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HK'S EXTERNAL TRADE PERFORMANCE IN DECEMBER, AND 1988

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN DECEMBER 1988, AT \$99,483 MILLION, GREW BY 30 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1987, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1988 RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT TO \$21,175 MILLION IN DECEMBER 1988, WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 48 PER CENT TO \$28,121 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN DECEMBER 1988 TO \$49,296 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 30 PER CENT OVER DECEMBER 1987. OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 29 PER CENT TO \$50,186 MILLION.

COMPARING DECEMBER 1988 WITH DECEMBER 1987, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN (+42 PER CENT), CHINA (+23 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+17 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+16 PER CENT) AND AUSTRALIA (+12 PER CENT). THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ALSO INCREASED, BOTH BY 9 PER CENT.

IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN DECEMBER 1988 OVER DECEMBER 1987, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM ITALY (+41 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+39 PER CENT), CHINA (+36 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+35 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (+33 PER CENT). THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. INCREASED BY ONLY 1 PER CENT.

RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A., THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, BY 75 PER CENT, 63 PER CENT AND 61 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN, JAPAN, CHINA AND AUSTRALIA ALSO INCREASED, BY 54 PER CENT, 51 PER CENT, 49 PER CENT AND 47 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN THE YEAR 1988, AT \$991,867 MILLION, INCREASED BY 31 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE YEAR 1987.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT TO \$217,664 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 51 PER CENT TO \$275,405 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 30 PER CENT TO \$493,069 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT TO \$498,798 MILLION.

A MERCHANDISE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$5,729 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 1.1 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN 1988, COMPARED WITH A SMALL SURPLUS OF \$87 MILLION (OR 0.02 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS) IN 1987.

COMPARING THE YEAR 1988 WITH THE YEAR 1987, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS.

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THE MARKETS WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED CHINA (+36 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+35 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (+22 PER CENT), JAPAN (+21 PER CENT) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+20 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A., HONG KONG'S LARGEST DOMESTIC EXPORT MARKET, INCREASED BY LESS THAN 1 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

IMPORTS IN THE YEAR 1988 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE YEAR 1987. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+55 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+33 PER CENT), CHINA (+33 PER CENT), ITALY (+31 PER CENT), JAPAN (+29 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+29 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+28 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (+28 PER CENT).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 78 PER CENT. NOTABLE INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (+58 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+56 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+53 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+52 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+50 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (+46 PER CENT).

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN DECEMBER 1988 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY MARCH.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING THE YEAR 1988 WITH THE YEAR 1987, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE RECORDED IN MOST MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE MORE NOTABLE ONES WERE OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$4,524 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$3,671 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2,997 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,446 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING INCREASED BY \$1,988 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$454 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT); AND TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$190 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT).

TABLE 2 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING THE YEAR 1988 WITH THE YEAR 1987, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES IN IMPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$17,529 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$11,159 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$9,209 MILLION OR 84 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$7,424 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT).

IMPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$5,653 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$614 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); AND RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$251 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING THE YEAR 1988 WITH THE YEAR 1987, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$12,705 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$10,444 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$7,903 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$6,418 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$6,043 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$107 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT); AND EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNIC PRODUCTS (BY \$34 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE DECEMBER 1988 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE ON SALE AROUND FEBRUARY 15 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN DECEMBER 1988 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN END-FEBRUARY AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	DEC 88 OVER DEC 87 ( % )	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 88 OVER JAN-DEC 87 ( % )
U.S.A.	7,189	+ 17	72,884	*
CHINA	3,628	+ 23	38,043	+ 36
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,764	+ 9	16,157	+ 9
U.K.	1,604	+ 9	15,524	+ 20
JAPAN	1,124	+ 42	11,435	+ 21
CANADA	622	+ 4	5,984	+ 6
SINGAPORE	485	+ 16	5,223	+ 35
NETHERLANDS	510	- 4	4,918	+ 22
FRANCE	392	- 4	4,185	+ 10
AUSTRALIA	407	+ 12	4,172	+ 13

\* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%.

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	DEC 88 OVER DEC 87 ( % )	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 88 OVER JAN-DEC 87 ( % )
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7,669	+ 16	67,309	+ 3
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,337	- 2	29,911	*
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,840	+ 22	19,317	+ 23

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ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,495	+ 15	17,498	+ 21
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,513	+ 10	17,319	+ 16
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,479	- 5	15,551	- 3

\* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%.

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	DEC 88 OVER DEC 87 ( % )	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 88 OVER JAN-DEC 87 ( % )
CHINA	16,516	+ 36	155,634	+ 33
JAPAN	9,760	+ 33	93,008	+ 29
TAIWAN	4,490	+ 39	44,357	+ 33
U.S.A.	3,739	+ 1	41,347	+ 28
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,666	+ 35	26,257	+ 55
SINGAPORE	1,690	+ 27	18,462	+ 29
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,279	+ 20	13,055	+ 28
U.K.	1,181	+ 1	12,922	+ 10
SWITZERLAND	816	+ 4	9,130	+ 24
ITALY	761	+ 41	8,056	+ 31

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TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	DEC 88 OVER DEC 87 (%)	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 88 OVER JAN-DEC 87 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6,281	+ 19	62,969	+ 10
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	5,155	+ 39	52,575	+ 50
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,617	+ 65	32,871	+ 51
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,358	+ 39	32,022	+ 23
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,634	+ 26	28,747	+ 35
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	3,001	+ 36	27,467	+ 32

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	DEC 88 OVER DEC 87 (%)	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 88 OVER JAN-DEC 87 (%)
CHINA	10,343	+ 49	94,895	+ 58
U.S.A.	4,925	+ 75	49,483	+ 52
JAPAN	1,674	+ 51	17,418	+ 78
TAIWAN	1,484	+ 54	14,130	+ 46
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	989	+ 14	11,764	+ 31

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SINGAPORE	859	+ 27	8,703	+ 34
F.R. OF GERMANY	981	+ 63	8,637	+ 56
U.K.	630	+ 61	6,420	+ 50
AUSTRALIA	494	+ 47	4,459	+ 53
MACAU	329	+ 1	3,899	+ 17

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	DEC 88 OVER DEC 87 ( % )	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 88 OVER JAN-DEC 87 ( % )
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,350	+ 24	34,375	+ 21
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,887	+ 68	28,661	+ 80
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,475	+ 52	28,328	+ 58
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	2,529	+ 57	24,697	+ 35
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,297	+ 94	19,858	+ 66
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,152	+ 45	10,597	+ 30

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RECORD PARTICIPATION IN CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME

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THE SIX-YEAR-OLD "CLEAN AND GREEN" SCHEME TO CONSERVE THE COUNTRYSIDE AGAIN PROVED SUCCESSFUL LAST YEAR WITH A RECORD NUMBER OF 11,425 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN IT.

ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION PROGRAMME BEGAN IN 1983 WITH AROUND 5,000 PARTICIPANTS.

PARTICIPATION HAS SINCE GROWN FROM 7,484 IN 1986 TO 10,460 IN 1987.

THE LATEST FIGURE WAS RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTING SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER, MR MARTIN LEUNG, AT A PICNIC HELD FOR 500 PARTICIPANTS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, AT THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK.

THEY INCLUDED 250 WINNERS IN THE CLEAN AND GREEN QUIZ ORGANISED IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

THE SCHEME LAST YEAR ALSO INVOLVED OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS A TERRITORY-WIDE PHOTO COMPETITION, TREE TENDING AND LITTER COLLECTION EXPEDITIONS IN COUNTRY PARKS.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME INCLUDES VARIOUS OUTDOOR EXERCISES INCLUDING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE FIGHTING, BALANCE BEAM WALKING AND GUESSING THE WEIGHT OF A LOG, AS WELL AS LANTERN RIDDLES. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED.

"WE ARE INDEED VERY PLEASED WITH THE VERY GOOD RESPONSE WHICH IS INDICATIVE OF THE GROWING PUBLIC INTEREST IN COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION," MR LEUNG SAID.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS SPARED NO EFFORT IN CONSERVING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR MORE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO REALISE THAT IT IS THEIR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO SHARE THE WORK OF KEEPING OUR COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN AND GREEN," HE ADDED.

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MEDIA URGED TO REFLECT MORE PUBLIC VIEWS

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED THE MASS MEDIA TO ACCORD MORE COVERAGE AND AIR TIME TO THE PUBLIC SO THAT PEOPLE COULD VOICE THEIR VIEWS AND CONTRIBUTE TO HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT.

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE COMMENCEMENT OF A SERIES OF CONCERN VISITS TO HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY ORGANISED BY THE ORIENTAL DAILY NEWS CHARITABLE FUND ASSOCIATION.

MRS WONG NOTED THAT SINCE THE LATE 1960'S, WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVING AND EXPANDING AND THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALSO LAUNCHED A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE THEM.

NEVERTHELESS, SUPPORT FROM THE MASS MEDIA WAS NEEDED TO WIDELY PUBLICISE THESE SERVICES SO THAT RESIDENTS IN NEED WOULD UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHTS AND THE CHANNELS FOR GETTING ASSISTANCE, SHE SAID.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT AS SOCIETY DEVELOPED, MORE IMPORTANCE HAD BEEN ATTACHED TO NEWS REPORTS ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND THE MASS MEDIA HAD CARRIED MORE IN-DEPTH REPORTS ON AFFAIRS WHICH HAD A BEARING ON RESIDENTS' LIVELIHOOD.

IN RECENT YEARS, MANY PRINTED AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA HAD STARTED SOCIAL SERVICE PAGES, HOTLINES AND ENQUIRY SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC TO VOICE THEIR VIEWS. SOME EVEN SET UP CHARITABLE FUNDS TO HELP RESIDENTS IN NEED, SHE SAID.

ALSO, SOME MEDIA PUBLISHED INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS ON VARIOUS OVER-LOOKED ISSUES SO THAT THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED COULD TAKE TIMELY ACTION TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS, SHE ADDED.

"WHILE RESIDENTS ARE AWARE OF THE INFLUENCE OF THE MASS MEDIA, THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THEIR COMMENTS AND REPORTS.

"IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO GIVE PROMPT RESPONSE TO MEDIA COMMENTS WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND THESE VIEWS WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN DRAWING UP POLICIES.

"IN FACT, MANY GOVERNMENT POLICIES HAVE BEEN AMENDED FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS FROM THE MASS MEDIA," SHE ADDED.

MRS WONG COMMENDED THE ORIENTAL DAILY NEWS CHARITABLE FUND ASSOCIATION FOR HAVING HELPED NUMEROUS RESIDENTS WHO WERE IN URGENT NEED.

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WAN CHAI HOLDS FIGHT CRIME, ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL  
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WAN CHAI RESIDENTS WERE URGED TO HELP COMBAT CRIME AND DRUGS AT THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE CARNIVAL WAS ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEMS OF CRIME AND NARCOTICS.

SPEAKING AT THE EVENT, THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN, NOTED THAT THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CRIME SITUATION IN WAN CHAI.

IT WAS ORGANISING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE YEAR TO REMIND RESIDENTS TO ASSIST THE POLICE IN STAMPING OUT CRIME.

MR MANN SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD ARRANGE A SERIES OF ANTI-NARCOTICS FUNCTIONS WITH ACAN THIS YEAR TO WARN RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE, OF THE HARM THAT DRUGS CAUSE.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE CARNIVAL WHICH INCLUDED A LION DANCE, CHINESE OPERATIC SONGS, GAME STALLS, LUCKY DRAWS, AND PERFORMANCES BY WELL KNOWN ENTERTAINERS.

ALSO PRESENT WERE THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR MICHAEL PREW; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND MEMBER OF ACAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHENG HOK-YIN.

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TAI PO ELDERLY TREATED TO 'YAN YAT' PARTY  
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ABOUT 1,600 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN TAI PO ENJOYED A HAPPY "YAN YAT" (EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY) PARTY AT TWO RESTAURANTS IN TAI PO MARKET THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE PARTY WAS ORGANISED BY THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL'S ELDERLY PARTY ORGANISING COMMITTEE AS PART OF THE FESTIVAL.

THE PARTICIPANTS WERE AGED 73 OR ABOVE AND COMPRISED ABOUT 400 MEN AND 1,200 WOMEN. ALL OF THEM RECEIVED LAI-SEE PACKETS FROM A LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADER, MR TANG YEUK-FAN.

GOLD MEDALS WERE PRESENTED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT, TO THE FIVE OLDEST PERSONS ATTENDING THE PARTY. THEY ARE 97-YEAR-OLD MADAM YU KOON-LEUNG MR CHAN KAM AND MADAM LAW NGOR, AND 96-YEAR-OLD MADAM YU HUNG-CHIU AND MADAM LUI TAI.

VOLUNTEERS FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WERE PRESENT TO ASSIST THE ELDERLY AT THE FUNCTION.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FLUSH WATER SUPPLY  
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THE PROBLEM OF INTERRUPTION OF FLUSH WATER SUPPLY TO CHOI HUNG ESTATE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 14).

THE PROBLEM WAS NOT SEVERE IN THE PAST BUT HAS WORSENERD SINCE DECEMBER LAST YEAR WHEN HOUSEHOLDS OF CHI MEI HOUSE IN THE ESTATE HAD THEIR FLUSH WATER SUPPLY SUSPENDED FOR OVER A MONTH.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TOTALLING \$52,820 FOR CARRYING OUT BEAUTIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE THE PLANTING OF SHRUBS IN SITTING-OUT AREAS IN TSZ WAN SHAN AND FUNG WONG SAN TSUEN; REFURBISHING OF SITTING-OUT AREAS IN SHEUNG FUNG STREET, JAT'S INCLINE, TUNG TAU ESTATE, CHOI HUNG ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND THE OLD LOK FU BUS TERMINUS; AND WHITE-WASHING OF SIDE LANES AND BACK LANES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN SAN PO KONG.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS ON STREET MANAGEMENT AND MINOR WORKS PROJECTS AS WELL AS A STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE AND COMMITMENT OF THE COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 14) WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

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MORE DISABLED OFFERED EMPLOYMENT  
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LOCAL EMPLOYERS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE WORKING ABILITIES OF THE DISABLED AND ARE MORE WILLING TO TAKE ON DISABLED WORKERS IN THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE YEAR 1988 SAW A CONTINUED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DISABLED PERSONS BOTH SEEKING AND BEING OFFERED EMPLOYMENT THROUGH THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

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WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DIVISION'S PLACEMENT OFFICERS, 1,126 DISABLED PERSONS WERE SUCCESSFULLY PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT LAST YEAR, COMPARED WITH 1,030 PERSONS IN 1987.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NUMBER OF DISABLED JOB-SEEKERS REGISTERED AT THE DIVISION ALSO INCREASED BY 3.7 PER CENT FROM 1,903 TO 1,974 DURING THE PERIOD.

"AMONG THOSE PLACED, 310 WERE EX-MENTALLY ILL AND 181 MENTALLY RETARDED, REPRESENTING A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF ABOUT 60 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY AS COMPARED WITH THE 1987 FIGURES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE SPECTACULAR GROWTH IS A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE INCREASING ACCEPTANCE BY EMPLOYERS OF THE MENTALLY DISABLED AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON DISABLED WORKERS ESPECIALLY IN TIMES OF A TIGHT LABOUR MARKET."

THE GOOD PROGRESS MADE IN EMPLOYMENT FOR DISABLED PERSONS IN THE PAST YEARS CAN ALSO BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE ONGOING PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS MADE BY THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION.

APART FROM SOME 1,000 VISITS BY PLACEMENT OFFICERS TO PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS TO FIND SUITABLE JOB VACANCIES FOR THE DISABLED LAST YEAR, THE DIVISION ALSO ARRANGED TALKS TO EMPLOYERS, DISABLED STUDENTS/TRAINEES, THEIR PARENTS AND STAFF OF REHABILITATION ORGANISATIONS TO PUBLICISE ITS WORK AND TO REMOVE ANY MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE DISABLED'S WORKING ABILITIES.

OTHER PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS INCLUDED AN ANNUAL SOUVENIR PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR EMPLOYERS TAKING ON THE LARGEST NUMBER OF DISABLED WORKERS AND AN EXHIBITION ON THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED.

IN ADDITION, THE DIVISION ALSO COLLABORATED WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN HOLDING SIMILAR EXHIBITIONS OR OPEN DAYS AND LAUNCHED A SPECIAL CAMPAIGN LAST APRIL TO IDENTIFY THE POTENTIALS OF THE HOTEL INDUSTRY FOR DISABLED EMPLOYEES.

EFFORTS WERE ALSO MADE TO ADVISE THE PARENTS OF DISABLED CHILDREN ON CORRECT ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE ABILITIES OF THEIR CHILDREN IN OPEN EMPLOYMENT AND RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THE THE LABOUR MARKET.

THE DIVISION, MOREOVER, MADE USE OF TELEVISION ANNOUNCEMENTS, POSTERS, LEAFLETS AND NEWSLETTERS TO FURTHER ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE WORKING ABILITIES OF THE DISABLED AND THE WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES IT PROVIDED.

AS PART OF ITS CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO UPGRADE THE SERVICES, THE DIVISION'S BRANCH OFFICES IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE SINCE JANUARY LAST YEAR EXTENDED THEIR SERVICES TO BOTH THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED JOB-SEEKERS.

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'MELODIES GALA' TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR

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HUNDREDS OF KWUN TONG RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO AN AFTERNOON OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AT THE "KWUN TONG MELODIES GALA" NEXT SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 19) AFTERNOON.

THE CONCERT, ORGANISED TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AT THE LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN NGAU TAU KOK.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE SOLO AND CHORAL SINGING BY CHILDREN, RENDITIONS OF POPULAR SONGS, AND INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCES.

THE CONCERT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, WITH SPONSORSHIP BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

FREE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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1,000 YOUNG MUSICIANS TO PERFORM AT GALA

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MORE THAN 1,000 TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL PERFORM TOGETHER AT A CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN WAN CHAI NEXT SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 19).

THE 1989 ANNUAL GALA WILL BE THE CULMINATION OF A REVIEW OF THE TRAINEES' ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST YEAR UNDER THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME RUN BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

THE HIGHLIGHT WILL BE A GRAND COMBINED PERFORMANCE BY THE 1,000-STRONG ORCHESTRA COMPRISING STRING, WOODWIND AND BRASS PLAYERS AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE COMBINED YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE DESCRIBED THIS AS THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR THAT BOTH WESTERN AND CHINESE INSTRUMENTALISTS HAD COMBINED TO PRESENT SUCH A LARGE-SCALE PERFORMANCE.

"IT IS A CHALLENGE FOR THE TRAINEES WHO HAVE BEEN REHEARSING HARD DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS FOR THIS GALA PERFORMANCE WITH A DIFFERENCE," HE ADDED.

UNDER THE BATON OF THE ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, MR THOMAS WANG, THE 1,000 TRAINEES, WHOSE AGES RANGE FROM SEVEN TO 26, WILL PLAY PIECES INCLUDING "DANCE OF THE YAO" AND THE "MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS" THEME SONG.

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SIMILAR IN STYLE TO A SCHOOL "GRADUATION" CEREMONY, THE ANNUAL GALA IS ONE OF THE MAJOR MUSICAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE TO PROVIDE ITS TRAINEES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM BEFORE THEIR PARENTS IN PUBLIC.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WHEN PARENTS WATCHED THEIR CHILDREN PERFORM ON STAGE, AND PARTICULARLY BEFORE A LARGE AUDIENCE, THEY WOULD FEEL PROUD OF THE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE YOUNGSTERS.

"IT IS A SATISFYING FEELING YOU HAVE TO EXPERIENCE FOR YOURSELF," HE ADDED.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, MR JOHN HOSIER, WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN WHICH OUTSTANDING TRAINEES, ORCHESTRAL, CHOIR AND BAND MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF MERIT OR AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL GALA, AT \$10 EACH, ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT ALL URBOTIX OUTLETS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 5-8235314.

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#### 19 RAINY DAYS IN JANUARY

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ALTHOUGH IT RAINED ON 19 DAYS IN JANUARY, THE RAINFALL AMOUNTED TO ONLY 23.9 MILLIMETRES, ACCORDING TO A REPORT RELEASED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY (SUNDAY).

THIS COMPARES WITH THE NORMAL RAINFALL AMOUNT OF 26.9 MILLIMETRES FOR JANUARY.

THE LARGE NUMBER OF RAINY DAYS WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE BELOW-NORMAL AMOUNT OF TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE, WHICH WAS ONLY 84.9 HOURS AND RANKS AS THE 10TH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR JANUARY.

THE WEATHER WAS MAINLY CLOUDY FOR THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF JANUARY.

IN THE EVENING OF JANUARY 4, WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST, BRINGING OVERCAST SKIES AND OCCASIONAL LIGHT RAIN. WINDS ALSO BECAME FRESH TO STRONG THE NEXT MORNING. A BILLBOARD IN NGAU TAU KOK FELL DOWN, INJURING A PEDESTRIAN.

AS THE EASTERLIES WEAKENED ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 6, RAIN STOPPED BUT THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY.

RELATIVELY WARM AND MOIST SOUTHEASTERLY WINDS BROUGHT MISTY CONDITIONS TO THE TERRITORY ON JANUARY 7. IT WAS FOGGY THE NEXT DAY AND THE VISIBILITY AT WAGLAN ISLAND AND THE HARBOUR REGION WAS REDUCED TO 100 AND 600 METRES RESPECTIVELY.

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BECAUSE OF FOGGY CONDITIONS, MANY HONG KONG-MACAU FERRIES WERE EITHER DELAYED OR CANCELLED. THREE OUTGOING FLIGHTS WERE ALSO DELAYED.

THE APPROACH OF A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE FROM THE NORTH BROUGHT OVERCAST SKIES AND LIGHT RAIN ON JANUARY 9. THESE CONDITIONS PREVAILED UNTIL JANUARY 11 WHEN THE SKY GRADUALLY CLEARED.

HOWEVER, RAINY WEATHER RETURNED EARLY ON JANUARY 12 AS A COLD FRONT REACHED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST. THE INTRUSION OF COLD AIR FROM THE NORTH COUPLED WITH OCCASIONAL LIGHT RAIN RESULTED IN TEMPERATURES FALLING CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

BY THE MORNING OF JANUARY 14, THE TEMPERATURE HAD FALLEN TO A MINIMUM OF 7.6 DEGREES WHICH WAS THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH. TEMPERATURES OVER THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE EVEN LOWER.

COLD AND CLOUDY WEATHER LASTED UNTIL JANUARY 17 WHEN THE WINDS TURNED EASTERLY. THE SKY THEN CLEARED DURING THE DAY BUT BECAME CLOUDY WITH SOME LIGHT RAIN PATCHES AT NIGHT. THESE ALTERNATE FINE AND CLOUDY CONDITIONS CONTINUED FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

FRESHENING OF WINDS FROM THE EAST EARLY ON JANUARY 21 BROUGHT BACK OVERCAST AND RAINY WEATHER.

THEN A SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON FROM THE NORTH IN THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 22 BROUGHT COLD AND MUCH DRIER AIR TO SOUTH CHINA AND THE SKY TURNED CLEAR.

FINE WEATHER PERSISTED UNTIL JANUARY 24 WHEN A SLIGHT STRENGTHENING OF THE EASTERLIES BROUGHT GENERALLY CLOUDY CONDITIONS TO THE TERRITORY. OCCASIONAL LIGHT RAIN ALSO OCCURRED DURING THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

OVERNIGHT ON JANUARY 26, A SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON REACHED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST AND RAIN BECAME HEAVIER.

THE OVERCAST AND RAINY CONDITIONS CONTINUED UNTIL JANUARY 30 WHEN THE RAIN STOPPED. SOME BRIEF INTERVALS OF SUNSHINE ALSO OCCURRED DURING THE DAY ON JANUARY 31.

ONLY ONE TROPICAL CYCLONE DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC IN JANUARY. AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE WHICH ORIGINATED EAST OF THE INTERNATIONAL DATELINE MOVED WEST-SOUTHWESTWARDS INTO THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC ON JANUARY 15.

IT DEVELOPED INTO TROPICAL DEPRESSION WINONA ABOUT 1,250 KILOMETRES EAST-NORTHEAST OF GUAM EARLY ON JANUARY 18 AND MOVED RAPIDLY WEST-SOUTHWESTWARDS. IT INTENSIFIED TO A TROPICAL STORM THAT AFTERNOON.

WINONA PASSED ABOUT 150 KILOMETRES NORTH OF GUAM ON JANUARY 19 AND THEN WEAKENED TO A TROPICAL DEPRESSION. IT TURNED WESTWARDS EARLY NEXT MORNING AND DISSIPATED OVER WATER ABOUT 850 KILOMETRES EAST OF MANILA EARLY ON JANUARY 21.

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DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, THREE AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2, 15, 24, 25 AND 29. THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 23 AND 24.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JANUARY 4 6.20 AM	JANUARY 6 6.30 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JANUARY 14 2 AM	JANUARY 14 2 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JANUARY 22 9.10 PM	JANUARY 23 7.45 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JANUARY 28 8.50 PM	JANUARY 29 8 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	84.9 HOURS	;	68.6 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	8.04 MJ/SQ. METRE	;	3.89 MJ/SQ. METRE BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	23.9 MM	;	3.0 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	78 PER CENT	;	19 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	80 PER CENT	;	9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	17.8 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	0.9 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	15.7 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	13.9 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	0.7 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	12.1 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	2.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	49.6 MM	;	53.1 MM BELOW NORMAL

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TWO LOCAL OPEN SPACES TO BE BUILT IN SOUTH KWAI CHUNG  
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TWO LOCAL SPACES WILL BE BUILT IN SOUTH KWAI CHUNG TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

LOCATED AT TAI WO HAU ROAD AND LAI KING HILL ROAD, THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY EACH LOCAL OPEN SPACE INCLUDE A ROLLER SKATING RINK, A FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER PITCH, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS, FITNESS TRAIL, A BASKETBALL COURT, TOILETS AND REST GARDENS.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN MARCH 1990.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 3.

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I.D. CARD REMINDER FOR WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1957-59  
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN 1957, 1958 OR 1959 TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE MARCH 12 THIS YEAR.

"TO AVOID THE LAST-MINUTE RUSH, WOMEN OF THIS AGE GROUP WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR A NEW I.D. CARD SHOULD COME FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

"FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW I.D. CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS CAN GO TO ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO RENEW THEIR CARDS.

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP FOR A LONG TIME AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS AND THE AFTERNOONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THEY MAY MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

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THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

- HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI  
TEL. NO. 5-747070
- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, 2ND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD  
TEL. NO. 3-7553679
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2ND FLOOR,  
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI  
TEL. NO. 3-7232424
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET  
TEL. NO. 0-4981259
- SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, 2/F, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,  
11-17 SHATIN CENTRE STREET, SHA TIN  
TEL. NO. 0-6059108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD  
TEL. NO. 0-4771543
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
CHI LOK FA YUEN  
TEL. NO. 0-4580862
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,  
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI  
TEL. NO. 0-6727191

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR  
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF IEC SLIP ROAD  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE SLIP ROAD LEADING  
FROM CHAI WAN ROAD WESTBOUND TO THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WILL BE  
CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10.30 AM FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS ON WEDNESDAY  
(FEBRUARY 15) FOR THE TESTING OF ANTI-SKID ROAD SURFACING.

AFFECTED VEHICLES MAY TRAVEL VIA ALDRICH STREET, PO MAN STREET,  
MONG LUNG STREET, TUNG HEI ROAD, HAM ON LANE AND HAM ON STREET.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE OF HUNG MUI KUK ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE MIDDLE LANE OF HUNG MUI KUK ROAD WESTBOUND IN SHA TIN FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CHUNG PAK ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED FROM WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 15) TO MARCH 5 FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED NOT TO USE THIS SECTION OF HUNG MUI KUK ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT TO FACILITATE THE STAGE II IMPROVEMENT WORKS OF TSING YI BRIDGE, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN 8 PM AND 5.40 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY DAILY FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) FOR ABOUT FIVE MONTHS.

KWAI TSING ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH KWAI TAI ROAD AND TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD ROUNDABOUT, INCLUDING TSING YI BRIDGE, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

A SECTION OF TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD ROUNDABOUT, CONNECTING SOUTHBOUND TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND SOUTHBOUND TSING YI ROAD, WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC AT THE SAME TIME.

TRAFFIC ON KWAI TSING ROAD HEADING FOR TSING YI WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KWAI TSING ROUNDABOUT, TSUEN WAN ROAD, TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND TSING TSUEN BRIDGE.

VEHICLES FROM TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD TRAVELLING TO KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FUNG SHU WO ROAD, TAM KON SHAN ROUNDABOUT, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT, TSUEN WAN ROAD AND KWAI TSING ROUNDABOUT.

IN ADDITION, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 88B, 88C AND 88M WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND FUNG SHU WO ROAD.

THE TERMINATING POINT OF GMB ROUTE 88 WILL BE RELOCATED FROM FUNG SHU WO TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA TO CHUNG MEI ROAD DURING THE BRIDGE CLOSURE. THE ROUTE WILL THEN BE DIVERTED VIA CHEUNG ON ESTATE, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE AND TSUEN WAN ROAD.

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GMB CIRCULAR ROUTE 88S WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TSUEN WAN ROAD, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, CHEUNG ON ESTATE, FUNG SHU WO ROAD, TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, TSING YI ROAD, CHUNG MEI ROAD, TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, FUNG SHU WO ROAD, CHEUNG ON ESTATE, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE AND TSUEN WAN ROAD.

KMB ROUTES 42, 43, 43A, 43C, 43D AND 43M WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TSUEN WAN ROAD, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, FUNG SHU WO ROAD AND TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD BEFORE RESUMING THEIR NORMAL ROUTEINGS.

MEANWHILE, THE FOOTPATHS OF TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TO PEDESTRIANS BETWEEN 8 PM AND 5.40 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY DAILY FROM TOMORROW FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

AS THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC ON TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT FOR TSING YI DURING THE BRIDGE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON TSUEN WAN ROAD ARE ADVISED TO USE TAI CHUNG ROAD ROUNDABOUT AT CHAI WAN KOK FOR JOURNEYS TO AND FROM TSUEN WAN.

DEPENDING ON THE TRAFFIC SITUATION, ADDITIONAL ROAD CLOSURES MAY BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE POLICE AT ANY TIME DURING THE BRIDGE CLOSURE.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE DISPLAYED AND POLICEMEN WILL BE ON SITE TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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