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ELECTRICITY BILL COULD GO TO EXCO NEXT YEAR

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THE NEW ELECTRICITY BILL COULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION NEXT YEAR, THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR OSBORNE SAID THE PRINCIPLES OF CHANGES TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE PROPOSED BILL WERE CIRCULATED LAST DECEMBER TO 12 REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR VIEWS.

IN MAY, A DISCUSSION PAPER INCORPORATING VARIOUS VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS OF THESE REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS WAS CIRCULATED FOR FURTHER COMMENTS.

LAST MONTH, A SECOND DISCUSSION PAPER, DETAILING THE PROPOSALS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS WAS ALSO SENT OUT FOR COMMENTS FROM THESE ORGANISATIONS.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE CONSULTATIONS NOW IN PROGRESS WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS,+ MR OSBORNE SAID.

+THEREAFTER, DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE LAW DRAFTSMAN SO THAT A NEW ELECTRICITY BILL WITH ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION IN 1985.+

MR OSBORNE, WHO WAS SPEAKING AT THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND APPLIANCES TRADE WORKERS' UNION, SAID THE NEW BILL WOULD ENSURE THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS WAS CLEARLY DELINEATED.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE THE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESCRIBING COMPREHENSIVE TECHNICAL STANDARDS IN A CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE WIRING AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND ALSO FOR COMPILING AND MAINTAINING A REGISTER OF QUALIFIED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS.

THE CODE WOULD BE BASED ON THE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE SUPPLY RULES AND THE LATEST EDITION OF THE INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS WIRING REGULATIONS DETAILING THE MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS FOR ELECTRICAL WIRING INSTALLATIONS.

MEANWHILE, THE TWO SUPPLY COMPANIES WOULD STILL BE REQUIRED TO INSPECT AND TEST ALL NEW INSTALLATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THEY WERE SAFE BEFORE MAKING CONNECTION FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AND CONSUMERS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO EMPLOY REGISTERED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS TO INSTALL, MODIFY, REPAIR AND PERIODICALLY INSPECT AND TEST THEIR INSTALLATIONS.

DOMESTIC PREMISES AND SMALL COMMERCIAL INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM THE PERIODIC INSPECTION, BUT THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT OWNERS OF INSTALLATIONS WERE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO BE RESPONSIBLE.

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+IN FACT, UNDER COMMON LAW, THEY ARE NOW AND WILL REMAIN RESPONSIBLE IN FUTURE FOR ENSURING THAT THEIR WIRING AND FITTINGS DO NOT BECOME HAZARDOUS,+ MR OSBORNE SAID.

HE SAID THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REGISTERED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS WOULD BE TO EMPLOY APPROPRIATE REGISTERED ELECTRICAL WORKERS TO CARRY OUT THE WORK IF THEY THEMSELVES WERE NOT REGISTERED ELECTRICAL WORKERS, AND TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE AFTER THE WORK HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND A CERTIFICATE AFTER PERFORMING THE PERIODICAL TEST ON EACH INSTALLATION.

LASTLY, THE MOST IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY WAS THAT OF REGISTERED ELECTRICAL WORKERS THEMSELVES, WHO SHOULD UNDERTAKE THE WORK CONSCIENTIOUSLY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE WERE FULLY COMPLIED WITH AND THAT THE INSTALLATION WAS SAFE AND IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

THEY SHOULD ALSO EXERCISE DUE CARE AND TAKE ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE BOTH PROPERTY AND HUMAN LIFE WERE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED FROM ELECTRICAL HAZARDS, MR OSBORNE CONCLUDED.

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KEEN DEMAND FOR FACTORY UNITS AS LOCAL EXPORTS INCREASE
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DEMAND FOR SMALL TO MEDIUM-SIZED FACTORY UNITS HAS BEEN GROWING AS HONG KONG EXPORTS CONTINUE TO INCREASE.

THIS IS CLEARLY REFLECTED BY THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSES FROM INDUSTRIALISTS TO GOVERNMENT FACTORY UNITS IN RECENT MONTHS.

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, ALTOGETHER 4 659 UNITS HAVE BEEN LET IN HOUSING AUTHORITY FACTORY ESTATES.

SIX MONTHS AGO, THERE WERE STILL 5 141 VACANCIES, AND NOW THERE ARE ONLY 482 REMAINING FOR LETTING.

THE LATEST VIVID EXAMPLE IS THE WANG CHEONG FACTORY IN CHEUNG SHA WAN WHERE MORE THAN HALF OF ITS 1 045 UNITS HAVE BEEN SNAPPED UP BY INTERESTED OPERATORS IN THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF APPLICATION.

+THIS ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE IS REFLECTED IN OTHER HOUSING AUTHORITY FACTORY ESTATES AND HAS BROUGHT FULL OCCUPATION OF THE FACTORY ESTATES OF YUEN LONG, KOWLOON BAY, YIP ON AND TSUN SHING,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

TO DATE, OF THE 17 GOVERNMENT FACTORY ESTATES, 14 HAVE ALREADY BEEN FULLY LET, WHILE LIMITED STOCK IS AVAILABLE AT WANG CHEONG, SHUN KEI AND SUI FAI FACTORY ESTATES.

+LETTING OF THE REMAINING UNITS WILL CONTINUE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AUTHORITY'S STREAMLINED LETTING PROCEDURE WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR HAD HELPED BOOST THE LETTINGS.

UNDER THE DIRECT APPLICATION SYSTEM, ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS ARE IMMEDIATELY GRANTED TENANCIES OF SELECTED UNITS WITH NO RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER OF UNITS THEY CAN RENT.

+THE FLEXIBILITY IN RENTAL NUMBERS, PLUS THE SMALL SIZE OF THE UNITS, EACH OF 25 SQUARE METRES, ENABLE OPERATORS RUNNING SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESS TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS.

+THESE ADVANTAGES ARE RARELY AVAILABLE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FURTHERMORE, HOUSING AUTHORITY FACTORY ESTATES OFFER SPECIAL FEATURES AND FACILITIES INCLUDING HEAVY FLOOR-LOADING CAPACITIES, BALCONY/ACCESS ON ALL UPPER FLOORS, SPACIOUS COVERED LOADING/UNLOADING BAYS, ADEQUATE CARPARKING SPACES AND PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH RESIDENTIAL CARETAKING AND ROUND-THE-CLOCK SECURITY.

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MAY RETAIL SALES HIT \$5.5 BILLION

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THE VALUE OF SALES FOR THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR IN MAY 1984 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$5 528 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AT 163, THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEX INCREASED BY 5 POINTS OR 3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1984, AND BY 26 POINTS OR 19 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1983. THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEX, AT 113, WAS 3 POINTS OR 3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT FOR APRIL 1984, AND 7 POINTS OR 6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT FOR MAY 1983.

COMPARED WITH THE APRIL 1984 SALES, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES AND FUELS INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. THOSE OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS OR 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. RETAIL SALES OF FOOTSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO, AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS ROSE SLIGHTLY, BY 1 PER CENT EACH, IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARED WITH MAY 1983, CONSUMER DURABLES RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN SALES VALUE, AT 30 PER CENT, FOLLOWED BY CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS (28 PER CENT), FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (20 PER CENT), OTHER CONSUMER GOODS (13 PER CENT) AND FUELS (9 PER CENT).

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IN TERMS OF SALES VOLUME, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS SHOWED THE LARGEST INCREASE, AT 14 PER CENT, FOLLOWED BY CONSUMER DURABLES (13 PER CENT), FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (6 PER CENT), OTHER CONSUMER GOODS (3 PER CENT) AND FUELS (1 PER CENT).

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1984 SALES. RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES, MOTOR VEHICLES AND DEPARTMENT STORES ALSO RECORDED INCREASES. WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1983 SALES, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS AND MODERATELY IN VOLUME TERMS, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES, DEPARTMENT STORES AND MOTOR VEHICLES ALSO RECORDED LARGE INCREASES IN VALUE TERMS BUT SMALLER INCREASES IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE REVISED FIGURE FOR APRIL 1984 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR MAY 1984 OF TOTAL SALES ARE PRESENTED BELOW, AND THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 TAKEN AS 100, ARE ALSO TABULATED.

COMPARISONS OF MAY 1984 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF APRIL 1984 AND MAY 1983 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE MAY 1984 SURVEY RESULTS WILL SOON BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1.00 A COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216024).

TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR MAY 1984 (PROVISIONAL FIGURE) = HK\$5 528 MILLION
FOR APRIL 1984 (REVISED FIGURE) = HK\$5 364 MILLION

VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR APRIL
AND MAY 1984

(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)

ITEM	INDEX OF RETAIL SALES	APRIL	MAY	MAY 1984		MAY 1984	
		1984	1984	COMPARED WITH	COMPARED WITH	COMPARED WITH	COMPARED WITH
		(REVISED FIGURES)	(PROVISIONAL FIGURES)	APRIL 1984	%	MAY 1983	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES	VALUE	158	163	5	3	26	19
	VOLUME	110	113	3	3	7	6

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MAJOR
TRADE
GROUPS

FOODSTUFFS,
ALCOHOLIC
DRINKS
AND
TOBACCO

VALUE	171	173	2	1	29	20
VOLUME	111	112	1	1	7	6

FUELS

VALUE	189	196	8	4	17	9
VOLUME	121	125	5	4	1	1

CLOTHING,
FOOTWEAR
AND
ALLIED
PRODUCTS

VALUE	184	192	7	4	41	28
VOLUME	124	128	3	2	16	14

CONSUMER
DURABLES

VALUE	147	160	13	9	37	30
VOLUME	110	119	10	9	14	13

OTHER
CONSUMER
GOODS

VALUE	148	149	2	1	17	13
VOLUME	106	107	1	1	3	3

(C) BY
SELECTED
TRADES

SUPER-
MARKETS

VALUE	263	303	40	15	94	45
VOLUME	161	185	24	15	38	26

MOTOR
VEHICLES

VALUE	65	69	4	7	14	26
VOLUME	40	42	3	7	4	12

CONSUMER
DURABLES
OTHER
THAN
MOTOR
VEHICLES

VALUE	203	222	19	9	52	30
VOLUME	158	172	14	9	20	13

DEPARTMENT
STORES

VALUE	138	143	4	3	29	25
VOLUME	100	102	3	3	13	14

- NOTES: 1. +FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO+ INCLUDES +SUPERMARKETS+.
2. +CONSUMER DURABLES+ INCLUDES +MOTOR VEHICLES+.
3. +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCLUDES +DEPARTMENT STORES+.
4. FIGURES DENOTING CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM THE UNROUNDED INDEX FIGURES.

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT TUEN MUN APPROVED

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A SIX-STOREY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT TUEN MUN FOR THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WAS AMONG 28 PLANS APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN JUNE.

ALSO APPROVED WERE TWO THREE-STOREY BLOCKS OF STAFF QUARTERS AT VICTORIA ROAD FOR HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, A HOME FOR THE AGED AT KUNG LOK ROAD FOR HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION, A CARE AND ATTENTION HOME AT SHA HA, SAI KUNG, FOR CLINICAL HEALTH SERVICES (SAI KUNG) LIMITED; A POST-GRADUATE CENTRE AND DORMITORY AT CHEUNG CHAU FOR THE ALLIANCE BIBLE SEMINARY, AND FOUR FOOTBRIDGES AT TAIKOO SHING AND TAI PO.

OF THE PLANS APPROVED, 11 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FOUR IN KOWLOON AND 13 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THIS BRINGS TO 197 THE NUMBER OF BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO AGREED TO WORK STARTING ON 25 NEW PROJECTS COMPRISING 33 BUILDINGS DURING THE MONTH.

TEN WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FIVE IN KOWLOON AND 10 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED A ROWING CENTRE AT SHING MUN RIVER NEAR WO CHE ESTATE, SHA TIN, FOR THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION; AND A 26-STOREY FACTORY BLOCK AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, FOR MELOFORCE LIMITED.

ALSO INCLUDED WERE A KINGDERGARTEN, NURSERY AND QUARTERS AT THE JUNCTION OF LEIGHTON ROAD AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD, A RAIN SHELTER AT CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, AND A COMMUNITY CENTRE AT CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN.

A TOTAL OF 41 OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED IN RESPECT OF NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS IN JUNE BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE.

THEY INCLUDED A 24-STOREY CLUB HOUSE AND OFFICE BOUNDED BY JACKSON ROAD, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, CHATER ROAD AND CLUB STREET FOR HONG KONG LAND COMPANY LIMITED, A SWIMMING POOL AT TAIKOO SHING, AN EIGHT-STOREY LIBRARY BUILDING AT WATERLOO ROAD FOR HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, A STAFF QUARTERS FOR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AT SHA TIN, AND A 26-STOREY GODOWN BLOCK AT TEXACO ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

THE COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN JUNE WAS ALMOST \$879 MILLION.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ISSUED 12 DEMOLITION ORDERS IN RESPECT OF 26 BUILDINGS.

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ALLOWANCES RAISED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED THE PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES, THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE AUXILIARY FORCES' PAY AND ALLOWANCES HAD BEEN INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT, BACKDATED TO APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE 1978 THE PAY AND ALLOWANCES WERE REVIEWED EVERY TWO YEARS, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE RISE IN THE COST OF LIVING AND THE PAY INCREASE AWARDED TO THE CIVIL SERVICE.

FOLLOWING THE LATEST BIENNIAL REVIEW, THE AUXILIARY FORCES' DAILY RATE PAY NOW RANGES FROM \$79.20 TO \$384 AND THE HOURLY RATE FROM \$9.90 TO \$48, WHILE THE NEW FLYING ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE IS \$12.50 PER HOUR.

THE PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE ARE LINKED TO THOSE OF THE REGULAR FORCE AND ARE REVIEWED ANNUALLY UNDER SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS, HE ADDED.

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CONTEST TO ENCOURAGE VOTING

YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 27 WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION THROUGH A QUIZ CONTEST ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE EVENT IS PART OF THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN BEING LAUNCHED TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO REGISTER AS VOTERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER CORRECTLY 30 QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM.

APPLICATION FORMS TOGETHER WITH THE QUESTIONS AND MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWERS, AND COPIES OF A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE AUGUST 23.

SIXTEEN WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED TO ENTER THE FINAL TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23 AT THE ST. LOUIS OLD BOYS SECONDARY SCHOOL.

APART FROM DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, QUESTIONS ON PUBLIC AND CURRENT AFFAIRS WILL ALSO BE ASKED AT THE FINAL.

PRIZES WILL INCLUDE A COMPUTER, A TYPEWRITER, A CAMERA AND AN ELECTRONIC CALCULATOR.

THE QUIZ CONTEST IS SPONSORED BY THE ST. LOUIS GROUP OF SCHOOLS AND A LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

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LEARNING ABOUT THE WEATHER FIRST HAND

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TWENTY-TWO WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL VISIT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TOMORROW (MONDAY) AFTERNOON FOR A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT ITS FACILITIES AND OPERATION.

THE VISIT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM WITH A BRIEFING BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, DR PETER LI AND MR ROBERT LAU, FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY CENTENARY BUILDING.

THE PARTY WILL ALSO VISIT VARIOUS DIVISIONS, INCLUDING THE CENTRAL FORECASTING OFFICE, THE TELECOMMUNICATION CENTRE AND DATA ACQUISITION SECTION, THE COMPUTER DIVISION, THE PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY UNIT, THE SEISMOLOGY, ASTRONOMY AND TIME SERVICES SECTION AND THE METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS SECTION.

THERE WILL BE A DISCUSSION SESSION BEFORE THE VISIT ENDS AT 5 PM.

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MINI-WATER-PLAY PARK OPENING

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THE FIRST MINI-WATER-PLAY PARK IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPEN FOR TUEN MUN RESIDENTS FROM FRIDAY (AUGUST 3).

THE INNOVATIVE AND IMAGINATIVELY-DESIGNED ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB YAN OI TONG SWIMMING POOL, OCCUPIES 6 600 SQUARE METRES AT A SITE NEAR TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, AND IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE TAI HING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE SWIMMING COMPLEX IS A LEISURE POOL WHICH IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE CONVENTIONAL RECTANGULAR-SHAPED PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE NEW LEISURE POOL IS ABOUT 1 000 SQUARE METRES, AND DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS WITH +ROCKS+ SERVING AS A CENTRAL DIVIDER. AT THE +SPLASHING LAGOON+, THERE ARE TWO WATER SLIDES FITTED WITH WATER POINTS TO ALLOW WATER TO DRIP AND MAKE THE SLIDE MORE SLIPPERY FOR THE SWIMMERS.

THE WATER IN THE CENTRE OF THE LAGOON IS DEEP AND SAFE ENOUGH FOR SPLASHING FROM THE WATER SLIDES, SAID THE SPOKESMAN, ADDING THAT IT WAS ABOUT 1.2 METRES IN DEPTH.

LIFEGUARDS WILL BE ON DUTY AT VARIOUS WATCHING POINTS.

THE OTHER LAGOON, WITH A FOUNTAIN BUILT IN THE CENTRE IS FOR SWIMMING AND PADDLING. NEAR THE CENTRE, THE POOL IS ABOUT ONE METRE DEEP, BECOMING SHALLOWER IN OTHER AREAS.

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THERE IS ALSO A SMALL PADDLING POOL AT ANOTHER CORNER OF THE COMPLEX FOR THE USE OF SMALLER CHILDREN.

THE SWIMMING COMPLEX CAN ACCOMMODATE 350 PEOPLE FOR FAMILY LEISURE SWIMMING, INCLUDING THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, AS SPECIAL FACILITIES ARE BEING PROVIDED THERE FOR THEM.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE CHANGING ROOMS WITH SHOWERS, PUBLIC TOILETS, FIRST-AID-ROOM AND OFFICE.

LANDSCAPED AREAS AROUND THE COMPLEX PRESENT A WARM AND PLEASANT ATMOSPHERE AND ADD COLOUR TO THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COSTING \$5 MILLION, THE PROJECT HAS BEEN FUNDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, AND IS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED BY A PRIVATE ARCHITECT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE YAN OI TONG, A PROMINENT LOCAL ORGANISATION IN TUEN MUN.

THE FACILITY WAS COMPLETED EARLY THIS MONTH, AND HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT.

THE SWIMMING POOL HOURS ARE FROM 7 AM TO 9.15 AM, 9.45 AM TO 12 NOON, 1 PM TO 4 PM; 4.30 PM TO 6.45 PM AND 7.45 PM TO 10 PM DURING THE CURRENT PEAK SWIMMING SEASON.

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COOKING FOR THE AGED * * *

+DAU FOO+ - BEAN CURD - WAS THE ORDER OF THE DAY AT A MASSIVE COOK-IN THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON IN KOWLOON CITY.

USING BEAN CURD AS THE MAIN INGREDIENT, 60 AMATEUR CHEFS, AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 25, DEMONSTRATED THEIR TALENT IN A +RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY+ COOKING COMPETITION.

THE CONTESTANTS WERE REQUIRED TO PREPARE THEIR DISHES WITHIN 25 MINUTES, PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ORIGINALITY, COOKING SKILL, ECONOMY AND NUTRITION OF THE DISH NAMED AND DESIGNED BY THEMSELVES.

ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT WERE LATER INVITED TO TRY THE DISHES.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, THE CONTEST WAS AIMED AT DRAWING ATTENTION TOWARDS FOOD NUTRITION AND CONCERN FOR THE AGED.

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PARENTS VISIT MUSIC CAMP
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IT WAS OPEN DAY FOR PARENTS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE 1984 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP IN SAI KUNG.

ABOUT 260 YOUNG MUSICIANS INCLUDING SOME FROM MACAU, THE PHILIPPINES AND MALAYSIA ARE TAKING PART IN THE TWO-WEEK CAMP BEING HELD AT THE PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP.

PARENTS WERE SHOWN AROUND THE HOSTEL, GYMNASIUM AND THE OPEN-AIR AUDITORIUM OF THE HOLIDAY CAMP WHERE REHEARSALS OF THE VARIOUS CAMP ORCHESTRAS, BANDS AND CHOIR WERE HELD IN THE PAST WEEK UNDER THE BATONS OF RENOWNED LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MUSICIANS.

PARENTS WERE ALSO TREATED TO A FULL REHEARSAL OF THE MUSIC CAMP SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR, CONDUCTED BY GEORG TINTNER. THE ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR WILL APPEAR WITH THE MUSIC CAMP CHINESE ORCHESTRA IN A FINALE CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL ON AUGUST 4.

THE HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP, HELD FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, AIMS AT PROVIDING YOUNG MUSIC ENTHUSIASTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING IN A SUMMER CAMP ATMOSPHERE.

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COURSES OFFERED ON HOW TO RUN SCHOOLS
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COURSES ON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION ARE BEING CONDUCTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR HEADS AND POTENTIAL HEADS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

SINCE THE SCHEME BEGAN IN 1982 MORE THAN 300 PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS IN PUBLIC-SECTOR SCHOOLS HAVE COMPLETED THE COURSE.

THE LATEST GROUP OF ABOUT 20 SCHOOL HEADS WILL START THE COURSE TOMORROW (MONDAY). THEY ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THE COURSE IN MID-AUGUST IN TIME FOR THE NEW SCHOOL TERM IN SEPTEMBER.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE - THE HONG KONG EDUCATION SYSTEM, COMMUNICATION SKILLS, STUDENT COUNSELLING, FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION IN SCHOOLS, THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE, THE CODE OF AID, CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT.

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TRAILERS TO GET 'T' MARK
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TRAILERS WILL, FOR THE FIRST TIME, BE REGISTERED AND LICENSED IN THE SAME WAY AS MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS.

THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED REGISTRATION MARKS BEARING THE SUFFIX 'T'.

+THE MEASURE WILL FACILITATE IDENTIFICATION OF THE TRAILER'S OWNER WHEN IT IS NOT ATTACHED TO A TRACTOR,+ A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+WITH SOME MINOR EXCEPTIONS, ALL REGULATIONS CONCERNING REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ARE ALSO APPLICABLE TO TRAILERS, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO CARRY SEPARATE THIRD PARTY INSURANCE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE NEW REGULATIONS ALSO REQUIRE ALL VEHICLES TO USE REFLECTIVE NUMBER PLATES AFTER MAY 31, 1985 - A PROVISION TRANSFERRED FROM THE REVOKED REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 220).

REFLECTIVE NUMBER PLATES DISPLAYED SHOULD BE OF AN APPROVED TYPE WITH THE INSCRIPTION BSAU 145A, AND ALL SUPPLIERS SHOULD BE APPROVED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY, MOTOR CYCLES ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO BE FITTED WITH A FRONT NUMBER PLATE.

A NEW PROVISION IN THE NEW REGULATIONS REQUIRES THAT A REGISTERED OWNER OF A VEHICLE MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD OR A LIMITED COMPANY.

ANOTHER NEW REQUIREMENT IS THAT THE VEHICLE'S INSURANCE POLICY WHICH IS PRODUCED WHEN APPLYING FOR A VEHICLE LICENCE SHOULD BE IN THE NAME OF THE VEHICLE'S REGISTERED OWNER.

THE REGULATIONS ARE AMONG SEVEN SETS OF NEW ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS TO COME INTO FORCE IN LATE AUGUST THIS YEAR.

CONSULTATION IMPORTANT IN DECLARATION OF MONUMENTS
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THERE IS A GROWING AWARENESS AMONG THE PUBLIC AND WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE NEED TO PRESERVE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE HONG KONG'S CULTURAL HERITAGE.

AS AT THE END OF DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THERE WERE ALTOGETHER 24 DECLARED MONUMENTS OR HISTORICAL BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG. CONSIDERATION IS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO DECLARE AS MONUMENTS A NUMBER OF NEW ITEMS AS WELL AS TO PRESERVE SOME EIGHT TRADITIONAL CHINESE BUILDINGS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN CONSIDERING POSSIBLE MONUMENTS, THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD TAKES INTO ACCOUNT A NUMBER OF EXTRANEOUS MATTERS SUCH AS THE STRUCTURAL STABILITY OF THE PREMISES, PROPOSED TOWN-PLANNING AND ZONING OF THE SITE, CROWN OR PRIVATE LAND, AND LIABILITY TO PAY COMPENSATION TO THE OWNER FOR LOSS OF DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE BOARD DOES NOT FOLLOW ANY GENERAL RULE THAT ANY BUILDING OVER A CERTAIN AGE IS AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFIED FOR DECLARATION, IRRESPECTIVE OF ITS OTHER QUALITIES.

+OLDER BUILDINGS WERE GIVEN PRIORITY IN EXAMINATION, PARTICULARLY IF THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF THEIR BEING RE-DEVELOPED,+ HE SAID.

+BECAUSE SOME CASES MERIT PRESERVATION MORE THAN OTHERS, THE BOARD GIVES EACH A RATING ASSESSMENT.

+THE LOWEST RATING MAY NOT WARRANT LEGAL DECLARATION AND INSTEAD MAY BE RECOMMENDED FOR PRESERVATION BY ADMINISTRATIVE OR OTHER MEANS.+

IN CASES WHERE THE INTENDED MONUMENT OR HISTORICAL BUILDING INVOLVES PRIVATE OWNERSHIP, THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD, MAY CONSULT THE OWNER INFORMALLY TO ASCERTAIN HIS REACTION.

WHERE IT IS PROPOSED TO DECLARE A MONUMENT STANDING ON PRIVATE LAND, A NOTICE WILL BE SERVED ON THE OWNER AND OCCUPIER, WHO MAY WITHIN ONE MONTH OBJECT BY PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR.

PRIOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION MAY HELP IN REACHING A QUICKER UNDERSTANDING, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

+FOR INSTANCE, WHERE A PRIVATE OWNER HAS OBJECTED DURING THE INFORMAL CONSULTATION TO DECLARATION OF AN ENTIRE BUILDING FOR FEAR THAT THIS WOULD PREVENT HIM FROM ALTERING THE INTERIOR TO SUIT HIS INTENDED USE OF THE PREMISES, IT HAS IN SEVERAL CASES BEEN POSSIBLE TO REACH A COMPROMISE WHEREBY ONLY THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING IS DECLARED, LEAVING THE OWNER FREE TO ALTER THE INTERIOR AS HE PLEASED.

+IN ANY CASE, THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES IS EMPOWERED UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE TO DELCARE A PLACE TO BE A PROPOSED MONUMENT, HISTORICAL BUILDING, ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR PALAEONTOLOGICAL SITE, FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS UPON THE ADVICE OF THE BOARD WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR.

+THIS ENABLES HIM TO EXTEND A SPEEDY BUT TEMPORARY PROTECTION TO POTENTIAL MONUMENTS WHICH ARE THREATENED BY DEVELOPMENT, WHILE A CASE FOR THEIR PERMANENT PRESERVATION IS BEING CONSIDERED.

+THE INTERESTS OF PRIVATE OWNERS ARE LIKewise PROTECTED BY THEIR RIGHT TO LODGE OBJECTIONS TO THE GOVERNOR.+

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DISTRICT OPEN SPACE FOR KWAI CHUNG

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A DISTRICT OPEN SPACE IS TO BE BUILT ON A 1.63-HECTARE SITE AT TAI LIN PAI ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE WORK WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED WILL INCLUDE TWO FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL PITCHES, TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS, A ROLLER SKATING RINK, SITTING-OUT AREAS, PUBLIC TOILETS AND CHANGING FACILITIES.

THE SITE AREA WILL BE EXTENSIVELY LANDSCAPED.

THE OPEN SPACE WILL SERVE ABOUT 110 000 PEOPLE LIVING AT LAI KING, LAI YIU, KWAI FONG AND KWAI CHUNG ESTATES.

WORK ON THE SECOND PHASE WILL BEGIN IN 1986.

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HANOI ROAD CLOSURE

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HANOI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TO 12 NOON ON TUESDAY (JULY 31).

AT THE SAME TIME ALL THE METERED PARKING SPACES WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, TRAFFIC ON MODY ROAD HEADING FOR CARNARVON ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA HART AVENUE.

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LIGHTING FOR SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX

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LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT COSTING \$530 000 IS TO BE INSTALLED AT A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT TUEN MUN.

OCCUPYING A 3.5-HECTARE SITE NEAR THE TEMPORARY HOVERFERRY PIER, THE COMPLEX INCLUDES A MAIN POOL, TWO PADDLING POOLS, AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WITH A SPECTATORS' STAND AND CHANGING ROOM FACILITIES, FOUR SQUASH COURTS, A TOILET BLOCK WITH PROVISION FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDING A RESTAURANT.

ON COMPLETION IN JUNE, 1986, THE COMPLEX WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT.

A CONTRACT FOR THE WORK HAS BEEN AWARDED TO RYODEN ELECTRIC ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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KWAI CHUNG RESTRICTED ZONE

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 31), A SECTION OF TAI LOONG STREET FROM ITS WESTERN JUNCTION WITH WO YI HOP ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES TO THE SOUTH WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 24-HOUR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS AND TAXI RESTRICTED ZONE.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND TAXIS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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LANTAU TAPS OFF

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 1) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

ALL PREMISES IN MUI WO WILL BE AFFECTED.

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