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FUTURE OF HONG KONG: SECOND PHASE TALKS.

1. THE CHINESE PRESS TODAY REPORTED A FOREIGN  
MINISTRY STATEMENT OF 8 JULY THAT

''EDWARD YOUDE, BRITISH GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG WILL PARTICIPATE IN  
THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TALKS ON THE HONG KONG ISSUE BETWEEN  
CHINA AND BRITAIN AS A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT  
DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. THE  
SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE HONG KONG ISSUE ARE BILATERAL, BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITAIN. MR (SIC)  
YOUDE WILL TAKE PART IN THE TALKS AS A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH  
GOVERNMENT DELEGATION. THEREFORE, HE CAN  
ONLY REPRESENT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN THE TALKS''.

2. THE SPOKESMAN WAS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE THE STATEMENT IN ANSWER  
TO A QUESTION BY REPORTERS ASKING HIM TO COMMENT ON NEWS  
AGENCY REPORTS FROM HONG KONG THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD SAID  
HE WOULD REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IN THE TALKS.

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