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'NO BELIEVER IN HIGH TAXATION' - SIR JOHN
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMIDGE, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY HE DID NOT AGREE WITH THE ARGUMENT THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO RAISE TAXATION BECAUSE OF THE NEED FOR INCREASED REVENUE.

SIR JOHN SAID HE WAS NO BELIEVER IN HIGH TAXATION AND THAT HE HAD BEEN ON RECORD AS SAYING IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET SPEECH THAT HE HAD HOPED FURTHER INCREASES ON DIRECT TAXATION IN 1985-86 COULD BE AVOIDED.

+IT IS AT LEAST ARGUABLE THAT REVENUE WILL RISE APPROPRIATELY AS A CONSEQUENCE OF INCREASED GDP. BUT ONLY TIME WILL TELL. MUCH ALSO MUST DEPEND ON THE PUBLIC WILL,+ HE SAID.

IN AN EARLIER DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL POLICY ADDRESS, THE HON BILL BROWN HAD REGARDED HIGHER TAXATION, PREFERABLY INDIRECT TAXATION, AS INEVITABLE.

TO THIS, SIR JOHN SAID, +HE MAY BE PROVED RIGHT, BUT I MUST EN PASSANT REMIND HIM THAT FLAT SALES TAXES, THOUGH PRODUCTIVE, ARE REGRESSIVE AND INFLATIONARY. A V.A.T. HAS THEORETICAL ATTRACTIONS, BUT IMPLEMENTATION IN HONG KONG WOULD BE EXPENSIVE AND FRAUGHT WITH COMPLICATION.+

HE ADDED THAT NONETHELESS, CONSUMPTION TAXES HAD APPEAL AND MUST BE THE SUBJECT OF STUDY.

SIR JOHN TOLD THE COUNCIL IT REMAINED VITAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD RESTRAIN ITS EXPENDITURE, PARTICULARLY RECURRENT EXPENDITURE -- AS TIGHTLY AND EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE, WHILE ALWAYS MOVING AHEAD WITH ITS MAJOR PROGRAMMES.

HE STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S PRESENT TIGHTENING MEASURES WERE +NO FLASH IN THE PAN, BUT PART OF CONTINUING POLICY+.

HE CONCEDED THERE WAS THE OBVIOUS CONFLICT BETWEEN DECENT ASPIRATIONS AND PRAGMATIC RESTRAINTS.

+WE ARE AT ANY RATE FORTUNATE IN BEING ABLE TO SEE THE MISTAKES MADE IN THE PAST 30 YEARS OR SO BY THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHO THOUGHT THAT EXPENDITURE COULD CONTINUALLY EXCEED INCOME. PUT ANOTHER WAY, THAT PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED BY THROWING MONEY AT THEM -- AND USUALLY BORROWED MONEY AT THAT.

+WE ARE GETTING RICHER AS A COMMUNITY. I AM NOT THEREFORE IN THE LEAST SURPRISED OR CONCERNED THAT DECENT MEN AND WOMEN SHOULD PROPOSE NEW AND EXPENSIVE PROGRAMMES. IT WOULD BE ASTONISHING IF THEY DID NOT,+ HE SAID.

/SIR JOHN

SIR JOHN THEN REFERRED TO +A HOST OF PROPOSITIONS+ BY VARIOUS UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, RANGING FROM THOSE FOR BETTER HOSPITALS, A THIRD UNIVERSITY, IMPROVED LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION AND MORE COMPUTER COURSES IN SCHOOLS TO THE SUGGESTIONS FOR MORE PAY FOR NURSES AND HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR STAFF IN THE SUBVENTED SECTOR AND SQUATTER IMPROVEMENTS.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT NEARLY EVERY ONE OF THESE PROPOSITIONS IS IDEALISTIC IF NOT SOUND. IN PARTICULAR, I ACCEPT IN GENERAL TERMS THE CLAIMS FOR GREATER EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION.

+BUT THE RECURRENT TOTAL COST OF FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL THESE PROPOSALS WOULD BE OF THE ORDER OF \$1 BILLION PER ANNUM, AND THE CAPITAL COST FAR MORE.

+OBVIOUSLY THERE MUST BE QUEUING BY PRIORITIES WITH GREAT REGARD FOR THE REVENUE LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, NO MEMBER PRICED HIS PROPOSAL,+ SIR JOHN SAID.

HE SAID THAT WHAT WAS SURE WAS THAT +WE MUST CONCENTRATE MORE (THOUGH CERTAINLY NOT ENTIRELY) ON THOSE SPENDING MEASURES CALCULATED TO PROMOTE THE INCREASE OF WEALTH+.

THERE WOULD, HE SAID, BE CONSIDERABLE AND PROPER PUBLIC PRESSURE FOR BETTER HOUSING, BETTER EDUCATION, BETTER CARE FOR THE GROWING NUMBER OF ELDERLY PEOPLE, BETTER HEALTH MEASURES AND INDEED FOR +ALL THE FRUITS OF CIVILISATION+.

+LET US NEVER, HOWEVER, FORGET THAT OVER A SENSIBLE CYCLE WE CANNOT SPEND MORE THAN WE CAN RELY ON EARNING. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT HONG KONG MUST RETURN MEASUREDLY TO BALANCED BUDGETS, WE ARE WELL ON THIS COURSE,+ SIR JOHN SAID.

+MOREOVER IN GOOD TIMES WE SHOULD SEEK MODERATE SURPLUSES. BORROWING OFFERS NO LONG-TERM SOLUTION EXCEPT FOR SELF-FINANCING PROJECTS. NOR DOES BURDENSOME TAXATION,+ HE ADDED.

SIR JOHN REITERATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD +NOT THE SLIGHTEST INTENTION+ OF CHANGING THE SYSTEM UNDER WHICH BANK NOTE ISSUES AND REDEMPTIONS ARE LINKED TO THE US DOLLAR AT 7.80.

+IT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL. BUT I AGREE THAT IT IS NOT IDEAL. WHAT IS?+ HE SAID.

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\$3.8 BILLION FOR NEW PUBLIC WORKS

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, SAID TODAY THAT \$3.8 BILLION WORTH OF NEW PROJECTS WERE EXPECTED TO BE INJECTED INTO THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

THIS WOULD REPRESENT AN INCREASE OF \$200 MILLION OVER THIS FINANCIAL YEAR AND \$500 MILLION OVER 1983-84.

SPEAKING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING, MR CHAN SAID THE AMOUNT EXPECTED TO BE SPENT ON NEW PROJECTS EXCLUDED HOUSING AUTHORITY'S EXPENDITURE ON THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME AND ABOUT \$1 BILLION SPENT EACH YEAR ON LAND ACQUISITION.

IN ADDITION, HE CONTINUED, THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND - EXCLUDING THAT ON PUBLIC HOUSING - WAS RUNNING AT BETWEEN \$6 AND \$6.5 BILLION.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MORE WORK FOR THE MONEY SPENT WAS OBTAINED BECAUSE OF LOWER CONTRACT PRICES.

+HOWEVER, IMPRESSIVE THOUGH THE FIGURES MAY BE, MERELY TO STATE THEM DOES NOT SUFFICIENTLY GIVE A TRUE SENSE OF THE SCOPE OF THE ACHIEVEMENT WHICH THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, YEAR IN YEAR OUT, REPRESENTS,+ HE SAID.

THERE WAS CONTINUOUS LAND DEVELOPMENT ON AN EXTENSIVE SCALE, WITH SITE FORMATION AND HIGHWAYS PROJECTS IN PROGRESS ALL THE TIME. THIS, AND THE STEADY STREAM OF NEW HOUSING ESTATES, COURT AND OFFICE BUILDINGS, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING FACILITIES, HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS AND MARKET PROJECTS, SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AND WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, ALL CONTRIBUTED TO THE IMPRESSION VISITORS TO HONG KONG COULD NOT FAIL TO GAIN THAT HONG KONG WAS FULLY COMMITTED TO, AND ENERGETICALLY ENGAGED IN DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID.

+AND, AS THE SIZE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME INDICATES, THIS LEVEL OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WILL CONTINUE IN THE YEARS AHEAD,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE NEW TOWNS PROGRAMMES, MR CHAN SAID: +THERE IS NO INTENTION TO STOP THESE VITAL PROGRAMMES SHORT OF COMPLETION IN FAVOUR OF SOME OTHER SCHEME. THE ESSENCE WILL BE IN BLENDING THE COMMENCEMENT OF OUR NEW PROGRAMMES FOR THE 1990'S WITH OUR CURRENT ONES SO THAT STEADY PROGRESS AND AN EVEN INVESTMENT PATTERN ARE MAINTAINED.

+AS FAR AS POST-NEW TOWN PROGRAMMES ARE CONCERNED, WE ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF DRAWING UP BRIEFS FOR PLANNING AND ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY STUDIES OF THE HARBOUR AREA TO FOLLOW UP THE INITIAL RESULTS OF OUR LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT STUDIES. ONCE THESE AND THE CURRENT PORT DEVELOPMENT STUDY ARE COMPLETED IN 1985 WE SHALL BEGIN TO OUTLINE PROGRAMMES FOR IMPLEMENTATION.+

/HE SAID

HE SAID PLANNING STATEMENTS WOULD BE DRAWN UP FOR THE OTHER SUB-REGIONS, NORTH-WEST NEW TERRITORIES, NORTH-EAST NEW TERRITORIES, NORTH LANTAO AND JUNK BAY AND ITS SAI KUNG HINTERLAND.

STUDIES CONDUCTED BY CONSULTANTS IN BOTH THE NORTH-WEST NEW TERRITORIES AND THE NORTH-EAST NEW TERRITORIES HAD IDENTIFIED RURAL AREAS WHICH HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY +HAPHAZARD LOW DENSITY AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL AND EVEN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OVER THE YEARS RESULTING IN POOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS, MR CHAN SAID. PROPOSALS HAD BEEN MADE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF LOCALISED DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES INVOLVING MINIMAL INVESTMENT WHICH, IF SUCCESSFUL, WOULD RESULT IN THESE AREAS BEING REHABILITATED OR UPGRADED.

IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PRIVATE INTERESTS INVOLVED IN THESE AREAS AND THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN UPGRADING, IT WAS THOUGHT THAT A PILOT SCHEME SHOULD FIRST BE ATTEMPTED TO GAIN EXPERIENCE OF THE DIFFICULTIES AND TO FIND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

A PLAN FOR SUN HING TSUEN HAD BEEN DRAFTED AND A WORKING GROUP HAD BEEN SET UP, TO CO-ORDINATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT SCHEME.

+ONCE FUNDS ARE OBTAINED FOR THE PILOT SCHEME, IT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE AND ITS PART IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME,+ HE SAID.

DEALING WITH URBAN RENEWAL, MR CHAN SAID A GOOD DEAL OF EFFORT HAD BEEN PUT IN RECENT YEARS INTO STUDYING THE PROBLEMS OF URBAN RENEWAL AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. INTERESTING IDEAS HAD EMERGED AND IT WAS HOPED THAT FIRM PROPOSALS ON LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS AND ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN THE NEW YEAR.

ON THE MA WAN WATER SUPPLY PROBLEM, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT, IN ITS EFFORTS TO EXTEND TREATED WATER SUPPLIES TO VILLAGES, WAS CONCENTRATING FIRST ON THOSE WITHIN REASONABLE REACH OF THE MAINS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM BECAUSE THIS WOULD BENEFIT A GREATER NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE QUICKEST POSSIBLE TIME. MORE REMOTE VILLAGES REQUIRING THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SYSTEMS WOULD BE DEALT WITH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER.

+FOR MA WAN, HOWEVER, A \$17 MILLION PROJECT INVOLVING THE LAYING OF A SUBMARINE PIPELINE ACROSS RAMBLER CHANNEL AND LAND MAINS AND THE PROVISION OF A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1987,+ HE SAID.

+THE POSSIBILITY OF SUPPLEMENTING EXISTING SUPPLIES BY BARGING IN THE MEANTIME HAS BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD INVOLVE SIGNIFICANT RECURRENT COSTS AND THE LAYING OF A NEW PUMPING MAIN ALSO AT SUBSTANTIAL COST, WHICH WOULD BECOME REDUNDANT AFTER COMPLETION OF THE PERMANENT WORKS,+ HE SAID.

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HALF OF HK PEOPLE GET PUBLIC HOUSING HELP
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HONG KONG WAS ONE OF THE VERY FEW PLACES WHERE THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDED SUBSIDISED HOUSING ON SUCH A LARGE SCALE -- FOR ALMOST HALF OF ITS POPULATION, THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, THE HON DONALD LIAO, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

ITS INVESTMENT IN HOUSING HAD BEEN ENORMOUS, AND HAD PROGRESSED OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS FROM PROVIDING EMERGENCY HOUSING WITH ONLY THE MOST BASIC ESSENTIALS, TO THE MODERN SELF-CONTAINED ESTATES NOW CONSTRUCTED, WITH A FULL RANGE OF COMMERCIAL AND SOCIAL FACILITIES, MR LIAO SAID.

PUBLIC HOUSING PRODUCTION WOULD BE MAINTAINED AT LEAST AT THE CURRENT HIGH LEVEL FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE RESUMED DEBATE ON THE MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS, MR LIAO SAID THAT WHILE HE AGREED WITH THE HON WONG PO-YAN THAT THE COMMITMENT ON PUBLIC RENTAL ACCOMMODATION SHOULD BE REVIEWED -- AND IT WAS, IN FACT, DONE REGULARLY -- HE FELT THAT +THE CONTINUING HIGH DEMAND REFLECTED IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S LONG WAITING LIST, THE MANY SQUATTERS STILL ON HILLSIDES, AND THE NEED TO REDEVELOP THE OLDER ESTATES, ALL PRECLUDED ANY REDUCTION OF SUPPLY AT THIS TIME.+

THIS HIGH LEVEL OF PRODUCTION HAD, EARLIER THIS YEAR PROMPTED THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO REVIEW THE HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICIES.

THE REVIEW, WHICH INCLUDED CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC, THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS, AND SUPPLEMENTED BY AN INDEPENDENT SURVEY, HAD LED TO CHANGES IN HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICIES WHICH WERE BEING IMPLEMENTED, HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE EARLIER EXPRESSED NEED +TO TAKE MORE POSITIVE MEASURES+ TO REDUCE PUBLIC SUBSIDY TO TENANTS CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF THEMSELVES, MR LIAO SAID THAT THE MATTER WAS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY A SPECIAL COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE HON F.K. HU. THE COMMITTEE WOULD, IN DUE COURSE, ESTABLISH CRITERIA +TO IDENTIFY THOSE TENANTS WHO CONTINUE TO NEED HOUSING SUBSIDY AND CONSIDER PRACTICAL MEANS OF REDUCING SUBSIDY TO THOSE NO LONGER IN SUCH NEED,+ HE SAID.

DEALING WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT WELL-OFF TENANTS SHOULD BE PERSUADED TO VACATE THEIR +HEAVILY SUBSIDISED FLATS+ FOR THOSE MORE IN NEED, HE SAID IT WAS THE AUTHORITY'S PRACTICE TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS TO BUY THEIR OWN HOMES. THIS WAS ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

+TO DATE, NEARLY 17 000 NEW FLATS HAVE BEEN SOLD TO THIS GROUP, THEREBY RELEASING A SIMILAR NUMBER OF RENTAL FLATS FOR ALLOCATION TO OTHER MORE NEEDY FAMILIES,+ HE SAID.

ON THE SUBJECT OF REDEVELOPMENT OF OLD ESTATES, HE SAID THAT THIS WORK HAD BEEN PROGRESSING STEADILY OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS OR SO.

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+OLD NAMES SUCH AS SHEK KIP MEI, LI CHENG UK, WONG TAI SIN AND CHAI WAN ARE NO LONGER SYMBOLS OF DRAB HOUSING IN DULL SURROUNDINGS,+ HE SAID.

THEY WERE NOW IDENTIFIED AS DISTRICTS WITH NEW AND WELL PLANNED HOUSING COMPLETE WITH ALL MODERN FACILITIES, HE SAID.

WITH REGARD TO THE SUGGESTION THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD CURTAIL EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC HOUSING, AND EXPAND THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME, HE SAID THAT THE SCHEME'S PRESENT PRODUCTION TARGET OF 5 000 FLATS A YEAR WOULD NOT BE ACHIEVED UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

+IT IS TOO EARLY, THEREFORE, TO CONTEMPLATE INCREASING THE PRIVATE SECTOR'S INVOLVEMENT IN THIS AREA AT THIS STAGE,+ HE SAID.

ON THE QUESTION OF SQUATTER CLEARANCE, HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH NEARLY 1.4 MILLION SQUATTERS HAD BEEN REHOUSED SINCE THE START OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE MID 1950'S, LATEST ESTIMATES STILL PUT THE SQUATTER POPULATION AT ABOUT HALF A MILLION, WITH SOME 180 000 IN THE URBAN AREAS, INCLUDING TSUEN WAN, ABOUT 11 000 BEING BOAT SQUATTERS, AND THE REMAINDER BEING SCATTERED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A NEW PROGRAMME AIMED AT CLEARING AND REHOUSING ALL SQUATTERS IN THE URBAN AREAS BY THE EARLY 1990'S, INCLUDING BOAT SQUATTERS, AND OTHERS ON UNSAFE SLOPES NOT EARMARKED FOR DEVELOPMENT.

+THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAMME WILL, OF COURSE, DEPEND ON AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND THE POPULATION GROWTH IN THESE AREAS BEING CONTAINED,+ HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, HE SAID, THE SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT SCHEME WOULD CONTINUE BUT PRIORITY WOULD BE ACCORDED TO ESSENTIAL WORK, SUCH AS THE PROVISION OF FIRE BREAKS AND SLOPE STABILISATION MEASURES.

+BECAUSE OF THE ACCELERATED CLEARANCES, THE NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITIES AND AMENITIES IN URBAN SQUATTER AREAS WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED WITH CORRESPONDING SAVINGS IN EXPENDITURE,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO A POINT RAISED BY AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER THAT NEW TOWN RESIDENTS DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO FIND SCHOOL PLACES FOR THEIR CHILDREN BECAUSE OF LATE NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION, MR LIAO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WAS IN FACT NOT TOO SERIOUS A PROBLEM.

+ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING IS A CONTINUAL PROCESS AND PROSPECTIVE TENANTS ARE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS FLATS CAN BE ALLOCATED.

+WHERE TENANTS DO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN SECURING SCHOOL PLACES, THE STAFF OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT ARE ALWAYS READY TO ASSIST,+ HE SAID.

THE IMPORTANT THING, HE SAID, WAS TO ENSURE THAT SUFFICIENT SCHOOL PLACES WERE AVAILABLE WHEN TENANTS MOVED INTO NEW ESTATES, HE SAID.

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TEXTILES CONTROL SYSTEM WILL BE CONSTANTLY MONITORED
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE HON E.P. HO, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT IT WAS AGREED POLICY FOR THE TEXTILES CONTROL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG TO BE CONSTANTLY MONITORED AND REVIEWED AND ITS PROVISIONS MODIFIED WHERE AND WHEN NECESSARY.

MR HO WAS REPLYING TO POINTS RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS IN THE ANNUAL DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

+OUR AIM IS TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG CONTINUES TO DISCHARGE FULLY ITS OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND THE MFA (MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT), COUPLED WITH MAINTENANCE OF EFFICIENCY AND FLEXIBILITY CONDUCIVE TO OPTIMUM UTILISATION OF LIMITED EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES.

+IN THIS REGARD, PROPOSALS ARE CURRENTLY BEFORE THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADVICE,+ MR HO SAID.

THE HON ALLEN LEE HAD SUGGESTED THAT AN INDUSTRIAL ZONE BE SET UP AT THE BORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LABOUR FROM NEARBY CHINESE TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

MR HO SAID THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OF ANY SUCH SUGGESTION, AT THIS STAGE, WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, BE TO IMPLY THAT +WE DESPAIR THAT THE UNITED STATES, OUR MOST IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNER, IS NO LONGER AMENABLE TO REASON, OR TO A DISPASSIONATE EXAMINATION OF OUR RESPECTIVE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL TRADING AGREEMENTS, MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL, TO WHICH WE HAVE BOTH SUBSCRIBED.+

HE REITERATED THAT THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) WAS THE CORNERSTONE OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS POLICY.

+WE SHALL STAND BY OUR OBLIGATIONS AS WE MUST MAINTAIN OUR RIGHTS. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE FAITH IN THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISMS PROVIDED FOR IN THE GATT, THE MFA AND OUR BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S.A.,+ MR HO SAID, IN REPLY TO THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG'S CALL FOR CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR HONG KONG'S KNITWEAR INDUSTRY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG WAS NOT ALONE IN THE PRESENT DISAGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES ON THE NEW COUNTRY OF ORIGIN RULES.

+AT RECENT MEETINGS OF THE TEXTILES COMMITTEE OF THE GATT IN GENEVA, ALL OF THE TRADING PARTNERS OF THE UNITED STATES, BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING, WHO EXPRESSED A VIEW, DISAGREED WITH THE LATEST U.S. ACTIONS.

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+ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT AS THE UNITED STATES SETTLED DOWN AFTER THE EXCITEMENT LEADING TO YESTERDAY'S ELECTIONS, AND REVIEWS ITS NEW REGULATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS THEY HAVE EVOKED, A SPIRIT OF ACCOMMODATION WILL PREVAIL,+ MR HO SAID.

AS FOR ANY CHANGE IN THE LABOUR SUPPLY CAUSED BY AN IMPROVEMENT IN HONG KONG'S EDUCATION SYSTEM, MR HO THOUGHT THIS SHOULD BE VIEWED POSITIVELY.

+A BETTER EDUCATED LABOUR FORCE WILL ENABLE US TO MOVE UP-MARKET QUICKER AND TO PRODUCE BETTER QUALITY PRODUCTS SOONER, WITH A HIGHER INCOME AND A BETTER STANDARD OF LIVING FOR OUR WORK FORCE.

+OF COURSE, THIS MIGHT ALSO MEAN THAT WE WOULD NO LONGER BE COMPETITIVE IN PRODUCTS AT THE LOWER END OF THE MARKET,+ MR HO SAID.

HE CAUTIONED THAT HONG KONG'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE GATT CODE ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES WAS A GOOD REASON WHY THE TERRITORY HAD TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET ITSELF INTO THE BLIND ALLEY OF SUBSIDIES FOR INDUSTRY.

AS REGARDS THE HON WONG PO-YAN'S HOPE THAT THE PROPOSALS IN THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE'S STUDY OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY WOULD LEAD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY, SUPPORTED BY A LEVY ON THE EXPORTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, MR HO SAID THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH INDUSTRY HAD NOT RESULTED IN THIS CONCLUSION.

+IF THERE IS A CONSENSUS, IT IS THAT THE INDUSTRY DOES NOT WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO A LEVY TO SUPPORT A DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OR LABORATORY,+ MR HO SAID.

HE ADDED, +THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE SHOULD NOT SEEK TO PROVIDE BASIC FACILITIES FOR SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INDUSTRY.

+THESE SERVICES INCLUDE THE STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT - AND I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE KIND WORDS OF MR WONG PO-YAN IN THIS REGARD. THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, THE ONE STOP UNIT, AND THE OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICES, WHICH WORK TOGETHER IN HELPING NEW AND HIGHER TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN HONG KONG, ARE ANOTHER EXAMPLE.+

TO ENSURE THAT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CAN BE FACILITATED IN THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER, THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD HAS ADVISED THAT A CENTRALLY CO-ORDINATED CONCEPT BE ADOPTED WITH A TWO-PRONGED APPROACH.

MR HO SAID THAT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IDENTIFYING TECHNOLOGIES OR KNOW-HOW REQUIRED BY INDUSTRY.

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+ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DEVELOPMENT-MODIFICATION AND APPLICATION OF THE TECHNOLOGIES IDENTIFIED WILL BE DONE THROUGH THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH THE TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS WHICH REPRESENT A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF INPUT TO INDUSTRY SUPPORT PROGRAMMES,+ MR HO SAID.

AT ITS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL DECIDED TO SUPPORT THIS UNIFIED APPROACH.

MR HO SAID, +THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY NOW LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE PROPOSALS FOR AUGMENTING THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE'S CAPABILITIES TO TAKE ON THEIR ENVISAGED ROLE.+

MR HO REFERRED TO THE REMINDER BY BOTH THE HON FRANCIS TIEN AND THE HON WONG PO-YAN OF THE CONTINUED NEED TO OPEN UP NEW MARKETS AS WELL AS TO EXPAND EXISTING ONES FOR HONG KONG PRODUCTS, AND OF THE IMPORTANT WORK BEING DONE BY THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN THIS FIELD.

+I AGREE WITH THE VIEWS EXPRESSED THAT THIS IMPORTANT TASK IS WELL HANDLED BY THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL,+ MR HO SAID.

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CROSS HARBOUR PROJECT DRAWS GOOD RESPONSE
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THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION THAT THE NEXT FIXED HARBOUR CROSSING SHOULD BE IN THE EASTERN HARBOUR HAD DRAWN A +MOST ENCOURAGING RESPONSE,+ THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE HON ALAN SCOTT, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

MR SCOTT SAID THAT FOLLOWING THE DECISION, ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS ANNUAL POLICY ADDRESS ON OCTOBER 4, 14 GROUPS HAD PUT UP THE \$10 000 DEPOSIT TO OBTAIN THEIR COPIES OF THE RELEVANT DATA AND REQUIREMENTS.

HE ALSO SPOKE ON THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM AFTER THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG HAD EXPRESSED DOUBT ABOUT ITS VIABILITY AT AN EARLIER LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

MR SCOTT RECALLED THAT THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION'S CONSULTANTS HAD EXAMINED AND TESTED A SERIES OF FORECASTS ARISING FROM SEVERAL ASSUMED PATRONAGE LEVELS FROM A MINIMUM LEVEL OF 500 000 PER DAY UP TO A MAXIMUM LEVEL OF 750 000 PER DAY FOR THE FULL SYSTEM.

THEY HAD ESTIMATED THE FULL PROJECT, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED BUS SERVICES, WOULD COST ABOUT \$1.7 BILLION.

+NO ONE CAN FORECAST EXACTLY THE OUTCOME IN A PROJECT OF THIS NATURE, BUT WITHIN THESE PARAMETERS AND THIS ORDER OF COST -- WHICH ARE REASONABLY SIMILAR TO THOSE QUOTED BY MR CHEONG -- THE (KCRC'S) BOARD JUDGED THAT THE RISKS WERE ACCEPTABLE IF THE SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED ON A PHASED BASIS IN LINE WITH POPULATION GROWTH.

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+IN BROAD TERMS, THE INVESTMENT SHOULD BE RECOUPED AND THE LOANS PAID OFF IN 12 - 15 YEARS,+ MR SCOTT SAID.

HONG KONG ENTREPRENEURS CONSIDERED 12 YEARS, LET ALONE 15 YEARS, A LONG TIME TO RECOVER THE CAPITAL IN AN INVESTMENT, HE SAID.

BUT NOTING THAT RAILWAYS CONTINUED TO RUN AND TO PRODUCE PROFITS FOR FAR LONGER PERIODS, HE SAID, +THE FIRST RENEWAL OF ROLLING STOCK TAKES PLACE TYPICALLY AROUND 40 YEARS AFTER OPENING A SYSTEM= AND MANY RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS HAVE CELEBRATED THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARIES.

+I HOPE THAT MR CHEONG, AS AN ABLE ADVOCATE OF CONFIDENCE AND STEADINESS AT THIS TIME, WILL AGREE THAT THE KCRC, IN DECIDING TO BUILD THIS LRT, IS TAKING A CONFIDENT, LONG TERM VIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES.+

MR SCOTT ALSO REPORTED THAT THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING PILOT SCHEME WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER BRIEFINGS AND CONSULTATIONS WITH DISTRICT BOARDS.

+INDEED, IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS WE SHALL BEGIN ANOTHER ROUND OF THE BOARDS, BECAUSE THE INCREASING INFORMATION COMING FORWARD FROM THE RESEARCH WORK AND SURVEYS MAKE IT TIMELY FOR US TO EXPAND UPON AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE PILOT SCHEME,+ HE SAID.

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CLOSER GOODS PROCESSING LINKS WITH CHINA SEEN

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EXCHANGE AND INTER-DEPENDENCE IN GOODS PROCESSING WOULD BE A GROWING FEATURE OF HONG KONG'S RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA AND WOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO BOTH ECONOMIES, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, THE HON PIERS JACOBS, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

MR JACOBS WAS COMMENTING ON FIGURES OF HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA, WHICH HAD BECOME THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR THE TERRITORY'S DOMESTIC PRODUCTS.

WHILE THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS WELCOME, CARE WAS NEEDED IN INTERPRETING THE FIGURES, HE SAID.

+DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MARKETS COMPRISE FINISHED GOODS PRODUCED FROM IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS OR SEMI-MANUFACTURES.

+IN THE CASE OF CHINA, A FAIRLY HIGH PROPORTION OF THESE EXPORTS IS REPRESENTED BY SEMI-MANUFACTURED GOODS GOING TO CHINA FOR FURTHER PROCESSING. OFTEN THE GOODS RETURN TO HONG KONG AS IMPORTS FOR FURTHER FINISHING,+ HE EXPLAINED.

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THUS, SOME OF THIS INCREASE IN TRADE REPRESENTED THE TRANSFER TO CHINA OF PROCESSES PREVIOUSLY CARRIED OUT HERE, SO THAT ITS CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GDP WAS PROBABLY LOWER THAN FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO OTHER MARKETS, HE ADDED.

IN SOME AREAS THE PROCESS BEING UNDERTAKEN IN CHINA COULD NO LONGER BE UNDERTAKEN PROFITABLY IN HONG KONG, WHILE THE PROCESSING IN CHINA MIGHT MAKE POSSIBLE THE RETENTION OF OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

SOMETIMES, WITHOUT THE PROCESSING IN CHINA, THE FINAL PRODUCT COULD NOT BE MADE HERE AT ALL.

+THIS EXCHANGE AND INTER-DEPENDENCE IS A FEATURE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA THAT I BELIEVE WILL GROW AND CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO BOTH ECONOMIES,+ MR JACOBS SAID.

HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT EVEN CLOSER COOPERATION IN THE FLOW OF BOTH GOODS AND SERVICES WOULD DEVELOP OVER THE COMING YEARS.

ON CHANGES IN THE GROWTH RATES OF PLANT AND MACHINERY, HE SAID IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED THEY WOULD LAG BEHIND CHANGES IN THE EXPANSION RATE OF THE OTHER COMPONENTS OF VISIBLE TRADE.

+BEFORE COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO NEW INVESTMENT, INVESTORS HAVE TO BE CONVINCED THAT ANY UPWARD MOVEMENT IN EXPORT GROWTH WILL BE SUSTAINED.

+EVEN AFTER A DECISION TO INVEST HAS BEEN MADE IT TAKES TIME FOR THE PLANT AND MACHINERY INVOLVED TO SHOW UP IN THE TRADE ACCOUNTS.

+GIVEN THAT THE ECONOMY HAS OPERATED OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS UNDER THE SHADOW OF UNCERTAINTY ABOUT ITS FUTURE, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT INVESTORS HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO COMMIT THEMSELVES,+ HE SAID.

THAT SHADOW, HE ADDED, HAD BEEN LIFTED AS A RESULT OF THE INITIALLING OF THE SINO-BRITISH DRAFT AGREEMENT.

THIS, COMBINED WITH HONG KONG'S IMPROVED ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE, SHOULD ENCOURAGE FURTHER INVESTMENT IN THE ADDITIONAL AND IMPROVED PLANT AND MACHINERY NEEDED TO SUSTAIN ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE FUTURE, HE SAID.

FOR THE THREE QUARTERS BEGINNING IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1983, RETAINED IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES HAD GROWN CONSIDERABLY FASTER THAN DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

MR JACOBS FELT THAT THIS SUGGESTED THAT SOME OF THE SLOWDOWN IN THE GROWTH RATE OF SUCH IMPORTS THIS YEAR HAD BEEN CAUSED BY SUBSEQUENT INVENTORY ADJUSTMENT.

+PROBABLY THE ADJUSTMENT ALSO REFLECTS THE VIEW OF SOME MANUFACTURERS THAT AFTER THE SURGE IN EXPORTS CONSEQUENT UPON THE RECOVERY FROM THE 1982 RECESSION THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WILL SLOW DOWN TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE LEVEL.

+NEVERTHELESS, WHILE WE ARE AS YOU HAVE SAID, SIR, ALWAYS VULNERABLE TO EXTERNAL EVENTS, I CERTAINLY SHARE MR WONG PO-YAN'S VIEW THAT IT IS TOO EARLY FOR SERIOUS ANXIETY ABOUT OUR FUTURE EXPORT PERFORMANCE,+ HE SAID.

ON THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL MONITORING OF THE POWER COMPANIES' ACTIVITIES, MR JACOBS REPORTED THAT THE CONSULTANCY ESTABLISHED TO EXAMINE THE ADEQUACY OF THE MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS HAD NOW SUBMITTED ITS REPORT.

THE REPORT, WHICH CONTAINS RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MONITORING PROCESS, WAS BEING EXAMINED BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE INTENTION WAS TO SUBMIT IT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

MR JACOBS SAID HE COULD NOT MAKE FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT BEFORE IT HAD BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL.

TURNING TO THE HELICOPTER PAD AT FENWICK PIER STREET, HE REPORTED THE SEARCH FOR A SITE FOR HELICOPTER OPERATIONS HAD PROVED TO BE VERY DIFFICULT.

IN AN EARLIER LEGCO MEETING, THE HON ALEX WU HAD REFERRED TO AN ASSURANCE BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY THAT THE HELIPAD WOULD CEASE TO OPERATE BY AUGUST 31 NEXT YEAR.

MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT THE CHIEF SECRETARY HAD MADE THIS ASSURANCE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE LIKELY AVAILABILITY OF A NEW SITE FOR A PERMANENT HELIPORT AT THE WAN CHAI FERRY PIER.

+UNFORTUNATELY, IT NOW SEEMS THAT THAT SITE CAN NO LONGER BE USED,+ HE SAID.

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PRESENT USERS OF THE FENWICK PIER STREET HELIPAD HAVE REQUESTED THAT ANOTHER EXAMINATION BE MADE OF THE POSSIBLE NOISE IMPACT ON THE ACADEMY CAUSED BY THEIR HELICOPTER OPERATIONS.

+THE HELICOPTER OPERATORS HAVE TOLD ME THAT EVERY POSSIBLE PRECAUTION COULD BE TAKEN SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THE NOISE LEVEL WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE ACADEMY, OR CERTAINLY NO MORE EFFECT THAN THE CURRENT OR FUTURE AMBIENT NOISE IN THE VICINITY.

+I DO HOPE THAT MR WU WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT IF NEW AND COMPELLING EVIDENCE COULD BE PRODUCED SHOWING THAT THE NOISE FROM HELICOPTER OPERATIONS WOULD NOT AFFECT THE ACADEMY AS IT IS NOW DESIGNED, THEN THAT EVIDENCE SHOULD BE MOST CAREFULLY CONSIDERED,+ HE SAID.

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SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION FOR FIRST QUARTER
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY THAT THE SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1984-85 AMOUNTED TO \$44.1 MILLION.

SIR JOHN SAID THAT THIS SUM INCLUDED \$10 MILLION FOR A PAYMENT TO THE MASS TRANSIT FUND, \$6 MILLION TO MEET AN INCREASED REQUIREMENT FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF COMMERCIAL CRIME, \$4.9 MILLION TO MEET INCREASED EXPENDITURE OF THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, \$4.75 MILLION TO MEET THE INCREASED COST OF THE CONSULTANCY ON A VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, \$3.3 MILLION FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE, AND \$3 MILLION FOR PAYMENT TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL COMPANY IN RESPECT OF TICKETS FOR EXEMPTED PERSONS.

+THERE WILL BE NO NET INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE RESULTING FROM THE SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION APPROVED BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN OFFSET EITHER BY SAVINGS UNDER THE SAME OR OTHER HEADS OF EXPENDITURE OR BY DELETION OF FUNDS UNDER THE ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS VOTES,+ HE SAID.

+DURING THE QUARTER, A NET INCREASE OF 1 236 POSTS WAS APPROVED, INCLUDING POSTS FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE URBAN COUNCIL,+ SIR JOHN ADDED.

HE NOTED THAT APPROVED COMMITMENTS HAD BEEN INCREASED BY \$134.6 MILLION AND NEW COMMITMENTS OF \$32.5 MILLION HAD BEEN APPROVED. THESE REPRESENTED A 5.5 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE TOTAL COMMITMENT BALANCE OF \$3 044.9 MILLION IN THE 1984-85 ESTIMATES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ITEMS IN THE SUMMARY HAD BEEN APPROVED EITHER BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OR UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY.

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PRIVATE BILL FEES RAISED TO \$25 000
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THE REVISED \$25 000 FEE FOR PRESENTING A PRIVATE BILL PROPOSED IN THE PRIVATE BILLS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 WAS +PROBABLY MORE REALISTIC+, THAN THE EXISTING \$500 FEE, FIXED WHEN THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED 70 YEARS AGO, THE HON PETER C. WONG, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

BUT HE PERSONALLY SUSPECTED THAT THE NEW CHARGE WAS +STILL ON THE LOW SIDE+, HE SAID, AND SUGGESTED THAT IT SHOULD BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW AT REASONABLE INTERVALS.

MR WONG SAID THAT CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED, AS THE CHIEF SECRETARY WAS EMPOWERED TO WAIVE FEES FOR PRIVATE BILLS WHICH WERE FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES. AS POINTED OUT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MOST PRIVATE BILLS FELL UNDER THAT CATEGORY.

HE SAID ALSO THAT THE DEFINITION OF +PRIVATE BILL+ CONTAINED IN SECTION 2 OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE WAS +SOMEWHAT POMPOUS+.

AFTER CAREFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, HE SAID, THE ADMINISTRATION HAD AGREED TO RE-DRAFT THE DEFINITION IN A LANGUAGE MORE READILY UNDERSTOOD BY THE ORDINARY PERSON.

THE BILL WAS AMONG FIVE BILLS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL.

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FIVE BILLS APPROVED
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FIVE BILLS WERE APPROVED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THEY ARE THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1983-84) BILL 1984, THE PRIVATE BILLS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, THE PUBLIC BUS SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1984, THE DEMOLISHED BUILDINGS (RE-DEVELOPMENT OF SITES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 AND ONE UNOFFICIAL MEMBER'S BILL, THE STANDARD CHARTERED ASIA LIMITED BILL 1984.

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MORE PUBLIC EFFORT AGAINST POLLUTION URGED

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GREATER PUBLIC EFFORT IN THE CONSTANT BATTLE AGAINST POLLUTION IN HONG KONG WAS URGED TODAY BY TWO OFFICERS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

IN A PRESENTATION AT THE +CHEMISTRY WEEK EXHIBITION,+ AT HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE THIS AFTERNOON, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS MISS MABEL MAK AND MR RAYMOND LEUNG SAID THAT THE POLLUTION PROBLEMS COULD ONLY BE OVERCOME IF SUPPORTED BY +IMPROVED ATTITUDES AND COMMITMENT BY THE PUBLIC ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.+

THEY ALSO URGED STUDENTS +TO MAINTAIN AN AWARENESS IN THEIR FUTURE CAREER OF WHAT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT.+

SPEAKING OF WATER POLLUTION, MISS MAK SAID THAT THE LIQUID EFFLUENT FROM 5.5 MILLION PEOPLE, 1.25 MILLION PIGS AND 15 MILLION POULTRY, AND MORE THAN 2 000 FACTORIES WAS DEPOSITED DIRECTLY INTO HONG KONG RIVERS AND SEAS.

+SOME OF THE HONG KONG WATERS, INCLUDING RIVERS AND COASTAL WATERS ARE INDEED VERY MUCH POLLUTED; THE CAUSE OF POLLUTION IS DUE LARGELY TO THE DISCHARGE OF DOMESTIC WASTES AND INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS WITH SOMETIMES LITTLE OR NO TREATMENT AND DISCHARGE OF ANIMAL AND LIVESTOCK WASTES INTO THE WATERCOURSES,+ SHE SAID.

SOME OF THE MOST HEAVILY POLLUTED RIVERS DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF DEEP BAY AND TOLO HARBOUR, WHICH WERE ALREADY UNDER STRESS. THERE WERE HIGH NUTRIENT CONCENTRATIONS, WHICH COULD LEAD TO PUTRID WATER CONDITIONS AND THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF WIDESPREAD FAECAL CONTAMINATION, SHE SAID.

+ALSO, WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES LAID DOWN FOR TOLO HARBOUR HAD BEEN BREACHED WITH INCREASING REGULARITY SINCE 1980,+ SHE SAID.

ACTIVE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES TO MEET THESE PROBLEMS INCLUDED ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, SUCH AS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TREATMENT PLANT AND DRY WEATHER FLOW INTERCEPTION AT ANY DEVELOPMENT PLAN, AS WELL AS PLANS FOR WATERCOURSE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT THAT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY BY A CENTRAL STEERING GROUP UNDER THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE.

IN ADDITION, POLLUTION LEVELS AT POPULAR SWIMMING BEACHES WERE MONITORED REGULARLY TO GUARD THE PUBLIC FROM ANY UNACCEPTABLE HEALTH HAZARDS, SHE SAID.

TALKING ABOUT AIR POLLUTION, MR LEUNG SAID THAT HONG KONG AIR POLLUTION SOURCES WERE ESTIMATED TO EMIT INTO THE AIR EACH YEAR OVER 230 000 TONNES OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE, 180 000 TONNES OF CARBON MONOXIDE, 51 000 TONNES OF OXIDES OF NITROGEN, 20 000 TONNES OF HYDROCARBON AND 27 000 TONNES OF PARTICULATE.

/+THESE POLLUTANTS

+THESE POLLUTANTS CAN CAUSE OR EXACERBATE LUNG DISEASES SUCH AS BRONCHITIS, EMPHYSEMA AND ASTHMA AND HAVE BEEN LINKED WITH CANCERS OF THE RESPIRATORY TRACTS.

+STATISTICS ON HOSPITAL ADMITTANCE FOR THE 82-83 YEAR SHOW THAT THERE WERE ABOUT 102 000 PATIENTS WITH LUNG CONDITION, A GREAT PROPORTION OF THEM SMOKERS. THIS WAS ABOUT 10 TIMES THE ADMISSION RESULTING FROM TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

+ONE OF THE MAIN WEAPONS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIR POLLUTION IS THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE (1983), WHICH CAN BE USED TO CONTROL AIR EMISSION FROM POWER STATIONS AND FACTORIES. THERE ARE ALSO CONTROL MEASURES AVAILABLE IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO DEAL WITH AIR POLLUTION FROM MOTOR VEHICLES,+ HE SAID.

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PROMOTING DISTANCE MANAGEMENT LEARNING

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A RESOURCE CENTRE TO PROMOTE DISTANCE MANAGEMENT LEARNING IN HONG KONG, IS BEING SET UP BY THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MDC) OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF MDC, DR R. TRICKER.

DISTANCE MANAGEMENT LEARNING, HE SAID, ENABLED INDIVIDUAL MANAGERS TO LEARN AT A TIME, PACE AND PLACE WHICH SUITED THEM.

MANAGEMENT TEACHERS AND TRAINERS COULD OBTAIN HELP AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MDC'S RESOURCE CENTRE ON HOW TO ADOPT DISTANCE LEARNING TO MEET THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR OWN ESTABLISHMENTS, HE SAID.

+THE CENTRE WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN POOLING RESOURCES FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEARNING MATERIALS AND SPECIFIC PROGRAMMES RELEVANT TO THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG OWNER-MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS,+ DR TRICKER ADDED.

TO INTRODUCE THE CONCEPT OF DISTANCE LEARNING HERE, A MANAGEMENT EXPERT FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM HAD BEEN BROUGHT IN BY THE MDC TO CONDUCT A WORKSHOP FOR SOME 50 MANAGEMENT TEACHERS AND TRAINERS TODAY.

AT THE WORKSHOP PROFESSOR TOM KEMPNER, PRINCIPAL OF THE MANAGEMENT COLLEGE AT HENLEY, ENGLAND, EXPLAINED THAT A WELL-DESIGNED DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME ENCOURAGED INDEPENDENT LEARNING AND PUT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEARNING WITH THE STUDENT, WHILE TRADITIONAL MANAGEMENT TEACHING RELIED ON TEACHERS TO CARRY STUDENTS THROUGH THE ENTIRE CURRICULUM IN CLASSROOMS.

PROF. KEMPNER WILL PRESENT ANOTHER LECTURE ON MAJOR TRENDS THAT WILL AFFECT MANAGEMENT IN FUTURE, AT THE MDC TOMORROW EVENING.

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NEW FILM STRESSES DRUG DANGER

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PUBLICITY ON THE DESTRUCTIVE EFFECTS OF DRUG ADDICTION WILL BE STRENGTHENED WITH THE LAUNCHING OF A NEW API (ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST) ON TV THIS WEEK.

THE NEW FILM, PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, WILL APPEAR ON THE TWO STATIONS AT FREQUENT INTERVALS FROM TOMORROW. IT FORMS PART OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN TO GENERATE MAXIMUM AWARENESS OF THE HEALTH HAZARDS OF DRUG ABUSE.

THE FILM SHOWS A HUMAN VEIN BEING CONTAMINATED BY HEROIN, MAKING IT VULNERABLE TO DISEASES, TOGETHER WITH COMMENTARY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ACAN PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE SAID TODAY, A HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED TECHNIQUE WAS USED FOR THIS API, WHICH SHOULD BE ABLE TO CREATE A STRONG ENOUGH IMPACT ON THE AUDIENCE TO SCARE THEM OFF DRUGS.

+THE SAME HARD-SELL APPROACH WILL BE ADOPTED IN SUBSEQUENT API'S MADE FOR THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN.+

THERE WILL BE CONCENTRATED EFFORTS TO PUBLICISE WHAT DRUGS ACTUALLY DO TO THE HUMAN BODY.

THE FINAL PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR WHEN THE EMPHASIS OF PUBLICITY WILL TURN FROM PREVENTION TO CURE. THE IMPORTANCE OF REHABILITATION WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED TO ENCOURAGE MORE ADDICTS TO SEEK TREATMENT.

APART FROM TV API'S, OTHER PUBLICITY COMPONENTS OF THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDE LEAFLETS, POSTERS, RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS, MTR/KCR ADVERTISING AND MOBILE STREET THEATRE PERFORMANCES.

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SPECIAL STAMPS MARK JOCKEY CLUB CENTENARY

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FOUR SPECIAL STAMPS AND A SOUVENIR SHEET WILL BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 21 TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE COMMON THEME FOR ALL STAMPS IS THE HORSE PRIMROSE, WINNER OF THE 1894 LADIES PURSE RACE, WITH MR REYNELL IN THE SADDLE, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

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THE STAMPS ALSO DEPICT THE CLUB'S SUPPORT OF CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

THEY ARE:

- * SUPPORT OF HEALTH CARE - 40 CENTS
AN INADEQUACY IN MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THE DECADE OR SO AFTER THE SECOND WORLD-WAR PROMPTED THE CLUB TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROVISION OF HOSPITALS AND TO PROVIDE CLINICS AND OTHER MEDICAL FACILITIES. MANY PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM THESE MEDICAL FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE LIVING IN DENSELY-POPULATED AREAS. IN RECENT YEARS, THE CLUB'S SUPPORT OF HEALTH CARE HAS PLACED EMPHASIS ON THE PREVENTION OF CANCER, HEART AND KIDNEY DISEASES.
- * SUPPORT OF THE DISABLED - \$1
IN THE PERIOD UP TO THE LATE 1960'S, THERE WAS A LACK OF PHYSIOTHERAPY IN HONG KONG AND A NEED FOR FUNDS AND NEW CENTRES FOR THE DISABLED. TO BRIDGE THE GAP THE CLUB HELPED, AND CONTINUES TO HELP, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN THEIR WORK FOR THE CARE AND REHABILITATION OF THE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED. ONE OF THE RECENT MAJOR DONATIONS IS THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE, WHICH PROVIDES HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION, AND IS EQUIPPED WITH SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE HANDICAPPED.
- * SUPPORT OF THE ARTS - \$1.30
UP TO THE EARLY 1970'S, THE CLUB CONCENTRATED ITS EFFORTS IN ASSISTING THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HANDICAPPED IN SOCIETY. IN RECENT YEARS, IT HAS CONCENTRATED MORE ON IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND LEISURE FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE. BESIDES CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS BUILDING PARKS, SWIMMING POOLS AND SPORTS COMPLEXES, THE CLUB ALSO PROMOTES MUSIC AND THE PERFORMING ARTS. THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1985, IS BEING BUILT WITH THE AIM OF RAISING THE STANDARD OF HONG KONG'S OWN PERFORMERS AND TEACHERS, AND OF SUPPORTING TECHNICIANS IN THE THEATRICAL AND DANCING ARTS.

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- * SUPPORT OF OCEAN PARK - \$5
THE OCEAN PARK IS RUN AS A CLUB SUBSIDIARY AND IS ONE OF THE CLUB'S LARGEST UNDERTAKINGS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. SINCE ITS OPENING IN 1977, MILLIONS OF LOCAL PEOPLE AND OVERSEAS VISITORS HAVE ENJOYED AN AMENITY OF UNIVERSAL APPEAL PROVIDED BY THE PARK. IN AN EFFORT TO UPGRADE THE PARK'S LEISURE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, THE CLUB RECENTLY SPENT \$240M TO BRING A NEW LOOK TO THE PARK. APART FROM SEEING THE LARGEST OCEANARIUM IN THE FAR EAST, PEOPLE WHO VISIT THE PARK NOWADAYS SEE MANY NEW ATTRACTIONS SUCH AS THE LONGEST OUTDOOR ESCALATOR IN THE WORLD, A SPECTACULAR ROLLER COASTER BUILT 120M ABOVE SEA LEVEL AND A WATER WORLD WITH MANY OTHER THRILL RIDES.

- * SOUVENIR SHEETS - THESE WILL CONTAIN ONE OF EACH OF THE ABOVE STAMPS AND WILL COST \$7.70 PER SHEET.

THE STAMPS AND SOUVENIR SHEET WERE DESIGNED BY LOCAL DESIGNER MEL HARRIS, THE WINNER OF THREE PRIZES OUT OF SIX IN A RECENT STAMP DESIGN CONTEST ORGANISED BY THE UNITED NATIONS. THEY WILL BE ON DISPLAY ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE AND IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, MIDDLE ROAD, DAILY FROM 9.30 AM TO 4.30 PM FROM NOVEMBER 12 TO 20.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ON SALE ON NOVEMBER 12 AND WILL COST 50 CENTS EACH. AS INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIAL STAMPS IS PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THE COVERS, THERE WILL BE NO INSERT CARDS TO ACCOMPANY THE FIRST DAY COVERS.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICING FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM NOVEMBER 12 TO 19 AT ALL POST OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN THEIR REQUIREMENTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

HE ALSO SAID THAT FOR SPECIAL STAMP ISSUES FOLLOWING THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CENTENARY ISSUE, POSTMARKED OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WOULD NO LONGER BE SOLD AT PHILATELIC COUNTERS AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE. HOWEVER, SOUVENIR COVERS WOULD BE ON SALE AT PHILATELIC COUNTERS AND THESE WOULD BE POSTMARKED WITH THE DATE OF PURCHASE.

THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT WOULD NOT APPLY TO EITHER THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CENTENARY ISSUE, OR TO OTHER SPECIAL ISSUES OF THE LAST 15 MONTHS, WHICH WOULD BE WITHDRAWN PROGRESSIVELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PREVIOUS PRACTICE.

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ADVICE TO TRAVELLERS TO INDIA

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THE SITUATION IN INDIA IS RETURNING TO NORMAL, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES ARE NOW OPEN, AS ARE MOST BUSINESSES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WISHES TO ADVISE BUSINESSMEN NOW WISHING TO VISIT INDIA THAT THERE IS NO REASON THAT THEY SHOULD NOT DO SO, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY FIND IT EASIER TO CONDUCT THEIR BUSINESS AFTER THE MOURNING PERIOD IS OVER (AFTER NOVEMBER 12), HE SAID.

OTHER TRAVELLERS WITHOUT AN URGENT REASON FOR VISITING INDIA ARE ADVISED THAT IT WOULD STILL BE PRUDENT TO CONSIDER POSTPONING THEIR JOURNEYS UNTIL AFTER THE MOURNING PERIOD IF THEY ARE ABLE TO DO SO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CONTRACT SIGNING

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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL BE AWARDING A \$374-MILLION CONTRACT TO KUMAGAI GUMI (HONG KONG) LIMITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURAL CENTRE.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR JOSE LEI, WILL BE SIGNING THE CONTRACT TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF KUMAGAI GUMI (HONG KONG) LIMITED AT 3 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS WHITE PAPER

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THE WHITE PAPER ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE WILL BE DISCUSSED IN A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD AT 3 PM TOMORROW.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR T.K. CHOY, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE RESITING OF MARKET AND HAWKER STALLS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE URBAN COUNCIL FA YUEN STREET COMPLEX.

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TWO SITES FOR RENT
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SHORT-TERM TENANCIES OF TWO SITES.

THE FIRST SITE OF 4 800 SQUARE METRES IS AT HOI BUN ROAD, KWUN TONG, AND IS TO BE USED FOR PARKING CARS AND CONTAINERS.

THE OTHER SITE, MEASURING 3 419 SQUARE METRES, IS AT CHE KUNG MIU ROAD, SHA TIN. IT SHOULD BE USED AS A PLANT NURSERY AND/OR A COMMERCIAL GARDEN.

EACH TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON NOVEMBER 23.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE/KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

FOR THE SHA TIN SITE, THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN.

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MAIL TO EL SALVADOR

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ALL POSTAL SERVICES TO EL SALVADOR HAVE BEEN RESUMED INCLUDING THE SURFACE AND AIR PARCEL SERVICES WHICH HAD BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE JULY 19, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

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ROOFTOP STRUCTURE TO BE CLEARED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (WEDNESDAY) DECLARED THAT THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ON THE ROOFTOP OF FLAT C, 2-14 ELECTRIC STREET, HONG KONG SHOULD BE CLOSED, TO ENABLE DEMOLITION WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR THE PUBLIC.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY SAID THAT A RECENT INSPECTION HAD SHOWN THAT AN ORDER TO DEMOLISH THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ISSUED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, HAD NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH. IT WAS THEREFORE CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE STRUCTURE FOR THE INTENDED WORK.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN HONG KONG VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 5, AT 9.30 AM WERE POSTED TODAY.

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BOARD HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING
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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 9) AT 11.15 AM TO DISCUSS THE NEW REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO BRIEF BOARD MEMBERS ON THE PROPOSED FORMATION, CONSTITUTION AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE NEW COUNCIL.

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TAI PO ROAD TRAFFIC DIVERSION
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FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 8), TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN KIU TAU AND KAU LUNG HANG WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 10), TAI PO ROAD NEAR HO KA YUEN (25-1/2 MILESTONE) WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 5 AM, TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURES, TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED ON A TEMPORARY ROAD RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE CLOSED ROAD.

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CLEARWAY FOR BETTER TRAFFIC FLOW
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TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN SHAU KEI WAN, A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAYS, FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 9).

THE ROAD SECTIONS ARE:

- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ALDRICH STREET FROM PO MAN STREET TO 10 METRES NORTH OF KAM WAH STREET=
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ALDRICH STREET BETWEEN PO MAN STREET AND FACTORY STREET;
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF NAM ON STREET BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 9 AND HOUSE NO. 17.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, NO MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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