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GLOBAL FACTORS HAVE CONSIDERABLE BEARING ON ECONOMY: FS

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, STRESSED THE GROWING INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS FOR HONG KONG IN HIS ADDRESS THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING TO THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF SECURITY ANALYSTS.

"OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE WORLD'S ECONOMIES HAVE BEEN MARKED INCREASINGLY BY IMBALANCES AND UNCERTAINTIES. GIVEN THE DEGREE OF INTERDEPENDENCE THAT EXISTS, FEW ECONOMIES ARE UNAFFECTED BY THESE IMBALANCES AND UNCERTAINTIES," MR JACOBS SAID, ADDING THAT THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR A SMALL OPEN ECONOMY SUCH AS THAT OF HONG KONG.

THE PLAIN FACT WAS THAT WHETHER WE WERE LOOKING AT TRADE, CURRENCIES, SECURITIES MARKETS, INFLATIONARY PRESSURES, OR ANY ASPECT OF THE ECONOMY, IT WAS READILY APPARENT THAT WHAT HAPPENED ELSEWHERE HAD A CONSIDERABLE BEARING ON OUR OWN POSITION, HE SAID IN HIS MID-YEAR REVIEW OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SITUATION.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY EMPHASISED THAT WHILE THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ADHERE TO FREE AND OPEN MARKET POLICIES, IT HAD BECOME EVEN MORE NECESSARY THAN BEFORE TO FORMULATE POLICIES WITH SENSITIVITY NOT ONLY TO THE NEEDS OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY BUT ALSO TO THE EXTENT THAT THOSE POLICIES COULD BE DEFENDED IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA.

ON TRADE, MR JACOBS SAID ALTHOUGH THE U.S. OMNIBUS TRADE AND COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 1988 HAD PROVED TO BE LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN ONCE SEEMED LIKELY, THIS TYPE OF LEGISLATION WAS NEVER WELCOME TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN FREE AND OPEN MARKET PLACES.

"IN THIS CONTEXT, IT IS CLEAR, I THINK, THAT THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION IS WELL AWARE THAT THE STRUCTURAL IMBALANCE WITHIN ITS OWN ECONOMY HAS BEEN A MAJOR FACTOR LEADING TO ITS CURRENT TRADE IMBALANCE.

"BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, PUBLIC CONCERN IN THE STATES OVER THE TRADE IMBALANCE HAS OFTEN BEEN MISLEADINGLY FOCUSSED ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THAT IMBALANCE BY THE UNITED STATES' BILATERAL TRADE DEFICITS," HE SAID.

MR JACOBS CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE UNDUE AMOUNT OF ATTENTION BEING PAID TO THE UNITED STATES' VISIBLE TRADE DEFICITS WITH JAPAN, AND WITH THE SO-CALLED NEWLY INDUSTRIALISED ECONOMIES (NIE'S) IN ASIA.

"THE LUMPING TOGETHER OF HONG KONG WITH TAIWAN, SOUTH KOREA AND SINGAPORE UNDER SUCH TITLES AS THE 'FOUR LITTLE DRAGONS' HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE AND MISLEADING.

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"AS WE HAVE OFTEN STRESSED, HONG KONG HAS NO TRADE BARRIERS WHETHER IN THE FORM OF TARIFFS OR QUOTAS; WE PROVIDE NO SPECIFIC GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES TO MANUFACTURERS OR EXPORTERS; AND WE EXERCISE NO CONTROLS ON THE FLOW OF FUNDS ACROSS THE EXCHANGES.

"SO, MANY OF THE IMPORTANT CONCERNS WHICH HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER EXPORTING ECONOMIES ARE BY AND LARGE IRRELEVANT IN RELATION TO HONG KONG," HE SAID, NOTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD SPARED NO EFFORT IN PUTTING ACROSS THIS MESSAGE AND IT WAS BEING RECEIVED AND UNDERSTOOD.

"AS I POINTED OUT IN MY BUDGET SPEECH, ALTHOUGH HONG KONG HAS BEEN RUNNING TRADE SURPLUSES WITH MANY OF OUR MAJOR MARKETS, WE HAVE USED OUR EXPORT EARNINGS TO BUY WHAT WE NEED FROM OUR MAJOR SUPPLIERS, WITH MANY OF WHOM WE RUN LARGE TRADE DEFICITS.

"WHAT MATTERS IS HONG KONG'S OVERALL TRADE BALANCE, NOT ITS BILATERAL TRADE BALANCES WITH INDIVIDUAL ECONOMIES. AND FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS OUR VISIBLE TRADE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY IN BALANCE," HE SAID.

SPEAKING ABOUT THE MOVEMENT IN EXCHANGE RATES, MR JACOBS SAID THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM INTRODUCED IN 1983 PROVIDED A MEASURE OF STABILITY AND CERTAINTY FOR HONG KONG BUSINESSMEN IN TERMS OF THE EXCHANGE RATE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR AGAINST THE CURRENCY THAT WAS MOST WIDELY USED BY THEM FOR THEIR INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS, NAMELY THE U.S. DOLLAR.

"WITHOUT THE LARGE SWINGS IN THE EXCHANGE VALUE OF THE U.S. DOLLAR THAT HAVE BEEN SEEN IN RECENT YEARS, THE PATH OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMY WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN LESS CYCLICAL, AND FOR THIS REASON WE WELCOME THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO REDUCE THE VOLATILITY OF THE EXCHANGE RATES OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR CURRENCIES.

"BUT WHATEVER HAPPENS, GIVEN OUR FLEXIBILITY AND THE FACT THAT OUR PRESENT SYSTEM IS SERVING US WELL, I SEE NO REASON FOR ANY MAJOR ALTERATION.

"IN THIS CONTEXT, THE RECENT INTRODUCTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE EXCHANGE FUND AND THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING FOR SOME TIME. THE ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM ARE UNCHANGED," HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE SECURITIES MARKETS, MR JACOBS SAID HE EXPECTED THE BULK OF THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

"THERE ARE NOW CLEAR SIGNS THAT HONG KONG, THROUGH THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF ALL INVOLVED, WILL EMERGE FROM THE OCTOBER CRASH WITH A BETTER REGULATED AND STRUCTURALLY SOUND MARKET FOR INVESTORS.

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"I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR SECURITIES INDUSTRY WILL BE READY, ONCE AGAIN, TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGES PRESENTED AND THE OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY A RAPIDLY DEVELOPING GLOBAL MARKET-PLACE," HE SAID.

ON THE CURRENT STATE OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMY, MR JACOBS NOTED THAT HE SAW NO NEED TO REVISE HIS BUDGET FORECASTS SUBSTANTIALLY, EXCEPT AS REGARDS THE GROWTH RATE OF RE-EXPORTS, AND THUS THE GROWTH RATES OF TOTAL EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT THE GROWTH RATES OF INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND MACHINERY AND OF NET EXPORTS OF SERVICES.

"ACCORDINGLY, MY FORECAST OF THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR 1988 REMAINS AT SIX PER CENT, WHILE THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE OF RE-EXPORTS IS RAISED SUBSTANTIALLY TO 35 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, TOTAL EXPORTS ARE NOW FORECAST TO GROW BY 20 PER CENT," HE SAID.

ON INVESTMENT, MR JACOBS SAID THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE OF EXPENDITURE ON PLANT AND MACHINERY WAS REVISED UPWARDS TO 11 PER CENT, IN LINE WITH CONTINUED INCREASES IN RETAINED IMPORTS OF PLANT AND MACHINERY DURING THE YEAR.

THUS THE STRONG PERFORMANCE SEEN IN INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND MACHINERY IN THE PAST TWO YEARS WAS CONTINUING.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, IN THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, CAPACITY REMAINED A SERIOUS FACTOR LIMITING THE GROWTH OF OUTPUT AND BECAUSE OF THIS THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE OF EXPENDITURE ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION WAS LOWERED TO THREE PER CENT.

OVERALL, MR JACOBS SAID, THE REVISED FORECAST FOR THE GROWTH RATE FOR THE GDP IN 1988 WAS SIX PER CENT, SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THE FIVE PER CENT FORECAST HE MADE IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH IN MARCH.

MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THIS GROWTH RATE WAS CONSIDERABLY SLOWER THAN THAT ACHIEVED IN 1986 AND 1987, IT WOULD STILL MEAN THAT THE ECONOMY HAD GROWN AT AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 10 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR THREE YEARS.

HE SAID THIS WAS AN ENVIABLE RECORD BY ANY STANDARDS, AND "IN ANY EVENT, FOLLOWING TWO YEARS OF EXCEPTIONAL GROWTH, THE ECONOMY REQUIRES A PERIOD OF CONSOLIDATION".

WITH THIS SLOWER GROWTH RATE, MR JACOBS SAID, BOTH THE TIGHT LABOUR MARKET AND INFLATIONARY PRESSURES SHOULD EASE IN DUE COURSE, ALTHOUGH POSSIBLY NOT DURING THIS YEAR.

"OUR LABOUR FORCE SHOULD STILL BE FULLY EMPLOYED AND I AM AFRAID THAT IN THE SHORT TERM THERE MAY WELL BE A FURTHER EDGING UP OF THE INFLATION RATE BEFORE IT RETURNS TO MORE ACCEPTABLE LEVELS.

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"THUS, THE REVISED FORECAST INCREASE IN THE CPI(A) FOR 1988 AS A WHOLE IS A LITTLE HIGHER AT 7.5 PER CENT.

"THE EXPECTED RATE OF INCREASE IN THE GDP DEFLATOR IS AROUND EIGHT PER CENT, PUSHED UP BY MUCH HIGHER BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

"IN PER CAPITA TERMS, GDP AT CURRENT PRICES IN 1988 IS FORECAST TO BE ABOUT $73,100 OR US$9,370," HE SAID.

CONCLUDING HIS REVIEW, MR JACOBS NOTED THAT IN HIS SPEECH IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET DEBATE HE EMPHASISED THE NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING STABILITY AND CONTINUITY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF OUR ECONOMY.

HE STRESSED THAT THESE WERE NOT EMPTY WORDS: "THEY ARE THE ESSENCE OF OUR POLICIES."

HE SAID WE HAD HAD TWO REMARKABLE YEARS, AND CERTAINLY HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT OUR GOOD FORTUNE WAS ABOUT TO CHANGE DRAMATICALLY.

"BUT I AM AWARE THAT WE ARE NOW IN A MORE COMPLEX SITUATION. WE ARE AFFECTED BY EXTERNAL EVENTS BEYOND OUR CONTROL AND IN THIS SITUATION IT IS CLEARLY INCUMBENT UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO DO ALL THAT IT CAN TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO ADAPT TO MEET THE NEW CHALLENGES THAT ARISE.

"THIS WILL NOT ALWAYS BE EASY, AND MAY ON OCCASIONS BE SOMEWHAT PAINFUL.

"BUT IF WE CONTINUE TO PLAN AND ACT WITH THE LONGER TERM IN VIEW, THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD BE DEFLECTED FROM OUR QUEST FOR A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS LIFE FOR OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

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THE PRINCESS ROYAL TO ARRIVE FOR FOUR-DAY VISIT

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCESS ROYAL, ARRIVES ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) EVENING FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL WILL BEGIN TWO FULL DAYS OF ACTIVITIES ON FRIDAY MORNING WHEN SHE TOURS THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS. SHE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON.

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LATER IN THE MORNING, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL VISIT THE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION AT THE POKFULAM PUBLIC RIDING SCHOOL, WHERE SHE WILL BE ENTERTAINED WITH PERFORMANCES BY DISABLED CHILDREN FROM VARIOUS SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO THE HONG KONG OFFICE OF THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND, OF WHICH THE PRINCESS ROYAL IS THE PRESIDENT. SHE WILL BE BRIEFED ON VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS OF THE ORGANISATION WHICH PROVIDES WELFARE AND HEALTH SERVICES TO UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN WORLDWIDE.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL WILL ALSO MEET FOSTER PARENTS OF THE FUND'S FOSTER CARE PROGRAMME.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL THEN ATTEND A LUNCHEON WITH BRITISH BUSINESSMEN AT THE HONG KONG CLUB HOSTED BY THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER.

IN THE AFTERNOON, SHE WILL VISIT THE MARKS AND SPENCER STORE IN OCEAN CENTRE WHERE SHE WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A CHEQUE FOR THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND.

LATER, THE PRINCESS ROYAL WILL OPEN THE NEW SIX-STOREY PORTLAND STREET CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN MONG KOK. THE SOCIETY PROVIDES A VARIETY OF CARE SERVICES TO SOME 1,300 CHILDREN DAILY.

ON SATURDAY MORNING, THE PRINCESS ROYAL WILL VISIT VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CENTRES IN TUEN MUN.

SHE WILL FIRST VISIT THE TUEN MUN CLOSED CENTRE WHERE SHE WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE OPERATION AND PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR REFUGEES. THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND OPERATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND RECREATION PROGRAMMES IN THE CENTRE.

NEXT, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL TOUR THE SAN YICK CLOSED CENTRE ALSO IN TUEN MUN.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) DEPOT AT TUEN MUN WHERE SHE WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE SYSTEM'S REGIONAL OPERATIONS. SHE WILL THEN TRAVEL ON A LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE TO THE PIERHEAD LRT TERMINAL NEAR THE TUEN MUN FERRY PIER.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL WILL THEN VISIT THE MISSIONS TO SEAMEN AT MARINER'S CLUB IN TSIM SHA TSUI. AFTER A TOUR OF THE PREMISES AND LUNCH, THE PRINCESS ROYAL WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A CHEQUE FOR THE MISSION TO SEAMEN, LONDON, OF WHICH SHE IS THE PRESIDENT.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE PRINCESS ROYAL WILL PAY A VISIT TO THE HEADQUARTERS BRITISH FORCES AT HMS TAMAR FOLLOWED IN THE EVENING BY A DINNER WITH CORPORATE MEMBERS OF THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND IN CENTRAL.

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL LEAVE FOR SEOUL ON SUNDAY MORNING (SEPTEMBER 18).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT HER ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCESS ROYAL, ACCOMPANIED BY HER PRIVATE SECRETARY, LIEUTENANT COLONEL PETER GIBBS, WILL ARRIVE ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) EVENING BY A QUEEN'S FLIGHT AT ABOUT 9 PM. SHE WILL BE MET BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON.

THERE WILL BE A FIXED PRESS POSITION ON THE TARMAC OPPOSITE THE AIRCRAFT. ACCREDITED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM BY 8 PM. THERE WILL BE THE USUAL SECURITY CHECKS.

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JLG TO MEET IN LONDON

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THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE TENTH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP ON HONG KONG WILL TAKE PLACE IN LONDON FROM SEPTEMBER 20 TO 23.

THE BRITISH TEAM WILL BE LED BY THE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE, MR ROBIN MCLAREN (ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE (ASIA) FCO).

THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH TEAM WILL BE MR DONALD LIAO (SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG), MR DICK CLIFT (POLITICAL ADVISER, HONG KONG), MR CHRISTOPHER HUM (HEAD OF HONG KONG DEPARTMENT, FCO) AND MR DOUG MARTIN (COUNSELLOR, OFFICE OF THE BRITISH SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE, SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP, HONG KONG).

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PUBLIC ADVISED TO WITHHOLD UK MAIL

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THE POST OFFICE ADVISED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TODAY (TUESDAY) TO CONTINUE TO DEFER SENDING OF AIRMAIL LETTERS AND PARCELS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE ENDING OF THE INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY THE STAFF OF THE UK POST OFFICE, THE BRITISH POST OFFICE HAS NOT YET RESUMED THE ACCEPTANCE OF AIR LETTERS AND PARCELS FROM OVERSEAS, INCLUDING HONG KONG.

IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE THE BACKLOG OF MAIL IN THE UK CAN BE CLEARED AND NORMAL POSTAL OPERATIONS RESUMED, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN HONG KONG WHO WISH TO FORWARD DOCUMENTS AND BUSINESS PAPERS TO THE MAJOR CITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM CAN STILL USE HONG KONG'S SPEEDPOST SERVICE WHICH HAS BEEN KEPT OPEN THROUGHOUT THE STRIKE PERIOD. THE MAJOR CITIES ARE:

BIRMINGHAM
BRISTOL
EDINBURGH
GLASGOW
LEEDS
LIVERPOOL
LONDON
MANCHESTER
NEWCASTLE
NOTTINGHAM
READING

SPEEDPOST ITEMS TO JERSEY ARE NOT AFFECTED AND ALL ITEMS, DOCUMENTS, BUSINESS PAPERS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE CAN BE ACCEPTED.

POST OFFICE CUSTOMERS WILL BE FURTHER ADVISED AS SOON AS THE SITUATION RETURNS TO NORMAL.

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SUCCESSFUL WEAPONS SEARCH IN CENTRE

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A SUCCESSFUL SEARCH OF THE HEI LING CHAU DETENTION CENTRE EARLIER TODAY (TUESDAY).

ABOUT 120 WEAPONS OR POTENTIAL WEAPONS WERE FOUND.

THE SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED WITHOUT INCIDENT AND WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE OCCUPANTS OF THE CENTRE.

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"THE SEARCH WAS NECESSARY AS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO STAMP OUT INTER-COMMUNAL VIOLENCE IN THE CENTRE. THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT MOVED QUICKLY TO DEFUSE THE SITUATION BY INCREASING THE LEVEL OF SECURITY AND BY REMOVING WEAPONS," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED EFFECTIVELY TO STAMP OUT VIOLENCE IN THE CENTRE. THE SEARCH AND THE LOCKING OF DORMITORIES WAS CARRIED OUT WITH GREAT SENSITIVITY AND PROFESSIONALISM.

"WE CAN NOW BE CONFIDENT THAT THE CENTRE WILL SETTLE DOWN AND THAT THE VULNERABLE GROUPS WITHIN THE CENTRE CAN BE PROTECTED," HE SAID.

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HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION AT SHUN TAK CENTRE

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A ONE-WEEK HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION IS BEING HELD AT THE SHOPPING MALL ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SHUN TAK CENTRE IN CENTRAL.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY COMMITTEE TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF COMMON DANGERS AT HOME AND HOW ACCIDENTS CAN BE AVOIDED.

ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT STATISTICS DEATHS RESULTING FROM ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME ENVIRONMENT STOOD AT 58 FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. MAJOR CAUSES OF THE DEATHS WERE FALLS (18 CASES), MISUSE OF DRUGS (EIGHT CASES), BURNS (SEVEN CASES) AND DROWNING (SIX CASES).

THE EXHIBITION WILL LAST TILL SEPTEMBER 20.

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DB WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS NIGHT FISHING

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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WILL DISCUSS CONTROL ON USING BRIGHT LIGHTS FOR FISHING AT NIGHT AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15).

THEY WILL ALSO EXPRESS VIEWS ON PROSECUTION ACTIONS AGAINST CARRYING DEAD FISH IN EXCESS OF 60 KILOGRAMS ON VESSELS THAT ARE NOT FISHING BOATS.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF NEW FISH CULTURE ZONES IN THE DISTRICT AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITIES OF THE FISH CULTURE ZONES IN TAI PO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15). THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 AM.

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YOUTH POLICY ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE REPORT ON YOUTH POLICY AND THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 3 AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE BOARD SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL FOR ELDERLY TO BE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE IN NOVEMBER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 13TH FLOOR, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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DB COMMITTEE TO STUDY WESTERN PARK DEVELOPMENT

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE WILL EXAMINE AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) THE WORKS PROGRAMME OF CONSTRUCTING A PARK AND AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER WHETHER A WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE SET UP TO MONITOR THE RECLAMATION WORKS IN WESTERN DISTRICT.

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AT THE MEETING, THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL SUBMIT THE 1988 PROGRAMME ON GOVERNMENT PROJECTS FOR THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL PROGRAMME ON AGENDA

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET OF THE 11TH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FROM THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS FROM VARIOUS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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ELECTION OF MODEL STUDENTS IN TUEN MUN

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THE YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE SECOND ELECTION OF MODEL STUDENTS IN TUEN MUN.

ORGANISED BY YAN OI TONG, THE FUNCTION IS SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND A LOCAL TRAVEL COMPANY.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF YAN OI TONG, MR LO CHI-CHUNG AND A LECTURER FROM THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, MR FUNG YEE-WANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE ELECTION OF MODEL STUDENTS IN TUEN MUN AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) IN THE DANCE STUDIO ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE AT YAN CHING CIRCUIT, TUEN MUN.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURE TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT, KOWLOON, SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR THE PUBLIC.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IS ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJACENT TO FLATS B AND D, SECOND FLOOR, 26-34, PILKEM STREET.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE DISTRICT COURT, HONG KONG, ON OCTOBER 13 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY (TUESDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE A CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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PLB RESTRICTED ZONE IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, A SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE MADE A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 16), OPERATING DAILY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM.

THE AFFECTED ROAD SECTION IS THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI PO ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH PEI HO STREET TO ITS JUNCTION WITH KWEILIN STREET.

HOWEVER, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND ON THIS ROAD SECTION WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE BANNED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CAUSEWAY BAY, WESTERN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT HENNESSY ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN HOUSE NO'S 503 AND 527 WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 16) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF EASTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HILL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO FACILITATE THE RELOCATION OF TRAM TRACKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS THERE.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF WATER MAINS, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI WO HAU ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH THE WESTERN AND EASTERN ENDS OF SHEUNG KOK STREET, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE CLOSURE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL DECEMBER 1.

DURING THE PERIOD, ALL VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON TAI WO HAU ROAD EASTBOUND, INCLUDING KMB ROUTES NO. 43 AND 46A, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHEUNG KOK STREET BEFORE REJOINING TAI WO HAU ROAD.

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FRESH WATER CUTS IN TWO AREAS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN NGAU TAU KOK AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE SUSPENDED LATER THIS WEEK DUE TO WATER WORKS.

IN NGAU TAU KOK, SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT NO'S. 23-25 AND 22-26 HONG LEE ROAD AND NO'S. 38-44 AND 55-81 KUNG LOK ROAD.

IN NORTH DISTRICT, SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON THURSDAY TO 7 AM ON FRIDAY.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG MAN KAM TO ROAD FROM BRIDGE NO. 1 TO MUK WU, INCLUDING HUNG KIU SAN TSUEN, FU TEI AU ROAD, LO WU BARRACK CAMP, LO WU TSUEN, POLMIL HQ, TAK YUET LAU TSUEN, LUI POK TSUEN, SHA LENG SAN TSUEN, SAN UK LENG TSUEN, MUK WU TSUEN AND NGA YIU TSUEN.

MEANWHILE, THE WATER PRESSURE WILL BE WEAK FOR VILLAGES AND PREMISES BY THE SIDE OF SHA TAU KOK ROAD, PING CHE ROAD AND LIN MA HANG ROAD, NEW TERRITORIES, BETWEEN 9 PM ON THURSDAY AND 6 AM ON FRIDAY, OWING TO WATER WORKS.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE :

AC 132	DW1832	DV8892	DW 728	AB9876
DW 798	DR 656	CA8768	DW 860	AG 192
BJ 568	DW 328	DW1221	BB1000	DT 1
DV1687	DV9333	AB3929	DW 133	DW1328
DT8338	DW3200	AA 205	DV3828	DX 500
AV 750	DD 89	DW8788	DW 747	AC 233
AA3339	DW 118	DW7777	CL 861	DW8886
DV 508	HK 949	DW 289	DW 128	DW 911

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

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

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 129TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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