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LAND SALES PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO OFFER 44 SITES IN THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION AND TENDER IN THE 1988-89 FINANCIAL YEAR, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROVISIONAL LAND SALES PROGRAMME WAS OUTLINED BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR DUNCAN SCOTT-WILL.

"FOLLOWING THE RECENT AGREEMENT OF THE LAND COMMISSION TO THE DISPOSAL OF 94.5 HECTARES OF LAND FOR 1988-89, A TOTAL OF 25 HECTARES OF LAND HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE SALES PROGRAMME, 31.5 HECTARES FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL 7 AND THE REST FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEMES, HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY, VILLAGE HOUSING, PUBLIC UTILITIES, EDUCATIONAL, WELFARE, RELIGIOUS AND RECREATIONAL USES," HE SAID.

FOCUSSING ON THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE COMING SIX MONTHS, MR SCOTT-WILL SAID 22 SITES COMPRISING MORE THAN 9.5 HECTARES WOULD BE PUT UP FOR SALE BY AUCTION AND TENDER.

NINE OF THEM WILL BE DISPOSED OF AT THREE AUCTIONS IN MAY, JULY AND SEPTEMBER; NINE BY CASH TENDER AND THE REMAINING THREE BY LETTER A/B TENDER.

TWO COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL SITES OF 6,000 AND 2,090 SQUARE METRES AT CARPENTER ROAD AND PO ON ROAD WILL BE AUCTIONED IN SEPTEMBER.

THE TERMS FOR BOTH SITES WILL REQUIRE THE PURCHASER TO PROVIDE PUBLIC CAR PARKING IN THE DEVELOPMENT.

A MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL SITE WITH AN AREA OF 1.2 HECTARES AT TAI WO TSUEN, KWAI CHUNG, WILL ALSO BE SOLD AT AUCTION IN THE SAME MONTH.

SIX INDUSTRIAL SITES TOTALLING 2.02 HECTARES WILL BE AUCTIONED DURING THE PERIOD.

THEY ARE IN CHAI WAN, TUEN MUN, FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI.

TURNING TO THE TENDER SIDE OF THE PROGRAMME, MR SCOTT-WILL ANTICIPATED THAT THE MOST ATTRACTIVE ONE WOULD BE A 4,328-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT MA ON SHAN.

IT WOULD BE DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE 530 PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME UNITS.

ALSO FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, TWO SITES AT PENG CHAU AND CHEUNG SHA ON LANTAU ISLAND HAVE BEEN INCLUDED FOR SALE BY TENDER IN THE PROVISIONAL LAND SALES PROGRAMME IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. THEY MEASURE 660 AND 1,110 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

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THREE PETROL FILLING STATION SITES AT FANLING, TAI PO AND KAM TIN WILL ALSO BE SOLD BY TENDER DURING THE PERIOD.

FOUR SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE DISPOSED OF BY LETTER A/B TENDER.

TWO OF THEM ARE COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL SITES, ONE OF 1.58 HECTARES AT KWAI CHUNG AND THE OTHER A KEY CENTRAL SITE OF 1.1 HECTARES WITHIN THE FANLING DEVELOPMENT AREA.

MR SCOTT-WILL SAID PURCHASERS OF THE LETTER A/B TENDER SITES WOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF SUBMITTING EITHER A "VINTAGE" OR A "MONETISED LETTER B" TENDER, WITH PRIORITY BEING GIVEN TO THE FORMER.

IT WAS PROPOSED TO OFFER FOR SALE BY AUCTION A COMMERCIAL SITE IN HARBOUR ROAD ON THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION OPPOSITE THE NEW EXHIBITION CENTRE IN THE LATTER HALF OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR, MR SCOTT-WILL SAID.

HE EXPECTED THAT THE SALE OF THE 7,100-SQUARE-METRE SITE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY ATTRACT KEEN BIDDING.

THREE FURTHER PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME SITES IN JUNK BAY, TAI PO AND FANLING ARE LIKELY TO BE PUT UP FOR SALE LATER IN THE YEAR.

TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND, 10 SITES TOTTALLING 3.3 HECTARES WILL BE PROVIDED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.

MR SCOTT-WILL SAID 11.4 HECTARES OF LAND FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND 3.5 HECTARES OF HIGH DENSITY HOUSING SITES WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE OCTOBER-MARCH PERIOD LAND SALES PROGRAMME.

THE SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD BE OFFERED BY THE LETTER A/B TENDER SYSTEM.

"IN ADDITION TO THE PROGRAMMED SALES, A SUPPLEMENTARY AREA OF UP TO FIVE HECTARES COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, AS AGREED BY THE LAND COMMISSION, SUBJECT TO THE DEMANDS OF THE MARKET WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USER CATEGORIES," MR SCOTT-WILL ADDED.

HE STRESSED THAT THE SALES PROGRAMME WAS PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

"FURTHER DETAILS AND DATES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND MAJOR NEWSPAPERS IN THE USUAL WAY," MR SCOTT-WILL SAID.

COPIES OF THE TENTATIVE LAND SALES PROGRAMME FOR THE APRIL-SEPTEMBER PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, THIRD FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR FROM ANY OF THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES.

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CONTRACT SIGNED FOR WIDENING CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AWARDED A \$79 MILLION CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY ON CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR KWEI SEE-KAN, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LEIGHTON CONTRACTORS PTY LTD, MR JOHN TOMSEN AND MR JOHN MCNAUGHT.

"CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST IS CURRENTLY ONE-WAY EASTBOUND BETWEEN ITS WESTERN AND EASTERN JUNCTIONS WITH DES VOEUX ROAD WEST," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"WITH THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST WILL HAVE A DUAL THREE LANE CARRIAGEWAY. MOTORISTS WILL THEN BE ABLE TO TRAVEL WESTWARDS ALONG THIS SECTION OF THE ROAD FROM CENTRAL TO SHEK TONG TSUI, WESTERN."

THE LENGTH OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST TO BE DUALLED UNDER THE CONTRACT WILL BE ABOUT 1.2 KILOMETRES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS WILL START SOON AFTER EASTER AND BE DUE FOR COMPLETION IN ABOUT 19 MONTHS.

THE CONTRACT COVERS CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL THREE LANE CARRIAGEWAY (A TOTAL OF SIX LANES) ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, AND A SOUTHERN TWO LANE SERVICE ROAD FOR LOCAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN WILMER STREET AND WESTERN STREET.

IT ALSO COVERS SOUTHERN LAYBYS FOR SERVICE VEHICLES BETWEEN WESTERN STREET AND WHITTY STREET AND ANCILLARY ROADWORKS.

OTHER WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AT WATER STREET, WESTERN STREET AND EASTERN STREET.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONTRACT IS THE THIRD AWARDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPGRADED CONNAUGHT ROAD PROJECT, ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD IN A 1984 STUDY INTO TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS IN MID-LEVELS AND CENTRAL.

THE FIRST CONTRACT WAS AWARDED IN SEPTEMBER 1986. IT WAS FOR \$197 MILLION AND COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER AND PEDDER STREET UNDERPASS.

THE SECOND CONTRACT WAS AWARDED IN NOVEMBER 1986. IT COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RUMSEY STREET FLYOVER AT A COST OF \$187 MILLION.

THE OVERALL LENGTH OF THE UPGRADED CONNAUGHT ROAD PROJECT IS 4.5 KILOMETRES.

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THE FOURTH AND LAST CONTRACT OF THE UPGRADED CONNAUGHT ROAD PROJECT HAS YET TO BE AWARDED.

IT INVOLVES THE EASTERN EXTENSION OF THE CONNAUGHT ROAD ELEVATED WALKWAY ALONG THE NORTHERN SIDE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD FROM PEDDER STREET TO HUTCHISON HOUSE.

WORK ON IT IS PROGRAMMED TO START IN 1990, AFTER THE FIRST THREE CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF JANUARY RETAIL SALES SURVEY

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN JANUARY 1988, ESTIMATED AT \$8,056 MILLION, WAS 11 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JANUARY 1987 WHILST THEIR VOLUME WAS 2 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS COMPARISON WAS, HOWEVER, AFFECTED BY THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, WHICH OCCURRED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR BUT IN JANUARY LAST YEAR, RESULTING IN A HIGHER BASE OF COMPARISON FOR THE YEAR-ON-YEAR PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN RETAIL SALES.

ANALYSED BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME IN JANUARY 1988 WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1987. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO HAD A NEGLIGIBLE CHANGE IN SALES VALUE AND A DROP OF 6 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN VOLUME. "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" AND CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY 14 PER CENT AND 12 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE AND 4 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 23 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 12 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. SUPERMARKET SALES DECREASED BY 9 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 15 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

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WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1987, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR JANUARY 1988 DROPPED BY 4 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS WENT DOWN BY 6 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY 5 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" FELL BY 9 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN SALES VOLUME.

SUPERMARKET SALES WENT DOWN BY 8 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 9 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES DROPPED BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR DECEMBER 1987 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JANUARY 1988.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN DECEMBER 1987 AND JANUARY 1988 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF JANUARY 1988 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR DECEMBER 1987 AND WITH THOSE FOR JANUARY 1987 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JANUARY 1988 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 5-8234941).

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for January 1988 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$8,056 million
for December 1987 (Revised Figure) = HK\$8,384 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES
FOR DECEMBER 1987 AND JANUARY 1988

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	December 1987	January 1988	January 1988 compared with December 1987		January 1988 compared with January 1987	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%
(A) <u>FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES</u>	Value	150	144	- 6	- 4	+14	+11
	Volume	129	125	- 4	- 3	+ 3	+ 2
(B) <u>BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS</u>							
	Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco						
	Value	134	130	- 4	- 3	*	*
	Volume	121	120	- 1	- 1	- 8	- 6
	Fuels						
	Value	105	98	- 6	- 6	+13	+15
	Volume	114	106	- 8	- 7	+ 6	+ 6
	Clothing, footwear and allied products						
	Value	179	187	+ 8	+ 5	+29	+18
	Volume	147	157	+10	+ 7	+10	+ 7
	Consumer durables						
	Value	139	141	+ 2	+ 1	+16	+12
	Volume	117	118	+ 1	+ 1	+ 6	+ 5
	Other consumer goods						
	Value	163	149	-14	- 9	+18	+14
	Volume	138	126	-11	- 8	+ 5	+ 4
(C) <u>BY SELECTED TRADES</u> (see note 1 below)							
	Supermarkets						
	Value	159	145	-13	- 8	-15	- 9
	Volume	144	131	-13	- 9	-23	-15
	Motor vehicles and parts						
	Value	192	197	+ 6	+ 3	+39	+25
	Volume	144	146	+ 2	+ 2	+19	+14
	Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts						
	Value	123	124	+ 1	+ 1	+ 9	+ 7
	Volume	109	109	*	*	+ 2	+ 1
	Department stores						
	Value	211	187	-24	-11	+35	+23
	Volume	176	159	-17	-10	+17	+12

Notes : 1. In order to analyse the sales of certain trades within major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :

- (a) "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.
- (b) "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
- (c) "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
- (d) "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.

2. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.

3. "*" denotes change of less than 0.5.

AFFECTED FARMERS URGED TO APPLY FOR ALLOWANCE
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED LIVESTOCK FARMERS IN THE LIVESTOCK WASTE PROHIBITION AREAS TO APPLY FOR AN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

IN EARLY FEBRUARY, THE DEPARTMENT SENT OUT 800 LETTERS TO FARMERS IN THE PROHIBITION AREAS INFORMING THEM THAT THEY COULD APPLY FOR AN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE WHEN THEY CEASE THEIR LIVESTOCK-KEEPING OPERATIONS.

SO FAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED 280 REPLIES.

THE PROHIBITION AREAS COVER HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON, SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND ENVIRONS, AND PARTS OF TAI PO, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TUEN MUN, FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI, YUEN LONG, TIN SHUI WAI AND JUNK BAY NEW TOWNS.

WITH EFFECT FROM JUNE 24 THIS YEAR, LIVESTOCK KEEPING WILL BE PROHIBITED IN THE ABOVE AREAS. AFFECTED FARMERS CAN RECEIVE AN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE.

ANY FARMER WHOSE FARM IS LOCATED IN THE PROHIBITION AREA BUT HAS NOT REPLIED YET IS ASKED TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE DATE HE OR SHE WILL CEASE LIVESTOCK-KEEPING OPERATIONS.

THREE TO FOUR MONTHS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR AN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE.

THE DEPARTMENT IS SENDING OUT A SECOND LETTER, BY REGISTERED MAIL, TO FARMERS WHO HAVE YET TO REPLY, REMINDING THEM OF THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE SCHEME AND THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF PROHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK KEEPING.

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CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CONDUCT GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IN APRIL TO JUNE THIS YEAR.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED MONTHLY SINCE AUGUST 1981, COLLECTS INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE GENERAL SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

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IN ADDITION, QUESTIONS ON HONG KONG RESIDENTS' EXPENDITURE ABROAD; DEMAND FOR OPEN EDUCATION; PLACE OF WORK AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OF THE EMPLOYED PERSONS; PLACE OF SCHOOL OF THE FULL-TIME STUDENTS; LOCAL STUDENTS STUDYING OUTSIDE HONG KONG; AND HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE ON RENT WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY FOR THIS QUARTER.

SOME 5,000 HOUSEHOLDS ARE SELECTED AT RANDOM EACH MONTH FROM ALL DISTRICTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.

ABOUT HALF OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED THREE MONTHS AGO WILL BE SURVEYED AGAIN TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR CO-OPERATION.

ASSISTANT CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS, EACH CARRYING AN IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE TREATED WITH CONFIDENTIALITY AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT.

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SAI KUNG DB TO HOLD FIRST MEETING

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE THE FIRST AMONG THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS TO HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING FOR THE NEW TERM.

AT ITS MEETING ON APRIL 6 (WEDNESDAY), THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL ELECT A NEW CHAIRMAN AS WELL AS CHAIRMEN FOR ITS FIVE COMMITTEES.

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, WILL BE THE PRESIDING OFFICER. MR WILLIAM WAN HON-CHEUNG IS THE SOLE NOMINEE FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMANSHIP.

ALSO AT THE MEETING, THE BOARD WILL ELECT ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL'S SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 4.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. IT WILL BE A CLOSED-DOOR MEETING.

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WAN CHAI PUTS UP "WELCOME" SIGNS

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NEW "WELCOME" SIGNBOARDS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ERECTED AT TWO BUSY ROAD JUNCTIONS IN WAN CHAI.

THE SIGNBOARDS, BEARING THE WORDS "WELCOME TO WAN CHAI DISTRICT" AND THE LOGO OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, WERE ERECTED UNDER AN ALLOCATION OF \$32,000 FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

THESE STAINLESS STEEL SIGNBOARDS ARE PROMINENTLY LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF HENNESSY ROAD AND ARSENAL STREET AND THE JUNCTION OF QUEENSWAY AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

THE SIGNBOARDS SERVE TO PROMOTE THE IDENTITY OF THE DISTRICT AS WELL AS TO WELCOME VISITORS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

THREE SIMILAR STRUCTURES WERE PUT UP IN THE DISTRICT IN 1986.

THEY ARE AT THE JUNCTION OF CAUSEWAY ROAD AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD; JUNCTION OF WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD AND DEEP WATER BAY ROAD; AND AT HARCOURT ROAD NEAR THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

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