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GOVERNOR EMPHASISES IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE AID EFFORTS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (FRIDAY) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE EFFORT IN HELPING HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN HONG KONG.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE START OF A WALK IN SAI KUNG TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHILDREN.

THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMETHING MORE THAT COULD BE DONE, SIR DAVID SAID.

"GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DO MORE. BUT IN A SOCIETY LIKE HONG KONG, WHAT THE PUBLIC DOES, WHAT PRIVATE EFFORT DOES IS AT LEAST AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN DO," HE NOTED.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO BE AT THE START OF THE WALK WHICH WAS BOTH EXCITING FOR THOSE PEOPLE TAKING PART AND A GREAT EFFORT IN FUND-RAISING.

HE SAID, "HOW GOOD IT IS THAT WE HAVE THIS FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN FOR SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN OUR SOCIETY WHO ARE LESS WELL OFF IN VARIOUS WAYS, WHETHER IT IS PHYSICALLY OR ANY OTHER WAY.

"AND HOW VERY GOOD IT IS TO SEE SOME OF THE PEOPLE, WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS FUND-RAISING, TAKING PART IN THE BEGINNING OF THE WALK TODAY."

THE TRAILWALKER '87 IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY OXFAM, QUEEN'S GURKHA SIGNALS AND SPONSORED BY HONGKONG BANK. MORE THAN 700 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE WALK AND RAISED \$800,000 TO HELP CHILDREN IN HONG KONG, INDIA AND NEPAL.

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STOCK MARKET WILL REMAIN IMPORTANT ELEMENT

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THE STOCK MARKET WILL CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS IN THE FINANCIAL STRUCTURE OF HONG KONG, AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS OF THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL BE TO CONSIDER HOW BEST THIS MARKET CAN ASSURE ITS INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION AND STANDING, THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR DAVID NENDICK, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN A SPEECH ENTITLED "A SURVEY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS IN HONG KONG", GIVEN TO THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS, MR NENDICK COMMENTED ON RECENT PROBLEMS IN THE STOCK AND FUTURES MARKETS, AND SAID IT WAS TRUE, THOUGH SADLY, THAT IMPROVEMENTS TO FINANCIAL MARKETS AND REGULATION ONLY CAME ABOUT AFTER MAJOR SHOCKS OR SETBACKS.

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HE SAID THIS WAS PARTLY BECAUSE HINDSIGHT WAS MUCH MORE OF A SCIENCE THAN FORESIGHT, AND PARTLY BECAUSE THERE WAS RESISTANCE TO CHANGE, WHICH WAS A COMMON ATTITUDE AND BY NO MEANS THE MONOPOLY OF CIVIL SERVANTS.

"BE THIS AS IT MAY, UNDOUBTEDLY WE NOW HAVE A WILLINGNESS, INDEED A DETERMINATION, IN OUR COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT NECESSARY CHANGES ARE MADE AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THESE WILL TAKE PLACE," HE SAID.

RECENT EVENTS HAD GIVEN THOSE INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS AND IN THEIR SUPERVISION A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE STOCK, HE SAID.

"CHANGE HAS BEEN DRIVEN BY MARKET FORCES BUT IT IS ARGUABLE WHETHER MARKET STRUCTURES, REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, RISK PERCEPTION HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP PACE WITH THESE DEVELOPMENTS."

MR NENDICK POINTED OUT THAT, IN HONG KONG, PROPOSALS IN THE PIPELINE, SUCH AS A SECOND MARKET IN SECURITIES OR THE INTRODUCTION OF A HONG KONG DOLLAR INTEREST RATE FUTURES CONTRACT, WOULD NOW HAVE TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE MARKETS WERE ROBUST ENOUGH TO ABSORB THEM.

HE SAID THIS MIGHT MEAN WAITING UNTIL AFTER THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE HAD MADE ITS REPORT AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL DO A THOROUGH AND WORTHWHILE JOB IN IDENTIFYING WHAT CHANGES ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER THAT HONG KONG CAN MAINTAIN, AND INDEED DEVELOP, ITS ROLE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE."

REFERRING TO THE MARKET CRASH, MR NENDICK SAID IT WOULD HAVE CHANGED INVESTORS' PERCEPTION THE WORLD OVER OF THE RISKS INVOLVED IN EQUITY INVESTMENT, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.

HE SAID, "STOCKS AND SHARES SHOULD NEVER BE SEEN AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO KEEPING READY CASH IN THE BANK."

"THOSE WHO INVEST WISELY FOR A PERIOD OF YEARS IN SOUND COMPANIES WITH GOOD MANAGEMENT WILL SHARE IN THE PROSPERITY OF THE COMPANIES CONCERNED, BUT NO ONE CAN BE ASSURED OF CERTAIN PROFIT IF THEY USE THE STOCK MARKET FOR SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT."

MR NENDICK ALSO SAID THE CRASH HAD SHOWN THAT EVENTS OUTSIDE HONG KONG COULD HAVE A PROFOUND EFFECT ON THE LOCAL MARKETS, WHICH MEANT THAT HONG KONG COULD ONLY EXPECT A FULL MEASURE OF CONFIDENCE TO RETURN WHEN THAT CONFIDENCE RETURNED IN OTHER CENTRES.

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REFERRING TO COMPARISON MADE BETWEEN THE FINANCIAL FUTURES MARKET AND A CASINO, AND THE COMPARISON OF PARTICIPANTS TO GAMBLERS, MR NENDICK SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT NOT TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE SPECULATORS OR RISK-TAKERS IN ANY FUTURES MARKET OR IN ANY DEVELOPED FINANCIAL MARKET ACROSS THE WORLD.

"HONG KONG FUTURES MARKET IS NOT UNIQUE IN THIS. WITHOUT RISK-TAKERS, MANY SUCH MARKETS WOULD NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT LIQUIDITY TO BE VIABLE.

"THE IMPORTANT POINT IS TO ENSURE THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS FULLY RECOGNISE THE RISKS THEY ARE ASSUMING, AND CAN AFFORD TO BEAR THEM," HE SAID.

EARLIER, MR NENDICK PROVIDED A GENERAL SURVEY OF THE FINANCIAL MARKETS IN HONG KONG, WHICH, HE SAID, COULD CONVENIENTLY BE CLASSIFIED INTO THE STOCK MARKET, THE CAPITAL MARKET, THE INTER-BANK MARKET, THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET, THE GOLD MARKET, AND THE STOCK INDEX FUTURES MARKET.

ON THE STOCK MARKET, HE SAID THAT THE UNIFICATION OF THE FOUR STOCK EXCHANGES WAS A SIGNIFICANT MAJOR STEP IN HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

ALTHOUGH INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS AND PROFESSIONAL FUND MANAGERS WERE BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT PLAYERS IN THAT MARKET, THE SMALL INVESTOR CONTINUED TO HAVE A VERY SIGNIFICANT PRESENCE THERE, HE SAID.

THE CAPITAL MARKET, WHICH DEALT IN NEGOTIABLE DEBT INSTRUMENTS, SUFFERED A MAJOR SETBACK EARLIER THIS YEAR WHEN INTEREST RATES BEGAN TO RISE AND THE BANK'S MARGIN CAME UNDER PRESSURE.

MR NENDICK SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CURRENTLY EXAMINING PROPOSALS TO ATTRACT A WIDER INVESTOR INTEREST IN SUCH INSTRUMENTS.

THE INTER-BANK MARKET WAS A WELL ESTABLISHED AND ACTIVE MARKET USED BY BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS FOR THE BORROWING OF HONG KONG DOLLARS AND FOREIGN CURRENCIES.

AND FROM TIME TO TIME THE EXCHANGE FUND INTERVENED IN THE HONG KONG DOLLAR INTER-BANK MARKET TO ENSURE THAT INTEREST RATES WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF THE LINK BETWEEN THE U.S. DOLLAR AND HK DOLLAR, HE SAID.

AS FOR THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET, WHICH WAS OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE BANKING SECTOR, MR NENDICK SAID A NUMBER OF FACTORS HAD CONTRIBUTED TO ITS DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG.

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THEY WERE THE ABSENCE OF ANY EXCHANGE CONTROLS, HONG KONG'S TIME ZONE LOCATION, THE AVAILABILITY OF ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS, A LARGE EXTERNAL TRADE VOLUME RESULTING IN CONSIDERABLE DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES, AND THE PRESENCE OF A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL BANKS EXPERIENCED IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE OPERATIONS.

TURNING TO THE GOLD MARKET, MR NENDICK SAID THAT IN TERMS OF TRADING VOLUME, IT WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

AND IN THE FUTURES MARKETS, THE HANG SENG INDEX WAS BY FAR THE MOST DOMINANT; SOYA BEAN AND SUGAR WERE REASONABLY ACTIVE BUT HAD LITTLE ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE FOR HONG KONG.

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SEPTEMBER ORDERS--ON--HAND, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED

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IN SEPTEMBER 1987, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS--ON--HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN AUGUST 1987 BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER SEPTEMBER 1986, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VOLUME OF ORDERS--ON--HAND, MEASURED IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF MONTHS, REFERS TO THE POSITION AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1987 WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1986, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS INCREASED IN THE WEARING APPAREL, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, WHILE THAT IN THE TEXTILES AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE.

WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1987, THE ORDERS POSITION IN SEPTEMBER 1987 DROPPED IN THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, AN IMPROVED ORDERS POSITION WAS RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR SHOWED SOME DECREASES IN SEPTEMBER 1987 WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1987 AND SEPTEMBER 1986.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1987 WITH AUGUST 1987, EMPLOYMENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY, MAINLY BECAUSE SUMMER WORKERS HAD LEFT THE INDUSTRIES.

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COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1986, EMPLOYMENT DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES, AND SLIGHTLY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, TEXTILES AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES INCREASED.

IN SEPTEMBER 1987, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR BOTH DECREASED COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1987 BUT INCREASED OVER SEPTEMBER 1986.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1987 WITH AUGUST 1987, PAYROLL IN ALL INDUSTRIES SURVEYED EXCEPT THE FOOD AND DRINKS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES DECREASED, PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE DECREASE IN EMPLOYMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN ALL INDUSTRIES SURVEYED OTHER THAN THE WEARING APPAREL AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES INCREASED.

COMPARING THE PAYROLL IN SEPTEMBER 1987 WITH THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1986, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN ALL INDUSTRIES SURVEYED EXCEPT THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. MOST INDUSTRIES SURVEYED RECORDED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS OVER SEPTEMBER 1986.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1987 WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN AUGUST 1987 BUT PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED. WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1986, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ALL INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY.

IN THE SERVICES SECTORS, OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1987 REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN AUGUST 1987 BUT PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED. COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1986, EMPLOYMENT RECORDED A MODERATE INCREASE, WHILE PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS SHOWED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES.

AMONG THE VARIOUS SERVICES SECTORS, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES, AND SLIGHTLY IN HOTELS, BUT DECREASED IN BANKS WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1987. COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1986, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN BANKS AND HOTELS AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, IN PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES. A MODERATE INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS ALSO RECORDED IN BANKS.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 AND 2 BELOW.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

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AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT THE MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE. NEVERTHELESS, THESE RESULTS ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1987 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234820.

TABLE 1: ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	FOR SEP. 1987 (MONTHS)	AUG. 87 (%)	INCREASE OVER SEP. 86 (%)
ALL INDUSTRIES	4.40	*	2
WEARING APPAREL	4.91	-1	4
TEXTILES	2.86	-2	*
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.23	-2	1
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.13	3	*
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.05	*	3
OTHERS	4.24	*	-2

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TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF SEP. 1987		PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	INCREASE OVER		IN SEP. 87 (HK\$)	INCREASE OVER	
	AUG. 87 (%)	SEP. 86 (%)		AUG. 87 (%)	SEP. 86 (%)
MANUFACTURING	-2	-3	3,741	-1	12
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	2	4,473	3	2
WEARING APPAREL	-2	-7	3,212	-4	10
TEXTILES	*	3	3,866	-7	12
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-8	-15	3,644	4	11
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	*	1	3,644	2	11
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-3	-1	3,491	1	16
OTHERS	-1	-3	4,838	1	10
CONSTRUCTION <sup>#</sup>	*	7	5,494	4	17
SERVICES	*	2	6,620	2	10
BANKS	*	3	5,867	-4	10
HOTELS	*	*	4,027	1	18
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	-1	7,121	13	8
OTHERS	*	6	7,389	-7	12

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

# PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTE: UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS" WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE FIRMS SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL GAZETTED

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THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, WHICH WILL PUT BEYOND DOUBT THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO CONTROL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AREAS ZONED FOR COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT, WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BILL WILL ALSO VALIDATE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT AREAS (CRA) ZONINGS ON EXISTING PLANS AS WELL AS DECISIONS MADE BY THE BOARD IN RELATION TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE PUT BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 2.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH SAID: "THE BILL IS REQUIRED AS THE EXISTING TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE, ENACTED IN 1939, IS NO LONGER ADEQUATE TO SUPPORT THE PRESENT PLANNING MACHINERY WHICH HAS BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED IN RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF OUR MODERN CITY."

HE ADDED THAT THE CRA ZONING SYSTEM HAD WORKED WELL SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION IN 1976.

"THE PLANNING CONTROL ACHIEVED BY THE CRA ZONING IS EFFECTIVE IN THAT ALL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN SUCH AREAS IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD, AND NO DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH AREAS IS PERMITTED UNLESS A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME FOR THE WHOLE AREA IS PRESENTED.

"SUCH CONTROL IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT OF WHAT ARE IN MANY CASES DILAPIDATED, RUN-DOWN AREAS AND TO REDRESS DEFICIENCIES IN THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THREE OUTLINE ZONING PLANS AMENDED

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AMENDMENTS TO THREE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS FOR ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU; CHA KWO LING, YAU TONG AND LEI YUE MUN; AND SHA TIN WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IS TO INCORPORATE THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SHELL OIL DEPOT AND HONG KONG ELECTRIC POWER STATION SITES ON AP LEI CHAU AFTER THEIR RELOCATION.

IT IS PROPOSED TO REDEVELOP THE SITE FOR RESIDENTIAL USE AND TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR ABOUT 32,400 PEOPLE WITH A WIDE RANGE OF SUPPORTING COMMERCIAL, COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

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THE ELECTRIC COMPANY PROPOSES TO RETAIN SOME OF ITS INSTALLATIONS, THE OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND THE CAR PARK ON THE SITE WHILE THE OIL COMPANY PLANS TO MAINTAIN A TRANSIT DEPOT FOR LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS AND OIL PRODUCT IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE SITE.

THE AMENDMENTS TO THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR CHA KWO LING, YAU TONG AND LEI YUE MUN ARE AIMED TO COINCIDE WITH DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES BROUGHT BY THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF THE SHELL OIL DEPOT IN CHA KWO LING.

ONE OF THE MAJOR AMENDMENTS IS TO INCLUDE THE AREA WEST OF CHA KWO LING ROAD AND EAST OF KING YIP STREET INTO THE PLAN.

ANOTHER MAJOR AMENDMENT IS TO REZONE THREE SITES NORTHEAST OF THE EXISTING SHELL DEPOT SITE AT CHA KWO LING ROAD OR "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)" DEVELOPMENT TO HOUSE ABOUT 27,000 PEOPLE.

THE THIRD MAJOR AMENDMENT IS TO REZONE THE LAM TIN MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION FROM "UNDETERMINED" TO "COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL" USE.

THE PROPOSED COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ABOUT 14,000 PEOPLE ABOVE THE MTR STATION WILL EXTEND BEYOND THE BOUNDARY OF THE PLANNING SCHEME TO INCLUDE A SITE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF LEI YUE MUN ROAD.

AMONG OTHER AMENDMENTS ARE THOSE INVOLVING THE USE OF THE REMAINING AREAS FOR "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY", "OPEN SPACE" AND "INDUSTRIAL" PURPOSES.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE A DISTRICT HOSPITAL, A SPORTS COMPLEX, AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, OPEN SPACE AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHICH ARE PLANNED TO REDRESS THE DEFICIENCIES IN THE AREA.

THE AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT SHA TIN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN MAINLY INCLUDE THE INCORPORATION OF THE PROPOSED TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL ALIGNMENT AND ITS INTERCHANGE AT SIU LEK YUEN TOGETHER WITH AREAS RESERVED FOR OPEN SPACE AND VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT TO THE EAST AND WEST OF THE ALIGNMENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE PROPOSED TUNNEL WILL PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT ROAD LINK BETWEEN SHA TIN AND EAST KOWLOON UPON COMPLETION IN 1992.

MINOR ADJUSTMENT TO THE ROUTE 5 ALIGNMENT HAS ALSO BEEN MADE FOR THE SECTION OF THE ROAD TO THE NORTH OF HEUNG FAN LIU.

THE TRUNK ROAD, WHICH IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, WILL GIVE A DIRECT ACCESS FROM SHA TIN TO TSUEN WAN WHEN COMPLETED IN 1990.

TO THE SOUTH OF ROUTE 5, SIGNIFICANT AREAS HAVE BEEN REZONED TO "GREEN BELT" DUE TO GEOTECHNICAL LIMITATIONS FOR BUILDING DEVELOPMENT.

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THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF LAND USE ZONING AMENDMENTS TO FACILITATE THE FOLLOWING MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TOWN:

- \* A FUNERAL PARLOUR, A PUBLIC MORTUARY AND COLUMBARIUM EXTENSION AT LOWER SHING MUN ROAD NEAR THE EXISTING FU SHAN CREMATORIUM AND COLUMBARIUM;
- \* AN ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION TO THE NORTH OF HEUNG FAN LIU VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT AREA;
- \* A 700-BED CONVALESCENT/INFIRMARY HOSPITAL AT MA ON SHAN ROAD NEAR A KUNG KOK; AND
- \* A SITE TO THE NORTH-EAST OF TSANG TAI UK VILLAGE FOR THE FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE VILLAGE.

THE AMENDMENTS TO THE THREE PLANS CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICES; PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, CENTRAL; AND THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENTS, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY OF TOWN PLANNING BOARD BY DECEMBER 11.

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NEW VALUATION LISTS BEING PREPARED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION HAS BEEN DIRECTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO PREPARE NEW VALUATION LISTS FOR ALL SPECIFIED RATING AREAS IN HONG KONG, AND OCTOBER 1, 1986, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE REFERENCE DATE FOR VALUATION PURPOSES.

THIS MEANS THAT ALL PROPERTIES INCLUDED IN THE NEW VALUATION LISTS WILL BE VALUED BY REFERENCE TO RENTAL VALUES AT OCTOBER 1, 1986.

A NOTICE ON THE GOVERNOR'S DIRECTION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS DIRECTION, STAFF OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN PREPARING VALUATIONS FOR ALL RATEABLE TENEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, INCLUDING THOSE PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN SPECIFIED AS RATING AREAS.

VALUATION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

NOTICES SHOWING THE NEW RATEABLE VALUES WILL BE ISSUED TO RATEPAYERS AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 1988.

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TERRITORY'S ADVANTAGES TO U.S. FIRMS OUTLINED IN SEMINAR

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AMERICAN COMPANIES HAVE LONG RECOGNISED THE ADVANTAGES OF HONG KONG AND, ALTOGETHER, ABOUT 900 U.S. FIRMS HAVE SOME KIND OF PRESENCE IN THE TERRITORY.

IN ADDITION, MANY U.S. COMPANIES HAVE HAD A BASE IN HONG KONG FOR YEARS, AND THE NUMBER IS GROWING FAST.

THESE POINTS WERE EMPHASISED AT A SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON ON THURSDAY (U.S. TIME) BY THE MINISTER FOR HONG KONG COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN THE U.S. CAPITAL, MR PETER Y.F. LO.

"THE UNITED STATES HAS MORE INVESTMENT IN OUR MANUFACTURING SECTOR THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY, ACCOUNTING FOR OVER ONE THIRD OF ALL OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS," MR LO TOLD THE SEMINAR ON "HONG KONG'S ROLE IN U.S./CHINA TRADE". THE TWO-DAY SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED BY THE CHINA TRADE CAUCUS OF THE U.S. SENATE.

THE MINISTER OUTLINED THE ADVANTAGES THAT HONG KONG OFFERED AS A "GATEWAY TO CHINA" AND ALSO POINTED TO ITS VALUE AS A BASE FOR DOING BUSINESS WITH THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AS A WHOLE.

HE MENTIONED THE EXCELLENT TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINKS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

"WE ARE IN MANY WAYS A SERVICES CENTRE, IN PARTICULAR A FINANCIAL CENTRE, FOR THE REGION.

"WE OFFER A STABLE, SECURE AND COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO WORK, AND A RELATIVELY WELL-EDUCATED LABOUR FORCE WITH MANY PEOPLE FLUENT IN ENGLISH," HE SAID.

IN DESCRIBING THE ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG, MR LO POINTED OUT THAT THE U.S. WAS THE TERRITORY'S SECOND LARGEST TRADING PARTNER AFTER CHINA. IT WAS HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET, ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ANNUALLY.

MR LO DETAILED HOW TWO-WAY TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA HAD GROWN DRAMATICALLY OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, AND HOW THE ENTREPOT ROLE HAD RE-EMERGED AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMY.

HE LISTED THE ADVANTAGES THAT THE TERRITORY OFFERED TO FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN SEEKING TO DO BUSINESS WITH CHINA, AND REFERRED TO THE EXTENSIVE, AND GROWING, TRANSPORT LINKS -- BY LAND, SEA AND AIR.

"AS WELL AS THESE IMPORTANT PHYSICAL LINKS, HONG KONG CAN OFFER THE PERSONAL CONNECTIONS THAT ARE SO IMPORTANT TO DOING BUSINESS ANYWHERE.

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"THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF TRADING COMPANIES IN HONG KONG WHICH HANDLE BUSINESS WITH CHINA. THESE INCLUDE FOREIGN COMPANIES FROM THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN AND EUROPE.

"HONG KONG BUSINESSMEN HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE, EXPERTISE AND LANGUAGE SKILLS THAT CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE TO THE WESTERN BUSINESSMAN GRAPPLING WITH THE PROBLEM OF PENETRATING THE DISTANT AND UNFAMILIAR CHINA MARKET," HE SAID.

MR LO ALSO NOTED THAT APART FROM THE CLOSE TRADING RELATIONSHIP, HONG KONG WAS THE LARGEST EXTERNAL INVESTOR IN CHINA, ACCOUNTING FOR OVER 60 PER CENT OF EXTERNAL INVESTMENT THERE, ACCORDING TO CHINESE FIGURES. IN ITS TURN, CHINA WAS A MAJOR INVESTOR IN HONG KONG.

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REGISTRATION OF TWO ADDITIONAL RICE STOCKHOLDERS  
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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF TWO ADDITIONAL RICE STOCKHOLDERS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR JOSEPH WONG, SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT INTENDED TO REGISTER TWO ADDITIONAL RICE STOCKHOLDERS AND ALLOCATE EACH WITH NINE UNITS.

HITHERTO, RICE IN HONG KONG IS SUBJECT TO CONTROL UNDER A RICE CONTROL SCHEME. UNDER THE SCHEME, THE QUANTITY OF RICE TO BE IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG PER QUARTER FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION IS SUBJECT TO A QUOTA WHICH IS DIVIDED INTO 1,000 UNITS, EACH UNIT REPRESENTING 90 TONNES OF RICE.

A TOTAL OF 982 UNITS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED TO 44 RICE STOCKHOLDERS. THE REMAINING 18 UNITS - LARGELY THE RESIDUAL QUOTA UNITS OF A STOCKHOLDER WHICH CEASED BUSINESS IN LATE 1986 - ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION.

"WHILE THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL STOCKHOLDERS TO BE REGISTERED ON THIS OCCASION IS SMALL, WE BELIEVE THAT ADDITION OF NEWCOMERS WITH RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND REASONABLE FINANCIAL BACKING IS IN LINE WITH OUR PRINCIPLES OF OPERATING THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME, AND SHOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO CONSUMERS IN THE LONG RUN," MR WONG SAID.

HE SAID THE DECISION TO REGISTER ADDITIONAL RICE STOCKHOLDERS AND THE CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS WAS MADE ON THE ADVICE OF THE RICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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THOSE WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION MAY OBTAIN THE APPLICATION FORM FROM THE TRADE DEPARTMENT, RESERVED COMMODITIES SECTION, 13/F, OCEAN CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON. NO APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED UNLESS EACH OF THE APPLICATION CRITERIA, AS BRIEFLY LISTED BELOW, IS SATISFIED -

- (A) THE APPLICANT IS REGISTERED WITH THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION OFFICE.
- (B) IT MUST HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE RICE TRADE FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS.
- (C) IT MUST HAVE CAPITAL OF NOT LESS THAN \$2 MILLION.
- (D) IT MUST HAVE AN ANNUAL TURNOVER OF BUSINESS OF NOT LESS THAN \$8 MILLION, OF WHICH NOT LESS THAN \$4 MILLION MUST BE RELATED TO TRADE IN RICE.
- (E) IT MUST HAVE BANK CREDITS OF NOT LESS THAN \$3 MILLION FOR TRADING IN RICE.
- (F) IT HAS MADE CONTACT WITH AN OVERSEAS SUPPLIER CAPABLE OF SUPPLYING RICE ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS.
- (G) NOT LESS THAN 51 PER CENT OF THE CAPITAL/SHARES OF THE FIRM MUST BE OWNED BY PERSONS ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG.
- (H) A MAJORITY OF PARTNERS OR DIRECTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS OF THE FIRM MUST BE ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE LODGED WITH THE TRADE DEPARTMENT BY JANUARY 15 NEXT YEAR.

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JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE SAFEGUARDED

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THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON HONG KONG PROVIDES FOR JUDICIAL POWER TO CONTINUE TO BE EXERCISED INDEPENDENTLY AND FREE FROM ANY INTERFERENCE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, SAID IN THE UNITED STATES ON FRIDAY (U.S. TIME).

MANY OF THE CONVENTIONAL SAFEGUARDS FOR JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE WERE ALSO SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION, MR THOMAS ADDED.

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HE WAS SPEAKING TO THE BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION ON THE THIRD DAY OF HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO NEW YORK, BOSTON, LONDON AND PARIS.

THE COURTS WOULD DECIDE CASES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION AND MIGHT REFER TO PRECEDENTS IN OTHER COMMON LAW JURISDICTIONS, MR THOMAS SAID.

THE BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION IS ONE OF THE OLDEST BAR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE U.S. IT WAS FOUNDED OVER 200 YEARS AGO, AND NOW HAS OVER 6,000 MEMBERS.

MR THOMAS WAS DUE TO FLY TO LONDON LATER IN THE DAY.

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EXCO APPROVES LANTAU TAXI FARE INCREASE  
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A FARE INCREASE OF 25 PER CENT FOR LANTAU TAXIS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. THE NEW FARE SCALE WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 14.

UNDER THE NEW FARE SCALE, A TAXI TRIP IN LANTAU WILL COST \$5 INSTEAD OF \$4 FOR THE FIRST TWO KILOMETRES, AND 50 CENTS FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT 0.2 KILOMETRES INSTEAD OF 80 CENTS FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT 0.4 KILOMETRES.

CHARGES FOR WAITING TIME WILL GO UP TO 50 CENTS FOR EVERY MINUTE FROM 80 CENTS FOR EVERY TWO MINUTES.

SURCHARGES ON BAGGAGE, ANIMAL OR BIRD WILL ALSO BE INCREASED FROM \$1 TO \$2 FOR EACH ARTICLE, AND A SURCHARGE OF \$1 ON RADIO-CALL SERVICE WILL BE INTRODUCED.

THE LAST INCREASE IN NEW TERRITORIES TAXI FARES WAS INTRODUCED ON MARCH 1 LAST YEAR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE FARE AND SURCHARGE INCREASES WERE APPROVED FOLLOWING A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE OVERALL OPERATING ECONOMICS OF THE LANTAU TAXI TRADE.

"THE FARE AND SURCHARGE INCREASES APPROVED ARE EXPECTED TO ENCOURAGE LANTAU TAXI OPERATORS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC," HE SAID.

THE NEW FARE SCALE WILL BE SHOWN IN A CONVERSION TABLE WHICH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT UNTIL THE TAXI METERS ARE RECALIBRATED.

LANTAU TAXI OPERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO DISPLAY THE TABLE PROMINENTLY INSIDE THE VEHICLES.

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APPOINTMENT OF KCRC BOARD MEMBERS

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR BENJAMIN WONG PUI-TONG AND HAS REAPPOINTED MR DAVID K.P. LI AS BOARD MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

MR WONG IS REPLACING MR J.A. RICHARDSON, WHO HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE CORPORATION FOR FOUR YEARS SINCE 1983. MR WONG CURRENTLY SERVES ON THE MERCANTILE MARINE ASSISTANCE FUND COMMITTEE, THE PANEL OF ASSESSORS AND THE PORTS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE. HE IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG.

THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, ARE MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, MR LAU WONG-FAT, MR SAMUEL WONG PING-WAI, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION.

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PRACTICAL EDUCATION CENTRE HELPS SCHOOLS TO BROADEN CURRICULA

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THE PRACTICAL EDUCATION CENTRE AND THE TECHNICAL TEACHING CENTRE SET UP BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE A PRACTICAL EXPRESSION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO ASSIST SCHOOLS TO BROADEN THEIR CURRICULA AND TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF APTITUDES, THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, MR HORACE KNIGHT, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE TWO CENTRES IN THE PREMISES OF THE FORMER LOK FU GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, MR KNIGHT SAID THE PRACTICAL EDUCATION CENTRE WHICH STARTED OPERATION IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR HAD BEEN A POPULAR AND SUCCESSFUL ADDITION TO THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND PROVIDED MUCH NEEDED PRACTICAL FACILITIES WHICH MANY SCHOOLS DO NOT POSSESS.

NOTING THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WOULD BE MONITORING THE USE OF THE CENTRE VERY CAREFULLY, MR KNIGHT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS ASSESSING THE DEMAND FOR THE NEED FOR A SIMILAR CENTRE ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

RECALLING THE SUGGESTION TO DEVELOP A TECHNICAL TEACHING CENTRE, MR KNIGHT SAID IT WAS THE BRIGHT IDEA OF MR JOHN SWAINE, AN EXPERT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, INVITED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO ADVISE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUBJECT DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY IN HONG KONG.

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"MR SWAINE WAS FIRMLY OF THE VIEW THAT TO DEVELOP THE SUBJECT PROPERLY WOULD REQUIRE A SPECIAL TEACHING CENTRE AND THAT SUCH A CENTRE COULD USEFULLY BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE SAME BUILDING AS A PRACTICAL EDUCATION CENTRE," MR KNIGHT SAID, ADDING THAT HE FULLY AGREED WITH THAT VIEW.

SINCE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY WAS INCLUDED AS A SUBJECT IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM, MR KNIGHT SAID THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS OFFERING THE SUBJECT HAD INCREASED FROM 42 IN 1974 TO SOME 200 THIS YEAR.

"THIS RAPID DEVELOPMENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE ONLY THROUGH AN EXPANDED TECHNICAL TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME UNDERTAKEN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT," MR KNIGHT SAID.

"TEACHERS OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS REQUIRE A FACILITY SUCH AS THIS CENTRE WHERE THEY CAN NOT ONLY RECEIVE SPECIALISED IN-SERVICE TRAINING BUT ALSO EXCHANGE IDEAS, FORMULATE NEW TEACHING METHODS, INCREASE THEIR WORKSHOP KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AND DESIGN AND PRODUCE TEACHING AIDS," HE ADDED.

"PUTTING THE TWO CENTRES TOGETHER, ONE FOR SERVING OUR STUDENTS AND THE OTHER THEIR TEACHERS, IS A MOST APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENT AND I WISH THEM BOTH EVERY SUCCESS IN MEETING THEIR VITALLY IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES," MR KNIGHT SAID.

IN HIS ADDRESS OF WELCOME, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID THE \$4.7 MILLION CENTRES SET UP BY THE DEPARTMENT WAS PART OF ITS EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE TEACHING OF PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE PRACTICAL EDUCATION CENTRE CATERS FOR STUDENTS OF SCHOOLS IN EAST KOWLOON INCLUDING PRIVATE SCHOOLS WHICH ARE SHORT OF ACCOMMODATION, FACILITIES OR TRAINED TEACHERS FOR THE TEACHING OF PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

THE CENTRE IS MANNED BY QUALIFIED TEACHERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. FREE INSTRUCTION IS GIVEN TO STUDENTS WHO ATTEND AN 80-MINUTE SESSION ONCE A WEEK AT THE CENTRE FOR EACH SUBJECT THEY TAKE. THESE INCLUDE WOODWORK, METALWORK, PLASTICS, HOME MANAGEMENT, NEEDLEWORK, PAINTING, POTTERY AND THREE-DIMENSIONAL WORKS UNDER THE THREE SCHOOL SUBJECTS OF DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, HOME ECONOMICS, AND ART AND DESIGN.

THE CENTRE IS NOW SERVING ABOUT 5,400 SECONDARY 1 AND 2 STUDENTS FROM 11 SCHOOLS IN THE EAST KOWLOON REGION. IT CAN HANDLE UP TO 9,600 STUDENTS WHEN THE CENTRE EXTENDS COURSES FOR SECONDARY 3 STUDENTS IN THE 1988-89 SCHOOL YEAR.

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NEW I.D. CARDS FOR MEN BORN IN 1961-62

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT MEN BORN IN 1961 AND 1962 WOULD BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM NOVEMBER 30, 1987 TO JANUARY 16, 1988.

"MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP CAN CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

"THEY MAY ALSO USE THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE."

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

- HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.  
TEL. NO. 5-747070
- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY GARDEN PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU  
KOK ROAD.  
TEL. NO. 3-7553679
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,  
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.  
TEL. NO. 3-7232424
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.  
TEL. NO. 0-4981259
- SHA TIN : SHATIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK  
STREET.  
TEL. NO. 0-6059108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK  
ROAD.  
TEL. NO. 0-793291
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI  
LOK FA YUEN.  
TEL. NO. 0-4580862
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG  
AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.  
TEL. NO. 0-927155

THE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1963 AND 1964 WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON NOVEMBER 28.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ANYONE FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF AN INVALID IDENTITY CARD WOULD BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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#### CYC MEMBERS CELEBRATE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y. T. LI, CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO BECOME A GOOD CITIZEN IN LINE WITH THE THEME OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE CYC.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL PARADE OF CYC AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM, MR LI SAID THE SCHEME, INAUGURATED 10 YEARS AGO WITH THE AIM OF EDUCATING SCHOOL CHILDREN TO APPRECIATE MORAL VALUES AND TO BECOME GOOD CITIZENS, HAD GROWN TO A 220,000-STRONG BRIGADE TODAY.

THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHEME DEPENDED ON THE SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF PUBLIC AND THE PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS, MR LI STRESSED.

MR LI ALSO COMMENDED CYC MEMBERS FOR THEIR ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE WORLD'S BIGGEST POSTER RECORD, LISTED IN THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS, AT VICTORIA PARK LAST WEEK.

THE POSTER, WHICH WAS REFORMED AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM TODAY, WOULD BE CUT INTO 90,000 PIECES AND SOLD TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE FORM OF CHRISTMAS CARDS IN ORDER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ELDERLY, HE NOTED.

IN ANOTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITY, CYC GIRLS AND BOYS COULD JOIN IN A SCHEME TO KNIT WOOLLEN SHAWLS. ABOUT 950 SHAWLS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE ELDERLY AT A FUN DAY FOR THE AGED AROUND LUNAR NEW YEAR, MR LI ADDED.

TO BRING THE CYC MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY, MR LI SAID A 13-EPIISODE TELEVISION SERIES ON CLUB ACTIVITIES, WITH A CASTING OF CLUB MEMBERS AND FILM AND TELEVISION STARS, WOULD BE BROADCAST ON TVB-JADE ON SUNDAYS, STARTING FROM DECEMBER 13.

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AFTER TAKING THE SALUTE FROM THE CLUB MEMBERS, MR LI PRESENTED PURPLE BADGES TO 300 SENIOR MEMBERS FROM 100 SCHOOLS WHO HAD MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES.

MR LI ALSO PRESENTED THE FIRST TWO CYC GOLD MEDALS TO THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE CYC COUNCIL, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, AND THE FOUNDER OF THE LAW'S FOUNDATIONS TRUST, MR LAW TING-PONG, FOR THEIR SERVICES TOWARDS THE CYC SCHEME. MR LEUNG'S BADGE WAS RECEIVED ON HIS BEHALF BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN.

CYC SILVER OR BRONZE MEDALS WERE PRESENTED TO FOUR OTHER PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE CYC CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES FOR GIVING VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE LAST 10 YEARS.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDED A BAND MARCH BY YUEN LONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NO. 2 PRIMARY SCHOOL AND TUNG WAH GROUPS OF HOSPITAL LEE CHI-HUNG MEMORIAL PRIMARY P.M. SCHOOL STUDENTS, A DRAGON DANCE BY YUEN LONG PAK KAU ENGLISH SCHOOL AND PAK U MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, A DANCE BY STUDENTS OF THE SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE AND TWO DRAMAS BY KAU YAN COLLEGE AND GCE PSA KWUN TONG SCHOOL STUDENTS.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE PARADE CAME WHEN CYC MEMBERS ESCORTED A GROUP OF KIDNEY DONORS AND RECIPIENTS IN FINISHING THE LAST SECTION OF THE "WALK FOR HOPE" IN A CAMPAIGN TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS CONCERNING KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS. THEY BEGAN THEIR JOURNEY LAST FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 13) AT EDINBURGH PLACE AND FINISHED AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM AFTER WALKING THROUGH MACAU, XHONGSHAN, CANTON AND SHENZHEN.

AS A GESTURE OF APPRECIATION, MR LI PRESENTED BANNERS TO THE WALKERS WHO COMPLETED THE MARATHON JOURNEY.

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NEW DEPARTMENT STORE "PITCHES IN" KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN  
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A NEWLY ESTABLISHED DEPARTMENT STORE WILL DONATE 100 LITTER BINS TO THE URBAN COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

AT A HAND-OVER CEREMONY TOMORROW (SATURDAY), URBAN COUNCILLORS DR RONALD LEUNG AND MR MAN SAI-CHEONG WILL RECEIVE THE BINS FROM JUSCO STORES (HK) LTD., ON BEHALF OF THE URBAN COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE.

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THE CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW CENTERING ON THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN MESSAGES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE HAND-OVER CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2:30 PM AT JUSCO STORES (HK) LTD. IN KORNHILL PLAZA (SOUTH). A VAN (UC 2249) FOR THE MEDIA WILL DEPART FOR THE VENUE AT 1:45 PM FROM QUEEN'S PIER, EDINBURGH PLACE. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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FAMILY FUN DAY IN NORTH DISTRICT  
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ABOUT 800 NORTH DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN A FAMILY FUN DAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CENTRAL PLAYGROUND OF CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE FUN DAY AIMS AT FOSTERING A SENSE OF NEIGHBOURLINESS AMONG RESIDENTS.

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY INCLUDES TELEMATCH AND BALL GAMES ON THE THEMES OF HOME SAFETY AND MUTUAL CO-OPERATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR LAW CHAK-TONG, AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TIM MILNES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT FAMILY FUN DAY STARTING AT 1 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CENTRAL PLAYGROUND OF CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

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YAU MA TEI TO PROMOTE CLEANLINESS

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A CLEANSING DAY TO PUBLICISE THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO LAUNCH THE YAU MA TEI ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED ANNUALLY TO REMIND RESIDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR INCLUDE A MARKET CLEANLINESS COMPETITION, DEMOLITION OF ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS, AN EXHIBITION ON HOME SAFETY AND BEAUTIFICATION, A CLEAN BUILDING COMPETITION AND A YEAR-END CLEAN UP.

YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH AND SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT (SOUTH KOWLOON) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR WONG TAK-FUN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THEY WILL ALSO HELP IN CLEANSING THE STREET AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YAU MA TEI ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN AT 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

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SPORTIVE WEEKEND FOR ISLANDERS

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TWO SPORTS EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE ON LANTAU ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 22) AS PART OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

IN THE MORNING, MORE THAN 200 ENERGETIC RUNNERS WILL TAKE PART IN THE LANTAU LONG DISTANCE RACE IN MUI WO. THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS SPORTS ASSOCIATION, ISLANDS POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SECTION, AND IS SPONSORED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD.

RUNNERS WILL START AT THE MUI WO POLICE STATION AT CHUNG HAU. THEY WILL RUN ALONG THE SCENIC SOUTH LANTAU ROAD TO THE FINISHING POINT AT THE YWCA CAMPSITE, SHAN SHEK WAN.

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ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE 7-KILOMETRE RACE AT 10.30 AM AND AT THE PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY AT THE YWCA CAMPSITE AT 11.30 AM.

IN THE AFTERNOON, ABOUT 100 PARTICIPANTS WILL JOIN THE KITE CARNIVAL IN TUNG CHUNG TO COMPETE AT A CONTEST USING KITES SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANISER.

SOME PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO JOIN A KITE-FLYING COMPETITION TO FLY KITES MADE BY THEMSELVES. MARKS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE DESIGN AND THE FLYING CAPABILITY OF THE KITES.

RESULTS OF A KITE-MAKING COMPETITION HELD EARLIER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG KITE ASSOCIATION WILL GIVE DEMONSTRATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE LANTAU LONG DISTANCE RACE IN MUI WO AND THE KITE CARNIVAL IN TUNG CHUNG ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 22).

THE PRESS LAUNCH "TIN HAU" WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, FOR MUI WO AT 9 AM.

FOR THOSE COVERING ONLY THE KITE CARNIVAL, A VAN WILL LEAVE MUI WO FERRY PIER AT 12 NOON FOR TUNG CHUNG. INFORMATION OFFICER, MR RAYMOND TAM, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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GO-KART RACE TO CONCLUDE SPORTS FESTIVAL

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THE KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL '87 WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 22) AFTER A TWO-WEEK PROGRAMME IN WHICH RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES AND DIFFERENT SECTORS HAVE TAKEN PART.

TO MARK THE CLOSING, A GO-KART RACE WILL BE HELD AT SAU NGA ROAD PLAYGROUND, GIVING A NEW DIMENSION TO THE LOCAL SPORTS SCENE.

PRIOR TO THE RACE, TWO BASKETBALL MATCHES WILL BE HELD AT HIU KWONG STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL. THE FIRST MATCH WILL BE BETWEEN TVB STARS AND KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, FOLLOWED BY AN EXHIBITION MATCH BETWEEN TWO A1 DIVISION TEAMS.

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PRESENT TO TOSS THE FIRST BALL AT 10.45 AM WILL BE THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR PAUL LEUNG. ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WILL BE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MRS ELSIE TU; LEGCO MEMBER, MR POON CHI-FAI; PRESIDENT OF THE KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL '87, MR YU SUN-SAY, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR RONNIE WONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL CLOSING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 22) AT THE HIU KWONG STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL AND THE GO-KART RACE TO START AT NOON AT SAU NGA ROAD PLAYGROUND.

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SHA TIN ATHLETIC MEET ON SUNDAY

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SHA TIN RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO WATCH A SERIES OF SPORTS EVENTS AT THE 12TH SHA TIN DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET AT SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND ON YUEN WO ROAD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 22).

THE EVENTS WILL INCLUDE RACES, RELAY RACES, HURDLE, HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP, TRIPLE JUMP, SHOT PUT, JAVELIN AND DISCUS THROW.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND REGIONAL COUNCIL WITH THE HELP OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE ATHLETIC MEET IS AIMED AT PROMOTING SPORTSMANSHIP AND SELECTING OUTSTANDING ATHLETES TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN THE 3RD NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHA TIN, MISS MARGARET FONG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; DB MEMBERS MR WONG PO-MING, MR LAU KONG-WAH AND MR ROGER LAU; SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN, MR WAI KWOK-HUNG; AND SHA TIN LEISURE MANAGER, MR LAU TAK-SIU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 10 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE 12TH SHA TIN DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 22) AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND, YUEN WO ROAD, SHA TIN.

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CHARITY WALK TO PROMOTE INTEGRATION  
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RESIDENTS OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A CHARITY WALK FOR THE DISABLED AND THE ABLE-BODIED ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 22) AT SHING MUN RIVER COUNTRY PARK.

THE CHARITY WALK, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S PROGRAMME INTENDED TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF INTEGRATION BETWEEN THE DISABLED AND THE ABLE-BODIED.

THE EVENT, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM, AIMS AT RAISING \$80,000, WHICH WILL BE USED FOR HELPING LOW-INCOME SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES LIVING IN THE DISTRICT.

SPONSORSHIP FORMS FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND SEVEN SUB-OFFICES. RESIDENTS MAY ALSO OBTAIN FORMS AT THE STARTING POINT.

OFFICIATING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WALK WILL BE THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR YAU HON-KEE; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHAN; CHIEF SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR ANTHONY CHAN; LEISURE MANAGER, MR W.K. LIU; SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR S.L. LEE; POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR L.C. TAM; AND COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT OFFICER, MR K.K. YEUNG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CHARITY WALK FOR THE DISABLED AND THE ABLE-BODIED TO BEGIN AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY AT SHING MUN RIVER COUNTRY PARK. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES MAY GO DIRECT TO THE VENUE OR TAKE A COACH WHICH WILL LEAVE HO FUNG COLLEGE AT 9.30 AM.

DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED  
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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON CHOW KAI-KWONG, ON MAY 28, 1986 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A SENTENCE OF 12 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT. CHOW WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF CHOW FUK-YUE AND CHOW MAN-KWONG.

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EXHIBITION ON REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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THE JOINT FUNCTION COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT REHABILITATION SERVICE WILL ORGANISE AN EXHIBITION ON REHABILITATIVE SERVICES IN KWUN TONG ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 22) TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF AND CONCERN FOR THE DISABLED.

SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE LIONESSE CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND, THE FUNCTION WILL ALSO INCLUDE A LION DANCE, DRAMA AND MUSIC PERFORMANCES BY DISABLED MEMBERS OF THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENT UNITS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION ON REHABILITATIVE SERVICES IN KWUN TONG AT THE TELFORD GARDEN MAIN SQUARE, KOWLOON BAY, AT 10.30 AM ON SUNDAY.

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KOWLOON AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM BEING EXPANDED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIVIL AND DUCTING WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE KOWLOON AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL (ATC) SYSTEM TO WONG TAI SIN, SAN PO KONG AND KWUN TONG DISTRICTS.

THE EXISTING ATC SYSTEM IN KOWLOON COVERS MOST URBAN AREAS EXCEPT WONG TAI SIN, SAN PO KONG AND KWUN TONG. TO CONTROL AND IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN THESE THREE DISTRICTS, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THEY SHOULD BE COVERED AS WELL.

THE EQUIPMENT USED BY MAJORITY OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLERS IN THESE DISTRICTS WILL BE LINKED TO THE COMPUTER FACILITIES IN THE ATC CENTRAL CONTROL ROOM IN YAU MA TEI BY UNDERGROUND TELECOMMUNICATION CABLES.

CIVIL AND DUCTING WORKS FOR THE PROJECT ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY AND BE COMPLETED LATE NEXT YEAR. CABLING WORK WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS, WITH A VIEW TO COMMISSIONING THE KOWLOON ATC EXPANDED SYSTEM IN MID-1989.

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PERMANENT CLOSURE OF STREET SECTION PROPOSED  
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A SECTION OF SHEUNG TAK STREET SOUTH OF TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD IN LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE IS TO BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED AS A RESULT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE.

THE PROPOSED CLOSURE, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), IS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRIDENT BLOCK AND EXTERNAL WORKS, INCLUDING A BASKETBALL COURT AND A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN PHASE EIGHT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

ANYONE OBJECTING TO THE CLOSURE SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BY JANUARY 19, NEXT YEAR.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN WAN CHAI  
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TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS IN WAN CHAI, THE UP RAMP OF CANAL ROAD FLYOVER LEADING FROM CANAL ROAD WEST WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 23) TO NOVEMBER 27.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON MORRISON HILL ROAD HEADING FOR NORTH POINT WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LEIGHTON ROAD, WHILE VEHICLES ON LEIGHTON ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR CENTRAL AND NORTH POINT WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MORRISON HILL ROAD.

THE KOWLOON-BOUND TUNNEL BUS ROUTES NO. 121 AND 122 ON EITHER MORRISON HILL ROAD OR CANAL ROAD EAST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LEIGHTON ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND THE UP RAMP LINKING MORRISON HILL ROAD TO CANAL ROAD FLYOVER.

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BAN ON HEAVY VEHICLES IN WAN CHAI

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NO VEHICLE OVER FOUR TONNES GROSS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER MALLORY STREET IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN WAN CHAI ROAD AND JOHNSTON ROAD FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 23) TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORKS.

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