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VOTER REGISTRATION PUBLICITY IN FULL SWING  
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THE TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO URGE MORE PEOPLE TO REGISTER AS ELECTORS FOR THE MARCH 1985 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IS ENTERING ITS SECOND PHASE THIS WEEK.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS PHASE IS TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE THAT THEY MUST REGISTER BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER 1 IN ORDER TO VOTE AT THE ELECTIONS.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID, +THE SIMPLEST WAY OF DEMONSTRATING ONE'S SUPPORT AND CONCERN FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY IS TO REGISTER AND VOTE.+

ANYONE WHO IS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR ABOVE AND WHO HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER.

IT IS ESTIMATED THERE ARE 2.9 MILLION ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN HONG KONG, OF WHICH MORE THAN ONE MILLION HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED. THE PUBLICITY DRIVE IS AIMED AT DRAWING AT LEAST 1.5 MILLION MORE.

PUBLICITY MATERIALS FOR THE REGISTRATION PERIOD INCLUDE API'S (ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST) ON TELEVISION AND IN CINEMAS; RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS; POSTERS AT MTR AND KCR STATIONS, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, GOVERNMENT POSTER SITES AND DISTRICT OFFICE WINDOWS; ADVERTISEMENTS ON BUSES AS WELL AS SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTS IN NEWSPAPERS.

REGISTRATION MESSAGES ARE ALSO BEING SPREAD THROUGH GIS MOBILE STREET THEATRE AT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND OTHER VENUES.

TOWARDS THE END OF SEPTEMBER, THE PUBLIC WILL BE REMINDED THROUGH A SERIES OF COUNT-DOWN TELEVISION API'S, RADIO MESSAGES AND PRESS RELEASES THAT REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 1.

MEANWHILE, WIDE-RANGING ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE REGISTRATION AT DISTRICT LEVEL, INCLUDING DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS DURING WHICH THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS ARE EXPLAINED AND ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO RESIDENTS IN COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION FORMS, ARE BEING CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, IMMIGRATION OFFICES, PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES, AND SOME 400 BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND THE HANG SENG BANK.

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SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS  
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DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS CHOSEN FROM NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS WILL HAVE A TWO-FOLD RESPONSIBILITY : TO THE DISTRICT'S PARTICULAR NEEDS AND TO THE GENERAL AFFAIRS OF THE TERRITORY AS A WHOLE.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, IN A LETTER TO LOCAL RESIDENTS URGING THEM TO REGISTER AS VOTERS AND TO VOTE IN THE ELECTIONS.

HE SAID NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS WOULD TAKE ON A SIGNIFICANT DIMENSION AS A RESULT OF THE PROPOSALS IN THE GREEN PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

+IF THE GREEN PAPER'S PROPOSALS ARE AGREED, THEN ALL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE, AND STAND FOR SEATS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, THE NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS ON THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WOULD BE DOUBLED FROM EIGHT TO 16.

MR GARCIA SAID THE IMPACT OF DISTRICT BOARDS ON THE COMMUNITY HAD BEEN FAR REACHING ALTHOUGH THEY HAD BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR ONLY A SHORT TIME.

+FOR THIS SYSTEM TO BE A SUCCESS, AND TO GIVE OUR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THE SUPPORT THEY DESERVE, THE ELECTIONS MUST ALSO BE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT IS WHERE YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT,+ HE SAID.

THOSE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE 1982 URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS OR THE 1983 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN 1985.

HE URGED THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED TO DO SO NOW.

ALL THAT THEY NEED TO DO IS TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE REGISTRATION FORM.

+UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR FORM, YOUR NAME WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE ELECTORAL ROLL AND, SHORTLY BEFORE ELECTION DAY ON MARCH 7, YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR POLLING CARD AND THE ADDRESS OF THE POLLING STATION AT WHICH YOU SHOULD CAST YOUR VOTE,+ HE EXPLAINED.

MR GARCIA ADDED THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD ALREADY BEGUN DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS AND WOULD START WITH MOBILE COUNTERS TO HELP WITH THE REGISTRATION.

+WE HAVE REACHED AN IMPORTANT STAGE IN THE PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR GOVERNMENT SYSTEM. YOUR VOTE IS FUNDAMENTAL TO ITS SUCCESS,+ HE SAID.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS  
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THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE SECOND QUARTER, COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR APRIL - JUNE 1984 WAS 3.5 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 4.0 PER CENT FOR JANUARY - MARCH 1984 AND 4.4 PER CENT FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1983.

THE DECREASES OF 0.5 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND OF 0.9 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR WERE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT (THAT IS, THE DECREASES WERE GREATER THAN COULD BE EXPLAINED BY SAMPLING ERROR).

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1984 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 91 900, COMPARED WITH 102 000 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1984 AND 110 900 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN COMMENTED THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 3.5 PER CENT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER THIS YEAR WAS VERY LOW, SUGGESTING THAT THE LABOUR FORCE MIGHT HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVELY FULLY EMPLOYED.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR APRIL - JUNE 1984 WAS 1.0 PER CENT WHILE THAT FOR JANUARY - MARCH 1984 WAS 1.5 PER CENT. THE DROP WAS ALSO STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1983 WAS 1.9 PER CENT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS WAS 25 600 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1984, COMPARED WITH 37 800 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1984.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE SEEKING MORE WORK OR WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED MORE WORK WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS, SUCH AS PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL, VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WHICH HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FOR THE VARIATION IN FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

+BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST MOVING THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY,+ HE SAID.

THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR MAY - JULY 1984 WAS 3.7 PER CENT, AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 0.9 PER CENT. THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR APRIL - JUNE 1984 WAS 3.6 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 15 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 55 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG. PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER IN THE HOUSEHOLD SAMPLED.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1984 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE LATE IN SEPTEMBER.

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#### TRIDENT FLATS PROVE POPULAR \* \* \* \*

THE 1 632 HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS ON THE FIRST TWO TRIDENT BLOCKS WERE SOLD OUT TODAY UNDER PHASE VIA OF THE SCHEME.

+LOCATED AT MAY SHING COURT IN SHA TIN, THE FLATS WERE GREATLY WELCOMED BY APPLICANTS FROM PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS TO WHOM PRIORITY WAS GIVEN IN SELECTING THE FLATS,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

HE SAID THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE HAD INDICATED THE POPULARITY OF THE OPEN-PLAN DESIGN AND OTHER FEATURES OF THE TRIDENT BLOCKS.

+THE RELATIVELY LOW PRICES OF THE FLATS, RANGING FROM \$99 800 TO \$174 700, ARE ALSO AN ADDITIONAL ATTRACTION.

+FLATS OF OTHER STANDARD DESIGNS AT THE FOUR PHASE VIA PROJECTS OF MAY SHING COURT, CHOI PO COURT IN SHEUNG SHUI, TAI PO PLAZA IN TAI PO AND SIU HONG COURT PHASE IV IN TUEN MUN WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR SELECTION FROM THURSDAY (AUGUST 16).

+SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FROM BOTH PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR MAY SELECT THEIR FLATS IN THE ORDER OF THEIR PRIORITY GIVEN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SUNNIEST MONTH ON RECORD

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JULY 1984, WITH 301.4 HOURS OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE, WAS THE SUNNIEST MONTH SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1884, ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S MONTHLY REPORT JUST PUBLISHED.

THE MONTH'S MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 29.0 DEGREE CELSIUS WAS THE SEVENTH HIGHEST AND ITS MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 27.2 DEGREE CELSIUS, THE FOURTH HIGHEST FOR JULY.

THE MONTH, WITH 125.9 MM OF RAIN, OR 40 PER CENT OF THE NORMAL AMOUNT, WAS THE FOURTH DRIEST JULY ON RECORD.

HOWEVER, THE CUMULATIVE RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR, AT 1 274.6 MM, WAS ONLY THREE PER CENT BELOW AVERAGE.

THE MONTHLY MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 78 PER CENT WAS THE THIRD LOWEST FOR THE MONTH.

ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH, THE WEATHER WAS FINE APART FROM SOME ISOLATED SHOWERS. IT BECAME UNSETTLED WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS FROM JULY 3 TO 5, BUT TURNED FINE AGAIN WITH A FEW LIGHT SHOWERS ON JULY 6 AND 7.

SEVERE TROPICAL STORM BETTY MOVED ACROSS THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON JULY 8 AND 9, BRINGING 84.2 MM OF RAIN, OR 67 PER CENT OF THE MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL.

ON JULY 8, THERE WERE OCCASIONAL SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS. WINDS VEERED FROM THE NORTHEAST TO THE EAST AND BECAME GENERALLY STRONG DURING THE DAY. THERE WERE ALSO GALES OVERNIGHT IN SOME EXPOSED PLACES.

SHOWERS BECAME HEAVY AND WIDESPREAD ON JULY 9 WHILE WINDS TURNED SOUTHEASTERLY AND MODERATED DURING THE DAY.

FINE WEATHER PREVAILED FROM JULY 10 TO THE END OF THE MONTH, WITH ONLY A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS.

ON THE LAST FOUR DAYS, THE WEATHER BECAME VERY HOT IN THE AFTERNOON, WITH THE TEMPERATURE EXCEEDING 33 DEGREE CELSIUS. THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF THE MONTH, 33.8 DEGREE CELSIUS, WAS RECORDED ON JULY 31.

FIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

TYPHOON ALEX FORMED NEAR LUZON ON JULY 1 AND CROSSED TAIWAN ON JULY 3. IT RECURVED AND BECAME AN EXTRATOROPICAL CYCLONE NEAR SHANGHAI ON JULY 4 AND DISSIPATED OVER KOREA THE NEXT DAY.

/SEVERE TROPICAL .....

SEVERE TROPICAL STORM BETTY FORMED ABOUT 220 NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF MANILA ON JULY 5. IT PASSED ABOUT 120 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHWEST OF HONG KONG EARLY ON JULY 9 AND DISSIPATED OVERLAND NEAR ZHANJIANG IN THE EVENING.

TYPHOON CARY ORIGINATED NEAR THE MARIANA ISLANDS ON JULY 7. IT RECURVED ABOUT 270 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF IWO JIMA ON JULY 10, THEN MOVED NORTHEASTWARDS AND DISSIPATED OVER THE PACIFIC EAST OF JAPAN ON JULY 14.

TYPHOON DINAH DEVELOPED ABOUT 900 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHEAST OF GUAM ON JULY 24. IT RECURVED ON JULY 26 AND WAS MOVING NORTHEASTWARDS OVER THE PACIFIC TO THE EAST OF JAPAN AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

TYPHOON ED FORMED ABOUT 250 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF KAGOSHIMA ON JULY 25. IT MOVED WESTWARDS AND PASSED ABOUT 100 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH OF KAGOSHIMA LATE ON JULY 29.

ON THAT DAY, A 1 200-TONNE SOUTH KOREAN SHIP 'ILSIN GLORY' SANK IN THE KOREAN STRAIT NEAR NAGASAKI, RESULTING IN ONE PERSON KILLED AND 11 MISSING.

A 4 800-TONNE SINGAPOREAN CONTAINER SHIP, 'GLORIA EXPRESS', RAN AGROUND IN SOUTHERN KYUSHU AND ONE PERSON WAS MISSING.

DUE TO TYPHOON ED, THE LAUNCHING OF THE JAPANESE WEATHER SATELLITE GMS-3 WAS POSTPONED.

ON JULY 31, ED PASSED ABOUT 60 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHEAST OF SHANGHAI AND WAS MOVING NORTHWESTWARDS ALONG THE COAST DURING THE NIGHT.

DURING THE MONTH, ONE AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JULY 3 AND 31.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u>
SEVERE TROPICAL	1	JULY 7 11.15 AM	JULY 8 9.40 AM
STORM BETTY	3	JULY 8 9.40 AM	JULY 9 3.40 PM

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## THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	301.4 HOURS = 70.5 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
RAINFALL	125.9 MM = 190.9 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	60% = 6% LESS THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	78% = 3% LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	31.7 DEGREE C = 0.1 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	29.0 DEGREE C = 0.4 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	27.2 DEGREE C = 0.9 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	24.6 DEGREE C = 0.4 DEGREE C BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	188.6 MM = 10.1 MM ABOVE NORMAL

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 33.8 DEGREE CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JULY 31

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 23.8 DEGREE CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JULY 9

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## STATISTICS ON BANKRUPTCIES RELEASED

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IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE HANDLED 79 BANKRUPTCIES OF INDIVIDUALS AND 155 WINDING-UP CASES OF COMPANIES, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

THESE FIGURES REPRESENTED A COMBINED INCREASE OF 8.8 PER CENT OVER THE 63 BANKRUPTCIES OF INDIVIDUALS AND 152 WINDING-UP CASES IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1983.

BY COMPARISON, THERE WAS AN 85.4 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1983 OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF 1982.

NOTABLE COMPANY FAILURES IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR INCLUDED: EACA GROUP OF COMPANIES, BYLAMSON AND ASSOCIATES (ENTERPRISES) LTD, GOODYEAR GROUP OF COMPANIES, N. AND J. INTERNATIONAL LTD AND BEDFORD INSURANCE CO LTD.

IN THE CASE OF BEDFORD INSURANCE, REGISTRAR GENERAL MR NOEL GLEESON, IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY, PRESENTED A WINDING-UP PETITION ON GROUND OF THE COMPANY'S FAILURE TO MEET STATUTORY SOLVENCY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1983. A WINDING-UP ORDER WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MADE AGAINST THE COMPANY BY THE HIGH COURT.

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MOBILE REGISTRATION CENTRES FOR KWAI CHUNG  
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THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TAM WING-PONG, WILL VISIT MOBILE VOTER REGISTRATION CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING TO HELP LOCAL RESIDENTS WITH THEIR REGISTRATION.

THE MOBILE CENTRES FORM PART OF THE DISTRICT'S PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES DURING THE SIX-WEEK REGISTRATION EXERCISE WHICH OFFICIALLY BEGINS TOMORROW.

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HANDY PAMPHLET ON KWUN TONG  
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+KWUN TONG IN FOCUS+ - AN INFORMATION PAMPHLET ON THE DISTRICT AND THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD - WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

+APART FROM GIVING BASIC INFORMATION ON THE DISTRICT'S POPULATION, EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY, COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, THE PAMPHLET LISTS THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OFFICES AND CONTACT NUMBERS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY+, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

+THE STRUCTURE OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, AND THE POLLING STATIONS IN THE 12 LOCAL CONSTITUENCIES FOR THE MARCH 7 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ARE ALSO MENTIONED+.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS SPENT \$16 000 TO PRODUCE 30 000 COPIES OF THE PAMPHLET AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE.

+WE HOPE THE RESIDENTS WILL BE MORE READY TO REGISTER AS VOTERS WHEN THEY GET TO KNOW THEIR DISTRICT AND DISTRICT BOARD BETTER+, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FREE COPIES OF THE PAMPHLET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTERS IN THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS FIVE SUB-OFFICES IN NGAU TAU KOK, SHUN LEE, LAM TIN, YAU TONG AND SAU MAU PING ESTATES.

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YUEN LONG PLAYS MAJOR FARMING ROLE

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YUEN LONG CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER DESPITE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW TOWNS THERE, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

DR RIDDELL-SWAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S NEW DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE IN THE TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN YUEN LONG.

+THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES, ESPECIALLY YUEN LONG, HAS FOR A LONG TIME BEEN THE MOST IMPORTANT AND MOST PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL AREA IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

OVER 11 000 FARMERS, OR ABOUT 45 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL AGRICULTURAL WORK FORCE IN HONG KONG, ARE WORKING IN THE REGION.

OUT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL PRODUCTION OF FRESH VEGETABLES, LIVE PIGS AND POULTRY WHICH HAS VALUED AT \$1 425 MILLION IN 1983, OVER 50 PER CENT CAME FROM YUEN LONG.

HE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE HARD WORK OF THE FARMERS, COUPLED WITH THEIR READY ADOPTION OF UP-TO-DATE EQUIPMENT AND THE USE OF THE LATEST AGRICULTURAL TECHNIQUES.

+TO HELP THESE FARMERS TO MAINTAIN THEIR PRODUCTIVITY IN THE FACE OF VARIOUS DIFFICULTIES, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT PROVIDES THEM WITH A WIDE RANGE OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICES AND CREDIT FACILITIES THROUGH ITS EXTENSION SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

DR RIDDELL-SWAN EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT WITH THE IMPROVED FACILITIES AT THE NEW OFFICE, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO SERVE THE REGION'S FARMING NEEDS EVEN BETTER.

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TAI PO PRIME SITE AWARDED

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A PRIME SITE IN TAI PO NEW TOWN AT A PREMIUM OF \$105 MILLION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH-RISE COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME.

THE 1.579-HECTARE SITE, LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN CENTRE, HAS BEEN AWARDED TO EARNTRADE LTD, A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN HYSAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD, HSIN CHONG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD AND WONG AND OUYANG (HK) LTD.

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THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, TAI PO, MR VICTOR LEUNG, AND MR H.C. LEE AND MR JOSEPH M. LAI, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMPANY.

MR LEUNG SAID THAT OF THE 10 TENDER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED, THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY EARNTRADE WERE CONSIDERED THE MOST ACCEPTABLE AND THAT THE PREMIUM TENDERED WAS REALISTIC AND REASONABLE.

HE SAID THAT UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF SALE, THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO BUILD A COMMERCIAL PODIUM WITH HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS ON TOP OF IT.

+THE PROPOSALS BY THE DEVELOPER SHOW THAT THERE WILL BE FIVE RESIDENTIAL TOWERS WITH 1 460 UNITS RANGING IN SIZES FROM 39.2 SQUARE METRES TO 54.33 SQUARE METRES,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

THE DEVELOPMENT, EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1986, WILL PROVIDE AMPLE LANDSCAPED OPEN SPACES AT BOTH THE GROUND AND PODIUM LEVELS.

MR LEUNG SAID THE KEEN RESPONSE SHOWN BY DEVELOPERS INDICATED THERE WAS CONFIDENCE IN THE PROPERTY MARKET IN TAI PO.

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#### STAIRLIFTS FOR THE DISABLED \* \* \* \*

THE INSTALLATION OF STAIRLIFTS IN THREE CULTURAL COMPLEXES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL ENABLE WHEELCHAIR-USERS TO ENJOY THE MANY ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE.

THE STAIRLIFTS, THE FIRST OF THEIR KIND TO BE PUBLICLY USED IN HONG KONG, WILL ALLOW A HANDICAPPED PERSON TO GAIN ACCESS TO DIFFERENT LEVELS OF ENTERTAINMENT IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, AND THE SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN CULTURAL COMPLEXES NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE ELECTRICALLY-DRIVEN STAIRLIFTS, EACH COMPRISING A FOLDABLE PLATFORM LARGE ENOUGH FOR A WHEELCHAIR, WILL BE ATTACHED TO A CABLE INSTALLED ON STAIRWAYS WITHIN THE COMPLEXES.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLYING AND INSTALLING THE STAIRLIFTS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK WILL START IN MARCH AND BE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY, 1986.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 7.

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