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GOVERNOR LEAVES EARLY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL RETURN TO LONDON ON LEAVE ON THURSDAY (JULY 4) EVENING INSTEAD OF ON FRIDAY AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.

HE WILL BE STARTING HIS LEAVE ONE DAY EARLIER BECAUSE OF PERSONAL REASONS.

HE WILL BE TRAVELLING ON FLIGHT CX201, ETD 10.50 PM.

SIR EDWARD IS EXPECTED TO RETURN IN MID-AUGUST.

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HONG KONG -- A MIDDLEMAN FOR SINO-JAPANESE TRADE

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THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE HAS REINFORCED THE CONFIDENCE OF OVERSEAS INVESTORS AND THE TERRITORY IS NOW MOVING CONFIDENTLY AND STEADFASTLY FORWARD, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR PAUL WONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE MADE THESE REMARKS WHEN HE ADDRESSED A SYMPOSIUM IN TOKYO ON INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG DURING HIS INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION TOUR TO JAPAN.

AS REGARDS JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG, MR WONG SAID: +DIRECT INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG BY JAPAN WAS ABOUT US\$563 MILLION AT THE END OF MARCH 1984. THIS WAS AN INCREASE OF 40.8 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR, AND THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG AMOUNTED TO 3.9 PER CENT OF TOTAL JAPANESE INVESTMENT OVERSEAS.

+THE JAPANESE PRESENCE IN HONG KONG IN THE RETAILING AND FINANCIAL SECTORS IS ALREADY VERY CONSIDERABLE. NAMES LIKE DAIMARU, MITSUKOSHI, MATSUZAKAYA, TOKYU, ISETAN, YAOHAN AND SOGO ARE HOUSEHOLD NAMES TO THE HONG KONG CONSUMERS. OF THE 141 FULLY-LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG, 18 ARE JAPANESE.+

REGARDING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, MR WONG SAID THAT THERE WERE ABOUT 120 FACTORIES EITHER WHOLLY OR PARTLY OWNED BY JAPANESE INTERESTS WITH TOTAL INVESTMENT AMOUNTING TO US\$309 MILLION, OR 21 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

/+JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL

+JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS ARE MOSTLY IN CLOCKS AND WATCHES, ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS, ELECTRONICS, TEXTILES AND GARMENTS, AND PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.+

HE ADDED THAT IN ADDITION TO THESE, THERE IS FURTHER EVIDENCE TO ILLUSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF JAPANESE ECONOMIC TIES WITH HONG KONG.

IN 1984, JAPAN WAS THE SECOND LARGEST SOURCE OF IMPORTS FOR HONG KONG AFTER CHINA, AS WELL AS THE FIFTH LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG PRODUCTS AFTER THE UNITED STATES, CHINA, BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

+AS HONG KONG HAS A LONG HISTORY OF DOING BUSINESS WITH CHINA, AND AS A RESULT OF OUR ACCUMULATED EXPERIENCE, THE TERRITORY IS PERFECTLY PLACED TO OFFER A UNIQUE SERVICE TO THOSE FROM ELSEWHERE, INCLUDING JAPAN, WHO ARE SEEKING TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH CHINA FOR THE FIRST TIME,+ HE SAID.

+MANY JAPANESE FIRMS HAVE COME TO HONG KONG TO USE US AS A SPRING BOARD TO EXPAND INTO CHINA, AND I HOPE THAT MANY MORE WILL DO THE SAME,+ HE ADDED.

IN 1978, HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS OF JAPANESE PRODUCTS INTO CHINA AMOUNTED TO A LITTLE LESS THAN US\$5 MILLION.

BY 1983, THESE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED SHARPLY TO US\$435 MILLION, AND LAST YEAR THEY GREW BY A FURTHER 180 PER CENT TO REACH US\$1 215 MILLION, A STAGGERING 240-FOLD INCREASE SINCE 1978.

+THESE INDICATE THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG AS A MIDDLEMAN FOR JAPAN AND CHINA,+ MR WONG SAID.

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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ATTACK JENKINS BILL
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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE SET OUT THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE PROTECTIONIST JENKINS BILL IN A LETTER SENT TO SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION, SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN.

AMONG THOSE SENT LETTERS BY THE GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES HONG KONG, ARE: SECRETARY OF STATE, MR GEORGE SHULTZ, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, MR MALCOLM BALDRIGE, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, MR JAMES BAKER, SECRETARY OF LABOUR, MR WILLIAM BROCK, DEPUTY U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, MR MICHAEL SMITH, AND SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, MR JOHN BLOCK.

OTHER RECIPIENTS

OTHER RECIPIENTS INCLUDE LEADING FIGURES IN THE SENATE AND CONGRESS AND IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

THE LETTER WAS SIGNED BY MR FELIPE JARAMILLO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INFORMAL GROUP OF 28 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INCLUDING HONG KONG WHICH EXPORT TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

THE GROUP WARNED THAT THE BILL WOULD HURT U.S. EXPORT INDUSTRIES BY REDUCING THE PURCHASING POWER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE A BIGGER MARKET FOR U.S. MERCHANDISE EXPORTS THAN JAPAN AND WESTERN EUROPE COMBINED. IT WOULD ALSO CAUSE AN INFLATIONARY IMPACT ON U.S. PRODUCTION WHICH WOULD IN TURN RAISE U.S. PRICES ON WORLD MARKETS.

THE PROPOSED CUTBACKS ON IMPORTS TO THE U.S. FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD PROBABLY BE MADE UP BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHO ARE NOT RESTRAINED, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE STRONG DOLLAR. IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT DOMESTIC PRODUCERS WOULD FILL THE GAP.

THE BILL WOULD ENCOURAGE U.S. TEXTILE AND APPAREL FIRMS TO INVEST BILLIONS OF EXTRA DOLLARS IN MORE TEXTILE MACHINERY. INCREASED MECHANISATION WOULD LEAD TO INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY, THE PRINCIPAL CULPRIT LEADING TO JOB LOSSES.

THE COST OF PROTECTION WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY RAISED FOR CONSUMERS WHO ALREADY BEAR A HEAVY BURDEN AND THE IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM ENVISAGED BY THE BILL WOULD POSE A FURTHER EXPENSIVE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS OF DEVELOPING SUPPLIERS WOULD DROP, AGGRAVATING THEIR DEBT AND BALANCE OF PAYMENT PROBLEMS AND SETTING BACK DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS, PARTICULARLY FOR THE POOREST NATIONS.

+THE RATIONALE UNDERLYING THE BILL CONTAINS SERIOUS FACTUAL INCONSISTENCIES AND MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF TEXTILE AND APPAREL IMPORTS ON THE DOMESTIC U.S. INDUSTRY,+ THE NOTE SAYS.

+THUS IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT IT WILL ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVE OF PREVENTING PERCEIVED DISRUPTION TO THE U.S. TEXTILE AND APPAREL INDUSTRIES. YET IT WILL INCUR CONSIDERABLE COSTS TO THE U.S. ECONOMY AS WELL AS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRY ECONOMIES, WHICH WILL EXPERIENCE SERIOUS CUTBACKS IN THEIR CAPACITY TO IMPORT AND TO REPAY THEIR DEBTS.

+THE REPERCUSSIONS ON TRADE POLICY WOULD BE NO LESS SEVERE, AS THE BILL WOULD AMOUNT TO AN ABROGATION OF U.S. COMMITMENTS UNDER THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT AND OTHER TRADE AGREEMENTS.+

THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES POINTED OUT THAT:

- * ALTHOUGH THE BILL REFERS TO A ONE PER CENT GROWTH RATE IN CONSUMER DEMAND FROM 1980 TO 1984, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DATA SHOWS THAT CONSUMER SPENDING ON APPAREL GREW ON AVERAGE 5.5 PER CENT A YEAR ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION DURING THE PERIOD.

- * U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR DATA SHOWS THAT, DESPITE THE DECLINE IN EMPLOYMENT, THE EARNINGS OF WORKERS ACTUALLY INCREASED BY 2.5 PER CENT IN THE U.S. TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND BY 3.5 PER CENT IN THE APPAREL INDUSTRY ON AVERAGE PER YEAR BETWEEN 1980 AND 1984.
- * U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DATA INDICATES AN AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE OF 12 PER CENT IN AFTER-TAX PROFITS FOR THE U.S. TEXTILE INDUSTRY DURING THE SAME PERIOD.
- * PRODUCTIVITY GAINS BROUGHT ABOUT BY TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES, RATHER THAN IMPORTS, HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR DECLINING EMPLOYMENT IN TEXTILES AND APPAREL. LABOUR SHEDDING IN TEXTILES HAS BEEN MUCH GREATER THAN IN APPAREL, AVERAGING THREE PER CENT A YEAR VERSUS ONE PER CENT FROM 1980 TO 1984. THE REVERSE SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE CASE HAD IMPORTS BEEN TO BLAME FOR JOB LOSSES AS IMPORT PENETRATION IN APPAREL HAS BEEN MUCH HIGHER AND MORE RAPID THAN IN TEXTILES.
- * THE BILL HIGHLIGHTS PLANT CLOSINGS AND JOB LOSSES IN THE LESS COMPETITIVE TEXTILES AND CLOTHING INDUSTRY BRANCHES WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING THE FIRMS ENTERING AND JOBS CREATED IN OTHER MORE COMPETITIVE SECTORS.
- * THE INCREASE IN THE U.S. TRADE DEFICIT IN TEXTILES AND APPAREL FROM 1983 TO 1984 MUST BE SEEN AGAINST THE VERY MUCH LARGER INCREASE IN THE OVERALL MERCHANDISE TRADE DEFICIT DURING THE SAME PERIOD - CAUSED PRIMARILY BY THE STRONG DOLLAR, THE FASTER GROWTH OF THE U.S. ECONOMY RELATIVE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD AND REDUCED EXPORTS TO DEBT-RIDDEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FOUR-FIFTHS OF THE INCREASE IN THE OVERALL MERCHANDISE DEFICIT WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE INCREASE IN THE TRADE DEFICIT IN MANUFACTURES OTHER THAN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING, THE BULK OF WHICH WAS WITH DEVELOPED TRADING PARTNERS.

THE ARGUMENT BY THE BILL'S SUPPORTERS THAT EXISTING IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ARE NOT EFFECTIVE DOES NOT STAND UP, SAY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. TEXTILES AND CLOTHING IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES PEAKED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 AND HAVE BEEN DECLINING SINCE WITH THE BRUNT OF THE DECLINE BORNE BY THE RESTRICTED SUPPLIERS AS A RESULT OF INTENSIFICATION OF DISCRIMINATORY RESTRICTIONS AGAINST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

IMPORTS FROM MFA DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1984 TO MARCH 1985 DECLINED FOUR PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD THE PRECEDING YEAR - WHILE IMPORTS FROM NON-RESTRAINED SUPPLIERS, THE EEC, EFTA AND CANADA, INCREASED BY 35 PER CENT.

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LATE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
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UP TO 4 PM TODAY (TUESDAY), 13 031 LATE APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS ELECTORS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. AS A RESULT OF THE EARLIER REGISTRATION EXERCISE, 34 531 ELECTORS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER PUBLISHED ON JUNE 21.

A STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

	ESTIMATED SIZE OF ELECTORATE <u> </u> (REVISED)	NUMBER OF ELECTORS ON PROVISIONAL REGISTER <u> </u>	LATE APPLICATIONS <u> </u>
<u>ELECTORAL COLLEGE</u>	434	428	5
<u>FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES</u>			
COMMERCIAL I	2 347	681	612
COMMERCIAL II	5 512	1 730	1 073
INDUSTRIAL I	772	364	190
INDUSTRIAL II	2 324	913	436
FINANCIAL	141	119	16
LABOUR	393	285	21
SOCIAL SERVICES	155	129	22
MEDICAL	4 548	2 109	914
LEGAL	1 511	727	255
TEACHING	49 047	25 337	8 895
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING	2 890	1 709	682
<u>TOTAL</u>	70 074	34 531	13 031

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DETAILS OF FINNISH GSP SCHEME ANNOUNCED
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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED DETAILS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINNISH GENERALISED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) IN CERTIFICATE OF PREFERENCE CIRCULAR NO. 5/85 DATED JUNE 28, 1985.

UNDER THE FINNISH GSP SCHEME, CERTAIN PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN HONG KONG WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM IMPORT DUTIES AND IMPORT LEVIES WHEN IMPORTED INTO FINLAND PROVIDED THAT THE RELEVANT ORIGIN CRITERIA AND CONSIGNMENT CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET.

THE EXEMPTIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO CONSIGNMENTS RELEASED FROM THE FINNISH CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES TO THE IMPORTER ON OR AFTER MAY 24, 1985.

THE CLAIM FOR PREFERENCES UNDER THE SCHEME MUST BE SUPPORTED BY A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN FORM A. APPLICATIONS FOR THE CERTIFICATES MAY BE MADE TO THE FOLLOWING APPROVED CERTIFICATION ORGANISATIONS:

- (A) TRADE DEPARTMENT;
- (B) HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;
- (C) FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES;
- (D) INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HONG KONG;
- (E) CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG; AND
- (F) CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

COPIES OF THE CERTIFICATE OF PREFERENCE CIRCULAR NO. 5/85 ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE RECEPTIONIST COUNTER OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

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ELECTRICITY INSTALLATION AT ESTATE IMPROVED
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS TO RENEW ITS ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION AT WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE FOR THE BENEFITS OF THE TENANTS.

+WORKS WILL BEGIN SHORTLY UNDER A NEWLY-APPROVED TENDER WORTH OVER \$7.8 MILLION,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY TODAY.

HE SAID THE WORKS WOULD INCLUDE THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIGHTING IN PUBLIC AREAS AND UPGRADING OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES TO THE PRESENT-DAY HOUSING AUTHORITY STANDARDS.

+INTERNAL ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION WITHIN TENANTS' FLATS IS NOT INCLUDED.

/+THE TENDER

+THE TENDER WAS APPROVED BY THE AUTHORITY'S BUILDING COMMITTEE AT ITS LAST MEETING.+

AT THE MEETING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, TWO OTHER TENDERS TOTALLING OVER \$24.9 MILLION WERE ALSO ACCEPTED FOR BUILDING SERVICES IN TWO NEW ESTATES.

ONE TENDER VALUED AT \$12.9 MILLION IS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF 24 PASSENGER LIFTS ON FOUR BLOCKS IN CHUK YUEN ESTATE. THESE BLOCKS WILL HOUSE 15 000 PEOPLE ON COMPLETION BY 1987.

THE OTHER TENDER, WORTH \$12.1 MILLION, IS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL WORKS AT CHEUNG ON ESTATE UNDER ITS FIRST PHASE.

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KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

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KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON TSING YI AND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS OF ROADS AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS ON THE ISLAND AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 4) AFTERNOON.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE OUTLINE PROPOSALS FOR KWAI CHUNG PARK, THE ARTS AND SPORTS FESTIVALS, OVERCROWDING IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS, CO-OPTED MEMBERSHIP AND DRAFT BUDGETS OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE EXTENSION OF TENURE OF PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED FROM DISTRICT BOARDS AS PROPOSED IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BILL PUBLISHED LAST MONTH.

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SEMINAR TO STRENGTHEN MONG KOK TIES

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A SEMINAR AIMED AT STRENGTHENING TIES AMONG VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN MONG KOK WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING BY THE SYCAMORE AREA COMMITTEE.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE THE ROLE OF AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES.

MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, WILL GIVE A TALK ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP AMONG LOCAL ORGANISATIONS. OTHER PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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CAREERS GUIDANCE FOR SENIOR FORM STUDENTS
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A FURTHER STUDIES AND CAREERS GUIDANCE PROJECT WILL BE LAUNCHED BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST TO PROVIDE SENIOR FORM STUDENTS WITH INFORMATION ON FURTHER STUDIES AND CAREERS, AS WELL AS ADVICE ON EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE PROJECT HAD RECEIVED FAVOURABLE RESPONSE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

THE PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

ON JULY 23 AND 24, THERE WILL BE SPECIALIST TALKS ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER STUDIES AND EMPLOYMENT FOR SENIOR FORM STUDENTS.

AT THE SAME TIME, AN EXHIBITION ON CAREERS WILL BE STAGED AT THE CENTRE WITH SLIDE SHOWS.

AN EXHIBITION ON FURTHER STUDIES WILL BE STAGED AT THE CENTRE FROM AUGUST 9 TO 11 AFTER RESULTS OF THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION BECOME KNOWN. A HOT-LINE SERVICE ON FURTHER STUDIES AND COUNSELLING SERVICE ON EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

THOSE WISHING TO ENROL FOR THE SPECIALIST TALKS MAY CONTACT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE (TEL. 5-495141) OR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE (TEL. 5-7956095).

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PROVISIONAL RC MEMBERS CONTINUE VISIT
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MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, CONTINUING THEIR VISITS TO DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS IN ORDER TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICTS' NEEDS IN MUNICIPAL SERVICES, TODAY CALLED ON THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE GROUP WAS LED BY THE VICE CHAIRMAN, MR NATHAN MA, AND WAS MET ON THEIR ARRIVAL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN DB, MR NG CHAM-LAM, AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

THEY HAD A MEETING WITH DB MEMBERS AT WHICH THE DISTRICT'S NEEDS IN SPORT FACILITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED.

THE DB MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD SET UP A DISTRICT COMMITTEE IN EACH OF THE DISTRICTS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS.

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BE HANDLING THE MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS ON DISTRICT LEVEL, WILL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS, COMPRISING FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THREE CO-OPTED MEMBERS FROM THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT BOARD AND/OR LEADING MEMBERS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS.

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APPLICATION SOUGHT FOR PERFORMING ARTS GRANTS
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THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH IS INVITING LOCAL ARTISTS AND ORGANISATIONS TO APPLY FOR GRANTS UNDER THE COUNCIL'S GRANT APPLICATION SCHEME.

THE SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL, MR MICHAEL STONE, TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR, THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE LIMITED FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT AS GRANTS TO PERFORMING ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANISATIONS.

PERFORMING ARTS ARE DEFINED AS MUSIC (INCLUDING SINGING), DANCE, DRAMA AND OPERA, WITH EQUAL EMPHASIS ON CHINESE AND WESTERN FORMS.

MR STONE SAID THAT AS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE GRANTS IS TO ENCOURAGE AND FOSTER ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE IN THE PERFORMING ARTS FIELD, ARTISTS AND ORGANISATIONS WHOSE WORK IS OF A PROFESSIONAL STANDARD WOULD RECEIVE PREFERENCE WHEN APPLICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED.

+THE ORGANISATIONS MUST BE BONA FIDE, REGISTERED BODIES WHICH ARE EITHER REGISTERED CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS OR HAVE CLEARLY STATED NON-PROFIT-MAKING AIMS. IN ADDITION THEY MUST BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR ABILITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROPOSALS FOR WHICH THEY ARE SEEKING FUNDS,+ HE POINTED OUT.

THE FOLLOWING ARE FOUR TYPES OF GRANTS FOR WHICH FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE:

- * A GENERAL SUPPORT GRANT WHICH IS INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT AN ORGANISATION'S ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS ;
- * A PROJECT GRANT MAY BE GIVEN FOR SPECIFIC PROJECT OR EVENT;
- * CAPITAL GRANTS ARE INTENDED TO ASSIST IN THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT SUCH AS LIGHTS, COSTUMES, ETC; AND
- * GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS MAY BE GIVEN TO LOCAL PROFESSIONALS, IN ORDER TO ASSIST THEM IN COVERING COSTS EITHER FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNIQUES OR IDEAS IN THE PERFORMING ARTS FIELD.

+APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL SUPPORT GRANTS FOR 1986-87 ARE BEING INVITED. THE GRANTS WILL BE PAID FROM APRIL 1986 ONWARDS TO SUPPLEMENT OPERATING COSTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1986-87. COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COUNCIL ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 10.+

IN ADDITION, MR STONE SAID, THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS HAS SET ASIDE A SMALL SUM OF MONEY FOR THE ALLOCATION OF PROJECT GRANTS, CAPITAL GRANTS AND GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1985-86.

/APPLICATIONS

APPLICATIONS FOR THESE GRANTS ARE ALSO BEING INVITED. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS SHOULD ENVISAGE STARTING THE PROJECT WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS AND MAY EXPECT THE SUBSIDIES TO BE PAID BEFORE MARCH 1986. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS AUGUST 31.

APPLICATION FORMS AND A DETAILED +GUIDE FOR GRANT APPLICANTS+ ARE NOW OBTAINABLE FROM THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 10TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING 5-735878 OR 5-735569.

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FOUR COMMENDED FOR RESCUE

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A FIRE OFFICER AND THREE FIREMEN WHO STAGED A DRAMATIC RESCUE ON AN ELDERLY MAN WHO THREATENED TO JUMP FROM A WAN CHAI BUILDING EARLIER THIS YEAR WILL BE PRESENTED THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES' COMMENDATION TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

SENIOR STATION OFFICER CHAN CHOR-SING AND THE THREE FIREMEN, HAU KAM-PING, CHAN PING-WING AND TAM YEE-KEUNG, WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR COURAGE, PROFESSIONAL SKILL AND DEVOTION TO DUTY DURING THE RESCUE OPERATION.

THE ACTING CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF HONG KONG FIRE COMMAND, MR LAM CHEK-YUEN, WILL PRESENT THE COMMENDATION TO THE FOUR MEN AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT WAN CHAI FIRE STATION TOMORROW AT 10 AM SHARP.

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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 YUEN KWOK-HUNG ON JANUARY 26, 1984 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

YUEN WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF SOO PUI-HA ON JULY 20, 1983.

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NEW TERRITORIES ROADS TO BE MAINTAINED

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THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ROADS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE COVER THE COMPLETED SECTIONS OF ROUTE 1, FROM LION ROCK TUNNEL TO FANLING, AND ROUTE 2 FROM LAI CHI KOK TO TUEN MUN.

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MAINTENANCE OF OTHER SECTIONS WILL BE INCLUDED ON COMPLETION AND WHEN OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

THE TWO-YEAR CONTRACT CALLS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING OF ROADS, DRAINAGE AND SLOPES= MINOR ROAD WORKS= AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF TWO ROAD MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS CENTRES.

MECHANICAL ROADSWEeping, LITTER PICKING AND GULLY EMPTYING EQUIPMENT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT.

TENDERS MUST REACH THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BY NOON ON JULY 26.

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TUEN MUN TRAFFIC CHANGES
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TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK, ROAD A EAST OF THE JUNCTION OF TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND WONG CHU ROAD, AS WELL AS ROAD C LINKING TUEN MUN ROAD AND WONG CHU ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12.45 AM TO 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JULY 4).

TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND ROAD D8.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE NEW FLYOVER CONNECTING WONG CHU ROAD WITH THE TUEN MUN ROAD SLIP ROADS WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM. A TEMPORARY ROAD LINKING HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND WONG CHU ROAD WILL ALSO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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FLYOVER CLOSED
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THE EASTBOUND LANE OF THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM KAI FUK ROAD TO KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY (JULY 5) TO JULY 18 BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KAI FUK ROAD, WAI YIP STREET, LAI YIP STREET AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

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NO FLUSHING WATER
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SALT WATER SUPPLY IN SAN PO KONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON SATURDAY (JULY 6) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

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