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STABLE AND EXPORT-LED ECONOMIC GROWTH
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HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC GROWTH SO FAR THIS YEAR HAS BEEN EXPORT-LED AND ASSOCIATED WITH A REASONABLE DEGREE OF STABILITY, ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S THIRD QUARTER ECONOMIC REPORT RELEASED TODAY.

THE REPORT REVIEWS PRIMARILY EVENTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1980 AND BRINGS UP-TO-DATE THE ANALYSES IN THE HALF-YEARLY ECONOMIC REPORT PUBLISHED IN AUGUST.

IT POINTS OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS SLOWED DOWN CONSIDERABLY IN THE THIRD QUARTER, IT WAS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN MIGHT BE EXPECTED IN VIEW OF THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN HONG KONG'S MAIN MARKETS.

IT ALSO SUGGESTS THAT THERE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN A REVIVAL IN THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC DEMAND. SO WHILE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR WAS PREDOMINANTLY EXPORT-LED, IT WAS PROBABLY LESS SO IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

THE REPORT EMPHASIZES THAT ECONOMIC GROWTH IN 1980 WAS ACCOMPANIED BY STABILITY. THE EASING OF DEMAND PRESSURE ON DOMESTIC RESOURCES WAS PARTICULARLY OBVIOUS IN THE LABOUR SECTOR AS A RESULT OF AN INCREASE IN THE SUPPLY OF LABOUR BECAUSE OF IMMIGRATION. THE RATE OF INCREASE IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS ALSO SLOWED DOWN CONSIDERABLY DESPITE STRONG DEMAND FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT. BUT THE PRESSURE OF DEMAND IN THE PROPERTY SECTOR PERSISTED AND PROPERTY PRICES WERE INCREASING RAPIDLY.

ALTHOUGH ACTIVITY IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR HAD SHOWN SIGNS OF SLOWING DOWN IN THE THIRD QUARTER, THE FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR (PARTICULARLY THE STOCK MARKET) AND THE PROPERTY SECTOR CONTINUED TO EXPAND RAPIDLY.

THE ECONOMIC REPORT CONTAINS INDIVIDUAL CHAPTERS ON THE EXTERNAL SECTOR, THE FINANCIAL SECTOR, THE LABOUR SECTOR, AND PRODUCTION AND PRICES, PRECEDED BY A CHAPTER GIVING THE OVERALL VIEW.

EXTERNAL SECTOR

ON THIS SECTOR, THE REPORT POINTS OUT THAT THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS SLOWED DOWN CONSIDERABLY IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ALSO SLOWED DOWN, CONTRIBUTING TO A SLOWING DOWN IN THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS. THE ENTREPOT TRADE HOWEVER CONTINUED TO GROW RAPIDLY.

WITH THE GROWTH RATE OF TOTAL EXPORTS HIGHER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+, THAT IS THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, NARROWED.

FINANCIAL SECTOR

THE REPORT INDICATES THAT THE GROWTH RATES OF THE MONEY SUPPLY AND OF TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES SLOWED DOWN IN THE THIRD QUARTER ALTHOUGH THEY WERE STILL FAIRLY RAPID.

IT CLAIMS THE MODERATE WEAKENING OF THE EXCHANGE RATE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR DURING THE THIRD QUARTER WAS AT LEAST PARTLY CAUSED BY THE WIDENING DIFFERENTIALS BETWEEN INTEREST RATES IN HONG KONG AND THOSE FOR THE US DOLLAR.

THIS DEVELOPMENT AND THE INCREASINGLY TIGHT LOCAL MONEY MARKET WERE THE REASON FOR THE INCREASE IN INTEREST RATES IN SEPTEMBER.

LABOUR SECTOR

THE REPORT REFRAINS FROM MAKING A DEFINITIVE VIEW, AS STATISTICS REFERRING TO SEPTEMBER WERE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

NEVERTHELESS, IT EXPECTS THAT, BECAUSE OF A RAPID INCREASE IN THE SUPPLY OF LABOUR AS A RESULT OF IMMIGRATION, THERE WAS INCREASING UNEMPLOYMENT AND A SLOWING DOWN IN THE RATE OF INCREASE IN WAGE RATES.

PRODUCTION

THE REPORT SUGGESTS INCREASING UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR (ALTHOUGH ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION CONTINUED TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY FOR THE MAJOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OTHER THAN TEXTILES AND TOYS).

IT ALSO DISCUSSES CONDITIONS IN THE PROPERTY MARKET. MAKING USE OF FIGURES ON BUILDINGS COMPLETED, THE REPORT NOTES THAT THERE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL ADDITION TO THE SUPPLY OF NEW OFFICE AND SHOP SPACE.

THERE WAS A CONTINUATION OF KEENER INTEREST IN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AS AGAINST RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY, BUT THE REPORT POINTS OUT THAT AN INCREASE IN DEMAND IN THE THIRD QUARTER CAUSED PURCHASE PRICES OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TO RISE RAPIDLY, ALTHOUGH RENTALS HAVE STABILIZED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF RENT CONTROL. AS TO ACTIVITY IN THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THE REPORT POINTS OUT THAT THERE WAS A DECLINE IN PRODUCTIVITY AS A RESULT OF CONTINUING RECRUITMENT OF UNSKILLED AND INEXPERIENCED LABOUR.

PRICES

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THE REPORT INDICATES THAT IMPORT PRICES STARTED TO INCREASE AGAIN IN THE THIRD QUARTER IN ALMOST ALL CATEGORIES OF IMPORTS.

WHILE MOVEMENTS OF IMPORT PRICES OF CONSUMER GOODS WILL TAKE TIME TO WORK THROUGH TO THE RETAIL LEVEL, THOSE OF FOODSTUFFS SEEM ALREADY TO HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN RECENT MOVEMENTS IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDICES.

THERE WAS A FOUR PER CENT INCREASE ON CONSUMER PRICES DURING THE THIRD QUARTER AND BY SEPTEMBER, CONSUMER PRICES WERE 14 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

COMMENTS

COMMENTING ON THE REPORT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT ECONOMIC GROWTH WAS STILL EXPORT-LED AND THAT THERE WAS A REASONABLE DEGREE OF ECONOMIC STABILITY.

BUT IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT HONG KONG TO BE UNAFFECTED BY THE PRESENT UNCERTAIN WORLD ECONOMIC PROSPECTS AND INCREASING WORLD PRICES, HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GROWTH RATE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS SLOWING DOWN AND THAT PRICES WERE STILL INCREASING. NEVERTHELESS, HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT THE HONG KONG ECONOMY WAS ADJUSTING FAVOURABLY TO THE CHANGING ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE THIRD QUARTER ECONOMIC REPORT 1980 AT \$8 A COPY WILL BE ON SALE FROM SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 29) AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN THE GPO BUILDING AT CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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TARGET OF SUBSIDISED FORM IV PLACES BEING ACHIEVED

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THE PROVISION OF SUBSIDISED FORM IV PLACES FOR 60 PER CENT OF THE 15-YEAR-OLD AGE GROUP WILL BE ACHIEVED IN 1982.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID THIS TODAY AT THE OPENING OF CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG.

+ALL CHILDREN NOW HAVE NINE YEARS OF FREE EDUCATION,+ HE SAID. +THE NEXT TARGET IS THE PROVISION OF SUBSIDISED FORM IV PLACES FOR 60 PER CENT OF THE 15-YEAR-OLD AGE GROUP.

+ALREADY, THIS YEAR HAS SEEN A 10 PER CENT INCREASE IN PLACES OVER LAST YEAR, BRINGING US WITHIN TWO PER CENT OF THE TARGET= AND, DESPITE THE UNEXPECTED INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR PLACES WHICH IMMIGRATION HAS PRODUCED, FULL PROVISION WILL BE ACHIEVED IN 1982.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID IN PRIMARY EDUCATION THE PROBLEM WAS NOT SO MUCH A NEED FOR QUANTITY AS FOR QUALITY.

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+THE VERY POSITIVE RESPONSE OF SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEES AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD TO THE GREEN PAPER ON PRIMARY EDUCATION AND PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES WILL ASSIST OUR PLANNERS TO IMPROVE QUALITY IN PRIMARY EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY IN THE RURAL AREAS,+ HE SAID.

HE DESCRIBED CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL AS +AN IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT, WELL DESIGNED, EQUIPPED WITH THE MOST MODERN FACILITIES AND SET IN A STRIKINGLY ATTRACTIVE LOCATION.+

+I AM ALSO IMPRESSED BY THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT WHICH INSPIRED THE PROJECT ITSELF, SECURED THE MEANS TO FUND IT AND ENGENDERED THE DETERMINATION TO SEE IT THROUGH TO COMPLETION.

+THERE COULD BE NO CLEARER INDICATION OF THE VITALITY OF THE PEOPLE OF SAI KUNG.+

THE GOVERNOR CONTINUED: +THERE ARE MANY WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE SCHOOL. I AM GRATEFUL TO ALL OF THEM AND IN PARTICULAR WOULD LIKE TO MENTION MR CHENG CHEK CHEE'S EXCEPTIONAL GENEROSITY.+

HE ALSO THANKED MR YAU KEI, CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, AND NUMEROUS OTHER SAI KUNG PEOPLE BOTH IN HONG KONG AND ABROAD WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED.

+THEIR GENEROSITY HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO IDENTIFY WITH THE SCHOOL FROM THE OUTSET, TO FEEL IT IS THEIR SCHOOL, AND TO TAKE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE EDUCATION OF SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE OF SAI KUNG.+

ON PROJECTS BEING PLANNED FOR SAI KUNG, THE GOVERNOR SAID THERE WAS A SPORTSGROUND TO BE BUILT BY 1982 FOR WHICH SIR SHIU-KIN TANG HAD PLEDGED A GENEROUS \$3 MILLION.

+THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL, JOINTLY FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY AND THE JOCKEY CLUB, WILL OPEN IN 1982.

+IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CLEARWATER BAY ROAD ARE WELL UNDER WAY WITH THE LARGER FIRST PHASE NEARING COMPLETION AND THE SECOND TO BE FINISHED BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

+THIS, WITH OTHER TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS IN KOWLOON, WILL EASE ACCESS FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAI KUNG TO THE URBAN AREA AND FOR THE URBAN HOLIDAY-MAKERS TO THE BEAUTIFUL RURAL AREAS OF SAI KUNG.

+SO, SAI KUNG IS GROWING= NEW HOUSING, NEW INDUSTRY, AND NEW CIVIC AMENITIES ARE BEING DEVELOPED. OBVIOUSLY MORE DEVELOPMENT IS TO COME.

+IT IS REASSURING THAT SAI KUNG HAS A TRADITION OF COMMUNITY EFFORT, AND HAS LEADERS WHO WILL HELP TO GUIDE SAI KUNG THROUGH THIS PERIOD OF EXCITING DEVELOPMENT AND ADJUSTMENT,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR YAU KEI CALLED FOR +PERPETUAL AND ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT+ FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PEOPLE WHO HAD CONCERN FOR EDUCATION SO THAT THE SCHOOL COULD DEVELOP AND IMPROVE ITS FACILITIES.

MR YAU SAID HE BELIEVED THAT PRIMARY EDUCATION, WHICH FORMED THE FOUNDATION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, NEEDED GREATER DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT TO COPE WITH THE DEMANDS OF THE TIME.

+IF WE BUILD BIGGER, BETTER, CENTRALISED PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN PLACE OF THE PRESENT SMALL VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOLS, THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT WILL IMPROVE AND SO NATURALLY WILL SECONDARY EDUCATION.

+I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL AGAIN ALLOW THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO JOIN FORCES WITH IT TO BUILD THE NEW SCHOOLS NEEDED,+ MR YAU SAID.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, MR CHUNG POON, GAVE A VOTE OF THANKS.

PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY, THE GOVERNOR HAD LUNCH WITH THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND LOCAL LEADERS AT A SAI KUNG RESTAURANT. OTHER GUESTS INCLUDED SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES= DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI= MR KEN TOPLEY= AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR COLIN BOSHER. ALSO PRESENT WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT, AND SIR RUN RUN SHAW.

SITUATED CLOSE TO THE JUNCTION OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, THE SCHOOL HAS 24 CLASSROOMS, MORE THAN 10 SPECIAL ROOMS AND LABORATORIES, A SCHOOL HALL AND TWO BASKETBALL COURTS.

THERE ARE PLANS TO BUILD A FOOTBALL PITCH, A LANGUAGE LABORATORY AND A GYMNASIUM ON AN ADJACENT SITE LATER.

AT PRESENT, THE SCHOOL OPERATES SIX FORM I AND FORM II CLASSES AND HAS 18 TEACHERS. UPON FULL ENROLMENT IN 1983 THERE WILL BE ALTOGETHER 1 200 STUDENTS. THE PRINCIPAL IS MRS CHAN FOK PO-CHUN.

THE CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AMOUNTED TO OVER \$11 MILLION, OF WHICH 84 PER CENT WAS BORNE BY THE GOVERNMENT. MORE THAN \$1 MILLION WAS DONATED BY MR CHENG CHEK-CHEE.

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UNITED FRONT URGED TO COMBAT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

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PARENTS AND TEACHERS SHOULD UNITE TO COMBAT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, URGED TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF COGNITIO COLLEGE, MR HAYE SAID BOTH PARENTS AND TEACHERS HAD A VITAL AND COMPLEMENTARY ROLE TO PLAY IN RAISING THE MORAL TONE OF THE YOUNG.

+IT IS IN THE HOME THAT THE FIRST IMPORTANT LESSONS ARE LEARNED+, MR HAYE SAID. INDULGENT OR THOUGHTLESS PARENTS OFTEN PERMIT THEIR YOUNG TO DISREGARD ELEMENTARY RULES OF CONDUCT AND THIS LEADS TO TROUBLE LATER ON.

+OF COURSE WE ALL LOVE OUR CHILDREN AND WANT TO GIVE THEM THE THINGS WE NEVER HAD+, MR HAYE SAID. +BUT IN SHOWERING GIFTS ON OUR CHILDREN MUST WE NOT THINK OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNSTINTED LOVE?+

IT IS TOO EASY FOR CHILDREN USED TO GETTING RATHER THAN GIVING TO BECOME SPOILED AND SELFISH, AND THIS IS WHERE THE FIRST SEEDS OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ARE SOWN.

CHILDREN SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO BE RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY, MR HAYE SAID, AND WITH THE FIRST LESSONS OF FILIAL PIETY AND OBEDIENCE THE FOUNDATIONS OF RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP ARE LAID.

IN THE CLASSROOM TEACHERS SHOULD TAKE UP FROM WHERE PARENTS HAVE LEFT OFF BY EXPLAINING THE ORIGINS OF SOCIAL ORDER. ALL BUT THE MOST PRIMITIVE SOCIETIES HAVE A FRAMEWORK OF RULES GOVERNING SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND THESE HAVE BEEN CODIFIED IN MORE CIVILIZED STATES AS LAWS.

THE TEACHER HAS A DUTY TO MAKE PUPILS AWARE OF THE BASES OF CIVILISATION. LAW, ORDER, ETHICS AND RULES OF CONDUCT REFLECT THE RATIONALITY OF MANKIND.

+PARENTS AND TEACHERS MUST REALISE THAT THEY ARE PARTNERS IN THIS IMPORTANT BUSINESS OF RAISING YOUNG PEOPLE,+ MR HAYE DECLARED. THEY SHOULD NOT COMPETE, NOR SHOULD THEY BLAME EACH OTHER, HE SAID.

+THERE ARE NO BAD CHILDREN, ONLY BAD PARENTS!+ IS SOMETIMES SAID BY THE DEFENSIVE TEACHERS. +AND THERE ARE NO BAD PUPILS, ONLY BAD TEACHERS!+ IS THE RETORT OF IRATE PARENTS. +GOOD PARENTS AND GOOD TEACHERS MAKE GOOD CITIZENS!+ SHOULD BE THE COMPACT.

+AND REMEMBER,+ MR HAYE WARNED, +EXAMPLE IS FAR MORE EFFECTIVE THAN PRECEPT. 'DO AS I DO, NOT AS I SAY' OUGHT TO BE THE SLOGAN.+

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KWAN YICK INDUSTRIAL BUILDING TO BE DEMOLISHED

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THE KWAN YICK INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AT 126-140 TEXACO ROAD, TSUEN WAN, WHICH WAS DECLARED LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS EARLIER THIS YEAR, IS TO BE DEMOLISHED, THE BUILDING AUTHORITY ANNOUNCED TODAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID DEMOLITION INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO ITS CONTRACTORS.

THE MOVE CAME ABOUT AFTER THE OWNERS WERE UNABLE TO EITHER IMPLEMENT AN APPROVED SCHEME OF REPAIRS TO THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BUILDING OR TO UNDERTAKE ITS DEMOLITION AS DEMANDED BY THE STATUTORY ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE.

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT THE BUILDING AUTHORITY DECLARED THE BUILDING LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS ON MARCH 18, 1980 AND ACCORDINGLY A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT ON JUNE 18, 1980 WAS POSTED ON THE SAME DAY.

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ON JUNE 16, THE OWNERS APPLIED TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF THE CLOSURE IN THE HOPE OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT AMONG THEMSELVES ON THE NECESSARY REPAIR WORK. A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY GRANTED.

AS THE OWNERS FAILED TO CARRY OUT THE REQUIRED REPAIRS DURING THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD, THE BUILDING WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CLOSED UNDER COURT ORDER, ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1980, TO ENABLE THEM TO ARRANGE FOR THE DEMOLITION WORKS TO BE EXECUTED.

THE OWNERS HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH THIS PART OF THE STATUTORY ORDER AND THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS UNDERTAKING THE REQUIRED DEMOLITION.

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KEEN COMPETITION FOR NT SCHOOL PLACES

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THE INCREASE IN POPULATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN RECENT YEARS HAS MEANT VERY KEEN COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL PLACES, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR J.M. RIDDELL-SWAN SAID TODAY.

HE WAS ADDRESSING THE 17TH SPEECH DAY OF THE WONG SHIU CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL IN TAI PO.

MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID: +DURING RECENT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN GREAT DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THIS HAS RESULTED IN A TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN POPULATION.

+THIS HAS, IN TURN, MEANT THAT COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL PLACES IS VERY KEEN AND THOSE WHO ARE NOW STUDYING HERE AT WONG SHIU CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOULD CONSIDER YOURSELVES LUCKY AND PRIVILEGED. +

HE URGED THE STUDENTS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY HARD AND DO WELL IN THEIR COURSES.

WONG SHIU CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL IS ONE OF THE BEST SCHOOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS HAS BEEN NOTED FOR THE HIGH STANDARD SET BY ITS STUDENTS, MR RIDDELL-SWAN ADDED.

THE SCHOOL HAS MORE THAN 1 000 STUDENTS AND ITS POLICY IS TO GIVE PRIORITY TO CHILDREN FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES, PARTICULARLY FROM THE TAI PO, NORTH, SHA TIN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICTS.

MR RIDDELL-SWAN THANKED ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL, TEACHERS AND PUPILS ALIKE, FOR THEIR SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS IN THE HILL FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN AND THE PROTECT YOUR COUNTRYSIDE CAMPAIGN.

HE ASKED FOR THEIR CONTINUED CONTRIBUTION +THIS YEAR I WOULD ASK YOU TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO HELP TO SUPPORT THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AND TO KEEP YOUR COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN AND LITTER FREE. I AM SURE I CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT,+ HE SAID.

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SUCCESSFUL END TO TV SERIES ON MARITAL RELATIONSHIP

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, HAS SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SERIES +ASK THE FAMILY+ WHICH DREW 20 000 ENTRIES TO A GUESS GAME FROM TV VIEWERS.

THE 13 WEEKLY SERIES, AIMED TO PROMOTE +HAPPY MARRIAGE, HAPPY LIFE+, CAME TO A CLOSE LAST (WEDNESDAY) NIGHT WHEN A COMMUNITY LEADER, MR CHIU YU-HEI, PICKED THE WINNERS OF THE GAME.

THE FIRST PRIZE WAS \$5 000 WORTH OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES. THERE WERE 100 CONSOLATION PRIZES -- LETTER RACKS EMBELLISHED WITH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION MESSAGES.

AT THE FINALE, MR ALLEYNE PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO MR CHIU WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED \$30 000 TO THE PRODUCTION OF THE SERIES.

MR ALLEYNE SAID THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE FROM TV VIEWERS MUST SERVE AS A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE ORGANISERS OF THE PROGRAMME.

THE SERIES WAS JOINTLY PLANNED AND PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AS PART OF A COMMUNITY-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO FOSTER HAPPY MARITAL RELATIONSHIP.

MR ALLEYNE ALSO EXCHANGED SOUVENIRS WITH THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR STUART WILKINSON, TO MARK THE JOINT EFFORT OF BOTH DEPARTMENTS.

THE SERIES, BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER, FEATURED A QUIZ ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND ELECTRONIC GAMES DESIGNED TO TEST THE CLOSE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION OF PARTICIPATING FAMILIES.

TWO FAMILIES WHO WERE WINNERS OF THE ELECTRONIC GAMES TODAY FLEW OFF TO THE PHILIPPINES FOR A SEVEN-DAY PLEASURE TRIP THEY WON AS PRIZES.

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NORMAL SERVICE FOR LETTERS TO VENEZUELA

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE REGISTRATION SERVICE FOR LETTER-POST ITEMS TO VENEZUELA, WHICH WAS SUSPENDED ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1980, WOULD BE RESUMED FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 1).

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TRAFFIC DIVERSION ON KWAI CHUNG ROAD
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KWAI CHUNG ROAD BETWEEN CONTAINER PORT ROAD AND LAI KING HILL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR WORK ON A FLYOVER FROM MIDNIGHT TO 5.30 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING FROM SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 29) TO FRIDAY NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 5).

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIODS, NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND TRAFFIC ON KWAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO CONTAINER PORT ROAD AND KWAI FUK ROAD AND WILL REJOIN KWAI CHUNG ROAD VIA KWAI FOO ROAD.

KOWLOON-BOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LAI KING HILL ROAD BEFORE REJOINING KWAI CHUNG ROAD AT THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL INTERCHANGE.

ALL BUS ROUTES USING THIS SECTION OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE SIMILARLY DIVERTED.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF CANAL ROAD FLYOVERS
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CANAL ROAD EAST AND WEST FLYOVERS IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED FOR VARIOUS PERIODS OVERNIGHT BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM, UNTIL DECEMBER 20, FOR RESURFACING WORK.

CANAL ROAD EAST FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED EACH NIGHT FROM TONIGHT UNTIL WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 3) AND AGAIN ON DECEMBER 6 AND DECEMBER 20.

DURING THESE PERIODS, CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS NOS. 121 AND 122 ON LEAVING THE TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NORTH POINT EXIT ROAD, GLOUCESTER ROAD, VICTORIA PARK FLYOVER, GLOUCESTER ROAD AGAIN, AND PERCIVAL STREET BEFORE RESUMING THEIR NORMAL ROUTE ON HENNESSY ROAD.

MOTORISTS CAN USE THE NORTH POINT EXIT ROAD ON THE WATERFRONT SECTION OF GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND AS AN ALTERNATIVE.

CANAL ROAD WEST FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED NIGHTLY BETWEEN DECEMBER 9 AND 12 AND ON DECEMBER 18.

ON THESE NIGHTS, BUS NO. 121 ON HENNESSY ROAD GOING TO KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED VIA GREAT GEORGE STREET, PATERSON STREET, GLOUCESTER ROAD AND WATERFRONT ROAD BEFORE ENTERING THE TUNNEL.

BUS NO. 122 ON HENNESSY ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER, WAN CHAI FERRY ROAD, FLEMING ROAD AND WATERFRONT ROAD BEFORE GOING THROUGH THE TUNNEL.

MOTORISTS CAN APPROACH THE TUNNEL VIA THE WATERFRONT SECTION OF GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND.

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