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'CONTAINER PORT A MIRACLE OF DEVELOPMENT'
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE CONTAINER PORT WAS ONE OF THE MIRACLES OF HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT.

+IT IS A MERE 10 YEARS SINCE THIS LAND WAS RECLAIMED FROM THE SEA IN AN ACT OF FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND ITS HARBOUR. HOW WELL THAT CONFIDENCE AND FAITH WAS JUSTIFIED+.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MODERN TERMINALS LIMITED'S NEW SPORTS CENTRE, HE SAID THE TERMINAL, THE THIRD LARGEST CONTAINER HANDLING TERMINAL IN THE WORLD, HAD SIX BERTHS, 2 300 METRES OF QUAY AND 88 HECTARES OF BACK-UP FOR CARGO HANDLING, CONTAINER STORAGE AND CONTAINER FREIGHT STATIONS.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT TO MEET INCREASING DEMAND, THE KWAI CHUNG CREEK RECLAMATION WOULD PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 15 HECTARES OF BACK-UP SPACE THAT WOULD BE COMPLETED BY MID-1987.

NEGOTIATIONS WERE ALSO UNDER WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TERMINAL WITH THREE BERTHS, HE ADDED.

TURNING TO THE SPORTS CENTRE, SIR DAVID SAID IT SHOWED CLEARLY THAT THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MODERN TERMINAL LIMITED RECOGNISED THE CONTRIBUTION OF OUR SKILLED AND EFFICIENT WORKERS TO THE SUCCESS OF THE TERMINAL, WHICH WAS AN EXAMPLE OTHER EMPLOYERS COULD WELL FOLLOW.

HE CONGRATULATED THE ARCHITECT OF THE CENTRE, MR ALAN WRIGHT, FOR HIS BOLD AND CREATIVE APPROACH WHICH PRODUCED AN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE AND SPACIOUS SPORTS CENTRE.

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SIR DAVID HOPES FOR DECISION SOON ON NEW CONTAINER TERMINAL
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY THAT HE HOPED A DECISION WOULD BE REACHED +WITHIN A MATTER OF WEEKS+, ON NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE OPERATOR AND THE GOVERNMENT ON A NEW CONTAINER TERMINAL INVOLVING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION ON PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE EXTENSION TO THE TERMINAL, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE GOING ON EXTREMELY WELL AND HE HOPED THAT THERE WOULD BE +A FINAL CONCLUSION, THAT WE WERE GOING AHEAD, OR AT LEAST THE OPERATORS WERE GOING AHEAD, WITHIN A MATTER OF WEEKS FROM NOW+.

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+I HOPE THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE TAKEN TO GO AHEAD. IT IS A COMPLICATED EQUATION FROM AN ENGINEERING POINT OF VIEW, BUT I HOPE THAT ALL THOSE PROBLEMS WILL BE SORTED OUT AND THAT THE GO-AHEAD WOULD BE VERY SOON.

+SO THAT AGAIN IS VERY BIG NEWS FOR HONG KONG, BECAUSE THE INVESTMENT IN THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTAINER PORT RUNS INTO BILLIONS OF DOLLARS,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WAS REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AFTER OPENING THE SPORTS CENTRE OF MODERN TERMINALS LIMITED IN KWAI CHUNG THIS MORNING.

ASKED TO EXPLAIN THE ENGINEERING COMPLICATIONS HE REFERRED TO, SIR DAVID SAID: +IT IS A LARGE RECLAMATION. THE WATER IS VERY DEEP AND DECIDING EXACTLY HOW YOU ARE TO RECLAIM IT AND WHERE THE FILL FOR THE RECLAMATION IS TO COME FROM IS QUITE A COMPLICATED ENGINEERING EQUATION.+

ASKED IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CARRY OUT THE RECLAMATION, SIR DAVID REPLIED: +NO. JUST AS WE DID THESE TERMINALS HERE, WE ACTUALLY DISPOSE OF THE SEA BED AND THEN THE OPERATORS OR THE APPLICANTS GET ON WITH DOING THE WORK THEMSELVES. IN THAT WAY YOU ACHIEVE A MUCH MORE EFFICIENT AND QUICK SOLUTION.+

EARLIER, SIR DAVID EXPLAINED TO REPORTERS THAT HE HAD GONE TO OPEN THE SPORTS CENTRE AND ALSO TO SEE THE CONTAINER PORT, AND THAT HE WOULD LATER BE GOING TO TSING YI +TO HAVE A LOOK ROUND AND SEE THE DEVELOPMENT ON TSING YI AND TO LEARN ABOUT SOME OF THEIR PROBLEMS FIRST HAND.+

+I HAVEN'T, + SIR DAVID SAID, +COME TO KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI TO TALK ABOUT CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT. I THINK WE'VE HAD ENOUGH ON CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR A FEW DAYS, REALLY. BUT I HOPE YOU ALL WILL GET THE SAME FEELING OF EXCITEMENT THAT I GET WHEN I COME TO KWAI CHUNG AND SEE THIS TREMENDOUS DEVELOPMENT AND I HOPE YOU FEEL AS PROUD AS I DO OF HONG KONG TO HAVE REALLY WHAT IS THE THIRD LARGEST CONTAINER PORT IN THE WORLD, WHICH IS REALLY A TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT FOR THIS SMALL PLACE TO HAVE ACHIEVED IN WORLD DIMENSION.+

ASKED WHETHER HE EXPECTED ANY DELAY IN THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION, SIR DAVID SAID: +NO. THE LAND COMMISSION MEETING WAS POSTPONED FOR VERY GOOD REASONS — THAT THERE WERE A LOT OF TECHNICAL PAPERS TO BE READ AND DIGESTED AND A SHORT DELAY WAS VERY REASONABLE.+

SIR DAVID ADDED THAT HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SPECULATE ON THE AGENDA OF THE LAND COMMISSION AND THE NATURE OF THE PAPERS THAT THEY WERE CONSIDERING.

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+BUT LAND IN SUCH A SMALL PLACE AS HONG KONG IS REALLY A VERY COMPLICATED QUESTION, AND THERE IS A LOT OF DETAILED DOCUMENTATION INVOLVED, AND THAT IS WHAT THE POSTPONEMENT IS FOR - IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THE DOCUMENTS IN DETAIL.+

ASKED IF HE EXPECTED THAT A CONCLUSION WOULD BE ARRIVED AT DURING THE NEXT LAND COMMISSION MEETING, SIR DAVID SAID: +THEY KEEP ROLLING YOU KNOW, DIGESTING ONE PROBLEM, SOLVING IT, MOVING TO THE NEXT PROBLEM.+

REPLYING TO ANOTHER QUESTION CONCERNING LAND, SIR DAVID SAID THAT HE WAS SURE THAT 50 HECTARES SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR THE NORMAL LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME.

+BUT WHEN YOU HAVE VERY LARGE PROJECTS, YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE A DIFFERENT LOOK AT THEM.+

REPLYING TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WOULD BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP IN BEIJING NEXT MONTH, SIR DAVID SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION MADE IT VERY CLEAR WHAT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE JLG WAS. +AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE JOINT DECLARATION MORE SERIOUSLY, IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE MATTERS,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED IF HE HAD ANY REACTION TO COMMENTS BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MRS SELINA CHOW, ON RTHK TODAY THAT SHE WOULD BE CALLING FOR A DEBATE ON THE BASIC LAW IN LEGCO, SIR DAVID SAID: +NO. I THINK I HAVE SAID ALL THAT I HAVE TO SAY ON THAT SUBJECT.+

ASKED ALSO IF HE HAD ANY PERSONAL COMMENTS ON A COURT CASE +INVOLVING A MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN'S CENTRE+, SIR DAVID REPLIED: +NO. I DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON IT.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE HAD READ THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S REPORT ON CONFESSION STATEMENTS AND THEIR ADMISSIBILITY IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS, AND +HOW QUICKLY+ MIGHT THE GOVERNMENT BE ACTING ON IT, SIR DAVID SAID: +I'VE OBVIOUSLY READ IT; BUT IT'S NOW OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND DEBATE. WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD IN ANY DIRECTION UNTIL WE'VE LISTENED TO WHAT PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT IT.+

ON A QUESTION AS TO +WHEN WILL A REVIEW OF THE HOMOSEXUALITY LAWS BE TAKEN UP AGAIN, SIR DAVID REPLIED: +I COULDN'T SAY, QUITE FRANKLY.+

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CS LOOKS INTO TSING YI WORKS
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAW WORK BEING CARRIED OUT ON THE TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE, WHICH COSTS \$200 MILLION, AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1987.

THE BRIDGE WILL BE A TWO-LANE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY, WITH CAPACITY FOR 3 000 VEHICLES AN HOUR IN EACH DIRECTION.

SIR DAVID WAS MAKING A TOUR OF TSING YI ISLAND TO LOOK INTO GENERAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

SIR DAVID FIRST ARRIVED AT THE TSING YI PUBLIC SCHOOL WHERE HE WAS MET BY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (TSUEN WAN), MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, AND PROJECT MANAGER (TSUEN WAN), DR E.G. PRYOR.

AT THE SCHOOL, SIR DAVID INSPECTED A DISPLAY OF MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF TSING YI, AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

HE THEN PROCEEDED TO THE ROOF-TOP OF THE SCHOOL FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF NORTH-EAST TSING YI.

IN THE EXTREME NORTH-EAST END OF TSING YI, NEAR NGA YING CHAU, EXTENSIVE RECLAMATION AND FORMATION WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT TO PROVIDE LAND FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES.

TSING YI ISLAND IS DEVELOPING RAPIDLY, AND BY EARLY 1990, THE POPULATION WILL TREBLE FROM THE EXISTING 62 000 TO 220 000.

SIR DAVID LATER TOURED THE CHEUNG HONG PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

DURING HIS VISIT TO TSING YI, SIR DAVID ALSO MET COMMUNITY LEADERS AND DISCUSSED LOCAL AFFAIRS WITH THEM.

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GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH ELECTION, AG SAYS
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THERE WAS GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, AND THE WAY IN WHICH THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM WORKED, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

ADDRESSING THE ZONTA CLUB OF KOWLOON AT A LUNCHEON MEETING ON +LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS+, MR THOMAS SAID THE ELECTORAL SYSTEMS DID NOT COME IN +NICELY PREPARED PACKAGES+.

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THE BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR HONG KONG'S ARRANGEMENTS, HE SAID, HAD TO BE CAREFULLY THOUGHT THROUGH BY SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WORKING UNDER THE CHIEF SECRETARY, AND THE APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS HAD TO BE OBTAINED.

+POLICY DECISIONS HAD TO BE TAKEN ON SUCH MATTERS AS THE ABSOLUTE MAJORITY AS AGAINST THE 'FIRST PAST THE POST', WHETHER MULTIPLE VOTING WOULD BE ALLOWED IF A VOTER QUALIFIED IN TWO FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES AND SO ON,+ HE SAID.

ONCE THESE PRINCIPLES HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED, CONSIDERABLE WORK HAD TO BE DONE BY A TEAM OF DRAFTSMEN WHO DESERVED MUCH PRAISE FOR PUTTING THE ELECTORAL PACKAGE TOGETHER.

THESE UNPRECEDENTED ELECTIONS THUS +PASSED OFF WITHOUT PROBLEMS+, AND +NO FLAWS IN THE LEGISLATION CAME TO LIGHT,+ MR THOMAS SAID. AND IT WAS +HIGHLY COMMENDABLE ON THE PART OF ALL THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR SUPPORTERS AS THERE WAS LITTLE ACRIMONY OR VITUPERATION.+ IT WAS QUITE COMMON FOR CANDIDATES IN OTHER SOCIETIES TO ABUSE ONE ANOTHER SHAMEFULLY, +WITH THREATS, ACCUSATIONS AND EVEN LIBEL WRITS FLYING LIKE CONFETTI AT A WEDDING.+

HONG KONG COULD BE PROUD OF THE FACT THAT ON ALL SIDES, +WE HAVE HEARD OF HONEST AND STRAIGHTFORWARD CAMPAIGNING, IN WHICH WORTHY CANDIDATES OFFERED THEMSELVES, THEIR VIEWS AND WHAT THEY STOOD FOR, AS THE INDUCEMENTS FOR SUPPORT.+

+THIS IS AS IT SHOULD BE,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO FEARS THAT THERE MIGHT BE +WIDESPREAD JERRYMANDERING AND CORRUPTION+, IN THE ELECTIONS, HE SAID THERE WERE ONLY FIVE COMPLAINTS MADE TO THE ICAC, COMPARED WITH OVER 80 COMPLAINTS AFTER THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

+ONLY THREE INVOLVE ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPER BEHAVIOUR AND ARE INVESTIGABLE. IF TRUE, ONE IS TRIFLING, ONE SERIOUS IN A MINOR WAY, AND ONE ONLY IS SERIOUS,+ HE ADDED.

ALL THIS, HE SAID, SHOWED THAT HONG KONG COULD ADAPT ITSELF TO A NOVEL ELECTORAL PROCESS READILY AND THAT THOSE WHO ASPIRED TO POLITICAL OFFICE COULD ACQUIT THEMSELVES WELL.

+IT HAS BEEN A VERY ENCOURAGING FIRST STEP TOWARDS AN ELECTED LEGISLATURE,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE LEGAL CONSTITUENCY ELECTIONS, HE SAID THEY +DID A GREAT SERVICE TO THE ELECTORAL PROCESS+, NOT ONLY BY OFFERING THEMSELVES AS CANDIDATES, BUT ALSO BY CONDUCTING A SERIOUS CAMPAIGN WHICH REACHED OUT TO EVERY VOTER.

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WITH REGARD TO THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMPRISING OFFICIALS, APPOINTED AND ELECTED MEMBERS, MR THOMAS SAID: +THE COMMUNITY WILL BE WATCHING CLOSELY TO SEE HOW THIS NEW TEAM TACKLES THE PROCESSING OF LEGISLATION, THE QUESTIONING OF GOVERNMENT POLICY, AND THE DEBATING OF PUBLIC ISSUES.+

HE SAID HE WAS SURE THAT ELECTED MEMBERS WOULD WISH TO MAKE CLEARLY KNOWN TO THE COUNCIL THE CONCERNS OF THOSE FOR WHOM THEY WERE WELL QUALIFIED TO SPEAK.

+BUT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL ALSO WISH THE COUNCIL TO RESOLVE ISSUES OF POLICY IN A WAY THAT PROMOTES THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE,+ HE SAID.

ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS AND THE GOVERNMENT, MR THOMAS SAID IT WOULD BE WRONG TO TRY TO INSERT INTO HONG KONG'S ARRANGEMENTS STYLES OF GOVERNMENT WHICH WERE ALIEN TO THE TRADITION OF HONG KONG'S SOCIETY.

+IT WILL BE A TIME FOR IDEAS TO EVOLVE IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE, IDEAS THAT WILL SUIT HONG KONG'S TRADITION OF PROMOTING GOOD GOVERNMENT BY CONSULTATION AND CONSENSUS,+ HE SAID.

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HK SEEKS REVIEW OF U.S. ORIGIN RULES PLAN

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HONG KONG HAS ASKED THE UNITED STATES TO RECONSIDER ITS PROPOSAL TO EXTEND TO ALL TEXTILES FOR ALL PURPOSES CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN REGULATIONS WHICH CAME INTO FORCE IN APRIL 1985 FOR QUOTA CONTROL PURPOSES.

IN A NOTE TO THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SET OUT ITS RESPONSE TO A CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL PUBLISHED IN THE U.S. FEDERAL REGISTER ON AUGUST 2.

THE STATEMENT POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG HAD BROUGHT A COMPLAINT ON THE EXISTING REGULATIONS TO THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY IN GENEVA IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR AND IT HAD RECEIVED A FAVOURABLE RECOMMENDATION. ALTHOUGH THE U.S. HAD FINALISED THE REGULATIONS, HONG KONG UNDERSTOOD THAT THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO RESUME CONSULTATIONS ON THEM AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.

EVEN THOUGH THE REGULATIONS WERE IMPLEMENTED IN APRIL THIS YEAR, THERE ARE STILL SOME AREAS WHICH ARE NOT CLEAR AND THERE IS UNCERTAINTY AS TO DETAILED INTERPRETATIONS -- ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO KNITWEAR.

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+IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT DOES NOT SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO EXTEND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ORIGIN REGULATIONS IN SECTION 12.130 OF THE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS TO ALL TEXTILES PRODUCTS FOR ALL PURPOSES,+ SAID THE NOTE.

THE PROPOSED CHANGE WOULD ALSO ALTER LONG - STANDING AND ESTABLISHED PRACTICES ON WHICH THE HONG KONG KNITWEAR INDUSTRY HAS RELIED IN ORGANISING ITS PRODUCTION.

OF PARTICULAR CONCERN IS THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO MARKING REQUIREMENTS.

THE NOTE SAID THAT HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY HAD OVER THE YEARS DEVELOPED A REPUTATION FOR QUALITY PRODUCTS AND IN THIS REGARD THE INDUSTRY AND IMPORTERS IN THE U.S. ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE HONG KONG LABEL. IF THE PROPOSED CHANGES WERE TO GO AHEAD THE INDUSTRY, IN ORDER TO RETAIN THE HONG KONG LABEL, WOULD HAVE TO MAKE LENGTHY, COSTLY AND BURDENSOME ADJUSTMENTS.

THE NOTE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE U.S. SHOULD RECONSIDER THE PROPOSAL. IF IT STILL WISHED TO GO AHEAD, THEN DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE HELD IN ORDER THAT EACH SIDE COULD EXPLAIN ITS CONCERN AND ATTEMPT TO REACH A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY UNDERSTANDING BEFORE A FINAL DECISION WAS MADE.

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LADY YOUDE VISITS SANDY BAY INSTITUTIONS * * * *

LADY YOUDE THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING VISITED TWO GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED INSTITUTIONS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN AT SANDY BAY - THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTRE AND THE DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

AT THE CENTRE SHE SAW 140 CHILDREN BEING TRAINED TO OVERCOME THEIR DISABILITIES AND TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.

LADY YOUDE WAS TOLD THAT THE CENTRE PROVIDED CHILDREN WITH COMPREHENSIVE PHYSIOTHERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND SPEECH THERAPY TREATMENT.

SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HER TOUR BY THE CENTRE'S SUPERVISOR, MR S.B. LI; THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG RED CROSS SOCIETY, DR T.C. CHENG; AND THE SOCIETY'S DIRECTOR, MRS IRENE CHEUNG.

LADY YOUDE THEN WENT TO THE DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS BRIEFED BY THE MATRON, MRS A. IU, AND THE FUND-RAISING OFFICER, MRS HILARY PRIOR, ON THE VARIOUS FACILITIES IN THE HOSPITAL.

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THE 160-BED HOSPITAL, RUN BY THE SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CHILDREN, IS ONE OF THE LARGEST CHILDREN ORTHOPAEDICS HOSPITALS IN THE WORLD AND IS FAMOUS FOR ITS TREATMENT OF SPINAL DEFORMITIES.

LADY YOUDE WAS TOLD THAT THE HOSPITAL'S NEW CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR, WOULD PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR BETTER ASSESSMENT OF CHILDREN'S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ABILITY.

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DISCUSSION ON VALUE FOR MONEY STUDY GROUP

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THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) THE SETTING UP OF A STEERING GROUP IN THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO OVERSEE THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT'S VALUE FOR MONEY STUDY TEAM.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH STATUTORY CONTROL OVER BOTTLED WATER SOLD AS +MINERAL WATER+.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE CONCEPT OF THE PROVISIONAL ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN TOWN PARK.

THE OPEN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN AT 2.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

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CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR SHEK WU HUI DEVELOPMENT
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT RECENTLY AWARDED TWO CONTRACTS, AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN \$27 MILLION, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHEK WU HUI.

THE FIRST CONTRACT OF \$25 MILLION IS FOR THE FORMATION OF 17 HECTARES OF LAND TO THE WEST OF TIN PING ESTATE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME HOUSING ESTATE.

THE LAND FORMED WILL ALSO PROVIDE SPACE FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES SUCH AS A SPORTS GROUND, INDOOR GAMES HALLS, LOCAL OPEN SPACE, A CAR PARK AND A BUS TERMINUS.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ROADS, TOTALLING 1.3 KILOMETRES, TO THE NORTH OF JOCKEY CLUB ROAD WHICH WILL PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS, IS ALSO PART OF THE PROJECT.

WORK WILL START THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN 20 MONTHS.

THE SECOND CONTRACT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LOCAL OPEN SPACE FOR SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN.

IT INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF SITTING AREAS, GARDENS, PAVILIONS AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS.

WORK WILL START NEXT WEEK AND BE COMPLETED IN EIGHT MONTHS.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS STREET SLEEPERS ISSUE
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THE FINDINGS OF A SURVEY ON NUISANCES CAUSED TO RESIDENTS AT FERRY POINT BY STREET SLEEPERS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT TOMORROW'S YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY A GROUP COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO STUDY THE PROBLEM AND TO RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS AND COMMENT ON PROPOSALS TO ALLEVIATE ENVIRONMENTAL, HYGIENE AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS IN THE SHEK LUNG STREET FRUIT MARKET.

THE FRUIT MARKET HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR 60 YEARS, AND ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF ALL FRUITS CONSUMED IN HONG KONG ARE HANDLED IN THE MARKET.

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THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT GASCOIGNE ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE DISTRIBUTION OF NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN YAU MA TEI, THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF DB FUNDS AND PROGRESS REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490-492 NATHAN ROAD, HOP FAT COMMERCIAL CENTRE.

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JAPANESE YOUTHS TOUR TSUEN WAN
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A GROUP OF JAPANESE YOUTHS VISITED TSUEN WAN TODAY (THURSDAY) TO SEE FACILITIES IN THE NEW TOWN AND TO MEET YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT AS PART OF THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED UNDER THE DISTRICT'S INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR PROGRAMME.

THE GROUP, COMPRISING 30 MEMBERS FROM KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURE SPENT THE MORNING TOURING THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, AND THE COMMUNITY HALL AT SHEK WAI KOK, AND VISITING THE SCENIC YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE BEFORE ATTENDING A LUNCH RECEPTION AT THE HILLTOP COUNTRY CLUB.

AT THE RECEPTION, THEY WERE MET BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANGUS MIU, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT IYY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN.

+THE VISIT BY THE JAPANESE YOUTHS PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN YOUTHS OF THE TWO PLACES AND ALSO PAVED THE WAY FOR THE IYY YOUTH AMBASSADOR SCHEME OF TSUEN WAN YOUTHS TO VISIT JAPAN NEXT YEAR,+ MR CHAU SAID.

+TEN YOUTHS WILL BE SELECTED FROM AMONG PARTICIPANTS IN VARIOUS IYY ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT AND WILL BE SENT AS AMBASSADORS TO JAPAN,+ HE ADDED.

THE VISITORS ARE FROM VARIOUS PROFESSIONS, RANGING FROM POLICE OFFICERS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN. MOST OF THEM ARE ALSO ENGAGED IN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH ACTIVITY SERVICES.

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COURTESY CAMPAIGN AIMS AT ELDERLY

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A DAY OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR YOUNG AND OLD WILL MARK THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT COURTESY CAMPAIGN THIS SATURDAY (OCTOBER 12) AT THE KIANGSU AND CHEKIANG PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MORE THAN 600 SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE TREATED TO A TWO-HOUR CHINESE OPERA, WHILE SOME 100 YOUTHS, FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH GROUPS, WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE ELDERLY BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS TELEMATCHES ON THE ROOFTOP OF THE SCHOOL.

EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE EVENT WILL RECEIVE A GIFT PACKET DONATED BY THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON KAIFONG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A PHOTO DISPLAY ON THE WORKS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON KAIFONG'S ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT IS AIMED AT FOSTERING RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY AND IS PART OF A COURTESY DRIVE IN THE DISTRICT TO COINCIDE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDE A SLOGAN-DESIGN COMPETITION AND A CHINESE LYRIC COMPOSITION CONTEST. APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COMPETITIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE STARTING FROM OCTOBER 14.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 3 PM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT COURTESY CAMPAIGN AND THE CANTONESE OPERA CONCERT FOR ELDERLY AT 3 PM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 12) IN THE KIANGSU AND CHEKIANG PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL AT 30 CHING WAH STREET, NORTH POINT.

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SPECIAL PLAN SET OUT FOR FESTIVAL TRAFFIC
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

WO HOP SHEK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs, BUT INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs, BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 PM ON :

OCTOBER 13, (SUNDAY)

OCTOBER 20, (SUNDAY)

OCTOBER 22, (FESTIVAL DAY)

OCTOBER 27, (SUNDAY)

NOVEMBER 3, (SUNDAY)

ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DAYS, WO HOP SHEK CONNECTION SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN NORTHEAST SLIP ROAD AND WO HOP SHEK ROAD AS WELL AS THE SLIP ROAD FROM TAI PO ROAD TO WO HOP SHEK ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT KMB BUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs BUT INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs.

IN ADDITION, THE TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SECTION WEST SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN HO KAR YUEN ACCESS ROAD AND WO HOP SHEK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FOR KMB BUSES DURING THE ABOVE DAYS.

FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD, I.E. THE ROAD LEADING FROM TAI PO ROAD TO PAK FUK TSUEN, WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FOR KMB BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES, EMERGENCY AND RESIDENTS' VEHICLES SEEKING LOCAL ACCESS BETWEEN 6 AM AND 6 PM ON THE ABOVE STATED DAYS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FANLING KCR STATION FORECOURT WILL BE CLOSED AT ITS ACCESS FROM ROAD D5 TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT KMB BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

LO WAI ROAD BETWEEN LO WAI BUS TERMINUS AND YUEN YUEN HOK YUEN WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES, EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 7 AM TO 4 PM ON OCTOBER 13, 20, 22 AND 27.

DURING THE CLOSURE, NT GREEN MINIBUSES ROUTES 81 AND 81M WILL TERMINATE AT LO WAI BUS TERMINUS.

THE ACCESS ROADS TO TSUEN WAN CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED EXCEPT FOR HEARSEs AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON OCTOBER 13, 19, 20, 21, 22 AND 27 AND ON ANY OTHER DAYS DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD IF TRAFFIC SITUATION SO REQUIRES.

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THE TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SECTION WEST SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN HONG LOK YUEN AND WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDBOUT WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND ON THE FIVE DAYS MENTIONED ABOVE, BETWEEN 6 AM AND 6 PM.

SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC SHOULD USE TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SECTION INSTEAD.

THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO USE THEIR PRIVATE CARS BUT TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO GO TO THE CEMETERIES, AS THERE WILL BE NO PARKING FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE VICINITY OF WO HOP SHEK. PARKING SPACES IN SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING AND AROUND TSUEN WAN CEMETERY ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED. VEHICLES PARKED ILLEGALLY ON THE ROAD OR PAVEMENT WILL BE TOWED AWAY WITHOUT WARNING.

PRIVATE CARS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SET DOWN OR PICK UP PASSENGERS ON EITHER SIDE OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD.

KCRC SERVICE WILL BE STRENGTHENED AND OPERATE AT FIVE-MINUTE FREQUENCY FROM 7 AM TO 9.45 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM, AND AT 10-MINUTE FREQUENCY DURING OFF PEAK PERIODS ON THE FIVE DAYS MENTIONED.

SPECIAL SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE 70R WILL OPERATE BETWEEN FANLING KCR STATION AND WO HOP SHEK ON THE DAYS MENTIONED, AT THREE-MINUTE INTERVALS.

A \$1 SINGLE FARE WILL BE CHARGED.

GRAVE-SWEEPERS WISHING TO GO TO SANDY RIDGE MAY USE REGULAR BUS SERVICES 73K PLYING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND SAN UK LING, OR THE ELECTRIC TRAIN SERVICE TO LO WU. PLBS AND TAXIS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO SET DOWN AND PICK UP PASSENGERS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS; WAITING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO USE THE FOOTPATHS SOUTH OF THE FANLING STATION AS THESE ARE NOW PART OF A CONSTRUCTION SITE AND ARE NOT SAFE FOR PUBLIC USE. THEY ARE ADVISED TO FOLLOW THE PEDESTRIAN ROUTE FROM FANLING KCR STATION TO FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD, FANLING ROUNDBOUT, TAI PO ROAD, WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE AND WO HOP SHEK ROAD.

THERE IS EXPECTED TO BE SEVERE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON TAI PO ROAD.

VISITORS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THE CEMETERIES EARLY OR ON OTHER NON-FESTIVAL DAYS. THOSE GOING TO THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO USE ROUTE TWISK AND FAN KAM ROAD, OR CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TUEN MUN HIGHWAY AS ALTERNATIVE ROUTES.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHARITY WALK

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 13) IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR CHARITY WALK TO BE HELD BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE THAT DAY:

ROAD CLOSURES

- * THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND ALL ITS APPROACH ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 4 AM AND 9 PM;
- * NAM ON LANE, ALONG WITH THE UNNAMED SLIP ROAD ADJACENT TO THE SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS, AND THE SECTION OF MONG LUNG STREET NORTH OF PO MAN STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6 AM TO 4 PM; AND
- * NAM ON STREET BETWEEN ALDRICH STREET AND NAM ON LANE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES FROM 6 AM TO 4 PM.

PARKING

THE OPEN-AIR CAR PARK ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE VICTORIA PARK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 6 PM ON OCTOBER 12 TO 2 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

BUS SERVICES

- * CMB ROUTE 780 WILL BE SUSPENDED;
- * BUSES LEAVING THE SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PO MAN STREET, MONG LUNG STREET, FACTORY STREET AND ALDRICH STREET FROM 6 AM TO 4 PM; AND
- * THE BUS STOP ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF VICTORIA PARK ROAD ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF THE GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 6 AM AND 1 PM.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH UTMOST CARE IN THE VICINITY OF THE SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS AND THE POLICE WILL BE ON HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS. ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AWAY WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION.

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WORK ON TSING YI BRIDGE
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FOR THREE ONE-HOUR PERIODS ON OCTOBER 13 (SUNDAY),
NOVEMBER 10 (SUNDAY) AND DECEMBER 8 (SUNDAY), TSING YI BRIDGE
WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC AT INTERVALS OF FIVE MINUTES ONLY.

THESE ONE-HOUR PERIODS WILL START FROM MIDNIGHT, 6.30 AM
AND 3 PM TO ENABLE CONSULTANTS TO CARRY OUT INVESTIGATIVE WORK.

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SALZBURG MOZARTEUM ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM HERE
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THE SALZBURG MOZARTEUM ORCHESTRA WILL VISIT HONG KONG AGAIN
TO GIVE ONE PERFORMANCE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON NOVEMBER 25.

THE ORCHESTRA, THE HOUSE ORCHESTRA OF THE SALZBURG FESTIVAL
SINCE 1920, WAS LAST HERE IN 1978, PLAYING TO PACKED AUDIENCES AT
THE CITY HALL.

UNDER CONDUCTOR HANS GRAF, THE ORCHESTRA WILL PERFORM MOZART'S
SYMPHONY NO. 40 IN G MINOR, K 550; SYMPHONY NO. 41 IN C MAJOR,
K 551 +JUPITER+, AND PIANO CONCERTO NO. 26 IN D MAJOR, K 537
+CORONATION+. THE SOLOIST WILL BE ERIC HEIDSIECK.

THE PERFORMANCE IS PRESENTED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT, AND WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM ON NOVEMBER 25.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT \$30, \$50, \$80 AND \$120.

POSTAL BOOKINGS ARE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 18.

COMPLETED BOOKING FORMS, TOGETHER WITH A CROSSED CHEQUE OR
MONEY ORDER (PAYABLE TO +HONG KONG GOVERNMENT+) AND A STAMPED
SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE, SHOULD BE SENT TO THE TSUEN WAN TOWN
HALL, TAI HO ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

THE REMAINING TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM OCTOBER 25 ONWARDS
AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 0-440144.

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MEET THE MEDIA SESSION
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A MEET THE MEDIA SESSION CHAIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S NEW HEADQUARTERS IN HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

THE SESSION WILL START AT 2.30 PM AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 16TH FLOOR AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A HOUSE-WARMING PARTY ON THE 17TH FLOOR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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