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PARTNERSHIP NECESSARY TO EFFECTIVELY FIGHT CRIME

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THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS RESOLUTE IN ITS COMMITMENT TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG REMAINS A SAFE CITY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 1990 FIGHT CRIME CONFERENCE, SIR DAVID SAID THAT CRIME WAS A SOCIAL PROBLEM THAT MUST BE FOUGHT RELENTLESSLY.

NOTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT EFFECTIVELY FIGHT CRIME ON ITS OWN, SIR DAVID SAID THE PUBLIC HAD A VITAL ROLE IN THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER.

"EVERY ONE OF US HAS A CIVIC DUTY TO HELP THE POLICE BY REPORTING CRIME; BY BEING PREPARED TO COME FORWARD AS A WITNESS; AND BY TAKING PREVENTIVE MEASURES AT WORK AND AT HOME," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC COULD FIGHT CRIME EFFECTIVELY.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, IN HIS CAPACITY AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (FCC), ALSO SHARED THE VIEW THAT SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF THE COMMUNITY WAS VITAL.

"A SPECIAL PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WILL BE MOUNTED LATER THIS YEAR TO GET THIS MESSAGE ACROSS TO THE PUBLIC.

"THE CENTRAL THEME IS 'JOIN FORCES AGAINST CRIME' THROUGH PREVENTING, REPORTING AND PROVING CRIME," HE SAID.

IN SUPPORT OF THIS, MR MATHEWS SAID THE POLICE WERE REVIEWING REPORTING PROCEDURES TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE PUBLIC TO PERFORM THEIR DUTY, WHILST AT THE SAME TIME SEEKING TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT THEY WOULD BE PROTECTED AS WITNESSES.

ON THE OPERATIONS SIDE, THE POLICE WERE TAKING POSITIVE ACTION AGAINST THE HIERARCHIES OF TRIAD SOCIETIES AND THEIR ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

"TO CURB THE ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS IN HONG KONG, THE POLICE HAVE ALSO ESTABLISHED CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE GUANGDONG AUTHORITIES.

"THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HAVE ALSO ACHIEVED SUCCESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING WITH SOME MAJOR SEIZURES," HE SAID.

REFERRING TO LEGISLATIVE MEASURES, MR MATHEWS SAID LEGISLATION AIMED AT TRIADS AND OTHER ORGANISED CRIMINAL ORGANISATIONS WAS BEING PREPARED.

THIS WOULD ENABLE THE COURTS TO CONSIDER THE WHOLE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES OF ORGANISED CRIMINALS AND WOULD PROVIDE FOR HEAVIER PENALTIES.

"STRONG FORFEITURE PROVISIONS WILL BE PROPOSED SEEKING TO DEPRIVE CRIMINALS OF THE PROCEEDS OF THEIR CRIMES.

"A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF 25 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR TAKING PART IN ORGANISED CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUGGESTED IN THE DRAFT LEGISLATION," MR MATHEWS SAID.

DURING THE LAST 18 MONTHS, LEGISLATION HAD ALSO BEEN ENACTED WHICH IMPOSED HEAVIER PENALTIES ON PEOPLE RUNNING ILLEGAL GAMBLING OPERATIONS.

"WE HAVE ALSO SOUGHT, THROUGH LEGISLATION, TO BETTER CONTROL NUISANCES ASSOCIATED WITH PROSTITUTION AND TO ENSURE FORFEITURE OF THE PROCEEDS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING," HE ADDED.

BOTH THE GOVERNOR AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGED THE CONTRIBUTION OF DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES (DFCC) TO GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN FIGHTING CRIME, AND NOTED THAT TODAY'S CONFERENCE WAS A VALUABLE FORUM FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE CRIME SITUATION.

TODAY'S CONFERENCE WAS CHAIRED BY FCC MEMBER, MRS ROSANNA TAM, AND WAS ATTENDED BY SOME 400 DELEGATES COMPRISING FCC AND DFCC MEMBERS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SERVING AS PANELISTS AT THE PLENARY SESSION WERE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS; SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY; SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO; SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG; COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA; DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING; AND COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK.

DURING THE CONFERENCE, THE REPORTS ON FOUR PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS WERE DISCUSSED AND THEIR FINDINGS FURTHER EXAMINED.

THE DISCUSSION TOPICS WERE "YOUTH CRIMES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SHOPTHEFT, ROBBERY, CRIMINAL DAMAGES AND INTIMIDATION", "PARENTAL CARE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE", "CRIME INVOLVING TRIADS, STREET GANGS AND ORGANISED CRIME SYNDICATES" AND "CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF HOME SECURITY".

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#### CS COMPLETES NORTH AMERICAN VISIT

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, LEFT VANCOUVER FOR LONDON ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 16) EVENING AFTER A WEEK-LONG VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA.

SIR DAVID SAID HIS VISIT TO SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE AND VANCOUVER HAD BEEN A HECTIC SCHEDULE BUT A MOST ENJOYABLE ONE.

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HE SAID IT HAD BEEN EXTREMELY USEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK PERSONALLY TO A NUMBER OF OPINION-FORMERS ON THE WEST COAST OF NORTH AMERICA INCLUDING POLITICIANS, ACADEMICS AND MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA.

"IT HAS ALSO BEEN INVALUABLE TO MEET BUSINESSMEN WHO HAVE CLOSE INTERESTS IN DEVELOPING TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

"I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PAINT A PICTURE OF HONG KONG LIFTING ITSELF AFTER THE GLOOM OF LAST YEAR AND GRADUALLY RETURNING TO A STEADY LEVEL OF ECONOMIC GROWTH."

SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD ALSO DISCUSSED HONG KONG'S PROBLEMS, SUCH AS THE BRAIN DRAIN, VERY FRANKLY AND OPENLY WITH EVERYONE HE HAD MET.

"I HAVE ALSO ENJOYED MEETING MANY HONG KONG PEOPLE IN NORTH AMERICA WHERE THEY ARE MAKING A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMY.

"I WAS MUCH ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT THEY ALL RETAIN VERY STRONG LINKS WITH HONG KONG AND WERE EAGER TO HEAR MY ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN HONG KONG."

THE FINAL DAY OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY'S BUSY NORTH AMERICAN TOUR ON FRIDAY BEGAN WITH A STIMULATING ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION ON ISSUES CONCERNING HONG KONG-CHINA RELATIONS.

A BREAKFAST MEETING IN VANCOUVER, HOSTED BY THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR ROSS BELSHER, WAS ATTENDED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS LEADING ACADEMICS AND PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE VANCOUVER CHINESE COMMUNITY INCLUDING MR ALDERMAN SANDRA WILKINS, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG CANADA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, MR DANNY GAW.

ACCOMPANIED BY HONG KONG'S MINISTER IN WASHINGTON, MR PETER LO, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR PETER JOHNSON, SIR DAVID THEN FLEW BY HELICOPTER TO VICTORIA ON THE SOUTHERN TIP OF VANCOUVER ISLAND FOR TALKS AND LUNCHEON AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE HOSTED BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, MR DAVID LAM, AND HIS WIFE.

SIR DAVID AND THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR DISCUSSED RAPIDLY DEVELOPING LINKS BETWEEN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND HONG KONG INCLUDING TRADE OPPORTUNITIES IN BOTH PLACES AND THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WHICH HONG KONG PEOPLE ARE HAVING UPON THE PROVINCE.

THE DAY'S PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDED TWO MEDIA INTERVIEWS.

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LITTLE THINGS COULD HELP IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT

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THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO DO AT LEAST LITTLE THINGS TO HELP SAFEGUARD AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.

SPEAKING AT A CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE SHELL BETTER ENVIRONMENT AWARD SCHEME, DR REED SAID LITTLE BY LITTLE TOGETHER, HONG KONG WOULD SUCCEED IN IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

DR REED SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE THAT THE SCHEME HAD BROUGHT TOGETHER SHELL AND A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PRESSURE GROUP, FRIENDS OF THE EARTH, WHICH HAD THE SAME GOAL OF MAKING THE EARTH A HEALTHIER AND MORE PLEASANT PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

"WE WERE DELIGHTED TOO BECAUSE THE STRUCTURE OF THE SCHEME MEANS THAT IT REACHES OUT TO SO MANY SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY. NOT ONLY YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED, BUT ALSO THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED ON EQUAL TERMS.

"THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED WILL EXCHANGE WITH THEIR VARIOUS CONTACTS THE INFORMATION THEY HAVE GAINED THROUGH THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THESE PROJECTS.

"AND THE CHILDREN WILL INEVITABLY USE THEIR EXPERIENCE TO LET THEIR PARENTS KNOW WHAT THEY SHOULD DO TO SAFEGUARD AND IMPROVE OUR ENVIRONMENT.

"SO WHAT THE SHELL SCHEME IS DOING, IS TO SPREAD, TO DIFFUSE, A NEW ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY AND TO CREATE A NEW ENVIRONMENTAL ETHIC -- AN ETHIC WHERE WE COME TO REGARD THE ENVIRONMENT AS SOMETHING PRECIOUS TO BE NURTURED RATHER THAN SOMETHING AVAILABLE FREE, TO BE EXPLOITED," HE SAID.

DR REED SAID WE SHOULD NOT CREATE NEW ETHIC OVERNIGHT, AND HE WAS SURE WE WERE ALL PAINFULLY AWARE THAT INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS WERE MINUTE COMPARED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS THAT WE HAD TO FACE IN TERMS OF THE DESPOILATION OF FORESTS AND SEAS AND EVEN THE VERY AIR THAT WE BREATHE.

"BUT NOBODY MAKES A GREATER MISTAKE IN LIFE THAN HE WHO DOES NOTHING BECAUSE HE CAN DO SO LITTLE AND THIS IS NOWHERE MORE TRUE THAN IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD," HE CONCLUDED.

THE SHELL BETTER ENVIRONMENT AWARD SCHEME, LAUNCHED IN APRIL THIS YEAR, IS AIMED AT DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AMONG THE GRASSROOT LEVELS INTO ACTIVE CONCERN THROUGH THEIR OWN INITIATIVES AND EFFORTS.

A TOTAL OF 52 GRANTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION BY THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED.

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FIRST PAC PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY

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THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A TWO-DAY PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT WHICH WAS TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY.

THE REPORT IS ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 AND THE RESULTS OF VALUE FOR MONEY AUDITS.

THE HEARINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AND THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 22) IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

ON MONDAY, THE HEARING WILL START FROM 9 AM. APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE TO ANSWER POINTS RAISED IN THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT'S REPORT WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, THE DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL SERVICES, A PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER AND THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE.

THE TIMETABLE FOR MONDAY'S HEARING IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 9 AM SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY  
PARAGRAPHS 4.1 - 4.17
- 9.30 AM SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, SECRETARY FOR  
TRANSPORT, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,  
COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT AND DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC OF THE ROYAL HONG  
KONG POLICE FORCE,  
PARAGRAPHS 3.4 - 3.13
- 10.30 AM DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL SERVICES AND  
A PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER,  
PARAGRAPHS 7.1 - 7.14
- 11.15 AM SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE,  
PARAGRAPHS 5.1 - 5.11

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE PUBLIC HEARING ARE ADVISED TO BRING WITH THEM A COPY OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT'S REPORT.

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SEPT ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED  
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN SEPTEMBER 1990, REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990, BUT DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1989, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN SEPTEMBER 1990 DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, BUT SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN ALL OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1989, THE ORDERS POSITION IN SEPTEMBER 1990 DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE TEXTILES AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY INCREASED MODERATELY OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN SEPTEMBER 1990 DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990, AND BY 11 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1989.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990, EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1990 DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN MOST OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED. THESE DECREASES WERE PARTLY DUE TO THE DEPARTURE OF SUMMER WORKERS EMPLOYED IN THE PRECEDING MONTHS BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1989, EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1990 DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST DECREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

HOWEVER, A SLIGHT INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS REPORTED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

IN SEPTEMBER 1990, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990.

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OVER THIS PERIOD, ONLY SLIGHT INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES WERE MAINLY DUE TO THE ISSUE OF BONUSES BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY DECREASED MODERATELY IN SEPTEMBER 1990 WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990, FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF BONUSES IN AUGUST BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1990 INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED. INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1990 DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990 AND SEPTEMBER 1989. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1990 DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990, BUT SHOWED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVER SEPTEMBER 1989.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS INDUSTRY COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1990 AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990, BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1989.

IN SEPTEMBER 1990, PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990. A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WAS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES OVER THIS PERIOD, MAINLY DUE TO THE ISSUE OF BONUSES IN SEPTEMBER.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1990 INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY FOR ALL THE SERVICE SECTORS SURVEYED.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 TO 3.

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

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED.

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HOWEVER, GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1990 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 839 3222.

TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	END OF	AUG. 90	SEP. 89
	SEPTEMBER 1990		
	(MONTHS)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.24	*	-1
WEARING APPAREL	4.66	*	-2
TEXTILES	2.11	*	-5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2.44	-5	-12
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.08	*	-9
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.26	*	+4
OTHERS	4.11	*	-1

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1990	
	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	AUG. 90	SEP. 89
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-2	-11
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	+1
WEARING APPAREL	-1	-10
TEXTILES	-3	-13
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-7	-18
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	-7
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-2	-15
OTHERS	-1	-3
CONSTRUCTION #	-1	-2
SERVICES	*	+3
BANKS	*	+3
HOTELS	*	-4
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	+1
OTHERS	*	+8

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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

TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN SEPTEMBER 1990	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
		AUG. 90	SEP. 89
	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	6,183	+4	+15
FOOD AND DRINKS	7,005	+3	+11

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WEARING APPAREL	4,709	-6	+10
TEXTILES	6,533	+18	+20
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	6,879	+20	+18
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	6,080	+2	+19
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5,845	+1	+14
OTHERS	7,807	+3	+14
CONSTRUCTION #	8,359	-1	+12
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SERVICES	10,540	+2	+16
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BANKS	9,441	*	+13
HOTELS	6,370	*	+13
PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,337	+11	+14
OTHERS	11,436	-6	+20

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

# PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTES TO TABLES 1 - 3 : UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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#### SYMPOSIUM ON SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT

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SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS IN LOCAL INDUSTRIES WILL BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH EXPERTS IN PROMOTING SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK AT A SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 4.

THE SYMPOSIUM ON SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT IS ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE JAPAN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION (JISHA).

THE SYMPOSIUM WILL IDENTIFY THE ROLE OF THE MANAGEMENT IN ACHIEVING A HIGHER STANDARD OF SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK.

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"WE HAVE INVITED JISHA TO TAKE PART AGAIN THIS YEAR BECAUSE IT HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB IN RAISING JAPAN'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS THROUGH VOLUNTARY PREVENTIVE ACTIVITIES AMONG BUSINESS IN THE PAST 26 YEARS," THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTOR (TRAINING), MR WONG CHI-KAI, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE JAPAN'S EXPERIENCE IN ACHIEVING SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK THROUGH EXCELLENT INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES," HE ADDED.

ONE OF THE KEY SPEAKERS AT THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE MR MASAOKI HIROTA, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE SAFETY AND WORK ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT OF MAZDA MOTOR CORPORATION. HE WILL SPEAK ON "HOW TO ORGANISE AN IN-PLANT EFFECTIVE SAFETY AND HEALTH PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMME".

ANOTHER SPEAKER WILL BE MR HIROHISA KOMINE, SENIOR INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST OF THE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION CO-ORDINATION DEPARTMENT OF TONEN CORPORATION. HIS TALK WILL BE ON "CONTROL ON THE SAFE HANDLING AND USE OF CHEMICALS IN TRADE PROCESSES".

THE THIRD SPEAKER WILL BE THE CHIEF SAFETY AND SECURITY ADVISER OF SHELL HONG KONG LIMITED, MR LEE HUNG-KWONG, WHO WILL SPEAK ON "SAFETY MANAGEMENT IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY OF HONG KONG".

THE SYMPOSIUM, TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, WILL HAVE PLACES FOR 300 PARTICIPANTS. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION IN ENGLISH AND CANTONESE WILL BE PROVIDED.

ENROLMENT FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE ON 13TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON TEL. 852 3562 AND 852 3565.

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#### SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT IN MONG KOK

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A BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE FA YUEN STREET URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX IN MONG KOK TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

IT HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

PROFESSIONALS IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT WILL GIVE TALKS ON THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

THEY INCLUDE A SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR RAYMOND FONG; BUILDING MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SHEUNG-HUNG; AND AN ASSISTANT ESTATE MANAGER, MR TANG WAI-MING.

AN EXHIBITION WILL ALSO BE STAGED AT THE VENUE.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE FOLLOWED BY VISITS TO A PRIVATE BUILDING AND A HOUSING ESTATE ON NOVEMBER 25.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO THE SEMINAR. OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, DR CHIU WING-YUE; AND MONG KOK ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR YIM KWOK-ON.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE FA YUEN STREET URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX, 10TH FLOOR, 123A FA YUEN STREET.

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\$2M EARMARKED FOR WAN CHAI GREENERY

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TWENTY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES AND HOTELS IN WAN CHAI HAVE AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE \$2 MILLION NEXT YEAR TO THE DISTRICT'S "GREENERY PROJECT", THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY OUTSIDE SOUTHORN PLAYGROUND TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER PHASE OF THE PROJECT.

MR MANN NOTED THAT THE PROJECT, WHICH WAS AIMED AT GIVING THE DISTRICT A "GREEN FACELIFT", WOULD BE AN EVEN GREATER SUCCESS WITH SUPPORT FROM PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS.

UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME, ABOUT 200 TREES WERE EXPECTED TO BE PLANTED IN THE DISTRICT BEGINNING NEXT APRIL UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LANDSCAPE CONSULTANT COMPANY, HE SAID.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER ADDED THAT SINCE THE LAUNCHING OF THE PROJECT IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, ABOUT 260 POTTED PLANTS HAD BEEN PLACED ALONG LOCKHART ROAD.

A TOTAL OF 45 TREES HAD BEEN PLANTED SO FAR THIS YEAR AND 30 MORE WOULD BE PLANTED BEFORE MARCH 1991.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE URBAN SERVICES, HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

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PROPOSED RECLAMATION FOR SEWAGE WORKS

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION IN STANLEY TO PROVIDE LAND FOR FUTURE SEWAGE WORKS.

THE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 1.55 HECTARES ALONG THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE FORESHORE AND SEABED AT STANLEY BAY.

RECLAMATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO FORM ABOUT 6,200 SQUARE METRES OF LAND AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SEA WALL APPROXIMATELY 210 METRES IN LENGTH.

THE RECLAIMED LAND IS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A GRAVITY SEWER PIPE AND ASSOCIATED UNDERGROUND STRUCTURES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMERGENCY ROADWAY AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AND LANDSCAPING.

ALSO, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT A LEASE WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 4.10 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT NORTH TSING YI TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SHIPYARD.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED WERE DESCRIBED IN NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 1991.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,940,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER EE8 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$310,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER ED1 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$220,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$3,000 FOR EL6023.

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## FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

EM1138	\$ 6,000	AA128	\$ 210,000	EE8	\$ 310,000	EK3228	\$ 35,000
EL120	25,000	HK1737	15,000	EL109	10,000	EM272	35,000
EM908	8,000	ED1	220,000	EK889	25,000	HK1776	10,000
HK55	105,000	EL881	15,000	EM817	15,000	EM1100	20,000
EL369	10,000	DF90	35,000	747	160,000	EK1928	15,000
EL6088	6,000	CA986	16,000	EL988	30,000	EL615	4,000
171	150,000	EM29	50,000	EL220	13,000	EL9996	6,000
EL314	6,000	EL911	60,000	EL1838	21,000	EL6023	3,000
EM1328	15,000	EK8133	11,000	EM102	29,000	EL3278	8,000
EL633	19,000	AA162	95,000	EE66	110,000	EK9332	4,000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 157TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY: REALISED SO FAR TO \$109,056,505.