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JUNE ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED
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IN JUNE 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH MAY 1990 AND JUNE 1989, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH MAY 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN JUNE 1990 INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY. LITTLE CHANGE WAS SHOWN IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, BUT ORDERS DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES, AND SLIGHTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

COMPARING JUNE 1990 WITH JUNE 1989, THE ORDERS POSITION DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, TEXTILES AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS INCREASED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY 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 JUNE 1990 INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1990, BUT DECREASED BY 12 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1989.

COMPARING JUNE 1990 WITH MAY 1990, SOME INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE REPORTED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRIES, DUE MAINLY TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF SUMMER WORKERS BY SOME MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY, WHILE THAT IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

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

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

IN JUNE 1990, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN MONEY TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1990. OVER THIS PERIOD OF COMPARISON, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, WEARING APPAREL, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

COMPARING JUNE 1990 WITH JUNE 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN JUNE 1990 DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1990 AND JUNE 1989. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JUNE 1990 WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN MAY 1990, BUT SHOWED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OVER JUNE 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 JUNE 1990 AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1990 AND JUNE 1989. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JUNE 1990 FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1990, BUT INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER JUNE 1989.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED 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.

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 JUNE 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 JUNE 1990	MAY 90	JUNE 89
	(MONTHS)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.34	*	*
WEARING APPAREL	4.64	+1	-2
TEXTILES	2.33	-6	-5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.11	-7	-7
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.21	-2	-11
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.37	*	+7
OTHERS	4.15	*	*

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF JUNE 1990	
	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	MAY 90	JUNE 89
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	+1	-12
FOOD AND DRINKS	+1	+3
WEARING APPAREL	*	-9
TEXTILES	-1	-10
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	+4	-20
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	+3	-13
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	+2	-19
OTHERS	*	-3

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CONSTRUCTION #	-1	-2
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SERVICES	+1	+3
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BANKS	+2	+3
HOTELS	+1	-5
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	+2
OTHERS	+1	+7

* 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 JUNE 1990	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
-----	(HK\$)	MAY 90 ----- (%)	JUNE 89 ----- (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	5,837	*	+19
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FOOD AND DRINKS	6,458	+2	+17
WEARING APPAREL	4,743	+1	+15
TEXTILES	5,402	-5	+12
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5,487	+1	+23
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	5,627	-2	+20
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5,760	+1	+20
OTHERS	7,680	*	+19
CONSTRUCTION #	8,358	*	+20
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SERVICES	9,930	*	+17
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BANKS	10,023	+3	+14
HOTELS	6,464	*	+15
PUBLIC UTILITIES	9,193	-6	+13
OTHERS	11,567	+3	+22

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* 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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PUBLICATION OF INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS
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THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE PUBLICATION OF ANOTHER FOUR NEW INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS FOR THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES.

THE FOUR AREAS, COVERING A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 2,120 HECTARES, ARE AT LAU FAU SHAN AND TSIM BEI TSUI, HA TSUEN, LUNG YEUK TAU AND KWAN TEI SOUTH, AND KWU TUNG NORTH.

SOME AREAS ON THE FOUR NEW PLANS ARE DESIGNATED FOR "VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT" TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY EXPANSION OF ESTABLISHED VILLAGES.

ON THE KWU TUNG NORTH PLAN, 45 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR "OPEN STORAGE" IN ORDER TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR SUCH FACILITIES.

ON THE LAU FAU SHAN AND TSIM BEI TSUI PLAN, SEVERAL "SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST" ARE RECOGNISED AND ZONED ACCORDINGLY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR DESIGNATING THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS WAS TO PREVENT FURTHER UNPLANNED PROLIFERATION OF OPEN STORAGE USE ONTO AGRICULTURAL LAND WHICH HAS CAUSED DEGRADATION OF THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT.

"WITHIN THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS, PERMISSION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT, UNLESS IT IS PERMITTED UNDER THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLAN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, DEVELOPMENT IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE PLANS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS UPON COMMENCEMENT OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE.

ON ENACTMENT THE INTERIM PERMISSION AREAS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN STATUTORY DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS, AND THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING COULD THEN SERVE NOTICE REQUIRING REINSTATEMENT OF THE LAND TO THE CONDITION IT WAS IN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE GAZETTING OF THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS OR RESTORATION OF THE LAND TO HIS SATISFACTION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID EXISTING USES WOULD BE TOLERATED WITHIN THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS. ALSO, PERMISSION GRANTED BY THE DIRECTOR WOULD BE HONOURED WHEN THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS WERE INCLUDED INTO STATUTORY DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SIX INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS FOR PING CHE AND TA KWU LING, KWU TUNG SOUTH, SAN TIN, MAI PO AND FAIRVIEW PARK, NAM SANG WAI, AND HO CHUNG, WHICH WERE GAZETTED ON JULY 27, WERE REPUBLISHED.

THE COVERAGE AND CONTENT OF THE SIX REGAZETTED PLANS ARE EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE ONES GAZETTED ON JULY 27. THE ONLY MAJOR CHANGE IS THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE REGAZETTED PLANS WERE TO REMOVE A POSSIBLE DOUBT AS TO WHETHER THE CORRECT PROCEDURES HAD BEEN FOLLOWED WHEN THE ORIGINAL PLANS WERE GAZETTED.

"THE ORIGINAL PLANS WERE NOW NULL AND VOID," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THAT PLANNING APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AN INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA WILL BE ASSESSED ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL MERITS.

FOR HO CHUNG, LAU FAU SHAN AND HA TSUEN, THE DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION OF THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS WILL BE GUIDED BY THE DEPARTMENTAL PLANS FOR THE AREAS, NAMELY, THE HO CHUNG OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, THE LAU FAU SHAN LAYOUT PLAN AND THE HA TSUEN LAYOUT PLAN. THESE PLANS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

IF PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING FOR DEVELOPMENT IS REQUIRED, AN APPLICATION FOR SUCH PERMISSION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG. APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GENERAL REGISTRY, PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

INDIGENOUS NEW TERRITORIES VILLAGERS WISHING TO APPLY FOR SMALL HOUSE SITES IN AREAS COVERED BY THE NEW INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS SHOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY DIRECT TO THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER.

ALL THE 10 INTERIM PLANNING PERMISSION AREA PLANS CAN BE INSPECTED UNTIL OCTOBER 17, 1990 AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;
- * PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * RELEVANT DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICES.

COPIES OF THE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$60 EACH COLOURED.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ACQUIRED ANY OF THE SIX PLANS GAZETTED ON JULY 27, THE OLD PLANS CAN BE EXCHANGED FOR THE NEW PLANS FREE OF CHARGE UPON REQUEST.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CENTRAL/MID-LEVELS ESCALATOR LINK

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HILLSIDE ESCALATOR LINK BETWEEN CENTRAL AND THE MID-LEVELS.

A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) IN THE GAZETTE.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS WILL START LATER THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE ESCALATOR LINK WILL COMPRISE COVERED FOOTBRIDGES AND 23 COVERED TRAVELATORS AND ESCALATORS. IT WILL PROVIDE A MORE ATTRACTIVE, CONVENIENT AND PHYSICALLY LESS DEMANDING PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FROM THE CENTRAL DISTRICT TO CONDUIT ROAD.

THE ESCALATOR LINK WILL START FROM THE EXISTING ELEVATED WALKWAY IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

FROM THE NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING OF HANG SENG BANK, THE LINK WILL CROSS DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BY TWO FOOTBRIDGES LEADING TO AN ENCLOSED WALKWAY IN CENTRAL MARKET.

IT THEN CROSSES QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL BY A FOOTBRIDGE, AND PROCEEDS UP COCHRANE STREET AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD BY ESCALATORS AND TRAVELATORS ON AN ELEVATED STRUCTURE.

THE LINK CONTINUES AT GROUND LEVEL ALONG SHELLEY STREET AND THEN CROSSES THE JUNCTION AT CAINE ROAD BY A FOOTBRIDGE.

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FROM SHELLEY STREET, IT CONTINUES ON AN ELEVATED STRUCTURE UP MOSQUE JUNCTION, PEEL STREET, ACROSS ROBINSON ROAD, AND THEN AT GROUND LEVEL UP TO CONDUIT ROAD.

ESCALATORS AND STAIRWAYS CONNECTING THE ELEVATED SECTION OF THE SYSTEM AND THE ADJACENT GROUND LEVEL ROADS WILL BE PROVIDED AT INTERMEDIATE LOCATIONS, SO THAT PEDESTRIANS CAN JOIN OR LEAVE THE ESCALATOR LINK AT CONVENIENT POINTS ALONG THE ROUTE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LTD FOR HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG REGION.

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TWO DISTRICTS TO LAUNCH VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN

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THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN IN TWO DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE LAUNCHED THIS WEEKEND.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO START OFF THE CAMPAIGN IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT. OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM.

MR LAN WILL SPEAK AT A CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY. OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE OMELCO MEMBER MRS RITA FAN, AND A LINGNAN COLLEGE LECTURER, MR LI PANG-KWONG.

THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON THE 22ND FLOOR OF LEE GARDENS HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY.

ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 19), THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAMME WILL START OFF WITH A BUS PARADE NEAR ABERDEEN CENTRE, NAM NING STREET. THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE EVENT AT 10 AM.

THE OPEN-TOP BUS WILL TOUR CHI FU FA YUEN, WAH FU ESTATE, WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE, LEE TUNG ESTATE, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE AND AP LEI CHAU MAIN STREET.

IN ADDITION, A POP CONCERT TO SPREAD THE VOTER REGISTRATION MESSAGE WILL BE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN PROMENADE, BEGINNING AT 8 PM. THERE WILL ALSO BE A QUIZ CONTEST AND A KARAOKE SESSION.

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE CONCERT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN IN THE WAN CHAI AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 19) RESPECTIVELY. THE WAN CHAI PROGRAMME WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR.

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VOTER REGISTRATION VARIETY SHOW AT CITYPLAZA

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A FIVE-HOUR VARIETY SHOW ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE TO BOOST VOTER REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD AT CITYPLAZA, TAIKOO SHING TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

BEGINNING AT 3 PM, THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY POP SINGERS MR TIMOTHY WONG AND MISS SHIRLEY WONG, AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR; A DRAMA AND MAGIC SHOWS.

REGISTRATION COUNTERS WILL BE SET UP TO ENABLE RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP. SOUVENIRS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AND A VIDEO ON THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME WILL BE SHOWN.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT PALM COURT, CITYPLAZA PHASE 1, SECOND FLOOR, TAIKOO SHING. IT WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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BUS PARADE TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION

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THE ACTING YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOSEPH LAI, AND POPULAR DISC JOCKEYS, MR TSANG CHI-WAH AND MISS CANDY CHEA, WILL VISIT VARIOUS PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN YUEN LONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

THE VISIT WILL FOLLOW A BRIEF LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE TO BE HELD AT YUEN LONG PLAZA AT 2.30 PM. MR JOSEPH LAI WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

THE PARTY WILL THEN BOARD AN OPEN DOUBLE-DECKER AND TOUR YUEN LONG ESTATE, SHUI BIN WAI ESTATE AND LONG PING ESTATE TO DISTRIBUTE VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS AND HELP ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO REGISTER.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT BUSY DOWNTOWN SPOTS IN KAU YUK ROAD, TAI YUK ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE. THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT YUEN LONG PLAZA, 149-151 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

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ACTIVITIES LINED UP FOR JPC

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1990 IS GOING TO BE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL (JPC) SCHEME IN THAT VARIOUS EVENTS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED ONE AFTER ANOTHER WHILE MORE ARE EXPECTED IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

AT A CENTRAL MEETING HELD AT THE POLICE OFFICERS' CLUB TODAY (FRIDAY), REPRESENTATIVES FROM 19 JPC DISTRICT COUNCILS PROUDLY LOOKED BACK WITH SATISFACTION AT THE SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE PAST MONTHS.

PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES WAS ENCOURAGING AND NEW IDEAS SUCH AS THE LEADERS' CAMP DREW FAVOURABLE COMMENTS FROM ALL PARTIES.

THEY WERE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE LATEST ITEM ON THE LONG LIST - A 19-DAY VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM BY WINNERS OF THE 1990 HELP THE POLICE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME COMPETITION.

LOOKING AHEAD, THE JPC SUMMER CAMP IS JUST THREE DAYS AWAY WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED SHORTLY BY THE LAUNCHING OF THE JPC ANNUAL AWARD SCHEME.

/THE COMMISSIONER

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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, IN AN ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS JUST BEFORE THE MEETING, SAID THAT THE JPC SCHEME HAD PROVED TO BE PERSISTENT AND POPULAR.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1974, THE SCHEME HAD SUCCESSFULLY BUILT UP A COMMUNICATION LINK BETWEEN THE YOUTH OF HONG KONG AND THE POLICE, HE SAID.

"AS AT MAY 1990, THERE WERE OVER 160,000 JPC MEMBERS AND SOME 15,000 JPC LEADERS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN JPC ACTIVITIES.

"THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY JPC IS RECOGNISED AS THE MOST POPULAR YOUTH ORGANISATION IN HONG KONG," MR LI SAID.

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RETIREMENT OF 14 LONG SERVING STAFF

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FOURTEEN STAFF OF THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS WHO, TOGETHER HAVE ACCUMULATED A TOTAL OF 349 YEARS OF SERVICE, RETIRED TODAY (FRIDAY).

OF THE LONG-SERVING STAFF, 10 WERE FROM THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION AND FOUR FROM THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION. THEY HAVE EACH SERVED AN AVERAGE OF 25 YEARS.

SIX OF THEM HAVE SERVED IN THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION FOR OVER 30 YEARS WITH TWO OF THEM MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF SERVICE.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET TODAY (FRIDAY), THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR HAROLD KWOK, PRESENTED THEM WITH RETIREMENT SOUVENIRS AND PRAISED THEM FOR THEIR LOYALTY AND SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS. HE SAID:

"MANY DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE ORGANISATIONS OVER THE PAST YEARS TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

"THOSE WHO ARE RETIRING TODAY CAN TAKE PRIDE IN KNOWING THAT THROUGH THEIR HARD WORK AND DEVOTION TO DUTY, THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN NO SMALL MEASURES TOWARDS THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF BOTH THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS."

JOINED BY SENIOR STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS, MR KWOK BADE FAREWELL TO EACH OF THE RETIRING STAFF AND WISHED THEM GOOD HEALTH, PROSPERITY AND A HAPPY RETIREMENT.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE RE-SURFACING WORK, A SECTION ABOUT 500 METRES OF SHA TIN ROAD SOUTHBOUND NEAR CITY ONE SHATIN WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ONE LANE AT A TIME BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM FROM SUNDAY (AUGUST 19) TO AUGUST 27.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT WILL BE CLOSED AT 1 AM INSTEAD OF 7 AM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 19) FOR THE HOLDING OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CULTURAL PLAZA.

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