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STATEMENT BY DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS MADE BY THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, MR DAVID FORD, THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING:

"I'VE COME FROM A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AT WHICH MEMBERS HAVE ASKED ME TO SAY THAT THEY'VE EXPRESSED THEIR TOTAL SUPPORT FOR THE FUTURES FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG AND FOR THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG GENERALLY. THEY'VE GIVEN THEIR WHOLE HEARTED SUPPORT TO THE MEASURES WHICH WE'RE PROPOSING TODAY.

"EVERYTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO SAVE HONG KONG WILL BE DONE BY GOVERNMENT.

"WE HAVE NEWS THAT THERE WILL BE LARGE SCALE INVESTMENT IN THE MARKET TODAY FROM BIG INVESTORS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WHAT WE HAVE PROPOSED IS RIGHT FOR HONG KONG AND RIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AS A WHOLE."

ELABORATING ON MR FORD'S STATEMENT, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID:

"I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO WHAT THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR HAS JUST SAID. WE HAVE THE UTMOST SUPPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

"THERE ARE LARGE BUYERS IN THE MARKET TODAY.

"WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF GIVING HONG KONG AWAY. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING THAT IS NEEDED, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL WIN."

"THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE SOME PEOPLE WHO WILL FAIL, SOME INDIVIDUAL BROKERS WHO WILL FAIL, BUT OUR TASK TODAY IS TO KEEP OUR MARKETS FUNCTIONING. CERTAINLY SOME INDIVIDUALS MAY SUFFER, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, OUR MARKETS WILL BE INTACT AND THAT'S WHAT THIS WHOLE OPERATION IS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE.

"THIS IS THE MOMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE PART AND SAVE ITSELF."

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STATEMENT BY FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS:

FURTHER SUPPORT FOR THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE HAS BEEN ARRANGED, TO BE PROVIDED BY THE BANK OF CHINA, THE TWO HONG KONG NOTE-ISSUING BANKS, AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

THIS WILL TAKE THE FORM OF TWO FURTHER FACILITIES TOGETHER TOTALLING HK\$2 BILLION. ONE FACILITY OF \$1 BILLION WILL BE PROVIDED EQUALLY BY THE BANK OF CHINA, THE STANDARD CHARTERED BANK AND THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE SECOND FACILITY OF HK\$1 BILLION WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FROM THE EXCHANGE FUND.

THESE TWO FACILITIES WILL BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT, IF REQUIRED, THE PACKAGE ALREADY ARRANGED AND WILL BE DRAWN AND REPAID ON A LAST IN - LAST OUT BASIS.

ALTHOUGH THE EXISTING PACKAGE HAS COVERED THE IMPACT OF YESTERDAY'S UPRECEDENTED FALL IN THE HANG SENG INDEX, AND A BALANCE REMAINS, PRUDENCE DICTATES THAT A SUBSTANTIAL OPERATIONAL MARGIN SHOULD BE PUT IN PLACE, AND TO ENSURE THE CONTINUING FUNCTION OF THE MARKETS IN THE FACE OF VOLATILE WORLD CONDITIONS.

THE NEW CHAIRMAN AND MANAGEMENT OF THE FUTURES EXCHANGE WILL ALSO BE IMPLEMENTATING TODAY VIGOROUS MEASURES DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN AND IMPROVE REGULATION OF THE MARKET.

IN ADDITION, THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS HAS ANNOUNCED A FURTHER REDUCTION OF 1 PER CENT IN INTEREST RATE.

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NCNA DIRECTOR CALLS ON DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR

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THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY, MR XU JIATUN, CALLED ON THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, MR DAVID FORD, TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR ZHANG XUEYAO, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE BANK OF CHINA, AND BY MR JI SHAOXIANG, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE NCNA.

MR FORD BRIEFED MR XU ON THE SITUATION IN THE HONG KONG STOCK AND FUTURES EXCHANGES AND EXPRESSED WARM THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT OF PRC FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, IN PARTICULAR FOR THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE BANK OF CHINA TO THE SECOND SUPPORT FACILITY FOR THE HONG KONG FUTURES GUARANTEE CORPORATION.

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TWO MORE AIDS CASES

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED TWO MORE CONFIRMED AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) CASES, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIDS CASES IN HONG KONG TO EIGHT.

OF THE EIGHT AIDS PATIENTS, SEVEN HAD DIED AND ONE IS STILL ALIVE.

THE EIGHT CASES ARE ALL ADULTS - SEVEN MALES AND ONE FEMALE - AND HALF OF THEM ARE CHINESE.

REGARDING THE RISK FACTORS OF THE EIGHT PATIENTS, SIX OF THEM WERE SEXUALLY ACQUIRED AND TWO WERE UNKNOWN.

ANNOUNCING THE LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS ON THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID FOUR MORE PERSONS WERE FOUND TO BE INFECTED BY THE DEADLY VIRUS IN SEPTEMBER.

TO DATE, 104 PERSONS WERE REPORTED TO BE INFECTED BY THE VIRUS IN HONG KONG. THESE INCLUDE THE EIGHT CONFIRMED AIDS PATIENTS AND 50 HAEMOPHILIACS.

DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, A TOTAL OF 3,647 PERSONS WERE TESTED FOR THE HIV ANTIBODIES AND FOUR OF THEM WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE. AMONG THE FOUR POSITIVE PERSONS, TWO WERE REFERRED BY GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, ONE BY PRIVATE PRACTITIONER AND ONE WAS A HAEMOPHILIAC.

UNDER THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME, GROUPS WHO ARE AT RISK OF BEING INFECTED ARE TESTED FOR THE INFECTION. THEY INCLUDE SEXUALLY PROMISCUOUS PERSONS, MULTI-TRANSFUSED PATIENTS AND INTRAVENOUS AND DRUG ABUSERS.

SINCE APRIL 1985, A TOTAL OF 67,256 PERSONS WERE TESTED FOR THE HIV ANTIBODIES BY THE VIRUS UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO CARRIED OUT A MASS SCREENING PROGRAMME FOR ALL BLOOD DONORS SINCE AUGUST 1985. UP TO NOW, A TOTAL OF 310,106 DONATED BLOOD UNITS HAVE BEEN TESTED AND FIVE WERE FOUND TO BE INFECTED BY THE AIDS VIRUS.

LAST MONTH, 14,678 UNITS OF BLOOD WERE TESTED AND NONE WAS FOUND TO BE POSITIVE.

MEANWHILE, THE AIDS COUNSELLING CLINIC CONTINUES TO RECEIVE CALLS FROM PEOPLE WHO FEAR THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE CONTRACTED THE DISEASE.

IN SEPTEMBER, 1,909 CALLS WERE RECEIVED, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS RECEIVED SO FAR TO 17,289 SINCE THE COUNSELLING CLINIC WAS INTRODUCED IN NOVEMBER 1985.

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NINE QUESTIONS ON LEGCO AGENDA

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ASK NINE QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER SIX BILLS IN THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THREE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THEY ARE: FISHERIES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987; CONVEYANCING AND PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987; AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL 1987.

DEBATE ON THREE OTHER BILLS WILL BE RESUMED AND THEY WILL BE PUT UP FOR THIRD READING. THESE BILLS ARE: BANKING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987; PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987; AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1987.

IN THE MEETING, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL ALSO PRESENT A REPORT OF CHANGES TO THE APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987-88.

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\$20 MILLION SOUGHT FOR NOISE ABATEMENT

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO APPROVE A NEW COMMITMENT OF \$20,380,000 FOR IMPLEMENTING NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURES IN 13 AIDED SCHOOLS IN PHASE TWO OF THE FIRST STAGE OF THE NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAMME.

THE PROGRAMME IS TO DEAL WITH SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY AIRCRAFT NOISE. A TOTAL OF 38 SCHOOLS REQUIRING NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURES WERE IDENTIFIED TO BE LOCATED WITHIN THE NOISE EXPOSURE FORECAST CONTOUR.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ESTIMATED AT \$1,140,000 FOR CAPITAL WORKS AND \$609,000 IN ANNUALLY RECURRENT EXPENDITURE TO EXTEND THE PROVISION OF AIR-CONDITIONERS TO THE STAFF ROOMS OF THE 38 SCHOOLS.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS WILL TAKE A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS TO COMPLETE DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS INVOLVED IN THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROGRAMME.

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OTHER ITEMS THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE ARE:

- * A \$2.5 MILLION COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE THE INTERPOL BUREAU OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE WITH A RADIO TELEPRINTER SYSTEM;
- * COMMITMENTS TOTTALLING \$37,450,000 FOR THE PURCHASE FOR THE POLICE OF REPLACEMENT LARGE MOTORCYCLES, SPECIALIST DUTIES MEDIUM VANS (SOME WITH AIR-CONDITIONING) AND THREE-TONNE COVERED LORRIES;
- * THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE TO MAKE ALLOCATIONS FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND; AND
- * A COMMITMENT OF \$2.5 MILLION TO PERMIT THE ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS TO CONDUCT A SYSTEM DESIGN STUDY FOR A SERIES OF LINKED, COMPUTER-BASED, FINANCIAL MODELS TO ASSIST IN THE PLANNING OF A FINANCIAL STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION.

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REGIONAL CUSTOMS MEETING CONCLUDES

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THE FINAL EVALUATION MEETING OF THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL'S ESCAP REGION ACTION PLAN TRIAL PROJECT CONCLUDED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE MEETING WAS HELD IN THE CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION BUREAU HEADQUARTERS AND WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM 15 ESCAP REGION COUNTRIES AND THE INTERPOL. PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING CONSIDERED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE TRIAL HAD BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL AND THAT THE ACTION PLAN SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

THE ESCAP REGION ACTION PLAN COVERS SUCH AREAS AS EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES, ESTABLISHING CONTACT OFFICERS IN EACH COUNTRY, PROFILING OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS, POOLING OF INFORMATION, TRAINING OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS, CO-OPERATION IN GENERAL AMONG CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL LIAISON OFFICE.

/THE ASSISTANT

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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, MR K.S. TONG, SAID THAT THE MEETING AGREED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL LIAISON OFFICE IN HONG KONG FROM DECEMBER 1, 1987 AND TO A SERIES OF TRAINING SEMINARS TO BE CONVENED IN THE REGION IN 1988 AND 1989 FOR MEMBER COUNTRIES.

THESE WOULD COVER SUCH SUBJECTS AS SEARCH OF AIRCRAFT, VEHICLES AND SHIPS, PROFILING OF SMUGGLERS, INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS, INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES AND CO-OPERATION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THE REGIONAL LIAISON OFFICE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE PRIMARILY FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES.

THE CONCERTED EFFORTS AND ENHANCED CO-OPERATION OF MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL STRIKE HARD AT THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS, MR TONG SAID.

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO OFFICIATE AT PARADE

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN PARADE ON NOVEMBER 15, MEMBERS OF THE JOINT URBAN/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE WERE TOLD AT TODAY'S (TUESDAY) MEETING.

THEY ALSO HEARD THAT 28 ORGANISATIONS, 14 FROM DISTRICT BOARDS AND 14 FROM PRIVATE CORPORATIONS, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE. ALL THE VEHICLES WILL BE DECORATED WITH KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN MESSAGES TOGETHER WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT/CORPORATE IDENTITIES.

THE PARADE, WHICH WILL LAUNCH THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AT DISTRICT LEVEL, AND ALSO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUPPORT OF IT, WILL SET OUT FROM THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND AND END AT EDINBURGH PLACE.

AT THE STARTING POINT, THERE WILL BE A DRAGON DANCE, PRECEDED BY AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY. UPON ARRIVAL IN CENTRAL, THE PARADE WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED BY MARCHING BANDS, BALLOON FLYING AND THE PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TO THE BEST-DECORATED VEHICLES. THIS WILL ALL TAKE PLACE AT EDINBURGH PLACE.

A FEATURE OF THE DAY WILL BE A ONE-HOUR TV VARIETY SHOW CENTRING ROUND THE PARADE AND RELAYING KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN MESSAGES. PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, IT WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE FROM 12 NOON TO 1 PM.

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EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED

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A WEEK-LONG EXHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED WILL BEGIN AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI, ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 29).

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, FEDERATION OF HONG KONG GARMENT MANUFACTURERS, HONG KONG WOOLLEN AND SYNTHETIC KNITTING MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG GARMENT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION AND NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT CO LTD.

THROUGH THE USE OF PICTURES AND AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS, THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE VARIOUS SERVICES THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES FOR THE DISABLED.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A DISPLAY OF MODERN TECHNICAL AIDS AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF THEIR USE BY DISABLED WORKERS.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THE EVENT WILL GIVE THE PUBLIC, IN PARTICULAR EMPLOYERS, A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORKING ABILITY OF DISABLED PEOPLE," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR RON BRIDGE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, MR CHAN SUI-KAU.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 11 AM AND 7 PM DAILY UNTIL NOVEMBER 4.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 29).

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES REVISED

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THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PUBLISHED ON OCTOBER 26, 1987 CONTAINS A LEGAL NOTICE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS AUTHORISED A DECREASE IN THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES. AS FROM OCTOBER 28, 1987, THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST WILL BE 4.32 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 5.28 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.36 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETE MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

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INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAYED BY A CHEQUE.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 28, 1987.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE OCTOBER 28, 1987 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:-

- 3.60% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 27, 1985 AND BEFORE JULY 17, 1985;
- 3.36% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 17, 1985 AND BEFORE JULY 23, 1985;
- 2.76% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 23, 1985 AND BEFORE SEPTEMBER 4, 1985;
- 3.36% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 4, 1985 AND BEFORE APRIL 3, 1986;
- 4.32% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 3, 1986 AND BEFORE MAY 14, 1986;
- 4.08% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 14, 1986 AND BEFORE AUGUST 19, 1986;
- 3.36% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 19, 1986 AND BEFORE JANUARY 19, 1987;
- 2.52% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 19, 1987 AND BEFORE MARCH 4, 1987;
- 3.00% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 4, 1987 AND BEFORE APRIL 9, 1987;
- 3.36% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 9, 1987 AND BEFORE JUNE 4, 1987;
- 3.84% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 4, 1987 AND BEFORE JUNE 24, 1987;
- 4.32% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 24, 1987 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 14, 1987; AND
- 5.28% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 14, 1987 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 28, 1987,

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BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETE MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE: \$1,000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON OCTOBER 28, 1987, NOVEMBER 28, 1987 AND DECEMBER 28, 1987 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON JANUARY 29, 1988 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS -

ON \$1,000, OCTOBER 28, 1987 TO JANUARY 29, 1988 THREE COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$3.60 PER MONTH	=	10.80
ON \$1,000, NOVEMBER 28, 1987 TO JANUARY 29, 1988 TWO COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$3.60 PER MONTH	=	7.20
ON \$1,000, DECEMBER 28, 1987 TO JANUARY 29, 1988 ONE COMPLETE MONTH AT \$3.60 PER MONTH	=	3.60

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN TO KWA WAN CLEARED

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A TOTAL OF 28 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND 15 OVERSIZED CANOPIES AT THE REAR LANES IN TO KWA WAN WERE PULLED DOWN TODAY (TUESDAY) DURING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CLEARANCE OPERATION.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND CANOPIES WERE SITUATED IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY LOK SHAN ROAD, KOWLOON CITY ROAD, CHI KIANG STREET AND TO KWA WAN ROAD.

AMONG THE CLEARED STRUCTURES, 24 WERE FOR COMMERCIAL AND STORAGE PURPOSES AND THE REMAINING FOUR WERE DOMESTIC UNITS. SIX FAMILIES, COMPRISING 13 PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED.

THE CLEARANCE WAS PART OF AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME TO IMPOVE THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENT.

TODAY'S OPERATION WAS CO-ORDINATED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

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WAN CHAI STAGES ANTI-SMOKING COMPETITION

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AN ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN HENNESSY CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, FROM TODAY (TUESDAY) TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE THAT SMOKING IS HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH.

THE DISPLAY, WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, WILL RUN UNTIL THURSDAY.

SPEAKING AT THE EXHIBITION'S OPENING, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARMAN CHIU, SAID THE EVENT WOULD ENABLE CITIZENS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SMOKING AND HEALTH AND CONSEQUENTLY HELP THEM TO FORM A WISER OPINION OF THE HABIT.

THE CEREMONY WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR NORMAN LO, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM.

BESIDES THE DISPLAY, THE WORKING GROUP LAST WEEK STAGED AN ANTI-SMOKING PAINTING DAY AND A SLOGAN COMPETITION.

WITH THE HELP OF ARTISTS FROM A DESIGN INSTITUTE, A GROUP OF YOUNG RESIDENTS PAINTED THE HOARDINGS OF A CONSTRUCTION SITE AT A BUSY JUNCTION.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THIS ACTIVITY, YOUNG PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE HAZARDS OF CIGARETTE SMOKING AND WILL NOT TAKE UP THE HABIT WHEN THEY GROW UP," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ANTI-SMOKING WORKING GROUP SAID.

WINNERS OF THE SLOGAN COMPETITION RECEIVED THEIR PRIZES AT TODAY'S CEREMONY.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN WAN CHAI CLEARED

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ABOUT 22 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT THE REAR LANE OF SPRING GARDEN LANE IN WAN CHAI WERE DEMOLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY) IN A CLEARANCE OPERATION.

THE CLEARANCE, WHICH INVOLVED A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING URBAN SERVICES, HOUSING, BUILDINGS AND LANDS, URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND THE POLICE, WAS CO-ORDINATED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THAT ONLY ONE FAMILY WAS AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE AND RE-HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE.

HE NOTED THAT THE OPERATION WOULD BE THE FIRST OF SIX ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE OPERATIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN 1987-88.

"THE CLEARANCE WAS AIMED AT IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS OF THE PLACE," HE SAID.

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YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL INVITES POSTAL ORDERS

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POSTAL ORDERS FOR PROGRAMMES OF THE 8TH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL ARE BEING INVITED UNTIL NOVEMBER 6.

A TOTAL OF 42 PROGRAMMES WILL BE HELD DURING THE FESTIVAL AT VARIOUS VENUES IN YUEN LONG BETWEEN DECEMBER 4 AND 20 THIS YEAR.

THEY INCLUDE CANTONESE OPERA, FILM SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS, MUSICAL DRAMA, POP CONCERT, DANCING, PIANO RECITAL, AND HI-FI LASER SHOW.

DETAILED PROGRAMME LISTS AND POSTAL BOOKING FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES, YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND LUT SAU HALL. COUNTER BOOKING WILL START FROM NOVEMBER 20.

THE 8TH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE, THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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COMMITTEE TO HEAR ABOUT SERVICES FOR STREET SLEEPERS

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE INFORMED OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR STREET SLEEPERS BY A DAY RELIEF CENTRE AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 29).

RUN BY A VOLUNTARY AGENCY, THE CENTRE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE LAST MONTH.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE AN INFORMATION PAPER ON A PROJECT FOR THE "OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH" SCHEME AND APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 29) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET TODAY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TODAY (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE SEVENTH STREET MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE 1987-88 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY URBAN WORKS SECTION, THE QUEEN'S ROAD EAST PARK PROJECT AND VARIOUS APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TODAY (TUESDAY) AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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TWO MORE SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR TUEN MUN

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TWO MORE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH A TOTAL OF 48 CLASSROOMS WILL BE BUILT IN TUEN MUN TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF THE NEW TOWN.

SITUATED ON A 10,000-SQUARE-METRE SITE NEAR BUTTERFLY ESTATE, EACH SCHOOL WILL HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS, 12 SPECIAL ROOMS, AN ASSEMBLY HALL AND A COVERED PLAYGROUND.

OTHER ANCILARY FACILITIES INCLUDE STAFF QUARTERS, BASKETBALL COURTS, CAR PARKS AND PLANT POTS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN 16 MONTHS' TIME.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 6.

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NEW FIRE STATION FOR AP LEI CHAU

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A NEW SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION WILL BE BUILT ON AP LEI CHAU TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTED 11 YEARS AGO.

THE STANDARD SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION WILL BE BUILT ON A 1,700-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD.

IT WILL CONSIST A FOUR-STOREY STATION BUILDING AND A DRILL YARD.

THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE OFFICES, A FOUR-BAY APPLIANCES ROOM, COMMUNICATION ROOM, STATION GENERAL STORE, HOSE STORE AND EQUIPMENT STORE.

BARRACKS AND DINING ACCOMMODATION, EXERCISE ROOMS AND STORE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 1989.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT UNTIL NOVEMBER 13.

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FESTIVAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN YUEN LONG

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A SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WILL BE MADE TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON TAI SHU HA NULLAH-BUND ROAD IN YUEN LONG DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

THE NORTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD FROM TAI KEI LENG TO TAI SHU HA WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND, FROM 7 AM TO 10 PM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 31).

AT THE SAME TIME, NT GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE ROUTE NO. 73 WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA THE SOUTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD ON ITS JOURNEY TO YUEN LONG TOWN.

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ROAD CLOSURES IN HUNG HOM

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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF MA TAU WAI ROAD FLYOVER IN HUNG HOM, MAN LOK STREET AND MAN YUE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10.30 PM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 30) TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

DURING THE CLOSURE, SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES ON MA TAU WAI ROAD HEADING FOR FAT KWONG STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WUHU STREET, DOCK STREET, BULKELEY STREET, MARSH STREET, WUHU STREET, MA TAU WAI ROAD NORTHBOUND AND FAT KWONG STREET.

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