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GOVERNOR'S FIRST DISTRICT VISIT
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT YUEN LONG ON THURSDAY (APRIL 30), THE FIRST OF HIS VISITS TO THE 19 DISTRICTS IN THE TERRITORY.

APART FROM SEEING THE MANY PUBLIC WORK DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT, SIR DAVID WILL VISIT SOME COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT INCLUDING THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, THE LUT SAU HALL AND THE POK OI HOSPITAL.

HE WILL CONCLUDE HIS VISIT BY ATTENDING A RECEPTION TO BE HOSTED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD IN THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO YUEN LONG ON THURSDAY. A GOVERNMENT COACH WILL LEAVE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE CARPARK AT 1.30 PM SHARP TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO YUEN LONG.

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REGISTRATION OF CHILD ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CLOSE
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UP TO 5 PM TODAY (TUESDAY), ABOUT 300 CHILDREN WHO HAVE ENTERED HONG KONG ILLEGALLY FROM CHINA HAVE REPORTED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN STRESSED AGAIN THAT TODAY'S REGISTRATION ARRANGEMENT WAS A ONE-OFF EXERCISE AND WOULD NOT BE REPEATED.

ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FOUND IN HONG KONG, REGARDLESS OF AGE, WILL BE REPATRIATED AS A MATTER OF POLICY, HE ADDED.

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LINK SYSTEM NOT TO BE TAMPERED WITH
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THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, TODAY (TUESDAY) REITERATED TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK THAT THE HONG KONG/U.S. DOLLAR LINK WOULD NOT BE TAMPERED WITH LIGHTLY.

SPEAKING AT THE 20TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK NOW BEING HELD IN OSAKA, JAPAN, MR NENDICK STRESSED THAT HONG KONG, BEING A SMALL AND HIGHLY EXTERNALLY ORIENTATED ECONOMY, MUST LOOK FOR STABILITY BOTH IN ITS INTERNAL ECONOMY AND IN WORLD TRADE.

+ONE CRITICAL ELEMENT OF OUR ECONOMY IS OUR CURRENCY,+
MR NENDICK SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE HONG KONG DOLLAR HAD BEEN LINKED TO THE U.S. DOLLAR IN OCTOBER 1983, HONG KONG'S ENTIRELY FREE AND OPEN ECONOMY CONTINUED TO ADJUST QUICKLY TO ANY EXTERNAL IMBALANCES, BUT THE BURDEN OF ADJUSTMENT NOW FELL ALMOST ENTIRELY ON HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC INTEREST RATES, MONEY SUPPLY AND PRICE LEVELS.

+THE RELATIVE VOLATILITY IN THESE DOMESTIC VARIABLES IS THE PRICE WE PAY FOR THE STABILITY OF OUR CURRENCY AGAINST THE U.S. DOLLAR.

+BUT THAT STABILITY IS OF PROFOUND IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG, BOTH ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY, AND WILL NOT BE TAMPERED WITH LIGHTLY,+ MR NENDICK STRESSED.

HE SAID THAT HONG KONG JUST LIKE ALMOST EVERYBODY ELSE, WAS AFFECTED BY THE VOLATILITY OF INTERNATIONAL CURRENCIES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

+IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE WORLD ECONOMY TO SEE MORE STABILITY IN CURRENCY RATES. I HOPE THAT THE INITIATIVES BEING TAKEN IN THE GROUP OF FIVE AND RELATED FORUMS CAN ACHIEVE THIS,+ HE SAID.

MR NENDICK STRESSED THAT HONG KONG HAD NOT TAKEN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OF THE LINK WITH THE U.S. DOLLAR.

+WE HAVE TAKEN THE ROUGH WITH THE SMOOTH, HAVING TO ACCEPT A DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT OF OUR ECONOMY IN 1985 FOLLOWING A PERIOD WHEN THE U.S. DOLLAR WAS CLEARLY OVER-VALUED IN WORLD TERMS BUT BENEFITTING AS THAT CURRENCY SUBSEQUENTLY DECLINED AGAINST OTHER MAJOR WORLD CURRENCIES.

+I WOULD POINT OUT, TOO, THAT OVER THE PERIOD SINCE THE LINK WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1983 OUR TRADE ACCOUNT HAS BEEN BROADLY IN BALANCE. THIS YEAR WE EXPECT A MODEST TRADE DEFICIT,+ MR NENDICK SAID.

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TURNING TO WORLD TRADE, MR NENDICK NOTED THAT THE EVER-PRESENT THREAT OF PROTECTIONISM CONTINUED TO REPRESENT A PERMANENT CLOUD ON THE ECONOMIC HORIZON.

+WHILST PROTECTIONISM IS AN EMOTIVE SUBJECT AND THE IMPOSITION OF SELECTIVE PROTECTIONIST MEASURES ARE OFTEN SEEN BY SOME AS AN EASY SOLUTION TO TRADE IMBALANCES, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THE LONG TERM EFFECT WILL BE A SLOWDOWN IN WORLD TRADE - IN THE END NO ONE WILL BENEFIT.

+I WOULD THEREFORE URGE THOSE COUNTRIES CONTEMPLATING THE INTRODUCTION OF PROTECTIONIST POLICIES, IN WHATEVER GUISE, TO BEAR IN MIND THAT PROTECTIONISM IS INFECTIOUS AND THAT BARRIERS ARE MORE EASILY ERECTED THAN DISMANTLED.

+THERE WILL NEARLY ALWAYS BE OTHER SOLUTIONS ALTHOUGH THEY MAY APPEAR LESS PALATABLE IN THE SHORT TERM,+ HE SAID.

AT THE MEETING, MR NENDICK ANNOUNCED THAT HONG KONG HAD DECIDED TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION OF U.S.\$1 MILLION TOWARDS THE FOURTH REPLENISHMENT OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND.

+THIS DEMONSTRATES OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION AND PLAY OUR FULL PART AS A MEMBER OF THE BANK,+ HE SAID.

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INVITED TO VISIT CHINA

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, AND THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, WILL VISIT CHINA AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BANK OF CHINA, MR WANG DEYAN, FROM MAY 2 TO 7.

THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR RICHARD CLIFT, AND MRS LILY KING, THE SENIOR CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICER.

MR JACOBS AND MR NENDICK WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS ON FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC AND MONETARY MATTERS WITH BANKING OFFICIALS AND OFFICIALS OF OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. MR JACOBS WILL ALSO RENEW THE CONTACTS HE ESTABLISHED WHEN HE VISITED CHINA IN NOVEMBER 1985 AS SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES.

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AG LEAVING FOR OVERSEAS DUTY VISIT
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, WILL BE AWAY FROM HONG KONG ON AN OVERSEAS DUTY VISIT FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) UNTIL MAY 9.

HE WILL BE APPEARING AS LEADING COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BEFORE THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL IN AN APPEAL AGAINST A DECISION OF THE COURT OF APPEAL (YUEN KUN-YEU AND OTHERS VS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL) DECIDED IN MARCH 1986.

THE APPELLANTS, DEPOSITORS OF THE DEFUNCT AMERICA AND PANAMA FINANCE CO. LTD, ALLEGED THAT THE COMMISSIONER FOR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAD BEEN NEGLIGENT AND/OR IN BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY IN HIS SUPERVISION OF THAT COMPANY AND THAT HE WAS THEREFORE LIABLE TO REIMBURSE THEIR LOST DEPOSITS. BUT THEIR CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES WERE DISMISSED IN THE HIGH COURT AND THE COURT OF APPEAL. THE APPELLANTS HAVE NOW APPEALED TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

BEFORE THE START OF THE CASE, MR THOMAS WILL DELIVER A SPEECH ON +THE LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG+ TO THE NETHERLANDS-HONG KONG SOCIETY TOMORROW. HE WILL ALSO GIVE A TALK ON THE SAME SUBJECT TO THE LEGISLATION AND TAXATION COMMITTEE OF THE BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE CROWN SOLICITOR, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, WILL BE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL DURING THE PERIOD WHEN MR THOMAS IS ON DUTY VISIT OVERSEAS.

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OVERALL CRIME FIGURE SHOWS DECREASE
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THE OVERALL CRIME KNOWN TO POLICE IN 1986 WAS 81 411 CASES AS OPPOSED TO 86 944 FOR 1985, A DECREASE OF 6.4 PER CENT, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

ADDRESSING THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEETING, MR ANNING SAID THE NUMBER OF ROBBERIES AND BURGLARIES REPORTED IN 1986 DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY BY 20 PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHEN COMPARED WITH 1985.

"THESE FIGURES SUGGEST THAT WE ARE MAKING SOME PROGRESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME," HE SAID.

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MR ANNING TOLD MEMBERS THAT IN COMPARATIVE TERMS HONG KONG SHOWED UP MOST FAVOURABLY WHEN ITS CRIME SITUATION WAS COMPARED WITH OTHER MODERN CITIES AND TERRITORIES.

"BUT WE MUST NOT BE COMPLACENT BECAUSE CRIME HAS RISEN BY 4 PER CENT IN FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR".

ON THE LAW AND ORDER IN ISLANDS DISTRICT, MR ANNING NOTED THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 26 CRIMES IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED CRIMES IN 1986 OVER THAT OF 1985.

"THIS MAY WELL BE DUE TO THE CONSTANT ENCOURAGEMENT TO REPORT ALL CRIMES, NO MATTER HOW SIGNIFICANT, TO THE POLICE.

"OF CONCERN, HOWEVER, IS THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN BURGLARIES FROM 140 CASES IN 1985 TO 167 IN 1986, AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 20 PER CENT."

HE POINTED OUT THAT MANY OF THESE CASES COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED AS MORE THAN HALF OF THE REPORTED BURGLARIES INVOLVED NO BREAK-IN.

MR ANNING SAID DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES PROVIDE A WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR THE POLICE TO ACQUAINT MEMBERS WITH THE CURRENT CRIME SITUATION AND TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND DETERMINATION OF IDEAS FOR THE PREVENTION AND DETECTION OF CRIME.

HE ASSURED MEMBERS THAT THEIR SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY THE CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE OF WHICH HE IS A MEMBER.

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JSEA SCALING TEST TO BE SCRAPPED
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE PUBLIC SCALING TEST OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (JSEA) WILL BE ABOLISHED FROM NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1987.

THE TEST WILL BE REPLACED BY A NEW METHOD TO ALLOCATE SUBSIDISED FORM 4 PLACES, AS PROPOSED IN THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE REVIEW OF JSEA PUBLISHED LAST OCTOBER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE DECISION TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW PLACEMENT METHOD KNOWN AS MER (MEAN ELIGIBILITY RATE) - ALLOCATION HAD BEEN MADE WITH THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE SUPPORT OF MOST SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE JSEA.

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OF THE 360 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHICH RESPONDED TO A QUESTIONNAIRE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT, 308 (86 PER CENT) WERE IN FAVOUR OF THE NEW PLACEMENT METHOD. ONLY 17 SCHOOLS PREFERRED TO MAINTAIN THE EXISTING JSEA SYSTEM. THE REMAINING 35 SCHOOLS EITHER HAD NO COMMENT OR PROPOSED OTHER NEW PLACEMENT METHODS.

THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE MER-ALLOCATION METHOD ARE:

- * THE PUBLIC SCALING TEST WILL BE ABOLISHED;
- * PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL BE ABLE TO SELECT A QUOTA OF THEIR OWN FORM 3 STUDENTS (BASED ON SCHOOL'S PAST PERFORMANCE IN JSEA) FOR PROMOTION TO FORM 4. FOR NEW PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS, THEIR QUOTA WILL BE CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF THE SSPA STANDARD SCORES OF THEIR FORM 1 INTAKE THREE YEARS AGO.
- * CENTRAL ALLOCATION WILL APPLY ONLY TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT SELECTED BY THEIR OWN SCHOOL AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED BUT CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED IN THEIR OWN SCHOOL. FOR THESE STUDENTS, THEIR FORM 3 INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS WILL BE SCALED BY THEIR SSPA STANDARD SCORES TO ARRIVE AT AN ORDER OF MERITS AS THE BASIS FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION. PARENTAL CHOICE WILL ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE ALLOCATION PROCESS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW PLACEMENT METHOD WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE AUTUMN OF 1989 IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE GAINED AND ANY FURTHER RESEARCH WHICH NEEDS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE REVIEW WILL ALSO DETERMINE WHETHER IN 1991 (WHEN THE JSEA IS DUE TO BE PHASED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO 1) THE POST-1990 ALLOCATION ARRANGEMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE WORKING PARTY ON THE REVIEW OF THE JSEA SHOULD BE INTRODUCED OR WHETHER THE MER-ALLOCATION METHOD, MODIFIED OR UNMODIFIED, SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO THAT YEAR AND BEYOND.

TO BE FAIR TO ALL FORM 3 STUDENTS PROGRESSING TO FORM 4 AND TO MINIMISE THE TRANSFER OF STUDENTS FROM ONE SCHOOL TO ANOTHER, THERE IS A NEED TO REVISE THE CLASS STRUCTURE OF SOME OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS. SCHOOLS CONCERNED WILL BE CONSULTED ON THE LIKELY CHANGES.

HEAD OF ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE NEW PLACEMENT METHOD IN A CIRCULAR ISSUED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

TRIAL RUN FOR INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION SERVICE

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THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD TODAY (TUESDAY) ENDORSED THE START OF A PILOT INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION SERVICE TO BE MOUNTED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, WITH THE AIM OF HELPING MANUFACTURERS INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPROVE QUALITY.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, WHO IS THE IDB CHAIRMAN, EXPLAINED AFTER THE BOARD'S MEETING THAT THERE WERE THREE IMMEDIATE AIMS OF THE SERVICE:

- * TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF AWARENESS AMONG MANUFACTURERS OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE SERVICES OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT;
- * TO EXPLAIN HOW THESE SERVICES WOULD HELP MANUFACTURERS TO ACHIEVE PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT; AND
- * THROUGH REFERRAL, TO ASSIST THEM TO OBTAIN THESE SERVICES.

FOUR TEAMS ARE TO BE FORMED FROM INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT STAFF, EACH CONSISTING OF A TRADE OFFICER AND AN ENGINEER. THEY WILL VISIT A FACTORY, EXAMINE ITS OPERATIONS AND DISCUSS ITS NEEDS AND ANY PROBLEMS. THEY WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE SERVICES OF THE HKPC, THE DEPARTMENT, TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND EXPLAIN HOW THESE SERVICES COULD HELP THE FACTORY.

THE PILOT SERVICE WILL CONCENTRATE ON MEDIUM-SIZED FACTORIES. NO NEW STAFF WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE SCHEME, MANPOWER COMING FROM PRIMARILY EXISTING DEPARTMENT STAFF.

THE BOARD ENDORSED THE EXPERIMENTAL SCHEME NOTING THAT WHILE THE CLIENTELE OF THE HKPC AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAD INCREASED IN RECENT YEARS, THE NORMAL PROMOTION EFFORTS OF THE TWO ORGANISATIONS NEEDED TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY INCREASED DIRECT CONTACT WITH MANUFACTURERS IN THEIR FACTORIES.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE PILOT SERVICE SHOULD RUN FOR SIX MONTHS. IT WILL THEN BE ASSESSED BY THE IDB, WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING WHETHER A PERMANENT SERVICE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED.

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PLANS TO IMPROVE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION

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THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD TODAY (TUESDAY) ENDORSED PLANS TO BOOST OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

THE PLANS, DRAWN UP BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, PROPOSE THE STRENGTHENING OF ITS EXISTING INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME IN FOUR BROAD AREAS:

- * DEVELOPMENT OF AN IMPROVED TARGETTING SYSTEM FOR USE IN IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL INVESTORS OVERSEAS;
- * PREPARATION OF MORE UP-TO-DATE AND BETTER RESEARCHED PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL FOR USE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH POTENTIAL INVESTORS;
- * AUGMENTATION OF STAFF RESOURCES IN OVERSEAS OFFICES; AND
- * MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND KNOW-HOW FROM FOREIGN INVESTORS TO LOCAL MANUFACTURERS.

THE DEPARTMENT'S EXPERIENCE IN THE FIRST FOUR YEARS OF ITS INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME, TOGETHER WITH THE INFORMATION FROM STUDIES BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND INDEPENDENT CONSULTANTS, MAKE POSSIBLE AN INCREASINGLY SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF COMPANIES OVERSEAS WHICH ARE LIKELY BOTH TO PROSPER IN HONG KONG AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

AT THE SAME TIME, IF COMPANIES CAN BE BETTER IDENTIFIED, IT IS ALSO DESIRABLE TO PRESENT THE ADVANTAGES OF HONG KONG TO THEM MORE EFFECTIVELY; HENCE THE PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVED RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION OF PROMOTIONAL INFORMATION.

AS REGARDS OVERSEAS OFFICES, CURRENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE CONTINUING STRENGTH OF JAPANESE INTEREST IN HONG KONG AS A MANUFACTURING LOCATION MAKES IT DESIRABLE TO OPEN A SATELLITE OFFICE IN JAPAN, POSSIBLY IN THE KANSAI REGION WHERE THERE ARE MANY DYNAMIC, SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZE FIRMS.

GIVEN THE SIZE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES AS A SOURCE OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT, IT IS ALSO INTENDED TO EXPLORE NEW METHODS OF ACHIEVING BETTER COVERAGE THERE.

IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, INVESTMENT INTEREST HAS BEEN PICKING UP AND THE AIM IS TO MONITOR THE SITUATION OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS TO DETERMINED WHETHER AN INCREASE IN STAFF OR FURTHER RATIONALISATION OF THE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE BRUSSELS AND LONDON OFFICES MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE.

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AS REGARDS FACILITATING THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, THE FURTHER EXPLORATION OF TWO SPECIFIC MEASURES IS PROPOSED. THE FIRST WOULD INVOLVE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON A COST-SHARING BASIS UNDER WHICH EXPERTS FROM OVERSEAS WOULD VISIT HONG KONG AND WORK WITH THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT. THE AIM WOULD BE TO MATCH NEEDS AND INTEREST IN HONG KONG WITH THE TECHNOLOGICAL STRENGTHS AVAILABLE IN A PARTICULAR COUNTRY.

THE SECOND MEASURE WOULD INVOLVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TECHNOLOGY CENTRE TO CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT NEEDED TO ATTRACT FIRMS ENGAGED IN INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, PRODUCT DESIGN AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT.

INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION IS PRESENTLY UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT'S ONE STOP UNIT IN HONG KONG AND ITS FIVE OVERSEAS OFFICES IN LONDON, BRUSSELS, TOKYO, SAN FRANCISCO AND NEW YORK. LAST YEAR OVERSEAS FIRMS ASSISTED BY THE DEPARTMENT INVESTED SOME \$550 MILLION IN MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG.

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1986 AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE BY AIR IN 1986, AT \$122 927 MILLION, INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AS COMPARED WITH 1985, ACCORDING TO SUMMARY STATISTICS ON AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IN 1986, 28 PER CENT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 21 PER CENT OF IMPORTS AND 19 PER CENT OF RE-EXPORTS (ALL BY VALUE) WERE CARRIED BY AIR. THESE REPRESENTED INCREASES AS COMPARED WITH THE 26 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 17 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY (ALL BY VALUE) OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS CARRIED BY AIR IN 1985.

IN TERMS OF WEIGHT, AIRBORNE IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO 204 446 TONNES OR 0.4 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL IMPORT TONNAGE, WHILE TOTAL AIRBORNE EXPORTS ACCOUNTED FOR 332 314 TONNES OR 1.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL EXPORT TONNAGE.

AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1.

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ANALYSED BY COMMODITY CATEGORIES, INCREASES IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY \$4 858 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1 602 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$998 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$571 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN VALUE WERE RECORDED IN METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$370 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT); POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$12 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$4 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT).

FURTHER ANALYSIS BY COUNTRY WITHIN COMMODITY CATEGORIES REVEALED INCREASES IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO THE U.S. (BY \$1 921 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$828 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$239 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY \$171 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS TO THE U.S. (BY \$346 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO SINGAPORE (BY \$103 MILLION OR 93 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY \$238 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC GERMANY (BY \$108 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT); POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TO THE U.S. (BY \$29 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-FERROUS METALS TO TAIWAN (BY \$4 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$3 133 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$2 680 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1 838 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$792 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT).

IN CONTRAST, DECREASES WERE NOTED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$440 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT); POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$225 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$97 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT).

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INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM JAPAN (BY \$1 211 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT) AND MALAYSIA WEST (BY \$630 MILLION OR 186 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES FROM INDIA (BY \$588 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT) AND ISRAEL (BY \$568 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS FROM SWITZERLAND (BY \$1 048 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES FROM THE U.S. (BY \$803 MILLION OR 102 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FROM THE U.S. (BY \$300 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (BY \$106 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT); POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$107 MILLION OR 89 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES FROM THE U.S. (BY \$71 MILLION OR 87 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO MAJOR MARKETS ARE DEPICTED IN TABLE 3.

INCREASES IN VALUE OF AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$1 730 MILLION OR 117 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 517 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$507 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURERS (BY \$384 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$91 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$75 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$25 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT).

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO THE U.S. (BY \$1 371 MILLION OR 124 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$96 MILLION OR 185 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO TAIWAN (BY \$894 MILLION OR 85 PER CENT) AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$483 MILLION OR 95 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT TO CHINA (BY \$139 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURERS TO JAPAN (BY \$178 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS TO CHINA (BY \$58 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (BY \$14 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT); FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF TO TAIWAN (BY \$86 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS TO JAPAN (BY \$21 MILLION OR 98 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, DECEMBER 1986+ WHICH IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$13.50 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234915.

TABLE 1: AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-DEC 1986 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1985 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
U.S.A.	21 624	18 731	2 893	15
F.R. OF GERMANY	3 723	2 471	1 252	51
JAPAN	3 623	2 325	1 298	56
U.K.	2 148	1 684	463	28
CANADA	1 335	1 123	212	19
FRANCE	1 021	624	397	64
NETHERLANDS	966	721	245	34
SWITZERLAND	946	661	285	43
SINGAPORE	945	648	298	46
ITALY	569	350	220	63

TABLE 2: AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JAN-DEC 1986 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1985 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
JAPAN	13 017	10 958	2 059	19
U.S.A.	10 447	9 500	948	10
SWITZERLAND	3 993	2 663	1 331	50

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U.K.	3 079	2 693	386	14
F.R. OF GERMANY	2 447	2 293	154	7
TAIWAN	2 426	2 023	403	20
SINGAPORE	2 302	1 915	387	20
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2 139	1 572	568	36
ITALY	2 031	1 633	398	24
ISRAEL	1 764	1 211	552	46

TABLE 3: AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-DEC 1986 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1985 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
U.S.A.	5 544	3 853	1 691	44
TAIWAN	3 113	2 067	1 046	51
JAPAN	2 386	1 683	703	42
CHINA	2 150	2 188	-38	-2
SINGAPORE	1 688	1 653	35	2
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1 546	890	655	74
U.K.	675	392	283	72
F.R. OF GERMANY	658	326	332	102
SWITZERLAND	441	403	38	9
AUSTRALIA	388	290	98	34

GOOD PROGRESS MADE IN WALLED CITY SURVEY
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MORE THAN 70 PER CENT OF THE 10 000 FAMILIES LIVING IN THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY WHO ARE COVERED IN A HOUSING SURVEY, HAVE BEEN SCREENED TO DETERMINE THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR REHOUSING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+GOOD PROGRESS IS BEING MADE BY STAFF OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IN CARRYING OUT THE DETAILED SCREENING AND THE SURVEY IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN JUNE,+ HE SAID.

+GOOD PROGRESS IS ALSO BEING MADE BY STAFF OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT WHO ARE RECEIVING ABOUT 100 CLAIMS DAILY ON OWNERSHIP FROM ABSENTEE-OWNERS AND OWNER-OCCUPIERS WITHIN THE WALLED CITY,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OVERSEEING THE CLEARANCE OF THE WALLED CITY HAD SET JULY-AUGUST AS THE TARGET DATE FOR FINALISING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMPENSATION AND REHOUSING PACKAGE.

MEASUREMENTS OF INDIVIDUAL PREMISES WITHIN THE WALLED CITY HAVE STARTED, THE RESULTS OF WHICH WILL FACILITATE COMPENSATION PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PACKAGE TO BE WORKED OUT BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

A SPECIAL DUTIES OFFICE HAS BEEN SET UP IN BLOCK 17 OF LOK FU ESTATE TO HANDLE QUERIES REGARDING THE WORK OF DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE CLEARANCE. THESE INCLUDE THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT AND THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

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KWEILIN STREET ILLEGAL STRUCTURE TO BE DEMOLISHED
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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE ROOF OVER THE FIFTH FLOOR OF 91-93, KWEILIN STREET, KOWLOON, ARE TO BE DEMOLISHED.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON JUNE 26 AND HAS POSTED NOTICES ON THE STRUCTURES INFORMING RESIDENTS.

THE AUTHORITY WISHES TO CLOSE THE STRUCTURES FIRST SO THAT DEMOLITION CAN TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS WITHOUT ENDANGERING OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

AN ORDER TO THE OCCUPIERS TO ARRANGE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES THEMSELVES ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN DECEMBER, 1985, HAS NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

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DISTRICT FESTIVAL SUPPORT FOR SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND
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CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR ROBIN CHAN YAU-HING, AT A COCKTAIL RECEPTION THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING, PRESENT A CHEQUE FOR \$20 000 TO THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, IN SUPPORT OF THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND.

MR CHAN SAID THE DONATION WAS MADE FROM SURPLUS FUNDS RAISED FOR ORGANISING THE FESTIVAL LAST YEAR.

PART OF THE SURPLUS WAS GIVEN TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SCHOOL HEADS FOR PURCHASING EQUIPMENT TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE REMAINDER WAS USED TO SPONSOR THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT ASSOCIATION.

THE COMMITTEE HAD RAISED ABOUT \$780 000 LAST YEAR WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS AND ABOUT \$730 000 WERE SPENT ON MORE THAN 40 PROGRAMMES IN THE FESTIVAL.

GUESTS INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR LIU LIT-FOR, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELIZABETH TSE, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND MORE THAN 100 COMMUNITY LEADERS ATTENDED THE RECEPTION.

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CONTRACT-SIGNING CEREMONY
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECENTLY AWARDED A \$318 MILLION CONTRACT FOR A 49-STORY GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING AT HARBOUR ROAD ON WAN CHAI RECLAMATION.

THE CONTRACT, THE BIGGEST TO BE AWARDED BY THE DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR, WILL BE SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR JOSE LEI, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ON THURSDAY (APRIL 30).

THE BUILDING, WHICH IS PART OF A GOVERNMENT COMPLEX ON A 16 000-SQUARE-METRE SITE BOUNDED BY HARBOUR ROAD TO THE NORTH AND GLOUCESTER ROAD TO THE SOUTH, WILL BE USED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON COMPLETION.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND TAKE THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONTRACT SIGNING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON THE 35TH FLOOR OF THE QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AT 3 PM.

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PILOT DENTAL SCHEME FOR ISLANDS RESIDENTS
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OUTREACH DENTAL SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE ON A ONE-YEAR PILOT SCHEME TO ISLANDS DISTRICT RESIDENTS STARTING IN TUNG CHUNG ON LANTAU ON THURSDAY (APRIL 30).

A TEAM OF DENTISTS WILL GO TO THE DISTRICT ONCE A WEEK TO PROVIDE CHECK-UPS, EXTRACTION AND SIMPLE FILLING SERVICES. THEY WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE PAMPHLETS ON DENTAL HEALTH TO PATIENTS AND OTHER RESIDENTS.

FOR THE FIRST FEW MONTHS, THE DENTISTS WILL ATTEND AT THE TUNG CHUNG AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMS) CENTRE AND WILL EXTEND THE SERVICES TO OTHER REMOTE AREAS LATER.

THE PROJECT WAS PROPOSED BY THE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL AND ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE HOSPITAL WILL PROVIDE DENTAL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT WHILE THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORTING STAFF.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER A CEREMONY TO LAUNCH THE OUTREACH DENTAL SERVICES IN AMS CENTRE IN TUNG CHUNG ON LANTAU AT 11 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 30).

PRESS INTERVIEWS WITH DR PETER TREPPER, THE DENTIST IN-CHARGE, WILL BE ARRANGED AFTER THE CEREMONY.

PRESS MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE GOVERNMENT LAUNCH +CLEMENTI+ TO COVER THE CEREMONY. IT WILL SAIL OFF AT 9 AM FROM THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER, CENTRAL.

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TV PROGRAMME TO FOCUS ON YAU MA TEI
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A TWO-HOUR TELEVISION PROGRAMME FEATURING THE CHARACTERISTICS AND DEVELOPMENTS OF YAU MA TEI WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON TVB JADE ON MAY 8 FROM 7 AM TO 9 AM.

THE +GOOD MORNING YAU MA TEI+ PROGRAMME IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT BOARD AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED.

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DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 3 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, TVB REPRESENTATIVES AND ARTISTES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

SCHOOLS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE NORTH DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE YOUTH ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER.

CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE 87, MR LAW CHAK-TONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT \$95 000 WOULD BE SPENT THIS YEAR, THE BULK OF WHICH WAS FUNDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WILL BE +SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY+ AND ACTIVITIES WILL AIM AT ENHANCING YOUNG PEOPLE'S SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION. THE TARGET AGE GROUP WILL BE THOSE AGED BETWEEN 6 AND 25.

LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION. APPLICATION FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MAY 18. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-901358.

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KWAI TSING TO CELEBRATE TIN HAU FESTIVAL
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KWAI TSING RESIDENTS AND MORE THAN 20 000 WORSHIPPERS ARE EXPECTED TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF THE GODDESS TIN HAU AT THE TSING YI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SOCCER PITCH ON THURSDAY (APRIL 30).

THE FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE TSING YI TIN HAU FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE WITH THE SUPPORT FROM THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. CIVIL AID SERVICES OFFICERS WILL ALSO BE AT THE SCENE TO ASSIST.

KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, A MEMBER OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR CHAN PO-FONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO TUNG-CHING, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, ARE AMONG GUESTS TO OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

DURING THE CEREMONY, THE TEN BEST +FA PAU+ WILL BE SELECTED FROM AMONG 100 PRESENTED FROM VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES TO CELEBRATE THIS COLOURFUL ANNUAL EVENT WHICH IS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST POPULAR CHINESE FESTIVALS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FESTIVAL AT THE TSING YI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SOCCER PITCH, TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD ON THURSDAY AT 11.30 AM.

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DETAILS OF RESEARCH REPORT TO BE ANNOUNCED
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A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE SHAM SHUI PO FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO GIVE DETAILS OF A RESEARCH REPORT ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HOUSING POLICY AND CRIME IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THE RESEARCH WAS TO STUDY AND ANALYSE THE CAUSE OF CRIME IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND TO GIVE SUGGESTIONS ON IMPROVEMENT.

LAST MAY, THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED AN INFORMATION DOCUMENT ON THE COMPARISON BETWEEN CRIME IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND PRIVATE HOUSINGS. THE DOCUMENT SHOWED THAT THE CRIME SITUATION IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WAS MORE SERIOUS THAN THAT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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THE WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP UNDER THE COMMITTEE LAST JULY TO INVESTIGATE THE PROBLEM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL START AT 3 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 1987-88.

THE COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE AN ALLOCATION OF \$800 000 WHICH INCLUDE \$490 000 TO CARRY OUT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN 1987-88 AND \$310 000 TO PAY FOR PROJECTS APPROVED THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 2 000-SQUARE-METRE SITE ADJACENT TO CHUN MAN COURT AT CARMEL VILLAGE INTO A SITTING-OUT AREA FOR RESIDENTS.

THE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$175 000 WITH COARSE AGGREGATE FILLING AND \$115 000 WITHOUT COARSE AGGREGATE FILLING.

OTHER ITEM ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE 1987-88 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

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SEA TRIP FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN
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TWENTY-EIGHT CHILDREN FROM THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTRE ENJOYED A DAY OF FUN AND GAMES TODAY (TUESDAY) IN A CRUISE ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERS, THE CHILDREN SET OUT EARLY THIS MORNING FROM THE SHUM WAN MARINE POLICE PIER ON BOARD THE ADVENTURE SHIP +HUAN+. THEY LEARNED ABOUT SAIL, TRAINING AND TOOK PART IN GROUP GAMES ORGANISED BY +HUAN+ STAFF.

THE ADVENTURE SHIP IS A REGISTERED CHARITY WHICH OPERATES A 90-FOOT CHINESE JUNK PROVIDING SAILING TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNGSTERS.

THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HOPED THAT THE CRUISE WOULD PROVIDE HEALTHY OUTDOOR ACTIVITY FOR THE DISABLED CHILDREN. SIMILAR TRIPS MAY BE ORGANISED FOR CHILDREN OF OTHER INSTITUTIONS LATER IN THE YEAR.

THE TRIP WAS ONE OF THE COMMITTEE'S PROGRAMMES TO SHOW THEIR CARE AND CONCERN FOR THE NEEDY IN THE DISTRICT. THEY VISITED SIX REHABILITATION AND ELDERLY INSTITUTIONS LAST MONTH TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THEIR NEEDS.

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SURVEY OFFICE MOVED

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THE SURVEY OFFICE SET UP TO COLLECT, COLLATE AND REPORT ON PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE GREEN PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT HAS MOVED FROM CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING TO THE FIRST FLOOR OF VICTORIA BARRACKS 'O' BLOCK.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE OFFICE ARE:

* MR ADOLF HSU, COMMISSIONER, SURVEY OFFICE	5-296754
* MR Y. Y. CHEUNG, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	5-286184
* GENERAL REGISTRY	5-298340

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SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST TO BE WIDENED
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A SECTION OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST BETWEEN THE JUNCTIONS OF KAM WAH STREET AND MIU TUNG STREET WILL BE WIDENED TO 7.3 METRES.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES THE RAISING OF THE LEVEL OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND THE LAYING OF NEW STORMWATER DRAINS AND A SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

THE WORKS ARE AIMED AT IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW AND THE PERSISTENT FLOODING PROBLEMS IN THE AREA.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY AND TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICES TO UK AFFECTED
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DUE TO A CIVIL SERVICE PAY DISPUTE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WHICH LED TO A WORK TO RULE BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, SOME SPEEDPOST SERVICES ARE AFFECTED, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

NORMAL SERVICE CAN BE MAINTAINED FOR BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, BUT ITEMS CONTAINING MERCHANDISE, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH A DECLARED VALUE IN EXCESS OF 100 POUND STERLING ARE SUBJECT TO DELAY, HE SAID.

THE PUBLIC WILL BE FURTHER ADVISED AS SOON AS THE SITUATION RETURNS TO NORMAL, HE ADDED.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YUEN LONG

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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GREEN MINIBUS TERMINUS IN FOOK HONG STREET IN YUEN LONG, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR ABOUT FIVE MONTHS FROM FRIDAY (MAY 1).

ALL PARKING SPACES ON FOOK HONG STREET AND TWO PARKING SITES ON THE NORTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD SOUTH OF BLOCK 2, YUEN LONG ESTATE, WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 1 AM.

FROM 5.45 AM, NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 73 AND 74 WILL TERMINATE AT YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI KIU ROAD WHILE TERMINI OF ROUTES 75 AND 76 WILL BE RELOCATED TO YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WANG CHAU ROAD FROM 5.50 AM.

IN ADDITION, FROM 5.45 AM, ON ITS JOURNEYS TO SUNG SHAN SAN TSUEN, ROUTE 73 WILL BE OPERATED VIA YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD AND SAI TAI STREET WHILE ITS JOURNEYS TO YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD WILL BE OPERATED VIA TUNG LOK STREET, SAU FU STREET AND YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, ON ITS JOURNEYS TO SHING UK TSUEN, ROUTE 74 WILL BE OPERATED VIA YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD, WANG CHAU ROAD AND YUEN LONG ON LOK ROAD WHILE ON ITS JOURNEYS TO YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD, IT WILL NOT BE OPERATED ALONG SAU FU STREET, FOOK HONG STREET AND FOOK TAK STREET.

FROM 5.50 AM, ROUTES 75 AND 76 ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO HA WAN TSUEN AND SIU HOM TSUEN WILL BE OPERATED VIA YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD AND SAI TAI STREET WHILE THEIR JOURNEYS TO YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD WILL BE OPERATED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUNG LOK STREET AND YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD.

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ADMIRALTY ROAD CLOSURE DEFERRED

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OWING TO DELAYS IN ROAD WORKS, TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN ADMIRALTY WILL NOT BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AS SCHEDULED BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM ON MAY 1 (FRIDAY) AND 2.

THE TWO ROADS ARE THE SECTION OF COTTON TREE DRIVE GROUND LEVEL BETWEEN DRAKE STREET AND QUEENSWAY, AND THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DRAKE STREET BETWEEN TAMAR STREET AND COTTON TREE DRIVE.

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