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HK IMPORTANT FOR ASIA-PACIFIC GROWTH: GOVERNOR

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HONG KONG'S ECONOMY HAS ACHIEVED A SUCCESSFUL AND RAPID RESTRUCTURING DESPITE SOMETIMES ALARMIST STORIES ABOUT THE UNCERTAINTIES OF ITS FUTURE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM'S HONG KONG FORUM, SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG HAD AN IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY IN SUPPORTING THE GROWTH OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, THE FASTEST DEVELOPING REGION IN THE WORLD.

"THE SUSTAINED PACE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THIS REGION HAS MEANT THAT THE VALUE OF TRANS-PACIFIC TRADE IS NOW GREATER THAN THAT OF TRANS-ATLANTIC TRADE.

"IT HAS MEANT THE EMERGENCE OF AN ASIA-PACIFIC MARKET TO COMPLEMENT THE MAJOR MARKETS OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE; AND IT HAS MEANT A SUCCESSION OF COUNTRIES IN THE REGION REACHING THE POINT OF ECONOMIC TAKE-OFF," HE ADDED.

THE REGIONAL ECONOMIES - EXCLUDING JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND - WERE FORECAST TO GROW AT AN AVERAGE COMBINED RATE OF MORE THAN SIX PER CENT A YEAR IN THE 1990'S : MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT FORECAST FOR THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

HE SAID HONG KONG GIVEN AN ADVANTAGEOUS GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION IN THE REGION, HAD BECOME A REGIONAL BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CENTRE AS WELL AS A REGIONAL ENTREPOT.

IT HAD ALSO BECOME THE PREFERRED LOCATION FOR MULTINATIONALS LOOKING FOR A REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS FROM WHICH TO MANAGE THEIR ASIAN BUSINESSES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN FIRMS BASED IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN INCREASING BY ABOUT 100 A YEAR.

REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY IN 1997, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE HAD BEEN CLEARLY SET OUT IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW.

"OUR FUTURE IS NOT AS UNCERTAIN AS SOME WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE. FAR FROM IT," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE FUTURE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY, A FREE MARKET ECONOMY, A FREELY CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY AND ITS PRESENT LEGAL SYSTEM.

"IT WILL ALSO HAVE ITS OWN LEGISLATURE AND ITS OWN LOCAL HONG KONG CHINESE CHIEF EXECUTIVE," HE ADDED.

STRESSING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING EVERY POSSIBLE PREPARATION TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION, HE SAID: "A KEY ELEMENT WILL BE TO DEVELOP THE ALREADY GOOD PRACTICAL WORKING RELATIONS THAT WE HAVE ACROSS OUR NORTHERN BORDER."

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NOTING THAT THE RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA WAS CLOSE AND GROWING, SIR DAVID SAID THE COMBINATION OF HONG KONG EXPERTISE AND CHINESE MANPOWER WAS A POWERFUL ONE BENEFITTING BOTH SIDES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN 10 YEARS' TIME, THE QUIET TOWN OF SHENZHEN HAD TRANSFERRED INTO A CITY OF OVER A MILLION PEOPLE AND, A BUSTLING COMMUNITY WITH MUCH OF THE ENERGY AND ENTERPRISE OF HONG KONG.

THE REGION BETWEEN SHENZHEN AND GUANGZHOU, SIR DAVID SAID, WAS AN EXAMPLE OF A COUNTRYSIDE BEING TRANSFORMED BY DEVELOPMENT. HE SAID: "WITH ONLY SIX PER CENT OF CHINA'S POPULATION, THE PROVINCE OF GUANGDONG ALREADY ACCOUNTS FOR 20 PER CENT OF ITS EXPORTS.

"TEN YEARS FROM NOW, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE PEARL RIVER DELTA WILL HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST MANUFACTURING CENTRES," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HONG KONG'S FUTURE WAS CLOSELY BOUND UP WITH THESE EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS.

"IT IS A FUTURE FULL OF CHALLENGES. THEY WILL MAKE DEMANDS ON US ALL. BUT HONG KONG IS USED TO THAT. IT RESPONDS WELL TO CHALLENGES," HE SAID.

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GOVT TACKLES CRIME ON THREE FRONTS

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IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S DECLARED POLICY TO TACKLE CRIME ON THREE FRONTS, NAMELY, THROUGH EFFECTIVE LEGISLATION, VIGOROUS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SUSTAINED FIGHT CRIME PUBLICITY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (FCC) AT THE 1991 FIGHT CRIME RECEPTION.

"WE ACCORD HIGH PRIORITY IN DRAFTING AND UPDATING OUR LAW AGAINST CRIME," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE ORGANISED CRIME BILL HAD BEEN RELEASED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THREE MONTHS AND THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAD ALREADY SENT IN THEIR COMMENTS.

"THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE HAS ABOUT ONE MORE MONTH TO GO," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE DRAFTING OF THE SECURITY AND GUARDING SERVICES BILL TO REGULATE THE SECURITY INDUSTRY THROUGH A LICENSING SYSTEM WAS NEARING COMPLETION.

"THIS BILL WILL HAVE FAR-FETCHING EFFECT ON THE SECURITY INDUSTRY. WE HOPE THE PUBLIC WILL GIVE US THEIR VIEWS ON IT WHEN IT IS PUBLISHED EARLY NEXT YEAR," SIR DAVID SAID.

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TURNING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, SIR DAVID SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH THE OVERALL CRIME FIGURES SHOWED A DOWNWARD TREND IN 1991, THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VIOLENT CRIME IN THE LAST QUARTER.

"WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THIS TO CONTINUE," HE SAID.

"THE POLICE HAVE STEPPED UP THEIR OPERATIONS. THEY MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES AND THIS HAS HELPED TO REDUCE ACROSS THE BORDER CRIMES.

"WITH THE TAKING OVER OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HIGH ISLAND DETENTION CENTRE BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MORE THAN 200 POLICE OFFICERS ARE RE-DEPLOYED BACK TO CONSTABULARY DUTIES," HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE CONCERN THAT CUTBACKS IN GOVERNMENT SPENDING MIGHT AFFECT THE ABILITY OF THE POLICE TO COMBAT CRIME, SIR DAVID SAID, "AS FAR AS THE POLICE ARE CONCERNED, THE EMPHASIS WILL BE VERY MUCH ON ACHIEVING MORE EFFECTIVE STAFF DEPLOYMENT.

"LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CUTBACK OR SLOWDOWN IN POLICE RECRUITMENT. AND ALL OUR POLICEMEN WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROPERLY TRAINED AND WELL EQUIPPED," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT PUBLICITY WAS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS TO GET THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE ACROSS AND THAT AN ALERT AND INFORMED PUBLIC COULD HELP A GREAT DEAL TO KEEP CRIME DOWN.

"I AM GLAD TO TELL YOU THAT IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING PUBLICITY MATERIALS, THE PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IS PRODUCING A FIGHT CRIME GUIDE BOOK FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS."

THIS COLOURFUL BOOKLET, WHICH WOULD COME OUT IN DECEMBER, WOULD TELL THE PUBLIC HOW TO PREVENT CRIME AND HOW TO PROTECT THEIR HOME AND PROPERTY.

SIR DAVID CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME WOULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC.

"THE PUBLIC HAVE A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY IN PREVENTING CRIME THROUGH LOOKING AFTER THEIR PROPERTY; REPORTING CRIME AND FINALLY, PROVING CRIME BY COMING FORWARD AS WITNESS.

"THROUGH CONCERTED EFFORT FROM ALL, HONG KONG WILL BECOME AN EVEN SAFER PLACE TO LIVE IN," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE 1991 FIGHT CRIME RECEPTION WAS ATTENDED BY FCC MEMBERS AND SOME 400 MEMBERS FROM THE 19 DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES.

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FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR HK TRANSPORT POLICY

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT A FREIGHT LINE CONNECTING THE CONTAINER PORT WITH CHINA CAN RANK HIGH IN THE LIST OF PRIORITIES FOR NEW RAILWAY CONNECTIONS IN THE FUTURE.

MR LEUNG SAID CONSIDERATION WOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE NEED FOR A RAIL LINK BETWEEN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES AND THE URBAN AREA.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG, MR LEUNG SAID THAT A RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY WAS ABOUT TO BE LAUNCHED AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

"DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS, WE HAVE INVESTED SOME \$15 BILLIONS IN OUR ROADS, AND NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE SPENDING SOME \$4.5 BILLIONS ON NEW ROADS, COMPARED WITH \$3 BILLIONS THIS YEAR.

"HOWEVER, THIS IS UNLIKELY TO SATISFY DEMAND OR REDUCE CONGESTION, EXCEPT FOR A SHORT WHILE.

"AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME OF MAJOR INVESTMENT IS NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO PREVENT HONG KONG FROM BEING COMPLETELY BLOCKED BY TRAFFIC JAMS DURING THE PEAK HOURS.

"THUS OUR FIRST PRIORITY MUST BE TO CONTINUE TO SEEK ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE ROAD NETWORK TO MEET RISING DEMAND, AND TO EXPLORE OTHER MEANS OF REDUCING ROAD CONGESTION," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID TRANSPORT LINKS WERE ESSENTIAL TO FACILITATE THE GROWTH IN ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

IT WAS FORECAST THAT CROSS BORDER PASSENGER AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WOULD CONTINUE TO INCREASE AT A RATE OF SIX PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT PER ANNUM RESPECTIVELY.

MR LEUNG SAID INTERNALLY, HONG KONG'S VEHICULAR TRAFFIC HAD ALSO INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED VEHICLES AT PRESENT WAS 377,000 AND WAS FORECAST TO RISE TO 470,000 BY 1996 AND TO 750,000 BY 2011.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT SAID THE DEMAND FOR MORE ROAD SPACE WAS PUTTING A GREAT STRAIN ON THE ROAD NETWORK.

NO MATTER HOW FAST THE GOVERNMENT BUILT AND HOW MUCH WAS INVESTED, NEW ROADS WERE SOON TAKEN UP BY VEHICLES AS SUPPRESSED DEMAND WAS RELEASED.

THEREFORE, HE STRESSED THAT WHILE DEVELOPING THE ROAD NETWORKS TO MEET RISING DEMAND, THERE WAS ALSO A NEED TO EXPLORE OTHER MEANS OF REDUCING ROAD CONGESTION, FOR EXAMPLE BY DEVELOPING NEW RAILWAY LINES.

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WHEN THE RAIL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY WAS COMPLETED BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO JUDGE WHERE AND HOW THE NEW RAILWAYS SHOULD BE BUILT AND WHEN.

MR LEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM WAS TO CONTINUE EXPANDING AND IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES TO MEET DEMAND.

A BROAD RANGE OF SERVICES OFFERING DIFFERENT DEGREES OF COMFORT, CONVENIENCE AND FARES SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, AND EACH MODE SHOULD BE ALLOWED, IN A CO-ORDINATED MANNER, TO COMPETE WITH THE OTHERS FOR PATRONAGE.

MORE CHOICES AND MORE COMPETITION WERE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE, PARTICULARLY TO ATTRACT THOSE WHO NOW TRAVEL IN THEIR OWN CARS OR TAXIS WHICH WERE INEFFICIENT USERS OF ROAD SPACE.

HE SAID IN THE LONGER TERM, RAILWAYS AND BUSES WOULD REMAIN THE BACKBONE OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM, TAKING OVER 60 PER CENT OF TOTAL PATRONAGE, WHICH WAS FORECAST TO INCREASE FROM 9.7 MILLION PASSENGER TRIPS PER DAY AT PRESENT TO 11.1 MILLION BY 1996 AND TO 15 MILLION BY 2011.

MR LEUNG SAID TRAFFIC CONGESTION WAS TACKLED NOT JUST BY BUILDING MORE ROADS BUT ALSO BY BETTER UTILISATION OF THE ROAD SPACE.

HE SAID A WIDE RANGE OF MEASURES HAD BEEN INTRODUCED TO REGULATE TRAFFIC BY PHYSICAL AND FISCAL METHODS, AND TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE MORE EFFICIENT MASS CARRIERS.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT STOPPED SHORT OF ADOPTING A ROAD PRICING POLICY BECAUSE IT WAS FOUND PUBLICLY UNACCEPTABLE A FEW YEARS BACK, BUT ALLOCATION OF ROAD SPACE THROUGH PRICING STILL REMAINED IN THEORY THE FAIREST METHOD.

HE SAID: "IT IS THE CAR USERS WHO PAY, NOT THOSE WHO OWN A CAR, BUT THOSE WHO ACTUALLY USED IT ON THE ROAD."

"TUNNEL TOLLS ARE ALREADY A FORM OF ROAD PRICING," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID TUNNEL TOLLS WERE PUBLICLY ACCEPTABLE FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT TUNNELS WERE EXPENSIVE TO BUILD AND THEREFORE THE COST HAD TO BE RECOVERED, AND BECAUSE THOSE WHO DID NOT WANT TO USE THEM CAN USE OTHER ROADS WHICH WERE FREE OR WATERBORNE TRANSPORT WHICH WAS CHEAPER BUT SLOWER.

"THUS IT WAS CLEARLY A MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION WHETHER THE PRINCIPLE OF ROAD PRICING SHOULD BE TAKEN FURTHER, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE KEPT ALTERNATIVE ROUTES AVAILABLE AND THAT TOLLED ROUTES OFFER FACILITIES FOR WHICH THE PUBLIC WERE WILLING TO PAY," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSTANTLY IN TOUCH WITH OTHER MAJOR CITIES TO SEE HOW THE GOVERNMENT COULD BETTER MANAGE THEIR TRAFFIC BY MODERN METHODS.

AUTOMATIC TOLL COLLECTION AT TUNNELS, ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS WHICH COULD ACCEPT CARDS AND INSTALLATION OF MORE COMPUTERISED AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS WERE AMONG SOME OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAD OR WOULD ADOPT TO IMPROVE ROAD MANAGEMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT ADDED.

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SHIFTS IN RESPONSIBILITIES IN BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN UNDERGOING A NUMBER OF SHIFTS IN RESPONSIBILITIES OF ITS ACTIVITIES TO THE PRIVATE SECTORS AS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROCESS OF TRYING TO RATIONALISE THE USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS, MR TONY EASON, TODAY (FRIDAY).

DESCRIBING THE MOVE AS NOTHING ACCIDENTAL OR SPONTANEOUS, MR EASON SAID THE SHIFTS IN RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN AREAS WITHIN HIS DEPARTMENT'S AMBIT RECENTLY WERE IN FACT A MANIFESTATION OF OVERALL ECONOMIC POLICY WHICH WAS AIMED, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, AT HOLDING DOWN INFLATION.

DURING A LUNCHEON TALK TO THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS, MR EASON SAID:

"IT IS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROCESS OF TRYING TO RATIONALISE THE USE OF PUBLIC SECTOR OR DEPARTMENTAL RESOURCES SO THAT PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO THE PERFORMANCE OF ESSENTIAL EXECUTIVE OR REGULATORY FUNCTION, GROWTH IN TERMS OF BOTH EXPENDITURE AND MANPOWER IS KEPT UNDER CONTROL, AND SERVICES WHICH CAN AND SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR ARE SO PROVIDED."

HE NOTED THAT THE SHIFTS IN RESPONSIBILITIES INVOLVED THE ACTIVITIES OF ALL THREE OFFICES UNDER HIS DEPARTMENT, NAMELY, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE (BOO), THE LANDS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE (LAO) AND THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE (SMO).

FOR THE BOO, HE SAID THE SYSTEM UNDER WHICH NEW BUILDING PLANS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL WHICH WERE SUBJECT TO CHECKING IN DIFFERENT PARTICULAR ASPECTS WAS "AN ALMOST PRE-HISTORIC EXAMPLE OF THE SORT OF SHIFTS IN RESPONSIBILITIES.

"IT IS A PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE EXAMPLE, RESPONSIBILITY BEING RETURNED TO THE SUBMITTERS OF PLANS, THE AUTHORISED PERSONS," HE ADDED.

MR EASON CITED A MORE CURRENT EXAMPLE OF THE SHIFT IN RESPONSIBILITIES BEING PROPOSED FOR BOO, INVOLVING NOT NEW BUILDINGS BUT OLD ONES.

THE INTENTION IS TO PROPOSE LEGISLATION WHICH WILL ENABLE THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TO ORDER OWNERS TO HAVE CARRIED OUT NOT JUST THE WORKS BUT ALSO THE INSPECTIONS OR SURVEYS TO ESTABLISH WHAT WORKS ARE REQUIRED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT CLEARLY THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE BY QUALIFIED PEOPLE OF WHOM HE BELIEVED THERE WAS A PLENTIFUL SUPPLY IN HONG KONG WHICH WAS IN ANY CASE ALSO CAPABLE OF BEING BOOSTED.

"THIS CHANGE, IF IT IS SUCCESSFULLY INTRODUCED, WILL BRING ABOUT A USEFUL SHIFT AWAY FROM DEPENDENCE ON MANPOWER RESOURCES FUNDED BY THE TAXPAYER TO THOSE WHICH BUILDINGS OWNERS THEMSELVES WILL PAY FOR," HE EXPLAINED.

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AT PRESENT THE BUILDING AUTHORITY ORDERS OWNERS OF BUILDINGS WHICH ARE DANGEROUS OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TO CARRY OUT WORKS (INCLUDING DEMOLITION IF NECESSARY) TO RENDER THEM SAFE.

HOWEVER, THE INSPECTION OR SURVEY OF A BUILDING REQUIRED TO DETERMINE ITS CONDITIONS HAS GENERALLY BEEN ACCEPTED UP TO NOW AS BEING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BUILDING AUTHORITY, ACTING THROUGH THE BOO.

WITH REGARD TO THE LAO, MR EASON SAID MODEST EFFORTS HAD BEEN DIRECTED AT HAVING CERTAIN PREPARATORY WORK IN RELATION TO URBAN LAND RESUMPTION IN PARTICULAR CARRIED OUT BY PRIVATE SECTOR AGENCIES.

AT PRESENT, THIS SERVICE IS STILL BEING PAID FOR BY THE GOVERNMENT, THAT IS THE TAXPAYER, AT LEAST IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

MR EASON NOTED THAT THE OFFICE HAD ALSO PUT IN PLACE A MONITORING SYSTEM TO CHECK THE TIME TAKEN TO COMPLETE LEASE MODIFICATION AND LAND EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS WHICH HAD ACHIEVED STEADY IMPROVEMENT.

REGARDING THE SMO, MR EASON SAID THE OFFICE EARLIER THIS YEAR CONDUCTED CONSULTANCY STUDY TO HELP IDENTIFY CORE AND NON-CORE SERVICES IN THE LAND AND ENGINEERING SURVEY AND MAPPING FIELDS.

HE SAID THIS WOULD ENABLE THE OFFICE TO RE-EXAMINE PRIORITIES TO DETERMINE WHAT WORK MUST REMAIN TO BE DONE AND WHAT COULD BE PASSED ON TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WHICH IN THE CASE OF LAND SURVEYS MIGHT BOTH NEED AND WELCOME SCOPE FOR EXPANSION THROUGH THE PROCESS.

HE SAID SMALL START HAD BEEN MADE ALREADY IN THE FIELD OF SURVEYS FOR CERTAIN SMALL AND STANDARD SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND WOULD BECOME A PERMANENT FEATURE AND AN EXAMPLE WHICH MIGHT BE CAPABLE OF APPLICATION ELSEWHERE.

"IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, WE ARE REFERRING TO A SERVICE WHICH IS NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO COST-RECOVERY; BUT FOR OTHER SURVEYS THE SAME WOULD NOT APPLY - THE USER WOULD PAY THE PRIVATE SURVEYOR," HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE OVERALL PROCESS OF THE SHIFTS IN RESPONSIBILITIES, MR EASON SAID HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE LOOKING FOR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO PRESS PRIVATE SECTOR RESOURCES INTO GREATER USE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

HE CONCEDED THAT IT WAS AN ACTIVITY NOT WITHOUT ITS PITFALLS WITH REGARD TO THE STAFF MANAGEMENT AND STAFF RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS OF DOING ANYTHING ALONG THESE LINES.

HE SAID PEOPLE NATURALLY TENDED TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF CHANGE AND TO FEAR THE UNKNOWN ESPECIALLY.

THERE WAS A GHASTLY SPECTRE LABELLED 'PRIVATISATION' AT LARGE - WHICH CIVIL SERVANTS TENDED TO TRANSLATE AS 'DOING IT WITHOUT US', HE SAID.

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"AND I AND MY CONTEMPORARIES IN QUITE A FEW DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT BRANCHES, MUST BY NOW HAVE LEARNT THE LESSON THAT CHANGE IF IT IS TO BE INTRODUCED SUCCESSFULLY MUST BE FULLY JUSTIFIED, THOROUGHLY PLANNED, CAREFULLY EXPLAINED AND DISCUSSED, AND SENSITIVELY INTRODUCED.

"STAFF ARE NATURALLY CONCERNED AS TO WHETHER THEIR PRESENT JOBS AND THEIR FUTURE PROSPECTS WILL BE AFFECTED, AND IN MANY CASES AS TO WHETHER ADEQUATE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC ARE GOING TO BE MAINTAINED.

"IF THE CHANGE IS PROPERLY MANAGED, ADEQUATE ASSURANCES CAN BE GIVEN AND A TRUE PICTURE OF THE BENEFITS TO ALL CONCERNED CAN BE PAINTED," HE STRESSED.

ON BUILDING SAFETY, MR EASON SAID CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS HAD BEEN MADE TO RE-DIRECT BOO RESOURCES AND PRIORITIES TO THE TWIN PROBLEMS OF DECAYING BUILDINGS AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS APPENDAGES.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THEIR INTENTION WAS TO TRY AND AUGMENT AVAILABLE MANPOWER BY BRINGING MORE PRIVATE SECTOR EXPERTISE TO BEAR ON THE INSPECTION OR SURVEY OF BUILDINGS IN SUSPECT CONDITION.

HE ADDED THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN THE CAMPAIGN TO REMOVE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS APPENDAGES FROM THE OUTSIDE OF BUILDINGS, PARTICULARLY WHERE THESE OVERHUNG BUSY PEDESTRIAN PAVEMENTS.

"THE MOST NOTABLE AND HEARTENING FEATURE WHICH EMERGED IN THE INITIAL PHASE COVERING 30 BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT THE URBAN AREAS WAS THE HIGH LEVEL OF VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE WITH ORDERS TO REMOVE THINGS.

"OVER 4,000 UNAUTHORISED PROJECTIONS HAVE BEEN REMOVED, AND MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF THEM VOLUNTARILY," HE NOTED.

HE SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING THAT IN THE SECOND PHASE OF THE EXERCISE HIS DEPARTMENT PROPOSED TO USE A NON-STATUTORY ADVISORY APPROACH RATHER THAN THE MORE CUMBERSOME AND TIME AND RESOURCE-CONSUMING STATUTORY PROCESSES.

"WITHOUT WISHING TO OVERSTATE IT, I BELIEVE THE PUBLIC MOOD HAS CHANGED TO THE EXTENT THAT ACTION ON BOTH FRONTS IS WANTED AND WELCOMED AND IT IS OUR INTENTION TO MATCH THIS," HE SAID.

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'SELF CARE' APPROACH TO HEALTH PROBLEMS ADVOCATED

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MANY PREVAILING HEALTH PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG CAN BE PREVENTED AND AVOIDED THROUGH SELF CARE, SUCH AS ADOPTING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AND AVOIDING HEALTH RISKS.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR FELICE LIEH-MAK.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A "SELF CARE" EXHIBITION AT THE CITY HALL, SHE SAID SELF CARE, AS THE NAME IMPLIED, POINTS TO TAKING CARE OF OUR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SOCIAL HEALTH.

PROF LIEH-MAK SAID SELF CARE DID NOT LIMIT ITSELF TO THE TIME OF ILLNESS BUT RATHER BEFORE THE PROBLEM AROSE.

"IT IS GOOD SELF-CARE PRINCIPLE TO POSITIVELY PRACTISE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AND TO ABSTAIN FROM HABITS THAT HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO BE DAMAGING TO OUR HEALTH, SUCH AS SMOKING, DRUG ABUSE AND SEXUAL PROMISCUITY."

SHE EMPHASISED THAT HEALTH CARE RESOURCES COULD BE BETTER UTILISED IF PEOPLE POSSESSED THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF SELF CARE, WHICH ENABLED THEM TO DEAL WITH COMMON AILMENTS AT HOME.

EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, SAID PROMOTION OF GOOD HEALTH AND PREVENTION OF DISEASES FORMED THE BASIS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S AIM TO ACHIEVE "HEALTH FOR ALL" IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

HE SAID "SELF CARE" IS AMONG THE MANY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE.

DR LEE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT EVERYONE COULD PRACTISE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE, LEARN SKILLS OF PATIENT CARE AT HOME AND FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

TO PROMOTE SELF CARE, HE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT (CHEU) HAD EMBARKED ON VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE PRODUCTION OF NEW INFORMATIVE LITERATURES AND AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS, AND THE SETTING UP OF A 24-HOUR PRE-RECORDED TELEPHONE SERVICE.

OTHER EFFORTS INCLUDED THE STAGING OF EXHIBITIONS ON CHRONIC DISEASES AT GOVERNMENT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND THE ORGANISATION OF HEALTH TALKS FOR PATIENTS ATTENDING THESE CLINICS.

ORGANISED BY THE CHEU AS A CLIMAX TO THIS YEAR'S MAJOR CAMPAIGN ON SELF CARE, THE "SELF CARE" EXHIBITION CENTRES ON COMMON SICKNESS, SUCH AS RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTION, LOW BACK PAIN AND OTHER CHRONIC ILLNESSES SUCH AS HYPERTENSION, DIABETES MELLITUS AND SKIN PROBLEMS.

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IT ALSO FEATURES AUDIO-VISUAL SHOWS, VIVID ANATOMICAL MODELS AND COMPUTER GAMES.

WINNING ENTRIES IN A RECENTLY-HELD DESIGN CONTEST FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE ALSO ON DISPLAY.

IN ADDITION, OPPORTUNITIES ARE PROVIDED FOR VISITORS TO HAVE THEIR BLOOD PRESSURE MEASURED AND LUNG FUNCTION TESTED.

THE "SELF CARE" EXHIBITION WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10.30 AM TO 6.30 PM DAILY FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) UNTIL MONDAY (OCTOBER 28).

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MARINE DEPT ALERTS MASTERS AND COXSWAINS ON YACHT RACES

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT YACHT RACES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SOUTHWEST OF REPULSE BAY AND SOUTHEAST OF LAMMA ISLAND DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS FROM TODAY (FRIDAY) TO NOVEMBER 3.

SIXTY YACHTS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE.

MASTERS, COXSWAINS AND PERSONS-IN-CHARGE OF VESSELS NAVIGATING IN THE VICINITY ARE REQUESTED TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION, GIVING PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION TO THE CONTESTANTS.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972 IS MANDATORY.

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SEPTEMBER PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED

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RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO GROW SUBSTANTIALLY IN SEPTEMBER, WHILE DOMESTIC EXPORTS ALSO SHOWED SOME INCREASE. SUPPORTED BY THE RAPID GROWTH IN RE-EXPORTS, IMPORTS ROSE MARKEDLY.

THESE ARE SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER ROSE BY \$15,031 MILLION OR 42.8% OVER A YEAR EARLIER TO \$50,131 MILLION. THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER, AT \$20,526 MILLION, WAS \$1,001 MILLION OR 5.1% HIGHER.

/TAKING RE-EXPORTS

TAKING RE-EXPORTS AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$16,032 MILLION OR 29.3% OVER A YEAR EARLIER TO \$70,657 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY \$13,101 MILLION OR 24.3% TO \$66,953 MILLION.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS LARGER THAN THAT OF TOTAL IMPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$3,704 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 5.5% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN SEPTEMBER 1991. THE SURPLUS RECORDED IN SEPTEMBER 1990 WAS \$773 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 1.4% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS.

PUTTING THESE FIGURES IN PERSPECTIVE, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1991, AT \$378,956 MILLION, ROSE BY \$86,262 MILLION OR 29.5% OVER THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1990.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS GREW BY \$5,393 MILLION OR 3.3% TO \$166,993 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, AT \$545,949 MILLION, WAS THUS \$91,655 MILLION OR 20.2% HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF LAST YEAR.

MEANWHILE, IMPORTS GREW BY \$106,142 MILLION OR 23.3% TO \$562,011 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$16,062 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 2.9% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1991. THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$1,575 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 0.3% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1990.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN COMMENTED THAT THE GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER WAS A REVERSAL OF THE DECLINE RECORDED IN AUGUST.

RE-EXPORTS REMAINED ROBUST, LARGELY SUPPORTED BY THE SUSTAINED MARKED INCREASE IN RE-EXPORTS INVOLVING CHINA IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

AS RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO GROW FASTER THAN DOMESTIC EXPORTS, THEIR SHARE IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED FROM 64% IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1990 TO 69% IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1991.

MEANWHILE, IMPORTS RETAINED FOR VARIOUS DOMESTIC USES DECLINED MARGINALLY BY 0.6% IN VALUE TERMS IN SEPTEMBER 1991 OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

HOWEVER, FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1991 TAKEN TOGETHER, THERE WAS STILL A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF 15.2% IN RETAINED IMPORTS OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1991.

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MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$20,526	MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$50,131	MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$70,657	MILLION	
	IMPORTS	:	\$66,953	MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$3,704	MILLION	[IN SURPLUS]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	JUL 91 TO	JUL 90 TO	INCREASE	
	SEP 91	SEP 90	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	62,068	61,062	1,006	1.6
RE-EXPORTS	145,843	109,597	36,246	33.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	207,911	170,659	37,252	21.8
IMPORTS	202,790	164,036	38,754	23.6
TRADE BALANCE	5,121	6,623	-1,502	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	INCREASE	
	1991	1990	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	20,526	19,525	1,001	5.1
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(29.1%)	(35.7%)		
RE-EXPORTS	50,131	35,100	15,031	42.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	70,657	54,625	16,032	29.3
IMPORTS	66,953	53,852	13,101	24.3
TRADE BALANCE	3,704	773	2,931	

LAST MONTH	SEPTEMBER	AUGUST	INCREASE	
	1991	1991	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	20,526	20,364	162	0.8
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(29.1%)	(30.1%)		
RE-EXPORTS	50,131	47,205	2,926	6.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	70,657	67,569	3,088	4.6
IMPORTS	66,953	66,755	198	0.3
TRADE BALANCE	3,704	814	2,890	

CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-SEP	JAN-SEP	INCREASE	
	1991	1990	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	166,993	161,600	5,393	3.3
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(30.6%)	(35.6%)		
RE-EXPORTS	378,956	292,694	86,262	29.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	545,949	454,294	91,655	20.2
IMPORTS	562,011	455,869	106,142	23.3
TRADE BALANCE	-16,062	-1,575	-14,487	

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LAST 12 MONTHS	OCT 90 TO	OCT 89 TO	INCREASE	
	SEP 91	SEP 90	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	231,269	221,776	9,493	4.3
RE-EXPORTS	500,261	384,311	115,950	30.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	731,530	606,087	125,443	20.7
IMPORTS	748,673	598,419	150,254	25.1
TRADE BALANCE	-17,143	7,668	-24,811	

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BANKING LICENCE REVOKED

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THE BANKING LICENCE OF AMSTERDAM - ROTTERDAM BANK N.V. (AMRO) HAS BEEN REVOKED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AT THE REQUEST OF THE BANK, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"AMRO MERGED WITH ALGEMENE BANK NEDERLAND N.V. (ABN) ON SEPTEMBER 22. THE NEW ENTITY CREATED BY THE MERGER IS NAMED ABN AMRO BANK N.V. (ABN AMRO) AND IS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL PRIOR DEBTS AND OTHER LIABILITIES OF AMRO AND ABN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"AMRO AND ABN WERE GRANTED BANKING LICENCES TO OPERATE IN HONG KONG IN 1981 AND 1965 RESPECTIVELY.

"AFTER THE REVOCATION OF AMRO'S BANKING LICENCE, ABN AMRO WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY ON BANKING BUSINESS UNDER THE LICENCE PREVIOUSLY HELD BY ABN," HE SAID.

AFTER THE REVOCATION, THERE ARE 165 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG, OF WHICH 135 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

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VICE-CHAIRMAN OF CONSUMER COUNCIL APPOINTED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR JUSTEIN WONG CHUN AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 7 THIS YEAR TO OCTOBER 6, 1993.

MR WONG WAS FIRST APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL IN 1987, SINCE THEN HE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE COUNCIL'S VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS.

HE IS CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSUMER EDUCATION COMMITTEE, CONSUMER ADVICE CENTRE STEERING COMMITTEE, AND HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE.

THE APPOINTMENT NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

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TWO POLICE REGIONS TO SERVE KOWLOON

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THE DIVISION OF KOWLOON INTO TWO POLICE REGIONS SERVING EAST AND WEST OF THE AREA WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR WHEN THE NEW KOWLOON EAST REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS GOES OPERATIONAL AT ITS NEW HEADQUARTERS AT TSEUNG KWAN O.

THE NEWLY CREATED EASTERN KOWLOON REGION WILL SHARE ITS HEADQUARTERS WITH THE NEW TSEUNG KWAN O DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS WHICH WILL GO INTO ACTION AT THE SAME TIME.

ORIGINALLY PLANNED AS A SEPARATE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN SAU MAU PING, THE SHARING OF THE DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS AT TSEUNG KWAN O HAS BEEN ACHIEVED WITH THE SAVING OF \$200 MILLION.

THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS WILL OCCUPY FOUR FLOORS OF THE NEW BUILDING AT TSEUNG KWAN O AT AN ADDITIONAL COST OF LESS THAN \$5 MILLION.

THE NEW REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS WILL ACCOMMODATE THE REGIONAL COMMANDER AND HIS STAFF, OPERATIONS WING, ADMINISTRATION WING AND CRIME HEADQUARTERS. OTHER UNITS WILL BE LOCATED ELSEWHERE.

THE SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT OF TSEUNG KWAN O DIVISION AS A DISTRICT WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXPANSION OF TSEUNG KWAN O AS A NEW TOWN.

IN THE MEANTIME THE NEW DIVISION WILL FORM PART OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT.

MR ALAN NEWTON, STAFF OFFICER, SPECIAL DUTIES, IN CHARGE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM FOR THE NEW HEADQUARTERS, SAID: "THE GEOGRAPHICAL SPLIT OF KOWLOON EAST AND WEST HAS BEEN COMPLICATED BY THE SHIFT OF POPULATION TOWARDS THE EAST, WHILE CRIME REMAINS THE BIGGER PROBLEM IN THE WEST.

"AND RESITING THE NEW EAST REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS GAVE US A RACE AGAINST TIME TO ACHIEVE THE JANUARY 1 DEADLINE."

POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWN NOW, MR NEWTON SAID, WAS 100,000 AND WITH PART OF CLEARWATER BAY BEING ABSORBED BY TSEUNG KWAN O DIVISION THE POPULATION WOULD RISE TO 130,000. WHEN THE NEW TOWN WAS FULLY DEVELOPED POPULATION WOULD BE IN THE REGION OF HALF A MILLION.

"ALTHOUGH THE NEW BUILDING IS BUILT TO THE STANDARD DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS DESIGN IT IS UNIQUE IN HAVING THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS ALSO ACCOMMODATED," MR NEWTON SAID.

"THE EXTERNAL APPEARANCE IS QUITE DIFFERENT. THE STANDARD OF FINISH IS VERY GOOD AND A LOT OF WORK HAS BEEN PUT INTO IT BY THE ARCHITECT KELVIN BURNS."

MR BOB SONES, CHIEF STAFF INSPECTOR, BUILDINGS, IN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH, SAID: "THE BUILDING HAS A NUMBER OF INTERESTING FEATURES WHICH HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS OF THE SPECIFICATIONS AND THE ARCHITECT HAS DONE A VERY GOOD JOB.

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"THE AREA NOW BEING ALLOCATED FOR THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS HAD BEEN PLANNED AS BARRACK ACCOMMODATION.

"WHEN WE WERE FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF RELOCATING THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS STAFF AT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WERE ABLE TO COME UP WITH THE IDEA OF SHARING IT WITH THE NEW BUILDING AT TSEUNG KWAN O.

"THE SITING OF THE NEW BUILDING IS VERY GOOD. THERE IS A GOOD ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE LINKING KOWLOON EAST WITH THE REST OF KOWLOON AND HONG KONG ISLAND IN A MATTER OF MINUTES.

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TWO GOVT LOTS FOR SALE BY AUCTION
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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IN THE JADE BALLROOM OF HOTEL FURAMA KEMPINSKI IN CENTRAL NEXT MONTH.

THE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON NOVEMBER 19.

THE FIRST SITE IS LOCATED AT 19 HO MAN TIN HILL ROAD, KOWLOON.

IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,893 SQUARE METRES AND IS INTENDED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 10,510 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1995.

THE OTHER LOT IS LOCATED AT AREA 11, ON SUM STREET, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 8,220 SQUARE METRES, IT IS EARMARKED FOR GODOWN (EXCLUDING DANGEROUS GOODS GODOWN) AND PUBLIC LORRY PARK PURPOSES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 46,854 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1995.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALES PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

CONDITIONS OF SALE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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FLYOVER SYSTEM TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AT TSUEN TSING INTERCHANGE

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A FLYOVER SYSTEM OVER THE TSUEN TSING INTERCHANGE TO PROVIDE A LINK BETWEEN TEXACO ROAD AND TSING TSUEN ROAD; AND BETWEEN TEXACO ROAD AND TSUEN WAN ROAD IN A BID TO HELP RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE INTERCHANGE.

AT PRESENT, VEHICLES FROM TEXACO ROAD, TSUEN WAN ROAD AND TSING TSUEN ROAD AT THE INTERCHANGE HAVE TO MAKE USE OF THE AT-GRADE ROUNDABOUT TO GO TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DESTINATION.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE FLYOVER SYSTEM, VEHICLES TRAVELLING WESTBOUND FROM TSUEN WAN ROAD TO TEXACO ROAD; AND TRAVELLING BETWEEN TSING TSUEN ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED AWAY FROM THE ROUNDABOUT VIA THE FLYOVER SYSTEM.

TWO AT-GRADE SLIP ROADS ARE ALSO PROPOSED TO BE BUILT AT THE INTERCHANGE TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIVE LINKS BETWEEN TEXACO ROAD AND TSUEN WAN ROAD; AND BETWEEN TSING TSUEN ROAD AND TSUEN WAN ROAD.

THE PROPOSED WORKS ALSO INCLUDE THE WIDENING OF A SECTION OF THE EXISTING TEXACO ROAD NEAR TSUEN TSING INTERCHANGE; AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING CARRIAGEWAYS WITHIN THE INTERCHANGE AREA.

THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLANS AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN; AND
- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 17, 1991, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

TENDERS INVITED FOR CHOI HA ROAD NORTHERN EXTENSION

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CHOI HA ROAD NORTHERN EXTENSION IN NGAU TAU KOK.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT CHOI HA ROAD IS A CUL-DE-SAC, AND ITS ONLY EXIT IS TO JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD AND THENCE TO NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.

THE PROPOSED NORTHERN EXTENSION OF CHOI HA ROAD WILL LINK CHOI WAN ROAD TO JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD.

IT WILL SERVE AS AN ALTERNATIVE PARALLEL ROUTE TO THE HEAVILY CONGESTED NAGU TAU KOK ROAD THEREBY IMPROVING THE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN DECEMBER 1993.

THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE ROADWORKS AND RETAINING WALLS. THE PROJECT IS JOINTLY DESIGNED BY THE HIGHWAYS AND CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

A TENDER NOTICE ON THE PROJECT WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

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RECLAMATION AT TSING CHAU WAN, LANTAU

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO UNDERTAKE DREDGING OF SEABED, CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALLS, PILING AND RECLAMATION WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 10.05 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TSING CHAU WAN, LANTAU ISLAND.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SHIPYARD.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 24 NEXT YEAR.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR PORT WORKS

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS TO SEAWALLS, PIERS AND OTHER PORT WORKS FOR 1992 TO 1993.

THE WORKS INCLUDE DREDGING AND MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF SEAWALLS, PIERS AND OTHER MARINE STRUCTURES TOGETHER WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MINOR MARINE WORKS.

THE WORKS WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD COVERS 24 MONTHS STARTING FROM JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 15.

FORM OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PORT WORKS DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, CIVIL ENGINEERING BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CLINIC, OPEN SPACE

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN URBAN CLINIC AT AREA 44, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN APRIL 1993.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-STOREY BUILDING WHICH COMPRISES A GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC, A FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE CENTRE AND A REGIONAL STORE TO BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE CONSULTATION ROOMS, TREATMENT ROOMS, MINOR SURGERY, COMPREHENSIVE OBSERVATION ROOM, DEMONSTRATION AND EXHIBITION ROOMS.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OPEN SPACE AT THE JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE TWO PROJECTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 15.

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EMPLOYER FINED FOR NOT PAYING COMPENSATION

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EMPLOYERS MAY FACE HEAVY FINES FOR NOT MAKING PERIODICAL PAYMENT WITHIN A TIME LIMIT TO EMPLOYEES INJURED AT WORK.

THE REMINDER BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT CAME IN THE WAKE OF A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH AN EMPLOYER WAS CONVICTED OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

THE NIN HING ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING LTD WAS FINED \$6,000 BY A WESTERN MAGISTRATE FOR NOT PAYING AN INJURED EMPLOYEE HIS ENTITLED COMPENSATION FOR TEMPORARY INCAPACITY CAUSED BY A WORK ACCIDENT WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD AFTER THE ISSUE OF A CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW OF COMPENSATION ASSESSMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE ORDINANCE, AN INJURED EMPLOYEE IS ENTITLED TO PERIODICAL PAYMENT DURING HIS PERIOD OF TEMPORARY INCAPACITY AT A RATE OF TWO-THIRDS OF HIS MONTHLY EARNINGS, AND THE PAYMENTS ARE PAYABLE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE EMPLOYEES' NORMAL PAY DAYS.

WHERE AN EMPLOYER OBJECTS TO THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PAYABLE, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A CERTIFICATE TO BOTH THE EMPLOYER AND THE EMPLOYEE STATING THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION AND REQUIRING PAYMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN 21 DAYS.

ANY EMPLOYER FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

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ANTI-DRUG DISPLAYS AT EXHIBITION FOR WORKERS

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DISPLAYS TO ADVISE WORKERS ON THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE WILL BE SET UP AT THE THREE-DAY OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK EXHIBITION WHICH BEGINS TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, WHICH PUT UP THE DISPLAYS, SAID: "THROUGH A SET OF SPECIALLY ADOPTED PANELS, WE HOPE TO ALERT WORKERS OF THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO SAY 'YES' TO LIFE.

"WE WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT ABUSE OF DRUGS WILL DAMPEN THEIR WORK INTEREST WHICH WILL GRADUALLY LEAD TO FREQUENT ABSENCE FROM WORK.

"THEY WILL PROBABLY LOSE THEIR JOB IF THEIR EMPLOYERS KNOW ABOUT THE HABIT.

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"TO THOSE WORKERS WHO OFTEN NEED TO OPERATE MACHINERY, THE CONSEQUENCE CAN EVEN BE FATAL AS DRUG ABUSE CAUSES DISORIENTED BEHAVIOUR AND IMPAIRMENT OF JUDGEMENT AND ONE'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN ATTENTION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APART FROM THE PANEL DISPLAYS, A NEWLY-PUBLISHED COMIC BOOK WHICH IS ALSO TARGETTED AT WORKERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE EXHIBITION TO DISSEMINATE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES.

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ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT TO FIRST SCHOOL DRAMA FESTIVAL

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG SCHOOL DRAMA FESTIVAL MARKS ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE PROMOTION OF DRAMA IN SCHOOLS AS AN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE FESTIVAL, MR LI DESCRIBED DRAMA AS "A GOOD TEACHING TOOL AND A VALUABLE ARTISTIC EVENT IN SCHOOLS" TO DEVELOP STUDENTS' CREATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE EXPRESSION AND LANGUAGE SKILLS.

HE SAID THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS, THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE PROFESSIONALS AND THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM SPONSORS HAD ALL CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DRAMA.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, HAD BEEN ACTIVELY PROMOTING DRAMA ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS SINCE 1986 AND PROJECTS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE WERE HELD IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

A TOTAL OF 112 SCHOOLS HAVE APPLIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL EACH BE GIVEN A PRODUCTION SUBSIDY RANGING FROM \$800 TO \$1,000.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, MR CHEUNG NIM-PING, PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR \$500,000 TO MR LI AS A DONATION TO THE FESTIVAL.

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TUEN MUN TO HOLD FIRST SPORTS FESTIVAL

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT WILL HOLD ITS FIRST SPORTS FESTIVAL NEXT MONTH.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER LEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE \$1 MILLION FESTIVAL WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON NOVEMBER 3 AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND. THE 40-DAY FESTIVAL WILL LAST UNTIL DECEMBER 7.

"I HOPE THAT THROUGH THE SERIES OF EXCITING SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, SPORTS COULD BE FURTHER PROMOTED IN THE DISTRICT, AND THROUGH PARTICIPATION, OUR YOUTHS WILL BE WELL TRAINED BOTH IN BODY AND IN MIND," HE SAID.

THERE WILL BE 14 ACTIVITIES IN THIS YEAR'S TUEN MUN SPORTS FESTIVAL WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

BESIDES BALL GAMES AND TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS, ACTIVITIES SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS WILL ALSO BE HELD. THESE INCLUDE A TENNIS AND SQUASH FUN DAY FOR CHILDREN, AN AEROBIC DANCE COMPETITION FOR THE ELDERLY, AND A TELEMATCH FOR THE DISABLED.

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE THE HONG KONG BADMINTON TOURNAMENT AND THE SICHUAN SKILL CALLISTHENICS, AND HARD GIGONG SHOW.

THOSE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN THE ACTIVITIES SHOULD CONTACT THE TUEN MUN SPORTS ASSOCIATION ON TEL. 459 6336.

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KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN VARIETY SHOW IN TSUEN WAN

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A VARIETY SHOW TO LAUNCH THIS YEAR'S TSUEN WAN KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 27) AFTERNOON AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

AT THE VENUE, A HUGE INFLATABLE PENGUIN TRAMPOLINE AND "FUN BUS" RIDES WILL BE ARRANGED FOR CHILDREN.

A BRAND-NEW REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLE WILL ALSO BE A FEATURE OF THE SHOW.

MEANWHILE, THE "DRAGON OF CLEANLINESS" WILL DISTRIBUTE SOUVENIRS TO PARTICIPANTS.

ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND YOUNG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, AND REGIONAL COUNCIL TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU CHUN-WING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 27) AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND, TSUEN WAN.

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HOME SAFETY SEMINAR FOR MONG KOK RESIDENTS

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MONG KOK RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ON HOME SAFETY ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 27).

THE SEMINAR, ADMISSION TO WHICH IS FREE, WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM AT THE MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE AT 45 FUK TSUN STREET, TAI KOK TSUI.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

"THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR IS TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HOME SAFETY.

"THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL INCLUDE FIRST AID, AND CRIME AND FIRE PREVENTIVE MEASURES," A DFCC SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE POLICE KOWLOON REGIONAL CRIME PREVENTION UNIT (MONG KOK), MR LEUNG HAK-WUN; A SENIOR STATION OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU, MR WONG KWONG-CHI; AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION AND BRIGADE, MR YEUNG TZE-CHEONG.

OFFICIATING AT THE SEMINAR'S OPENING WILL BE THE ASSISTANT MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VINCENT FUNG; POLICE MONG KOK ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMANDER (OPERATIONS), MR CHUNG HIU-PANG; AND THE MONG KOK DFCC CHAIRMAN, MRS TAM CHEUNG KIT-YING.

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EASTERN CLEAN HK FORTNIGHT TO START

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT'S CLEAN HONG KONG FORTNIGHT WILL START WITH A PROMOTION EXERCISE IN THE ALDRICH BAY TYPHOON SHELTER ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 27).

EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL TOUR THE TYPHOON SHELTER ON BOARD MOTORISED SAMPANS AND DISTRIBUTE SOUVENIRS TO BOAT DWELLERS TO REMIND THEM TO KEEP THE HARBOUR CLEAN.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT THE CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER AND THE CHAI WAN CARGO HANDLING BASIN.

TAKING PART IN THE TOUR WILL BE THE DB CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, AND MEMBERS MR MAN SAI-CHEONG, MS CHRISTINA TING, MR ALEXANDER FU AND MR HO SIU-CHAM.

THEY WILL BE JOINED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY, AND OFFICIALS OF THE URBAN SERVICES, MARINE, HOUSING, AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENTS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE SAMPAN TOUR ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 27) SHOULD ASSEMBLE BEFORE 10.30 AM AT THE SHAU KEI WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET LOCATED AT THE END OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST.

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NEW PLB (SCHEDULED) ROUTE ON HK ISLAND

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A NEW PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (SCHEDULED) ROUTE 39M ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL COMMENCE OPERATION FROM SUNDAY (OCTOBER 27) TO SERVE BETWEEN YUE ON COURT (AP LEI CHAU) AND TIN HAU MTR STATION.

ITS OPERATING HOURS WILL BE FROM 6.30 AM TO 11.45 PM. THE FARE WILL BE \$5 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN NOVEMBER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 21 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE -----	TIME -----
NOVEMBER 1 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 4 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 5 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 6 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 7 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 8 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 11 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 12 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 13 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 14 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 15 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 18 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 19 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 20 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 21 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 22 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 25 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 26 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 27 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 28 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 10 PM
NOVEMBER 29 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	DATE ----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	24.10.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	25.10.91	+10
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-10
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	25.10.91	24.10.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	3.96 PCT	3.95 PCT
1 MONTH	4.23 PCT	4.27 PCT
3 MONTHS	4.47 PCT	4.55 PCT
6 MONTHS	5.03 PCT	5.16 PCT
12 MONTHS	5.95 PCT	6.10 PCT
TOTAL TURNOVER	3,430 MN	4,185 MN

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