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GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO IMPROVING MEDICAL,
HEALTH SERVICES: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNMENT IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE PROVISION AND STANDARD OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY DID NOT MEAN THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS DIVESTING ITSELF OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE SERVICES, SIR DAVID SAID. "ON THE CONTRARY, THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THESE RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE EXERCISED MORE EFFECTIVELY."

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (HONG KONG BRANCH), SIR DAVID EXPLAINED THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO SET UP THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

HE SAID THE AIM OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES WERE USED EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

HOWEVER, WITH THE INCREASING COSTS OF PROVIDING MEDICAL SERVICES, THE EXISTING HOSPITAL SYSTEM HAD ALREADY BEEN STRETCHED TO ITS LIMITS TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT LEVEL OF SERVICE.

"THE EXISTENCE OF A DUAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS HAD MADE EFFECTIVE DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCES DIFFICULT.

"MEANWHILE, THERE ARE RISING EXPECTATIONS AMONG OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT THE QUALITY OF CARE THAT THEY RECEIVE," HE SAID.

TO RESOLVE THESE CONFLICTING PRESSURES, THE GOVERNMENT HAD CONCLUDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A STATUTORY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN ALL PUBLIC HOSPITALS, WITH A VIEW TO SETTING UP EVENTUALLY AN INDEPENDENTLY ADMINISTERED HOSPITAL SYSTEM.

SIR DAVID SAID THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WOULD INITIALLY BE SERVICED BY A NEW HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHICH WOULD WORK THROUGH A SYSTEM OF REGIONAL COMMITTEES.

EACH REGIONAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE CHARGED WITH ENSURING THE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF ALL GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS. THEY WOULD ALSO ACT AS COORDINATING AND SUPERVISORY BODIES AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, AS WELL AS A LINK BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL HOSPITAL MANAGEMENTS AND THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY ITSELF.

"ALL PUBLICLY-FUNDED HOSPITALS WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY THROUGH THEIR REGIONAL COMMITTEES FOR ACHIEVING THEIR PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES," HE SAID.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW ORGANISATION WOULD OFFER MANY ATTRACTIONS, SUCH AS CLEARER LINES OF COMMAND, GREATER FLEXIBILITY, INCREASED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND ENHANCED ACCOUNTABILITY.

SIR DAVID SAID THE PLAN WAS TO SET UP A PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY ON APRIL 1, NEXT YEAR, AND A STATUTORY AUTHORITY BY APRIL 1989, AND TO BRING NEW FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS INTO EFFECT IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1989-90.

TURNING TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, SIR DAVID SAID FOR MANY YEARS IT HAD PLAYED A COMPLEMENTARY ROLE IN THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES, MOSTLY IN THE FORM OF PRIMARY CARE.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SET UP A NEW DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO LOOK AFTER MATTERS RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE.

"WE SHALL BE TAKING A CLOSE LOOK IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT THE PRESENT PRIMARY CARE SYSTEM," HE SAID.

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UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS
FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER RELEASED

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IN THE THREE MONTHS AUGUST - OCTOBER 1987, BOTH THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES REMAINED STABLE AT A LOW LEVEL, COMPARED WITH THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JULY 1987, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THESE FIGURES INDICATE THAT THE LABOUR MARKET CONDITIONS HAVE REMAINED TIGHT, WITH THE LOCAL WORKFORCE FULLY EMPLOYED.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 1987 WAS 1.9 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 1.8 PER CENT FOR THE THREE-MONTHS ENDING JULY 1987 AND 2.6 PER CENT FOR THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE INCREASE OF 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT, WHILE THE DECREASE OF 1.3 PERCENTAGE POINTS BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN AUGUST - OCTOBER 1987 WAS ESTIMATED AT 52,900, COMPARED WITH 49,100 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JULY 1987 AND 70,700 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING OCOTBER 1986.

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THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 1987 WAS 1 PER CENT, WHICH WAS THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JULY 1987. THE RATE FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 1986 WAS 1.3 PER CENT. THE DECREASE OF 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 1987 WAS 28,100, COMPARED WITH 28,600 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JULY 1987 AND 35,400 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER 1986.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1987 WAS 1.9 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.1 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 14,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 50,000 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 AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UMEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF 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 SEPTEMBER 1987 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AROUND DECEMBER 20, 1987 AT $9.50 PER COPY.

HONG KONG/JAPAN CULTURAL AGREEMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT IT HAS CONCLUDED A CULTURAL AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION DURING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE HK$2.32 MILLION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG FOR PROMOTING JAPANESE STUDIES. THE SUM WILL BE USED TO EQUIP AN AUDIO-VISUAL LIBRARY IN THE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF JAPANESE.

THE AGREEMENT WAS CONTAINED IN NOTES EXCHANGED BETWEEN MR MICHELANGELO PAGLIARI, SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, AND MR KOICHIRO MATSUURA, THE JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL IN HONG KONG, AT A SIGNING CEREMONY HELD TODAY IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY DR WANG GUNGWU, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

"AT PRESENT, THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC EACH RECEIVE SOME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE JAPAN FOUNDATION WHICH IS FUNDED BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. BUT FUNDS FROM THIS SOURCE ARE LIMITED AND CANNOT BE IMPROVED SUBSTANTIALLY," MR PAGLIARI SAID.

"THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS GENEROUSLY MADE AVAILABLE THIS FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL SUM TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. THIS REQUIRES HOWEVER A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT," MR PAGLIARI EXPLAINED.

"WE GREATLY WELCOME THIS AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES FURTHER SUPPORT TO OUR TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS. AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF GROWING LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN, JAPANESE LANGUAGE STUDIES ARE BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT FOR OUR STUDENTS," MR PAGLIARI ADDED.

DR WANG, THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY, WELCOMED THE NEW CULTURAL AGREEMENT. IT WAS FURTHER EVIDENCE, HE SAID, OF THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IN SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF JAPANESE STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY.

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE AUDIO-VISUAL LIBRARY WOULD, HE INDICATED, GO FAR BEYOND THOSE OF TRADITIONAL LANGUAGE LABORATORIES, AND WOULD INCLUDE THE PRODUCTION AND VIEWING OF PURPOSE-MADE PROGRAMMES.

HE ADDED THAT THE UNIVERSITY REGARDED THE NEW LIBRARY, WHICH WOULD BE OPERATIONAL IN 1988, AS AN IMPORTANT FOCUS FOR WORK BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE UNIVERSITY'S FACULTIES OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF JAPANESE SOCIETY AND CULTURE.

THE TEACHING DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED INCLUDED ECONOMICS, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY AND FINE ARTS AS WELL AS JAPANESE STUDIES, HE EXPLAINED.

NUMBER OF NEWLY REPORTED DRUG ABUSERS DECREASES

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THE DOWNWARD TREND IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS NEWLY REPORTED TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSERS (CRDA) SINCE 1983 CONTINUED IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1987.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), DR GERALD CHOA, AT THE 66TH MEETING OF THE ACAN TODAY (TUESDAY).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DR CHOA SAID THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT MORE CANNABIS WAS COMING INTO HONG KONG.

"HENCE PUBLICITY IS BEING STEPPED UP TO WARN OF THE DANGERS OF THIS DRUG," HE SAID.

DR CHOA ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT PARENTS AND TEACHERS HAD TO PLAY IN KEEPING YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE FROM DRUGS.

REPORTING ON THE DRUG SITUATION, THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY, SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS OF ALL AGES NEWLY REPORTED DECREASED BY 8.7 PER CENT, FROM 2,092 TO 1,911, AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1986.

THE NUMBER OF NEWLY REPORTED YOUNG PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 DURING THIS PERIOD WAS 596; THE SAME AS THAT FOR LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS PROSECUTED FOR ALL DRUG OFFENCES DROPPED BY 9.3 PER CENT FROM 9,429 TO 8,548, WHILE PROSECUTIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE ALSO DECREASED FROM 797 TO 602, REPRESENTING A FALL OF 24.5 PER CENT.

"NEVERTHELESS, THE NUMBER OF PERSONS PROSECUTED FOR MAJOR DRUG OFFENCES HAS SLIGHTLY RISEN BY 3.2 PER CENT FROM 4,188 TO 4,320," MR MULLOY ADDED.

DURING THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1987, POLICE AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS SEIZED A TOTAL OF 394 KILOGRAMS OF ILLICIT OPIATES, MAINLY NO. 3 HEROIN.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSIONER NOTED THAT THE AMOUNT OF CANNABIS SEIZED DURING THIS PERIOD TOTALLED 331 KILOGRAMS. THIS WAS SIX TIMES THE QUANTITY (53 KILOGRAMS) FOUND IN 1986.

HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF MANDRAX TABLETS SEIZED IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1987 DECREASED CONSIDERABLY TO 40,679 TABLETS, COMPARED WITH A TOTAL OF 273,745 TABLETS LAST YEAR.

"THIS MAY BE AN INDICATOR THAT CHINA'S NEW CONTROLS ON THE MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF METHAQUALONE (MANDRAX) ARE TAKING EFFECT," MR MULLOY REMARKED.

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MR MULLOY THEN TOLD THE MEETING THAT A SEMINAR ON PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION IN LATE NOVEMBER WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 350 SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, STUDENT COUNSELLORS AND CHAIRMEN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEES.

DISCUSSIONS WERE FOCUSSED ON THE DESIRABILITY OF MAKING PREVENTIVE DRUG EDUCATION A COMPULSORY SUBJECT AND ON THE ROLE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PARENTS/TEACHERS ASSOCIATION IN PREVENTING DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

A NEW SET OF SLIDES ON PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS AS TEACHING AIDS WERE INTRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED DURING THE SEMINAR.

"ONE NEW VENTURE IS THE SPREAD OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE TO THE SPORTS SECTORS THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF THE ACAN AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION IN THE ORGANISATION OF THE 1988 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON ON THE THEME OF 'BE AN ANTI-DRUG RUNNER' AT THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR ON JANUARY 24," MR MULLOY SAID.

THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENT WILL NOT ONLY PROVIDE A CHANCE TO APPEAL TO ATHLETES ALL OVER THE WORLD TO REMAIN DRUG-FREE BUT WILL ALSO BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES, HE SAID.

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BILINGUALISM IS ESSENTIAL IN HONG KONG

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BILINGUALISM IS ESSENTIAL IN HONG KONG NOW AND AFTER CHINA HAS RESUMED SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE TERRITORY IN 1997, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, MRS RITA FAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION AT SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, MRS FAN SAID THE 1984 JOINT DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WHICH ELABORATED ON THE BASIC POLICIES OF CHINA REGARDING HONG KONG, SPECIFICALLY POINTED OUT THAT THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION MIGHT USE ENGLISH, IN ADDITION TO CHINESE, IN ORGANS OF GOVERNMENT AND IN THE COURTS.

"IN HONG KONG, WE REGARD BILINGUALISM AS A NECESSITY FOR OUR YOUNGER GENERATION TO BE COMPETENT IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH. FROM A WIDER ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE, CHINESE IS LIKELY TO ASSUME GREATER SIGNIFICANCE WHILE ENGLISH WILL STILL BE ESSENTIAL AS AN INTERNATIONAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY," MRS FAN SAID.

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"CHINESE IS AT PRESENT THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND ENGLISH IS TAUGHT AS A SUBJECT.

"AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL, CHINESE AND ENGLISH ARE TAUGHT AS INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS IN ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOLS AND CHINESE MIDDLE SCHOOLS, WHILE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL AUTHORITIES CAN DECIDE THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE OTHER SUBJECTS," MRS FAN SAID.

RECALLING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 1984 EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT THAT INDIVIDUAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO ADOPT CHINESE AS THE MEDIUM OF TEACHING AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SCHOOLS TO AVERT ANY CONSEQUENTIAL DROP IN THE STANDARD OF ENGLISH BECAUSE OF REDUCED EXPOSURE, MRS FAN SAID THE COMMISSION HAD TAKEN SOCIAL FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT, TOGETHER WITH PEDAGOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS SUCH AS THE LANGUAGE AND SUBJECT TEXTBOOKS USED IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, TIME-TABLING, THE EFFECTS OF DIFFERENT MODES OF MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION ON EDUCATION ATTAINMENT, THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF JUNIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS FROM ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOLS AND CHINESE MIDDLE SCHOOLS, THE IMPACT OF SMALL CLASS TEACHING ON PERFORMANCE, AND THE ENGLISH VOCABULARY USED IN JUNIOR SECONDARY TEXTBOOKS.

"SCHOOLS THAT HAVE DECIDED TO CHANGE THEIR MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN TO DO SO FROM SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR," SHE SAID.

"THE CHANGES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE HONG KONG EDUCATION SYSTEM AND IN PARTICULAR, IN THE DOMAIN OF LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING, ARE OF CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE," SHE SAID, ADDING THAT CHANGES OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE WERE UNDERWAY IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

MRS FAN SAID SHE WAS QUITE SURE THAT DELIBERATIONS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE IN THE SEMINAR WITH A LARGE GATHERING OF PARTICIPANTS FROM 15 OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND HONG KONG ON THE THEME OF "LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION IN A BILINGUAL OR MULTI-LINGUAL SETTING".

EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID IN HIS WELCOMING ADDRESS THAT THE THEME OF TODAY'S SEMINAR WAS CERTAINLY AN IMPORTANT ONE AND HAD A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN HONG KONG IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION.

"I BELIEVE WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED IN RECENT YEARS BY THE INTRODUCTION OF A VARIETY OF MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN IT, INCLUDING ESTABLISHING THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION (ILE), THE ORGANISER OF THIS SEMINAR," MR LI SAID.

"AMONG OTHER ACTIVITIES, THE ILE RUNS IN-SERVICE LANGUAGE TEACHER EDUCATION COURSES FOR EXPERIENCED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH AND HAS BEGUN TO PUBLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING MATERIALS FOR USE IN SCHOOLS," HE ADDED.

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THE INSTITUTE ALSO CARRIED OUT RESEARCH INTO CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING. MR LI ADDED THAT THE CURRENT RESEARCH PROGRAMME INCLUDED PROJECTS RELATING TO EXTENSIVE READING (A CO-OPERATIVE PROJECT WITH THE EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT), THE APPLICATION OF QUESTIONING TECHNIQUES IN THE TEACHING OF READING IN CHINESE, COMPUTER-ASSISTED LANGUAGE LEARNING, THE STANDARDISATION OF THE CANTONESE PRONUNCIATION OF CHINESE CHARACTERS COMMONLY USED IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND AN INVESTIGATION OF SPEECH RATES AND THE STANDARD RANGE OF SPEECH IN VARIETIES OF BRITISH ENGLISH, OF WHICH THE RESULTS WOULD BE REPORTED AT THE SEMINAR.

MR LI SAID THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR WERE TO EXAMINE ISSUES IN LANGUAGE PLANNING IN EDUCATION; TO IDENTIFY, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, FACTORS WHICH FOSTER A SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIP IN THE LEARNING AND TEACHING OF LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS IN DIFFERENT SOCIETIES; TO EXPLORE CRITERIA FOR SUCCESSFUL INDIVIDUAL BILINGUAL/BI-DIALECTAL/MULTI-LINGUAL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT; TO LOOK AT ISSUES INVOLVED IN RAISING LANGUAGE AWARENESS AND IDENTIFYING GOOD TEACHING PRACTICES; TO INVESTIGATE SOME OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE EFFECTIVE USE OF LANGUAGE AS A TOOL FOR CLASSROOM USE; AND TO IDENTIFY THE CRITERIA FOR SUCCESSFUL CLASSROOM LANGUAGE LEARNING.

"THE RICHNESS OF SCHOLARSHIP AND EXPERIENCE POSSESSED BY THOSE PRESENT TODAY ASSURES US THAT THESE OBJECTIVES WILL BE REACHED," MR LI SAID.

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EXPORT OF RESTRAINED TEXTILE ARRANGEMENTS ANNOUNCED

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THE PRINCIPLES OF QUOTA ALLOCATION AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXPORT OF RESTRAINED TEXTILES TO THE U.S. FOR THE 1988 TEXTILE YEAR.

UNDER THE 1988 ARRANGEMENTS, THERE ARE ALTOGETHER 63 CATEGORIES SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC LIMIT AND 82 CATEGORIES SUBJECT TO AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION SYSTEM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

COMPANIES ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

* THE GROUP RESTRAINT LIMITS FOR GROUPS I, II AND III ARE NOW CONTROLLED IN SQUARE METRES.

* FOR CATEGORIES PREVIOUSLY CONTROLLED IN SQUARE FOOT, SQUARE YARD AND POUND, THEY ARE NOW CONTROLLED IN KILOGRAM AND SQUARE METRE.

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* SUIT CATEGORIES AND THE NEW MADE-TO-MEASURE SUIT CATEGORY ARE NOW CONTROLLED IN NUMBER INSTEAD OF DOZEN.

* THE EXPORT AUTHORISATION QUOTA (EAQ) OF GROUPS I, II AND III ARE CONTROLLED IN SQUARE METRES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO NOTED THAT A NEW TEXTILE AND APPAREL CATEGORY SYSTEM WILL BE ADOPTED WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1988 WHICH INVOLVES SUBSTANTIAL RE-CATEGORISATION OF YARNS AND FABRICS ITEMS CURRENTLY COVERED BY THE HK/U.S. BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT.

"ALSO, UNDER THE NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM, THREE NEW CATEGORIES WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR INFANTS' WEAR. THEY ARE CAT. 239 FOR COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRE INFANTS' WEAR, CAT. 439 FOR WOOL INFANTS' WEAR AND CAT. 839 FOR SILK BLEND AND OTHER VEGETABLE FIBRE INFANTS' WEARS."

DETAILS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF QUOTA ALLOCATION FOR CATEGORIES AFFECTED BY THE NEW TEXTILE AND APPAREL CATEGORY SYSTEM ARE SET OUT IN NOTICE TO EXPORTERS: SERIES I (U.S.A.) NO. 60/87 DATED DECEMBER 15, 1987. COPIES OF THE NOTICE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TEXTILES EXPORT CONTROLS BRANCH, NORTH AMERICA DIVISION OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT AT 15/F., OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

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WORKING GROUP ON NT ORDINANCE

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF A WORKING GROUP ON THE NEW TERRITORIES ORDINANCE, WILL GIVE A PRESS BRIEFING ON THE BACKGROUND AND PROGRESS OF THE GROUP TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP EARLY THIS YEAR AT THE DIRECTION OF THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES) TO LOOK INTO THE PRESENT WORKING OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ORDINANCE AND TO PROPOSE ANY CHANGES THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO THE ORDINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES IN THE LIGHT OF PRESENT SITUATION IN THE NT.

THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, REGISTRAR GENERAL AND ICAC.

MR SELBY POINTED OUT THAT THE WORKING GROUP WAS INITIATED BY THE CNTA IN VIEW OF INCREASING PROBLEMS IN TRADITIONAL NEW TERRITORIES LAND MATTERS. PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE RISING VALUE OF SPECIFIC LAND LOTS AND THE INCREASING SOPHISTICATION OF LEGAL PROCEDURES CONNECTED WITH THE TRANSFER OF TITLE TO LAND IN GENERAL HAD MADE IT NECESSARY TO LOOK INTO THE SITUATION PROMPTLY.

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"IN THE COURSE OF ITS WORK, THE GROUP HAS STUDIED EXISTING SOURCES ON CHINESE LAW AND TRADITIONAL PRACTICE, BOTH FROM RECORDS OF PREVIOUS COURT CASES IN HONG KONG AND SOUTHEAST ASIA CONCERNING CHINESE LAND MATTERS AND FROM WRITTEN AND ORAL SOURCES ON NEW TERRITORIES CHINESE TRADITIONS," HE SAID.

"THE GROUP ALSO HOPES TO OBTAIN FEEDBACK FROM NT VILLAGERS ON HOW FAR TRADITIONAL PRACTICES ARE STILL RELEVANT AND WHETHER ANY PART OF TRADITIONAL PRACTICES ARE OUTDATED AND NEED TO BE DROPPED."

"AS A RESULT, THE WORKING GROUP HOPES TO BE ABLE TO PROPOSE TO THE GOVERNMENT REVISIONS TO THE EXISTING NT ORDINANCE AND GOVERNMENT PRACTICES, SO THAT NT VILLAGERS CAN CONTINUE TO ENJOY THEIR TRADITIONAL RIGHTS AND PRACTICES WITHOUT COMING INTO CONFLICT WITH COMPLEX MODERN DAY PROCEDURES OF LAND ADMINISTRATION," MR SELBY ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE NEW TERRITORIES ORDINANCE, MR STEPHEN SELBY, WILL GIVE A PRESS BRIEFING ON THE WORKING GROUP'S BACKGROUND AND PROGRESS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 11 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, THRID FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN. YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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YAU MA TEI ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS REMOVED

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AN OPERATION SPONSORED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WAS MOUNTED TODAY (TUESDAY) TO REMOVE 24 ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS AT 13 BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT.

A TOTAL OF $20,000 WAS ALLOCATED FROM DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO MEET 90 PER CENT OF THE REMOVAL COSTS.

THE CLEARANCE, CARRIED OUT UNDER THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, WAS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE A BETTER AND CLEANER LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

TO HELP SPREAD THE "KEEP CLEAN" MESSAGE, A MARKET CLEANLINESS COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY TO SELECT THE CLEANEST STALLS.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION OF HOME SAFETY PRODUCTS, A CLEAN BUILDING COMPETITION AND A YEAR-END CLEAN-UP.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS LION ROCK TUNNEL TRAFFIC STUDY

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS FOR MAJOR SCHEMES OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL TRAFFIC STUDY AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 17).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER THE OCCURRENCE OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AT THE JUNCTION OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND WYLIE ROAD, AND AT POI LOI STREET AND BAKER STREET.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE MEASURES TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN HUNG HOM AND THE ISSUE OF PEDESTRIANS WEARING HEADPHONES WHEN CROSSING ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.15 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 17) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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CONTAMINATED VEGETABLE ON DB AGENDA

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 17) TO DISCUSS TIGHTER MEASURES TO CONTROL THE SALE OF CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO STUDY A PROPOSAL TO BUILD A MINIBUS TERMINAL AT THE SITE OF THE DEMOLISHED POULTRY "LAAN" AT FORBES STREET.

IN ADDITION, A MEMBER WILL SUBMIT WRITTEN QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WHOLESALE MARKET ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION AS WELL AS THE REMOVAL OF THE FRESHWATER FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKET AT CADOGAN STREET AND TO RE-DEVELOP THE SITE INTO A PARK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 17) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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SEMINAR ON EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE
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A SEMINAR ON THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 17) EVENING FOR PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN NORTH DISTRICT.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE, THE SEMINAR IS AIMED AT ENHANCING EMPLOYEES' KNOWLEDGE OF LABOUR LEGISLATION AND IMPROVING LABOUR RELATIONS.

AT THE SEMINAR, LABOUR OFFICER (LABOUR RELATIONS), MR HO WING-ON WILL SPEAK ON TOPICS SUCH AS PROTECTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES ON DISMISSAL, SEVERANCE PAY, LONG SERVICE PAYMENT, END OF YEAR PAYMENT AND BONUS, AND PROVISIONS REGARDING PAID STATUTORY AND PAID ANNUAL LEAVE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 17) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE FANLING RURAL COMMITTEE, 3 LUEN FAT STREET, FANLING. THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

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FESTIVAL HOLIDAY REMINDER
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT EITHER THE CHINESE WINTER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON DECEMBER 22, OR CHRISTMAS DAY (DECEMBER 25) SHOULD BE ASSIGNED AS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND THOSE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN $11,500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

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WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS TO 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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ENROLMENT FOR LAW COURSE FOR JOURNALISTS BEGINS

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A COURSE FOCUSING ON HONG KONG LAW AND ITS PRACTICE WILL BE OFFERED TO JOURNALISTS BY THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL BETWEEN JANUARY 18 AND FEBRUARY 10, 1988.

THE 'LAW FOR JOURNALISTS' COURSE, TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF JOURNALISTS, WILL COVER TOPICS ON THE LAW OF DEFAMATION, CRIMINAL CONTEMPT OF COURT, CIVIL CONTEMPT OF COURT AS WELL AS CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PROCEDURES WHICH HAVE DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE RELEVANCE TO THE JOURNALISM PROFESSION.

LECTURER OF CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG MR HANIF MUGHAL WILL DELIVER THE LECTURES IN ENGLISH. IN ADDITION TO THE LECTURES, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INVOLVED IN CASE STUDIES AND DISCUSSIONS.

COURSE FEE IS $900 AND WORKING JOURNALISTS WILL HAVE TO PAY $150 ONLY.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENT IS JANUARY 6. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TRAINING BOARD ON 5-8932341 EXT. 283.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR NEW ROAD OPENING

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN HUNG HOM FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 18) IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF A NEW ROAD LINKING BAILEY STREET AND HUNG HOM WAN STREET.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW ROAD, NAMED AS HUNG HOM ROAD, VEHICLES ON MA TAU WAI ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL VIA BAILEY STREET AND HUNG HOM ROAD TO HUNG HOM AREA AND WHAMPOA GARDENS.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, MAN TAI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND, WHILE MAN SIU STREET WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND. TRAFFIC ON TAK MAN STREET HEADING FOR MAN TAI STREET WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA MAN SIU STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS OPERATING AROUND THE CLOCK:

* BAILEY STREET BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WAN ON STREET AND ITS JUNCTION WITH HUNG HOM ROAD.

* HUNG HOM ROAD.

* THE SOUTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF HUNG HOM WAN STREET BETWEEN HUNG HOM ROAD AND PO LOI STREET.

* THE NORTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF HUNG HOM WAN STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HUNG HOM ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAYS, NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING BAILEY STREET AND HOK YUEN STREET TO THE EAST OF MA TAU WAI ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THE EXISTING TERMINUS FOR GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 2 AND 6 AT TAK MAN STREET OUTSIDE HUNG HOM THEATRE WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD OFF HUNG HOM ROAD OUTSIDE THE WESTERN SIDE OF WHAMPOA GARDENS, SITE 2.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 19) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

DP8288	DR320	AS1171	DR590
DR117	DR663	DS9828	DR887
CK8338	BK1782	AK6	DR504
DR9904	DP6609	DP9811	DP929
DR6638	DP3	DS3888	DR3887
BG1	HK960	DP28	DR8137
AY128	DS2888	DR9811	DR4489
DS618	AS325	DR6610	BM1212
DR8887	DR2	DR3004	DS6999
DN929	DR3112	DP8	DR8820

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 119TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN NEW TERRITORIES

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A NEW GREEN MINIBUS TERMINUS ON FOOK HONG STREET IN YUEN LONG WILL BE OPEN FOR USE THIS FRIDAY (DECEMBER 18).

TO COINCIDE WITH ITS OPENING, TRAFFIC FLOW ON ADJACENT STREETS, INCLUDING FOOK TAK STREET, FOOK HONG STREET FROM FOOK TAK STREET TO SAU FU STREET, SAU FU STREET FROM FOOK HONG STREET TO TUNG LOK STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO OPERATE IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY.

ONLY GREEN MINIBUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE NEW TERMINUS, WHICH WILL BE OBSERVED BY GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 36, 37, 38, 73, 74, 75 AND 76. AT THE SAME TIME, ROUTINGS OF THESE GREEN MINIBUSES WILL BE DIVERTED AND PASSENGERS ARE ADVISED TO NOTE THE CHANGES.

MEANWHILE, ALSO FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY, A SPEED LIMIT OF 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE SECTION OF LUNG MUN ROAD IN TUEN MUN FROM A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES WEST OF THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO BUTTERFLY BEACH TO A POINT ABOUT 400 METRES FROM THE MAIN GATE OF THE CASTLE PEAK POWER STATION.

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