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GOVERNOR RECEIVES INAUGURAL SATELLITE PHONE CALL  
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THE NEED FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE LINKS OF EVERY SORT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE FAR EAST WAS STRESSED TONIGHT (TUESDAY) BY THE BRITISH MINISTER OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, MR GEOFFREY PATTIE, IN AN INAUGURAL SATELLITE TELEPHONE CALL TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

REPLYING, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINKS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE TIES WITH EUROPE AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

THE OCCASION FOR THE TELEPHONE CALL WAS THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW WHITEHILL SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, WHICH PROVIDES DIGITAL SATELLITE LINKS TO CABLE AND WIRELESS FACILITIES IN HONG KONG.

THE CENTRE IS OWNED BY MERCURY COMMUNICATIONS LTD., A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF CABLE AND WIRELESS PLC.

IN HIS CALL TO THE GOVERNOR, MR PATTIE ALSO SAID THAT LEASED CIRCUIT AND PRIVATE NETWORK CUSTOMERS NOW HAD A CHOICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER WITHIN AND FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY HELD AT WHITEHILL WAS ATTENDED BY SIR DOUGLAS LOWE, THE CHAIRMAN OF MERCURY COMMUNICATIONS, AND SIR ERIC SHARP, CHAIRMAN OF CABLE AND WIRELESS PLC TO WHOM SIR EDWARD OFFERED HIS CONGRATULATIONS.

PRESENT AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE TONIGHT WAS MR PIERS JACOBS, SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES AND MR BARRY MOUL, THE GENERAL MANAGER, TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND MARKETING OF CABLE AND WIRELESS (HK) LTD.

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BRITISH INDUSTRY MINISTER ARRIVES  
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THE BRITISH MINISTER OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY, MR PETER MORRISON, ARRIVED TODAY (TUESDAY) FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT AT THE INVITATION OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

DURING HIS STAY MR MORRISON WILL ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX AND VISIT SOME OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES AT THE COUNCIL'S KWAI CHUNG COMPLEX.

THE COMPLEX, WHICH HOUSES FIVE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES, WILL BE OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, THIS FRIDAY.

MR MORRISON RETURNS TO LONDON ON FRIDAY EVENING.

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TUNNEL COMPANY TO GET \$14 MILLION  
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS AGREED TO MAKE A ONE-OFF EX-GRATIA PAYMENT OF \$14 MILLION NET TO THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL COMPANY AS A RESULT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PASSAGE TAX.

THE PAYMENT IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE PASSAGE TAX HAD BEEN INTRODUCED SPECIFICALLY AS A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURE AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS 1984 BUDGET SPEECH HAD SAID THAT IF THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING CROSS-HARBOUR TRAFFIC WAS ACHIEVED, IT WAS REASONABLE THAT THE COMPANY SHOULD RECEIVE EQUITABLE COMPENSATION FOR REVENUE LOST.

THE EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION, IF APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, WILL BE REGARDED AS INCOME RECEIPT AND WILL BE TAXABLE.

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CIVIC DAY FOR YOUTH SET FOR OCTOBER 6  
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THE YOUTH OF HONG KONG WILL BE GIVEN A DAY -- OCTOBER 6 -- TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.

ANNOUNCING THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON +CIVIC DAY FOR YOUTH+, MR LEE CHIK-YUET, SAID THAT THE DAY WAS A TERRITORY-WIDE EVENT ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (CCCIYY).

DELEGATES FROM ALL 19 DISTRICTS WOULD TAKE PART IN THE INITIATION CEREMONY AT THE EDINBURGH PLACE ON THAT DAY. THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE CCCIYY, MRS SELINA CHOW, WOULD BE OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY, WHICH WILL START A WIDE VARIETY OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THEY WOULD EACH LEAD A TOUR TO SEVERAL SELECTED DISTRICTS AND WOULD JOIN IN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BLOOD DONATIONS AND +WARMTH KNIT-IN+ CAMPAIGNS.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE CEREMONY WOULD BE THE HOISTING OF A HELIUM BALLOON WITH A BANNER CARRYING THE THEME OF THE DAY - +TO CARE FOR, TO SERVE AND TO BUILD YOUR COMMUNITY+.

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SPEAKING ON THE RATIONALE FOR ORGANISING SUCH AN EVENT, MR LEE SAID THAT THE CITIZENS OF HONG KONG, ESPECIALLY YOUTH, SHOULD PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR A HIGHLY AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATION AFTER 1997.

HE POINTED OUT THAT CIVIC EDUCATION WAS AN URGENT TASK THAT COULD BE DONE THROUGH THREE CHANNELS -- EDUCATION IN SCHOOL, THE MASS MEDIA AND ACTUAL PARTICIPATION.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE THE FIRST STEP IN PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION BY PUBLISHING THE +GUIDELINES ON CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS+ THIS AUGUST, BUT SAID HE WAS AFRAID THAT WHAT ONE LEARNT FROM SCHOOL MIGHT BE TOO THEORETICAL.

CARRYING OUT CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA WAS NO DOUBT AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF CONVEYING MESSAGES IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES ON THE MARKET AND THE EVER-INCREASING CONCERN OF THE TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS ON CURRENT ISSUES, HE SAID.

+BUT CITIZENS ARE ONLY PASSIVE RECIPIENTS WHEN RECEIVING MESSAGES BY READING NEWSPAPERS OR WATCHING TELEVISION.

+ONLY THROUGH ACTUAL PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CAN WE UTILISE WHAT WE HAVE LEARNT FROM SCHOOLS AND THE MASS MEDIA, AND THUS FULLY UNDERSTAND THE REAL MEANING OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY,+ HE ADDED.

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\$1M SUBSIDY FOR REGIONAL SPORTS PLANNED  
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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY ENDORSED A PROPOSED POLICY OF SUBSIDISING REGIONAL SPORTS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE NON-URBAN AREA AS FROM NEXT APRIL.

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE COMPETITIONS, DISPLAYS, DEMONSTRATIONS AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND SPORTS OFFICIALS AS WELL AS EVENTS INVOLVING OVERSEAS TEAMS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEISURE SERVICES) OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR DAVID WEEKS TOLD THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE THAT FUNDS WERE PROVIDED FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO ORGANISE RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMMES AT DISTRICT LEVEL.

HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE RSD TO SUBSIDISE OR SPONSOR REGIONAL SPORTS ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES ORGANISED ON A REGIONAL BASIS, AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES INVOLVING MORE THAN ONE DISTRICT.

/MR WEEKS .....

MR WEEKS SAID THE PROPOSED POLICY WOULD COVER, IN ADDITION TO REGION-WIDE AND INTER-DISTRICT ACTIVITIES, EVENTS ORGANISED ON A TERRITORY-WIDE BASIS IN WHICH THE COUNCIL IS INVITED TO TAKE PART IN RESPECT OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED IN THE NON-URBAN AREA.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE COUNCIL HAD TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, SUITABLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT HAD TO BE GIVEN OF THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT IN ALL PUBLICITY MATERIAL BY THE SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED, AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS OR CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF EXPENSES WOULD BE REQUIRED ON COMPLETION OF THE EVENTS.

MR WEEKS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT \$1 MILLION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SPONSOR OR SUBSIDISE REGIONAL SPORTS ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD QUALIFY FOR THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT IN THE 1986-87 FINANCIAL YEAR.

AT THE MEETING, THE COMMITTEE ALSO ENDORSED A PROPOSED SCHEME UNDER WHICH STUDENTS AND THE ELDERLY MIGHT PURCHASE TICKETS AT A DISCOUNT FOR PERFORMANCES PRESENTED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT THE CIVIC CENTRES UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT.

MR WEEKS SAID, +ALTHOUGH TICKETS FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESENTATIONS ARE NORMALLY PRICED AT RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION MARKETABILITY IN THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT, IT IS FELT THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF A SCHEME OF DISCOUNT TICKETS WOULD PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE FOR STUDENTS AND THE ELDERLY TO ATTEND CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS.+

THIS WOULD HELP TO CULTIVATE THE INTEREST OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PERFORMING ARTS AND ENRICH THE LIFE OF THE AGED, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE EXPANSION OF POTENTIAL AUDIENCES AND USERS OF THE CIVIC CENTRES.

THE SCHEME WOULD PROVIDE FOR A 50 PER CENT DISCOUNT FOR TICKETS IN ANY PRICE CATEGORY FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE AND PEOPLE AGED 65 YEARS AND ABOVE. A MAXIMUM OF 20 PER CENT OF SEATS IN EACH PRICE ZONE WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR DISCOUNT TICKETS.

MR WEEKS SAID THAT AS THESE SEATS WOULD NOT BE PRE-FIXED ON THE SEATING PLANS OR RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR STUDENTS AND THE ELDERLY, HOLDERS OF DISCOUNT TICKETS COULD SIT WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES HOLDING ORDINARY TICKETS.

UNDER THE SCHEME, PATRONS MAY PURCHASE DISCOUNT TICKETS ON BEHALF OF THEIR CHILDREN AND ELDERLY RELATIVES, RATHER THAN THESE HAVING TO PURCHASE THEIR TICKETS PERSONALLY.

MR WEEKS SAID THE PROPOSED SCHEME WOULD BE REVIEWED AFTER A TRIAL PERIOD OF FOUR MONTHS, STARTING DECEMBER 1, 1985.

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BRINGING THE VOTING MESSAGE INTO THE HOME  
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MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF HAVE BEGUN A SERIES OF DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS TO URGE RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP AS ELECTORS IN THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE.

DURING A RECENT VISIT TO THE SYCAMORE AREA, DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, SAID PEOPLE SHOULD EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS AND REGISTER SO THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT BOARD AND URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AND THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN 1988.

+ANYONE WHO HAS REACHED OR WILL BE 21 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR AND WHO HAS BEEN LIVING IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS CAN REGISTER AS A VOTER,+ SHE SAID.

MRS FUNG STRESSED THAT THEY SHOULD EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS AS CITIZENS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

SHE ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAVE CHANGED THEIR ADDRESSES OR PERSONAL PARTICULARS TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION OFFICE.

TEMPORARY STAFF HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED TO VISIT HOMES DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD TO HELP PEOPLE FILL IN FORMS.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED IN MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AND TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE.

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DB MEMBERS LOOK INTO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS  
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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TOURED THE HO MAN TIN NORTH CONSTITUENCY TODAY (TUESDAY) TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE AREA'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND TO INSPECT THE BOARD'S IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES, THEY FIRST WENT TO THE ROOF OF HO MAN TIN ESTATE FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE AREA.

THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO HO MAN TIN HILL ROAD TO SEE THE SITE OF A \$100 000 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH WOULD BE BUILT SOON WITH FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD. THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE STAIRCASE WITH GUARDRAILS AND THE PROVISION OF STREET LIGHTS.

MEMBERS ALSO VISITED PUI CHING ROAD, YAU MOON STREET, SOARES AVENUE AND PEACE AVENUE TO STUDY VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS THERE.

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**BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION, REAL ESTATE SURVEY RESULT OUT**  
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A STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED +1983 SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS+ WITH COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICAL TABLES ON THE STRUCTURAL AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR; REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT; ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING SERVICES; AND THE REAL ESTATE LEASING, BROKERAGE AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES SECTOR HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE INFORMATION, RELATING TO THE YEAR 1983, WAS COLLECTED FROM ESTABLISHMENTS IN THESE SECTORS IN A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM APRIL 1984 TO EARLY 1985.

THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS SUMMARY TABLES ON PAST DATA TO SHOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE SECTORS IN RECENT YEARS. BESIDES BEING USED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR POLICY MAKING, THE STATISTICS ARE USED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR DECISION MAKING, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND MARKET RESEARCH.

THE REPORT AT \$11 PER COPY IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE OR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING.

ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-7213846.

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**MACHINE SHOP, METAL WORKING INDUSTRY GROWTH EXPECTED**  
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THE MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY IS EXPECTED TO GROW IN SIZE AND SOPHISTICATION AND AT A STEADY PACE IN COMING YEARS, ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS OF A 1984 MANPOWER SURVEY.

THE REPORT, BY THE MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, REVEALED THAT THE INDUSTRY WOULD CONTINUE TO PRODUCE MORE SOPHISTICATED AND HIGH QUALITY PRODUCTS. IT WOULD ALSO ACHIEVE HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY AND MAINTAIN COMPETITIVENESS BY USING MODERN PRODUCTION PROCESSES AND ADVANCED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS, THE INDUSTRY WOULD REQUIRE 65 TO 75 MORE TECHNOLOGISTS, 340 TO 375 MORE TECHNICIANS AND 2 900 TO 3 230 MORE CRAFTSMEN ANNUALLY.

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ALSO MENTIONED IN THE REPORT IS THE EXPANSION OF THE PLASTICS AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, DR HENRY YU, SAID THAT THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT THE EXPANSION WOULD CREATE AN ADDITIONAL DEMAND FOR SKILLED MANPOWER IN THE MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY, AS MOST PLASTIC AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS HAD SIGNIFICANT METALLIC CONTENTS.

DR YU URGED EMPLOYERS TO UP-GRADE THE QUALITY OF WORKERS TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF INCREASING MECHANISATION AND MORE COMPLEX PRODUCTION PROCESSES IN THE MANUFACTURE OF MORE TECHNOLOGICALLY DEMANDING PRODUCTS.

THE MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OPERATES TWO TRAINING CENTRES AT KOWLOON BAY AND KWAI CHUNG WHICH PROVIDED BASIC PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE REPORT, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IS ON SALE AT \$17 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

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ROOF STRUCTURES TO BE CLOSED  
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJOINING FLAT A AND B ON THE FIRST FLOOR, 84 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO, TO ENABLE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES WITHOUT A DANGER TO PEOPLE.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF THE EXERCISE TO ENFORCE THE ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN MARCH, 1985 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THESE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE FANLING DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON OCTOBER 16, 1985 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (TUESDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE MADE.

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MORE LAND TO BE RECLAIMED IN TUEN MUN  
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE RECLAMATION OF TWO SITES IN TUEN MUN.

THE FIRST, INVOLVING AN AREA OF 14.5 HECTARES TO BE RECLAIMED FROM THE SEA SOUTH OF TUEN MUN FERRY PIER, IS FOR CARGO HANDLING AND INDUSTRIAL USE.

AS PART OF THIS RECLAMATION, A 750-METRE SEAWALL AND A 250-METRE RIVER TRAINING WALL WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

THE SECOND RECLAMATION SITE, TO THE SOUTH OF ON TING ESTATE, WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TURNING LOOP FOR THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

FILL MATERIAL WILL BE EXTRACTED FROM TAN KWAI TSUEN AND THE BORROW AREA NEAR THE EXISTING CONTROLLED TIP AT PILLAR POINT.

TO FACILITATE THE TRANSPORTATION OF FILL, A TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD AND A BRIDGE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO CONNECT CASTLE PEAK ROAD WITH TAN KWAI TSUEN.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN 30 MONTHS' TIME.

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LOOK-AND-LEARN TOUR OF USD TRAINING SCHOOL  
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THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR TONY HAMMOND, VISITED THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TRAINING SCHOOL THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING AND TOURED ITS VARIOUS TRAINING FACILITIES.

HE WAS GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY THE PRINCIPAL OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL, MR ALBERT WONG, AND BRIEFED ON THE SETUP AND TRAINING PROGRAMME OF THE SCHOOL WHICH ARE OFFERED TO STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

MR HAMMOND FIRST TOURED THE SCHOOL'S HEADQUARTERS AT OI KWAN COURT WHICH HOUSES THE CULTURAL SERVICES AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE TRAINING UNITS BEFORE PROCEEDING NEXT DOOR TO THE MANAGEMENT TRAINING UNIT IN GUARDIAN HOUSE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL, MR HAMMOND THEN VISITED THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS STAFF TRAINING SUB-UNIT AT ABERDEEN AND THE RECREATION, SPORTS AND AMENITIES TRAINING UNIT AT KOWLOON PARK.

HE WAS TOLD THAT SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNIFIED TRAINING SCHOOL IN LATE 1982, A TOTAL OF 15 000 STAFF, INCLUDING HEALTH INSPECTORS, RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICERS, AMENITIES OFFICERS AND GENERAL DUTIES TEAM MEMBERS HAVE BEEN TRAINED.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS FOR AUCTION  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 21) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

THIRTY-FIVE SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE OFFERED FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

DF398	DF812	3871	DF866	DG2028
DE6663	AL171	DF928	DG168	DD7117
DF501	AR902	DF2138	DC9	DG981
DC33	CK2	DF1698	DF7778	3182
DE8662	DF712	3133	DG635	AL3386
BP6199	AY6918	DG103	DG992	DD2992
DE8828	DF322	DF701	DD8822	DF2928

PAYMENT MUST BE IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAMES OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL, AS USUAL, GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE AUCTION WILL BE THE 99TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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CENTRAL RESTRICTED ZONE  
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THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HARCOURT ROAD GROUND LEVEL FROM A POINT ABOUT 52 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH RODNEY STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 32 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY DAILY FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS STARTING 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 20).

NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION.

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TOP BADMINTON PLAYERS FROM REGION MEET HERE  
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SPORT ENTHUSIASTS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE TOP BADMINTON PLAYERS FROM THE REGION TO COMPETE IN THE ASIAN PACIFIC INVITATION BADMINTON TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SEPTEMBER 28 AND 29.

THE PLAYERS WHO ARE FROM CHINA, AUSTRALIA, THE PHILIPPINES, TAIPEI AND HONG KONG, WILL TAKE PART IN A TOTAL OF 35 MATCHES DURING THE TWO-DAY TOURNAMENT WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION.

THE PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE MEN'S SINGLES, MEN'S DOUBLES, LADIES' SINGLES, LADIES' DOUBLES AND MIXED DOUBLES.

TWO SESSIONS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 2 P.M AND 7 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 28 AND ANOTHER TWO BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 7 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

TICKETS FOR THE FIRST THREE SESSIONS ARE AT \$10 (STUDENT), \$20 AND \$30, AND THAT FOR THE LAST SESSION ARE AT \$15 (STUDENT), \$30 AND \$50.

THEY ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE BOX OFFICES OF THE CITY HALL, SPACE MUSEUM, HONG KONG COLISEUM AND QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

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ANOTHER SITTING-OUT AREA FOR CENTRAL  
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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SITTING-OUT AREA ON A 75-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT UPPER STATION STREET, CENTRAL.

THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE ARBOURS, CHESS TABLES, SEATS AND PLANTERS.

AN EXISTING PUBLIC TOILET NEAR THE SITE WILL BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE SITTING-OUT AREA.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

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NO RIGHT TURN HERE  
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THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM TAI PO ROAD INTO THE HONG LOK YUEN ROUNDABOUT WILL BE BANNED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FROM 6 AM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 19).

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI ARE ADVISED TO TURN LEFT AT THE HONG LOK YUEN ROUNDABOUT.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN CAUSEWAY BAY  
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A NUMBER OF ROADS IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY STARTING 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 20).

THEY ARE THE SECTION OF RUSSELL STREET BETWEEN LEE GARDEN ROAD AND PERCIVAL STREET AND THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KAI CHIU ROAD, FROM A POINT OPPOSITE HOUSE NO. 16 TO ITS JUNCTION WITH LEE GARDEN ROAD.

ON THE SAME DAY FROM 10 AM, THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF PERCIVAL STREET BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 83 AND A POINT 25 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE MADE AN URBAN CLEARWAY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 10 AM AND 4 PM AND 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE ROAD SECTIONS.

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SOUTHERN TAPS OFF  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 20) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY HOUSE NOS. 101-129 AND 60-110 REPULSE BAY ROAD, HOUSE NO. 9 SOUTH BAY ROAD, SOUTH BAY CLOSE AND THE WHOLE OF CHUNG HOM KOK AREA.

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