AND WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY VARIOUS YOUTH ORGANISATIONS. SEVERAL HONG KONG RECORDING STARS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO TAKE PART.

THE OCCASION WILL BE TELEVISED LIVE, FROM THE TIME THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE STEP ASHORE AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI WATERFRONT, TO THE STRAINS OF THE PIPE BAND OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, TO THE END OF THE YOUTH SPECTACULAR.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE COLISEUM HER MAJESTY AND HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE. SIR EDWARD WILL PRESENT TO THE ROYAL VISITORS THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, AND MRS CHUI.

AFTER THE PERFORMANCE THE QUEEN AND PRINCE PHILIP WILL LEAVE THE AUDITORIUM FOR A RECEPTION ROOM WHERE ABOUT 40 PEOPLE WILL BE ASSEMBLED. THEY WILL BE EITHER PERFORMERS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUTH ORGANISATIONS WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE SPECTACULAR.

MR CHUI WILL PRESENT TO THE QUEEN THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE, WHO WILL BE PRODUCING THE SPECTACULAR.

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