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GROWING DEMAND FOR HIGHER EDUCATION : GOVERNOR

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HONG KONG NEEDS TO PRODUCE MORE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY'S INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES DURING THE NEXT DECADE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY)

THESE GRADUATES MUST ALSO BE PROPERLY EQUIPPED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG IN THE 21ST CENTURY, HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LADY SHAW BUILDING OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT HIGHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG WAS EXPANDING TODAY AS NEVER BEFORE -- AND IT WAS MORE IN DEMAND THAN EVER.

HE NOTED THAT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY WAS RESPONDING TO THESE DEMANDS IN A NUMBER OF WAYS, SUCH AS DEVELOPING NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES IN ENGINEERING, STRENGTHENING ITS RESEARCH CAPABILITY AND PLACING INCREASING EMPHASIS ON HIGH-TECHNOLOGY.

"BUT INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS ARE NOT ENOUGH," SIR DAVID SAID, "UNIVERSITIES ALSO NEED TO ESTABLISH AND SUSTAIN CONTACTS WITH THE WORLD OUTSIDE, TO FACILITATE THE INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS.

"IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT THIS UNIVERSITY HAS AMBITIOUS PLANS TO ESTABLISH INSTITUTES WHICH WILL SERVE AS BRIDGES BETWEEN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE REST OF THE ACADEMIC WORLD, THE FIRST OF THESE BEING THE PROPOSED INSTITUTE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY."

SIR DAVID PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO SIR RUN RUN SHAW FOR HIS DONATIONS TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCHOLARSHIPS AND THE ARTS, AND TO MANY INSTITUTIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

"SIR RUN RUN HAS ALWAYS DONATED MORE THAN JUST HIS WEALTH. HE HAS GIVEN A GREAT DEAL OF HIS TIME AND ENERGY TO CHARITABLE CONCERNS AND PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY," SIR DAVID NOTED.

"THE NEW LADY SHAW BUILDING IS AN EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY IN PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR THE UNIVERSITY'S EXPANDING SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROGRAMMES."

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SFC BILL TO BE PUBLISHED
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THE GOVERNMENT HAVE ACCORDED TOP PRIORITY TO THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATION TO BRING THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC) INTO EARLY EXISTENCE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE SFC BILL, MR JACOBS STRESSED THAT THE COMMISSION'S EARLY ESTABLISHMENT WAS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM IN IMPLEMENTING THE REFORM PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE (SRC) LAST JUNE.

HE EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO THE TWO EXCHANGES FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS THEY HAD MADE IN RECONSTITUTING THEMSELVES AND STRENGTHENING THEIR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ESTABLISHING THEMSELVES AS EFFECTIVE SELF-REGULATORY ORGANISATIONS.

"OUR AIM IS TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG FULLY MEASURES UP TO THE STANDARDS REQUIRED OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRES SO THAT WE CONTINUE TO ATTRACT THE INTERNATIONAL INVESTING COMMUNITY," STRESSED MR JACOBS.

"THE BILL IS BASED ON THE SRC RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN JUNE LAST YEAR AND WERE WELL RECEIVED BY THE MARKETS AND THE INVESTING PUBLIC. MANY OF THE POWERS GIVEN TO THE COMMISSION IN THE BILL ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE IN OUR EXISTING ORDINANCES AND IN OTHER MAJOR FINANCIAL CENTRES," HE SAID.

"CAREFUL ACCOUNT HAS ALSO BEEN TAKEN OF THE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF INTERESTED PARTIES WHO HAD BEEN CONSULTED FROM A VERY EARLY STAGE OF THE DRAFTING PROCESS," HE ADDED.

"WHILST GIVING THE SFC THE NECESSARY POWERS FOR IT TO OPERATE EFFECTIVELY DURING THE INITIAL STAGE OF ITS OPERATIONS, THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES ADEQUATE CHECKS AND BALANCES TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO OVER-REGULATION OR UNDUE INTERFERENCE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MARKETS," MR JACOBS EMPHASISED.

"THE OBJECTIVE HAS BEEN TO STRIKE THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH OF MARKETS AND THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THEY DO NOT GET OUT OF CONTROL," HE ADDED.

"THE BILL REPRESENTS A FIRST BUT IMPORTANT PHASE OF A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF SECURITIES AND FUTURES LEGISLATION IN HONG KONG WHICH WILL CONTINUE AFTER THE SFC HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED," HE SAID.

IN THIS CONTEXT, MR JACOBS ALSO ANTICIPATED THAT IN DUE COURSE, AN INCREASED PART OF THE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISORY FUNCTIONS WOULD BE PERFORMED BY THE EXCHANGES.

"GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP THIS MATTER UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW," HE SAID.

/"THE BILL

"THE BILL WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 18," HE SAID.

EMPHASISING THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING CONSULTATION, MR JACOBS SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE BILL DURING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

THE MAIN PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD IN THE BILL ARE -

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SFC

THE BILL PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SFC AND ITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. IT VESTS IN THE SFC THE FUNCTIONS, DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE EXISTING REGULATORY BODIES, THAT IS THE SECURITIES COMMISSION, THE COMMODITIES TRADING COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING.

ALTHOUGH THE SFC WILL BE OUTSIDE THE CIVIL SERVICE, IT WILL BE PART OF THE WIDER GOVERNMENT MACHINERY AND ACCOUNTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE GOVERNOR WILL APPOINT AND HAVE POWER TO DISMISS THE CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTORS OF THE SFC. HE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE POLICY DIRECTIONS TO THE SFC AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL HAVE POWER TO ASK FOR INFORMATION FROM THE SFC RELATING TO ITS ACTIVITIES.

THE SFC WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT AN ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, WHICH WILL BE LAID BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. ITS ANNUAL BUDGET MUST BE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT WILL BE ABLE TO EXAMINE ITS BOOKS.

THE SFC BOARD WILL HAVE FIVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN AND FIVE NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS. THE NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS WILL PROVIDE INDEPENDENT ADVICE ON THE SFC'S MANAGEMENT AND WILL BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN POLICY FORMATION.

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN APPELLATE BODY

THE BILL PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECURITIES AND FUTURES BOARD OF APPEAL TO HEAR APPEALS AGAINST DECISIONS BY THE SFC IN RELATION TO APPLICATIONS FOR, OR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION, AND AGAINST THE EXERCISE OF THE INTERVENTION POWERS.

/THE BOARD

THE BOARD WILL HAVE 12 MEMBERS, COMPRISING A STANDING CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, BOTH QUALIFIED IN LAW, AND FIVE OTHER INDEPENDENT PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS WELL AS THE FIVE NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE SFC.

EACH APPEAL CASE WILL BE HEARD BY A GROUP OF THREE CONSISTING OF THE CHAIRMAN (OR DEPUTY CHAIRMAN), ONE INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD AND ONE NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SFC, THUS ENSURING A MAJORITY OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS.

UNDER THE PRESENT ORDINANCES, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION TAKES IMMEDIATE EFFECT, EVEN IF AN APPEAL IS LODGED. THE NEW APPEAL PROVISIONS WILL ALLOW PERSONS CONCERNED TO REMAIN IN BUSINESS WHILE THE APPEAL IS BEING HEARD. THE INTERVENTION POWERS ARE, HOWEVER, IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE.

REGISTRATION OF INTERMEDIARIES

THE EXISTING ANNUAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM WILL BE REPLACED BY A CONTINUOUS REGISTRATION SYSTEM. ANY PERSON REGISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SFC WILL CONTINUE TO BE REGISTERED.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES A MORE DETAILED SET OF "FIT AND PROPER" CRITERIA TO GOVERN THE REGISTRATION OF INTERMEDIARIES AND ALLOWS THE SFC TO DEVELOP NEW RULES FOR CAPITAL AND LIQUIDITY REQUIREMENTS OF REGISTERED PERSONS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE LAID BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. THESE PROPOSALS ARE IN LINE WITH THE SRC RECOMMENDATIONS.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION

TO CLOSE SERIOUS GAPS IN EXISTING STATUTORY PROVISIONS, THE BILL PERMITS THE SFC TO CONDUCT SPOT CHECKS OF REGISTERED PERSONS' BUSINESSES IN ORDER TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE.

IT ALSO PERMITS THE SFC TO OBTAIN MORE DETAILED INFORMATION TO FACILITATE INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLE BREACHES OF THE RELEVANT ORDINANCES, INCLUDING FRAUDS, MARKET MANIPULATION, INSIDER TRADING AND OTHER MALPRACTICES.

REGISTERED PERSONS WILL HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO GIVE ACCESS TO THEIR RECORDS TO AUTHORISED PERSONNEL OF THE SFC, WHO WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO ENTER THE BUSINESS PREMISES NOTIFIED TO THE SFC.

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THIS RIGHT OF ACCESS WILL NOT EXTEND TO ANY PREMISES OTHER THAN THOSE NOTIFIED TO THE SFC, AND THERE WILL BE NO POWERS OF FORCIBLE ENTRY OR SEIZURE OF DOCUMENTS. IF ACCESS IS REFUSED, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES APPEAR TO JUSTIFY IT, THE SFC WILL APPLY FOR A MAGISTRATE'S WARRANT IN THE ORDINARY MANNER.

DURING AN INVESTIGATION BY THE SFC, THE PERSON CONCERNED WILL BE OBLIGED TO GIVE INFORMATION, BUT THE INFORMATION SO GIVEN MAY NOT BE USED AGAINST HIM IN SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS. THIS IS IN LINE WITH EXISTING PROVISIONS IN THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AND SECURITIES ORDINANCE.

THESE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN FORMULATED AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY MARKET USERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES ABOUT ANY POSSIBLE EROSION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE NEED FOR PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF INVESTORS.

POWER TO INTERVENE IN INTERMEDIARIES' BUSINESS

THE BILL EMPOWERS THE SFC TO INTERVENE IN THE BUSINESS OF A REGISTERED PERSON UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE INVESTING PUBLIC.

TO ENSURE ADEQUATE CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE SFC AND THE EXCHANGES, THE BILL REQUIRES THE SFC TO GIVE PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG OR THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE BEFORE EXERCISING ANY INTERVENTION POWER AGAINST ANY OF ITS MEMBERS.

REGULATION OF THE EXCHANGES

THE BILL ALLOWS THE SFC, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, TO TRANSFER SOME OF ITS REGULATORY POWERS TO THE TWO EXCHANGES IN FUTURE.

THE BILL EMPOWERS THE SFC TO ISSUE RESTRICTION NOTICES REQUIRING THE EXCHANGES AND CLEARING HOUSES TO AMEND THEIR CONSTITUTION OR TO MAKE CHANGES IN THEIR MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS.

IT ALSO EMPOWERS THE SFC TO ISSUE SUSPENSION ORDERS RELATING TO THE FUNCTIONS OF THE GOVERNING BODIES, COMMITTEES OR CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF THE EXCHANGES AND CLEARING HOUSES.

THE SFC MAY NOT EXERCISE SUCH POWERS WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY. THESE POWERS ARE IN LINE WITH THE SRC RECOMMENDATION.

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FUNDING FOR THE SFC

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SRC, THE SFC WILL BE FUNDED LARGELY BY THE MARKETS BUT ALSO PARTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE BILL CONTAINS PROPOSALS TO EFFECT THIS RECOMMENDATION.

MARKET CONTRIBUTION WILL BE IN THE FORM OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR SPECIFIC SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY THE SFC ON A BROAD COST RECOVERY BASIS AND A STATUTORY LEVY ON TRANSACTIONS RECORDED ON THE TWO EXCHANGES. THE LEVEL OF THE LEVY AND REGULATIONS PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION WILL BE PAID OUT OF GENERAL REVENUE AS APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION WILL TAKE THE FORM OF AN INITIAL START-UP GRANT, AN INTEREST FREE ADVANCE AND AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE SFC'S COSTS, WITH PROVISION FOR THE SFC TO BORROW FROM GOVERNMENT, AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE, IF ITS RESERVES FALL BELOW A CERTAIN LEVEL.

THE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS AIM TO STRIKE THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN THE INTERESTS OF THE MARKET USERS ON THE ONE HAND AND THE PUBLIC PURSE ON THE OTHER.

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NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR UC/RC ELECTIONS BEGINS TOMORROW
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NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 9 THIS YEAR WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND LAST UNTIL THE END OF THIS MONTH (JANUARY 31).

ANNOUNCING THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY, MR JOHN CHAN, URGED CIVIC-MINDED PEOPLE WHO ARE KEEN TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY TO COME FORWARD AS CANDIDATES.

EXPLAINING DETAILS OF THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES, MR CHAN SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE 27 SINGLE-SEAT CONSTITUENCIES TO BE CONTESTED: 15 FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN THE 10 URBAN DISTRICTS; AND 12 FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN THE NINE DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

/EACH DISTRICT

EACH DISTRICT OFFICER HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR HIS DISTRICT, AND NOMINATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY HIM OR HIS ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICER DURING OFFICE HOURS ON WEEKDAYS (MONDAY TO FRIDAY), EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, HE SAID.

"GENERALLY, ANY REGISTERED ELECTOR WHO HAS BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE NOMINATION DATE IS QUALIFIED TO STAND FOR ELECTION.

"WHILE A PERSON CAN BE NOMINATED FOR ANY CONSTITUENCY, HE CANNOT BE NOMINATED TO STAND FOR MORE THAN ONE CONSTITUENCY," MR CHAN SAID.

A CANDIDATE WILL NEED TO BE NOMINATED BY 10 ELECTORS, INCLUDING A PROPOSER AND A SECONDER, REGISTERED IN THE CONSTITUENCY IN WHICH HE IS SEEKING ELECTION. EACH ELECTOR MAY NOMINATE ONLY ONE CANDIDATE AS ALL CONSTITUENCIES ARE SINGLE-SEATED.

BEFORE SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION PAPER, A CANDIDATE IS REQUIRED TO PLACE A DEPOSIT OF \$3,000 WITH THE TREASURY, WHICH WILL BE REFUNDED TO THE CANDIDATE IF HE POLLS NOT LESS THAN ONE-EIGHTH OF THE VALID VOTES CAST.

IF A CANDIDATE STANDS UNOPPOSED, HE WILL BE DECLARED AS HAVING BEEN ELECTED IN THE CONSTITUENCY AND NO VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE.

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION AT HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

MR CHAN URGED POTENTIAL CANDIDATES TO COMPLETE THE NOMINATION PROCESS IN GOOD TIME AS ANY ERRORS IN THE NOMINATION PAPERS HAD TO BE RECTIFIED BEFORE THE CLOSE OF NOMINATION.

"AN INCOMPLETE OR INACCURATE PAPER MAY RENDER THE NOMINATION INVALID," HE SAID.

MR CHAN ALSO REFERRED TO THE BROAD SPECTRUM OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES BEING PROVIDED BY THE TWO COUNCILS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN BOTH THE URBAN AREAS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

"BOTH COUNCILS ARE FINANCIALLY AUTONOMOUS. THEY HAVE DONE MUCH IN PROMOTING CULTURE AND THE ARTS, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

"THE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES COMPRISES THE HOLDING OF CULTURAL AND SPORTS EVENTS, THE CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, GARDENS, RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACES, STADIA, SWIMMING POOLS, MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES, THE UPKEEP OF FOOD HYGIENE, PEST CONTROL, STREET CLEANSING AND REFUSE COLLECTION, AND THE MANAGEMENT OF HAWKERS AND MARKETS, ABATTOIRS, CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA," HE SAID.

/MR CHAN

MR CHAN ADDED THAT THE FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS FOR THE ELECTIONS WOULD BE PUBLISHED AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION FROM TOMORROW.

THE RELEVANT PART OF THE FINAL REGISTER RELATING TO A CERTAIN DISTRICT WAS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONCERNED.

"THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE 1988 FINAL REGISTER STANDS AT 1,604,048 (1,610,998 IN THE 1987 ISSUE) OF WHICH 558,975 (544,843) ARE RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND 1,045,073 (1,066,155) LIVE IN THE URBAN AREAS," HE SAID.

ON THE PUBLICITY SIDE, MR CHAN SAID A MASS CAMPAIGN WOULD BE LAUNCHED IN THE FOLLOWING TWO MONTHS TO URGE ELECTORS TO VOTE.

"THE PUBLICITY PACKAGE INCLUDES EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA AND THE PRESS, DISTRICT FORUMS, TELEVISION AND RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS, POSTERS, ADVERTISING IN MTR STATIONS AND SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTS IN THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS.

"THE PLATFORMS OF THE CANDIDATES AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED ELECTORS," MR CHAN ADDED.

MR CHAN ALSO NOTED THAT AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS (PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS WOULD BE GAZETTED TOMORROW TO IMPROVE ON SOME OF THE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COMING ELECTIONS.

"THESE WILL FACILITATE THE SEALING OF BALLOT BOXES AND ELECTORAL DOCUMENTS AND THE MORE SYSTEMATIC PACKAGING AND ACCOUNTING OF BALLOT PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS, EMPOWER PRESIDING OFFICERS TO ALLOW PHOTOGRAPHY INSIDE POLLING STATIONS AND REFLECT THE NEW TIME-TABLE FOR ELECTIONS IN 1991," MR CHAN SAID.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN NOVEMBER 1988, AT \$95,984 MILLION, GREW BY 39 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1987, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN NOVEMBER 1988 RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT TO \$20,052 MILLION IN NOVEMBER 1988, WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 58 PER CENT TO \$27,706 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1988 TO \$47,758 MILLION WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 38 PER CENT OVER NOVEMBER 1987.

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OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 41 PER CENT TO \$48,226 MILLION.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1988 WITH NOVEMBER 1987, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA (+48 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+39 PER CENT), JAPAN (+29 PER CENT) AND THE NETHERLANDS (+29 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE U.S.A. AND CANADA ALSO INCREASED, BY 19 PER CENT, 16 PER CENT, 14 PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY GREW BY ONLY 1 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN NOVEMBER 1988 OVER NOVEMBER 1987, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+69 PER CENT), JAPAN (+47 PER CENT), CHINA (+45 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (+41 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A., ITALY AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ALSO INCREASED BY 34 PER CENT, 33 PER CENT AND 31 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A., AUSTRALIA, CHINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, BY 89 PER CENT, 79 PER CENT, 73 PER CENT AND 61 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE ALSO INCREASED, ALL BY 38 PER CENT.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1988, AT \$892,388 MILLION, INCREASED BY 31 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT TO \$196,491 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 51 PER CENT TO \$247,282 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 30 PER CENT TO \$443,773 MILLION.

IMPORTS INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT TO \$448,615 MILLION.

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS.

THE MARKETS WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED CHINA (+38 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+37 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (+26 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+22 PER CENT), JAPAN (+19 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+13 PER CENT) AND FRANCE (+12 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A., HONG KONG'S LARGEST DOMESTIC EXPORT MARKET, DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

IMPORTS IN JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1988 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+57 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+32 PER CENT), CHINA (+32 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+32 PER CENT), ITALY (+30 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+29 PER CENT), JAPAN (+29 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+29 PER CENT).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 82 PER CENT.

NOTABLE INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (+59 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+55 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+54 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+50 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+49 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (+45 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 NOVEMBER 1988 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY FEBRUARY 1989.

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

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 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 \$4,118 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$3,337 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2,797 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,305 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING INCREASED BY \$939 MILLION OR 2 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$370 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT); AND TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$171 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 JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES IN IMPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$16,078 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$9,733 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$8,900 MILLION OR 91 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$6,878 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT).

IMPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$4,642 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$294 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT); AND PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$208 MILLION OR 3 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 JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$11,540 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$9,594 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$6,789 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$5,501 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$5,396 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$106 MILLION OR 27 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 NOVEMBER 1988 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE ON SALE AROUND JANUARY 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 NOVEMBER 1988 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN END-JANUARY AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

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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	NOV 1988 (HKD MN.)	NOV 88 OVER NOV 87 (%)	JAN-NOV 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-NOV 88 OVER JAN-NOV 87 (%)
U.S.A.	6,644	+ 14	65,698	- 1
CHINA	3,850	+ 48	34,415	+ 38
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,298	+ 1	14,393	+ 9
U.K.	1,430	+ 16	13,920	+ 22
JAPAN	1,141	+ 29	10,311	+ 19
CANADA	480	+ 14	5,362	+ 6
SINGAPORE	530	+ 39	4,739	+ 37
NETHERLANDS	424	+ 29	4,407	+ 26
FRANCE	360	- 5	3,794	+ 12
AUSTRALIA	436	+ 19	3,766	+ 13

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	NOV 1988 (HKD MN.)	NOV 88 OVER NOV 87 (%)	JAN-NOV 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-NOV 88 OVER JAN-NOV 87 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	5,773	+ 14	59,641	+ 2

/MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED

MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,765	+ 10	27,574	- *
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,999	+ 27	17,477	+ 24
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,569	+ 20	16,003	+ 21
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,695	+ 26	15,806	+ 17
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,549	+ 4	14,073	- 3

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	NOV 1988 (HKD MN.)	NOV 88 OVER NOV 87 (%)	JAN-NOV 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-NOV 88 OVER JAN-NOV 87 (%)
CHINA	15,632	+ 45	139,119	+ 32
JAPAN	8,923	+ 47	83,248	+ 29
TAIWAN	4,430	+ 41	39,867	+ 32
U.S.A.	3,578	+ 34	37,609	+ 32
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,672	+ 69	23,590	+ 57
SINGAPORE	1,676	+ 20	16,772	+ 29
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,212	+ 31	11,776	+ 29
U.K.	1,238	+ 12	11,743	+ 11
SWITZERLAND	910	+ 22	8,314	+ 26
ITALY	772	+ 33	7,294	+ 30

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TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	NOV 1988 (HKD MN.)	NOV 88 OVER NOV 87 (%)	JAN-NOV 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-NOV 88 OVER JAN-NOV 87 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6,168	+ 27	56,688	+ 9
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	5,129	+ 63	47,421	+ 51
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,522	+ 70	29,255	+ 50
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,205	+ 50	28,663	+ 21
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,795	+ 41	26,113	+ 36
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,566	+ 34	24,466	+ 32

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	NOV 1988 (HKD MN.)	NOV 88 OVER NOV 87 (%)	JAN-NOV 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-NOV 88 OVER JAN-NOV 87 (%)
CHINA	10,195	+ 73	84,552	+ 59
U.S.A.	4,964	+ 89	44,555	+ 50

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JAPAN	1,680	+ 33	15,744	+ 82
TAIWAN	1,292	+ 38	12,647	+ 45
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,000	+ 28	10,775	+ 33
SINGAPORE	835	+ 38	7,844	+ 35
F.R. OF GERMANY	847	+ 38	7,656	+ 55
U.K.	598	+ 61	5,790	+ 49
AUSTRALIA	511	+ 79	3,965	+ 54
MACAU	318	+ 13	3,569	+ 19

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	NOV 1988 (HKD MN.)	NOV 88 OVER NOV 87 (%)	JAN-NOV 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-NOV 88 OVER JAN-NOV 87 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,521	+ 37	31,025	+ 21
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,731	+ 65	25,853	+ 59
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,863	+ 78	25,774	+ 81
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	2,343	+ 74	22,166	+ 33
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,322	+ 73	17,561	+ 63
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,129	+ 54	9,446	+ 28

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QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS, PURCHASES FOR 3RD QUARTER
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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988, ESTIMATED AT \$6,925 MILLION, WAS 14 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1987, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

VOLUME WAS 3 PER CENT HIGHER.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 WAS \$3,001 MILLION, WHICH WAS 13 PER CENT HIGHER IN VALUE TERMS THAN IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE (27 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

THESE WERE FOLLOWED BY NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (18 PER CENT), CHINESE RESTAURANTS (12 PER CENT), "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND OTHER OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY ETC. (8 PER CENT) AND BARS (7 PER CENT).

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" AND BARS INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT, 4 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED.

COMPARING THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS ROSE BY 14 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME; AND THE TOTAL VALUE OF PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT.

IN VALUE TERMS, FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST GROWTH IN TOTAL RECEIPTS (25 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (19 PER CENT), CHINESE RESTAURANTS (12 PER CENT), "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" (10 PER CENT) AND BARS (5 PER CENT).

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS AGAIN SHOWED THE LARGEST INCREASE, AT 19 PER CENT.

THE GROWTH, IN VOLUME TERMS, RECORDED BY NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES", CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND BARS WAS 9 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT, 2 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS-TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THE VALUE OF PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS ROSE BY 13 PER CENT.

IN VALUE TERMS, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, CHINESE RESTAURANTS, "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" AND BARS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN VOLUME TERMS WERE 11 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT.

THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR THE TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPES OF RESTAURANTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

ALSO TABULATED ARE COMPARISONS OF THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988 AND FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

COMPARISONS OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987 ARE GIVEN.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$1 PER COPY.

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

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

		2nd qtr. 1988 (Revised figures)	3rd qtr. 1988 (Provisional figures)
Total restaurant receipts	(in HK\$ million)	6 301	6 925
Total purchases by restaurants	(in HK\$ million)	2 661	3 001

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 2ND QUARTER 1988 AND 3RD QUARTER 1988

(Quarterly average of October 84 - September 85 = 100)

Type of restaurant	Index of total restaurant receipts	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	3rd qtr. 1988 compared with 2nd qtr. 1988		3rd qtr. 1988 compared with 3rd qtr. 1987		1st-3rd qtr. 1988 compared with 1st-3rd qtr. 1987	
		1988	1988	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
Chinese restaurants	Value	132	145	13	10	15	12	15	12
	Volume	112	119	7	6	†	†	5	2
Non-Chinese restaurants	Value	140	154	14	10	23	19	22	19
	Volume	116	125	9	8	9	7	10	9
Fast food shops	Value	163	186	23	14	39	27	34	25
	Volume	146	162	13	11	25	18	21	19
Bars	Value	123	128	5	4	8	7	6	5
	Volume	106	110	4	3	4	3	2	2
Other eating and drinking places	Value	133	149	11	8	11	8	13	10
	Volume	120	128	9	7	5	4	6	5
Entire restaurant sector	Value	136	149	13	10	18	14	18	14
	Volume	115	123	8	7	4	3	6	5

Notes: 1. Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.
2. † denotes a figure within ±0.5.

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FLAT TRANSACTIONS RISE BY 21.2 PER CENT

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OF FLATS REGISTERED ROSE TO 66,483 IN 1988, AN INCREASE OF 21.2 PER CENT OVER THE FIGURE FOR 1987, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

IN REPORTING ON LAND OFFICE STATISTICS FOR 1988, MR GLEESON SAID THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IN THESE AGREEMENTS INCREASED BY 47 PER CENT FROM \$54.427 BILLION IN 1987 TO \$79.986 BILLION IN 1988.

DURING THE YEAR, 90,486 ASSIGNMENTS OF FLATS WERE REGISTERED, COMPARED WITH 94,436 IN 1987.

OF THESE, A TOTAL OF 4,418 ASSIGNMENTS WERE COMPLETED BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, COMPARED WITH 8,107 IN 1987.

THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IN ASSIGNMENTS OF FLATS INCREASED BY 27.7 PER CENT FROM \$61.918 BILLION TO \$79.096 BILLION.

THERE WERE 992 ASSIGNMENTS OF LOTS AND SECTIONS, 2.5 PER CENT MORE THAN IN 1987.

THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IN ASSIGNMENTS OF LOTS AND SECTIONS ROSE DURING 1988 BY 80.9 PER CENT FROM \$17.915 BILLION IN 1987 TO \$32.411 BILLION.

FIFTY-FIVE BUILDING MORTGAGES AND 97,423 OTHER MORTGAGES WERE REGISTERED, COMPARED WITH 51 AND 100,272 RESPECTIVELY IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER BUILDING MORTGAGES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR ROSE BY 2.3 PER CENT, FROM \$0.765 BILLION TO \$0.783 BILLION.

THE AMOUNT SECURED UNDER MORTGAGES OTHER THAN BUILDING MORTGAGES ROSE BY 54.5 PER CENT, FROM \$47.928 BILLION TO \$74.034 BILLION.

REPAYMENTS UNDER MORTGAGES OF ALL KINDS, AS EVIDENCED BY DISCHARGES AND MORTGAGEES' RECEIPTS, ROSE BY 17.3 PER CENT, FROM \$24.436 BILLION IN 1987 TO \$28.656 BILLION IN 1988.

SEARCHES IN THE LAND OFFICE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REACHED A RECORD OF 1,667,665, UP BY 13.9 PER CENT.

DURING THE YEAR, THE SEVEN NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT LAND REGISTRIES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT REGISTERED A TOTAL OF 223,027 INSTRUMENTS, AGAIN A RECORD.

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THESE INCLUDED 46,301 SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OF FLATS, 51,798 ASSIGNMENTS OF FLATS, 4,262 ASSIGNMENTS OF LOTS AND SECTIONS, 39 BUILDING MORTGAGES, 66,245 OTHER MORTGAGES AND 31,929 MORTGAGEES' RECEIPTS, REASSIGNMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF SATISFACTION.

THEY HAD A TOTAL VALUE OF CONSIDERATION OF \$30.539 BILLION, \$27.568 BILLION, \$4.787 BILLION, \$1.125 BILLION, \$19.396 BILLION AND \$8.743 BILLION RESPECTIVELY.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, MR GLEESON SAID THEY REFLECTED A CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN THE PROPERTY MARKET DURING THE YEAR.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE TERRITORY NOW STOOD AT 1,116,209, AN INCREASE OF 92,574 OR 9 PER CENT OVER THE FIGURE AT THE END OF 1987, WHICH ITSELF WAS AN INCREASE OF 12.9 PER CENT OVER 1986.

THE TOTAL PREMIUM FROM ALL GOVERNMENT LAND TRANSACTIONS, IN BOTH THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, DURING THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO \$11.854 BILLION.

AMONGST THE MORE SIGNIFICANT OF THESE TRANSACTIONS WERE THE FOLLOWING:

- * ON JANUARY 28, A MAJOR LAND EXCHANGE INVOLVING SHELL OIL, THE CHEUNG KONG GROUP, HONG KONG ELECTRIC AND HONG KONG UNITED DOCKYARDS WAS COMPLETED.

AS A RESULT, 15.5 HECTARES AT AP LEI CHAU AND 8.84 HECTARES AT KWUN TONG WILL BE REDEVELOPED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, AND SHELL OIL'S DISTRIBUTION AND STORAGE FACILITIES AT KWUN TONG WILL BE RELOCATED TO TSING YI. THE TOTAL PREMIUM INVOLVED AMOUNTED TO \$1.5 BILLION.

- * THE SALE BY CASH TENDER ON APRIL 20 OF A 31.5-HECTARE SITE (KWAI CHUNG LOT NO. 7) AT LAI CHI KOK TO HIT LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$4.390 BILLION FOR A CONTAINER TERMINAL.
- * THE GRANT ON JULY 29 OF A 1,600-SQUARE-METRE SITE (KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 10880) AT HONG TAT PATH, TSIM SHA TSUI TO KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION BY WAY OF EXCHANGE AT A PREMIUM OF \$354,000,000 FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSES.
- * THE MODIFICATION ON OCTOBER 12 OF THE CONDITIONS OF SALE OF RURAL BUILDING LOT NO. 1051 AND THE EXTENSION THERETO (PARKVIEW DEVELOPMENT) AT A PREMIUM OF \$510,050,000 SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF GOVERNMENT ACCOMMODATION WITHIN THE LOT.

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- * THE SALE BY AUCTION ON NOVEMBER 29 OF A 4,500-SQUARE-METRE SITE (KWUN TONG INLAND LOT NO. 713) AT HOI BUN ROAD TO OLINDA LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$420,000,000 FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, HOTEL AND GODOWN BUT INCLUDING A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK) PURPOSES.
- * THE SALE BY AUCTION ON DECEMBER 22 OF A 5,889-SQUARE-METRE SITE (KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 10972) AT THE JUNCTION OF ARGYLE STREET AND TIN KWONG ROAD TO PUI HAY ENTERPRISES LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$299,000,000 FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

MR GLEESON SAID THAT OF THE EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT LAND REGISTRIES, SEVEN HAVE NOW BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT AND, WITH INCREASES OF STAFF AND BETTER ACCOMMODATION, HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE OVER THE REMAINING ONE, AT NORTH DISTRICT, IN JULY THIS YEAR.

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INCREASE IN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES FOR LIVESTOCK FARMERS

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED THE INCREASED RATES OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES FOR PIG AND POULTRY FARMERS AFFECTED BY THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME OR DEVELOPMENT CLEARANCE.

THE REVISED RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TYPES OF LIVESTOCK KEEPING STRUCTURE	PER CAPITA* \$/BIRD*	BUILDING AREA \$/SQUARE METRE
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CHICKEN	26.92	392.7
LEGHORN	45.41	489.4
PIGEON	34.00	453.3
QUAIL	3.42	367.7
DUCK/GOOSE	20.15	-
PIG	-	327.6
PIG PENS ACCOMMODATING GILTS/SOWS AND WITH GESTATION AND FARROWING CRATES	-	457.6

/* ONLY APPLICABLE

* ONLY APPLICABLE TO "BACKYARD" AND FREE RANGE POULTRY FARM IN WHICH THE NUMBER OF POULTRY IS SMALL AND CAN BE PRACTICALLY COUNTED, THAT IS LESS THAN 1,000.

A LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE RATES WERE REVISED AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION FARMERS' VIEWS AS EXPRESSED IN THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES WHICH WAS FORMED UNDER THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

"THE REVISED RATES ARE EFFECTIVE FROM JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR," HE ADDED. "THE NEW RATES WILL APPLY TO THOSE ELIGIBLE FARMERS WHO HAVE CEASED BUSINESS COMPLETELY AFTER JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR AND WHOSE CESSATION OF BUSINESS HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT."

THE RATES WERE LAST REVISED IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR. SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME ON JUNE 24 LAST YEAR, OVER \$18 MILLION IN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE HAS BEEN RELEASED TO AFFECTED FARMERS.

THE REVISED RATES WERE EXPLAINED TO THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES AT ITS MEETING TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE WORKING GROUP COMPRISES FARMERS' REPRESENTATIVES, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM EPD, THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

TO PREPARE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE, THE EPD HAS CONDUCTED A PRE-OPERATIONAL SURVEY IN THE RIVER INDUS, UPPER SHENZHEN, TSUEN WAN ENVIRONS, LIU TO VILLAGE AND ENVIRONS AND TAI LAM CHUNG AREA DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN MAY 16 AND DECEMBER 22 LAST YEAR.

DURING THE EXERCISE, SOME LIVESTOCK FARMS WERE FOUND TO BE LOCKED UP AND AS A RESULT COULD NOT BE SURVEYED. IN SUCH CASES, EPD STAFF HAD LEFT LETTERS IN THE FARM INFORMING THE OPERATORS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A FUTURE SURVEY.

FARMERS IN THE ABOVE AREAS WHOSE FARMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SURVEYED ARE URGED TO CONTACT EPD BEFORE FEBRUARY 28 THIS YEAR.

SOME 4,000 ADVISORY LEAFLETS EXPLAINING THE DETAILS OF THE SCHEME HAD BEEN SENT OUT TO LIVESTOCK FARMERS IN THE ABOVE AREAS LAST WEEK.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE AND CAPITAL GRANTS AND LOANS WILL ALSO BE SENT TO AFFECTED FARMERS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

FARMERS WHO HAVE ANY QUERIES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT EPD ON 3-7800126, 3-7804416 OR 3-7801165.

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FUNDS APPROVED FOR PROVISION OF SIGNALLING SYSTEMS

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THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE TERRITORY'S FIRST PILOT VEHICLE WEIGH-STATION WAS TAKEN ON WEDNESDAY WHEN THE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED \$2.85 MILLION FOR THE PROVISION OF THREE COMPREHENSIVE SIGNALLING SYSTEMS WHICH WILL DIRECT OVERLOADED LORRIES TO THE NEW MA LIU SHUI WEIGH-STATION.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS TOLD THAT IN ORDER TO TACKLE OVERLOADING MORE EFFECTIVELY IT WAS PROPOSED TO PROVIDE THE POLICE WITH UP TO FOUR VEHICLE WEIGH-STATIONS TO THE LATEST INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

ALL WOULD INVOLVE SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT UNDER ROADS ENABLING INSTANT IDENTIFICATION OF OVERLOADED VEHICLES. AS THEY APPROACHED ALONG A HIGHWAY CONNECTED TO A SYSTEM OF SIGNS OFFENDING OVERLOADED VEHICLES WOULD BE DIRECTED OFF THE HIGHWAY INTO A POUND WHERE THEIR EXACT OVERWEIGHT COULD BE CONFIRMED, THE EXCESS REMOVED AND AN APPROPRIATE PENALTY IMPOSED BEFORE THE DRIVER WAS ALLOWED TO LEAVE.

SO FAR TWO SUITABLE SITES HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED, ONE AT MA LIU SHUI OFF TOLO HIGHWAY AND ANOTHER AT SIU LAM OFF TUEN MUN HIGHWAY. SITE SEARCHES WERE CONTINUING IN RESPECT OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE FIRST WEIGH-STATION BE SET UP AT MA LIU SHUI THIS YEAR AS IT IS HEAVILY USED BY TRUCKS GOING TO AND FROM CHINA. THIS COULD SERVE AS A PILOT PROJECT SO THAT ANY PROBLEMS THAT EMERGE COULD BE IRONED OUT AND ADJUSTMENTS MADE FOR INCORPORATION INTO SUBSEQUENT PROJECTS.

LOCATION OF THE WEIGH-STATION AT MA LIU SHUI WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO APPREHEND IN ONE LOCATION NOT ONLY ALL THE PRESENT NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND OVERLOADED VEHICLES ON TOLO HIGHWAY BUT ALSO THOSE USING THE TRUCK ROAD CONNECTING THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

AS THERE ARE THREE APPROACHES TO THE WEIGH-STATION EACH WILL REQUIRE A HIGH SPEED AXLE LOAD MEASURING SENSOR.

EQUIPMENT (MOSTLY PORTABLE) AT PRESENT AVAILABLE TO THE POLICE, AND THAT OPERATED BY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, FALLS FAR SHORT OF THE LEVEL REQUIRED FOR EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF OVERLOADING OFFENCES.

ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF POLICE CHECK POINTS CAN REALISTICALLY BE SET UP, THEREFORE, AND EVEN WHERE DRIVERS AS SUSPECTED IT TAKES A CONSIDERABLE TIME TO ESCORT THEIR VEHICLES, SOMETIMES FROM RELATIVELY REMOTE AREAS WHERE THEY MIGHT BE APPREHENDED, TO DEPARTMENTAL WEIGH-STATIONS.

/SURVEYS CONDUCTED

SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAVE REVEALED THAT OVERLOADING OF TRUCKS CAUSES VERY SIGNIFICANT ROAD DAMAGE IN HONG KONG AS WELL AS DIRECT TRAFFIC SAFETY RISKS THROUGH BRAKE-FAILURE.

IF ALL OVERLOADED VEHICLES WERE REMOVED BY ENFORCEMENT ACTION IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AN ANNUAL SAVING OF \$27 MILLION IN ROAD MAINTENANCE MIGHT BE ACHIEVED.

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PROFESSIONALS, BUSINESSMEN URGED TO HELP ENVIRONMENT

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HONG KONG PROFESSIONALS AND BUSINESSMEN WERE THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING URGED TO MAKE THEIR OWN PARTICULAR CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT BY DOING THE RIGHT THING ENVIRONMENTALLY.

"THEY CAN DO SO BY BEING ALIVE TO THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AVOIDING POLLUTION PROBLEMS, OR INDEED IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT IN THEIR DAY TO DAY DECISION MAKING," THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, SAID.

DR REED MADE THIS APPEAL TO ABOUT 150 LIONS CLUB MEMBERS AT A JOINT MEETING OF FOUR CLUBS.

"NEARLY EVERY MAJOR DECISION THAT IS MADE BY DEVELOPERS, ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS AND INDUSTRIALISTS HAS EITHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT," HE SAID.

"IT IS AT THE TIME THAT THESE DECISIONS ARE MADE, THAT THE OPPORTUNITY EXISTS FOR YOU TO HELP IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, BY DOING THE RIGHT THING."

DR REED POINTED OUT ALSO THAT THE CONTRIBUTION THAT WAS REQUIRED OF THE PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESSMAN WAS ADDITIONAL TO THAT REQUIRED FROM THE MAN IN THE STREET WHO COULD MAKE HIS OWN CONTRIBUTION.

"WHAT THE MAN IN THE STREET, WHICH MEANS ALL OF US, CAN CONTRIBUTE IS THE NORMAL SORT OF HOUSEKEEPING ONE MIGHT EXPECT OF ANY SELF-RESPECTING ADULT SUCH AS NOT LITTERING, AVOIDING DISTURBING NEIGHBOURS BY TURNING UP THE RADIO OR TV TO EXCESSIVE VOLUMES, KEEPING THE CAR SERVICED SO THAT IT DOESN'T SMOKE AND SO ON," HE SAID.

"THE PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESSMAN CAN MAKE A CONTRIBUTION ABOVE AND BEYOND THAT," HE ADDED.

/DR REED

DR REED ACKNOWLEDGED THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION MADE ALREADY BY THE LIONS CLUBS OF HONG KONG, THROUGH THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

HE ALSO SAID THAT HE FELT THE LIONS CLUBS COULD MAKE NO GREATER CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY THAN TO GET TOGETHER TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT AN INTEGRATED PROGRAMME AIMED AT FOCUSING THE ATTENTION OF BOTH INDIVIDUAL LIONS CLUB MEMBERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE NEED TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT.

"IF NOT FOR OUR OWN SAKES, WE MUST DO THIS FOR THE SAKE OF THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN," HE ADDED.

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HOLIDAY TRAVELLERS URGED TO GET DOCUMENTS EARLY

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PERSONS INTENDING TO TRAVEL ABROAD DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS SHOULD APPLY FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS NOW.

"THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAVELLING OUTSIDE HONG KONG WILL BE GREATLY INCREASED DURING THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

"IN ORDER TO AVOID A LAST MINUTE RUSH, PEOPLE ARE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR A PASSPORT OR CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE ON WHICH THEY INTEND TO TRAVEL," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"IT NORMALLY TAKES 10 WORKING DAYS TO ISSUE A BRITISH (HONG KONG) PASSPORT IF APPLICATIONS ARE MADE AT IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS BUT LONGER IF MADE AT THE BRANCH OFFICES.

"THE PROCESSING TIME FOR BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) PASSPORT AND HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY WILL BE THE SAME IF THE APPLICANT IS IN POSSESSION OF A PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD, OTHERWISE IT WILL TAKE ABOUT FIVE WEEKS BECAUSE WE HAVE TO ARRANGE FOR THE APPLICANT TO BE ISSUED WITH A PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD AT THE SAME TIME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

RE-ENTRY PERMITS AND DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES ARE NORMALLY ISSUED ON THE SAME DAY BUT DELAY IS LIKELY IF THERE ARE MANY APPLICANTS VISITING OFFICES AT THE SAME TIME, FOR EXAMPLE, ON A SATURDAY.

"THE PERIOD BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS IS THE BUSIEST TIME OF THE YEAR.

"BY APPLYING EARLY, IT WILL NOT ONLY SPREAD THE WORKLOAD OF THE DEPARTMENT BUT WILL ALSO GIVE APPLICANTS EXTRA TIME TO MEET ANY FURTHER VISA PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS WHERE NECESSARY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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CIVIC EDUCATION SURVEY RESULTS ANNOUNCED

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MORE PEOPLE HAVE GAINED AN UNDERSTANDING OF CIVIC EDUCATION DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, ACCORDING TO A TERRITORY-WIDE SURVEY COMMISSIONED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DR DANIEL TSE SAID THAT WHEN COMPARED WITH A SIMILAR SURVEY IN 1986, THE PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION WHO HAD SHOWN AN UNDERSTANDING OF CIVIC EDUCATION HAD INCREASED FROM 30 PER CENT TO 34 PER CENT.

"CIVIC EDUCATION IS PERCEIVED AS A PROCESS OF PROMOTING PEOPLE'S UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIETY, CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND WAYS TO EXERCISE THESE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES," DR TSE SAID.

DR TSE SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SURVEY WAS TO IDENTIFY CHANGES, IF ANY, IN PUBLIC PERCEPTION AND THE EXERCISE OF CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, USING THE 1986 SURVEY RESULTS AS A BENCHMARK.

THE SURVEY ALSO AIMED TO ASCERTAIN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PUBLICITY EFFORTS IN THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND TO ESTABLISH INDICATORS OF CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF CIVIC MINDEDNESS.

"THIS IS REQUIRED FOR IDENTIFYING AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION," DR TSE SAID.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES (HK) LTD FROM MID-SEPTEMBER TO EARLY NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, AND INVOLVED PERSONAL INTERVIEWS WITH 1,000 RESPONDENTS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 64.

THE SURVEY FOCUSED ON AREAS LIKE AWARENESS AND PERCEPTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, PERCEPTION OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, ATTITUDE TOWARDS CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PUBLICITY IN CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGES.

THE FINDINGS INDICATED THAT PEOPLE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY. EIGHTY PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS HAD RAISED A RANGE OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS AS THEIR CONCERN.

AMONG THEM, NEARLY HALF WERE CONCERNED ABOUT PROBLEMS HAVING IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG AS A WHOLE. SIXTEEN PER CENT OF THEM HAVE TAKEN SOME FORM OF ACTION TO TACKLE THE PROBLEMS, INCLUDING MAKING COMPLAINTS TO THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED AND SEEKING ADVICE FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

MOST OF THE RESPONDENTS AGREED THAT "A GOOD CITIZEN SHOULD FIRST OF ALL HELP AND CARE ABOUT THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD", THAT "IT IS THE DUTY OF EVERY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD", AND THAT "EVERY PARENT SHOULD INSTIL IN THEIR CHILDREN A SENSE OF BELONGING TO HONG KONG".

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ON PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS, 81 PER CENT OF THOSE WHO EITHER CLAIMED TO HAVE REGISTERED OR WERE LIKELY TO REGISTER AS VOTERS INDICATED THAT THEY WERE LIKELY TO VOTE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE MAIN REASONS GIVEN FOR REGISTERING OR VOTING INCLUDE "IT IS THE DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF A CITIZEN", "CAN DO SOMETHING FOR MY COMMUNITY", "TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDATE I LIKE", "A WAY OF AIRING OPINION", "WORK FOR A PROSPEROUS FUTURE", AND "IT IS THE RIGHT OF A CITIZEN".

REASONS FOR NOT REGISTERING OR VOTING ARE "DO NOT HAVE TIME", "NO INTEREST IN POLITICS", "LOW EDUCATION LEVEL/NOT KNOWLEDGEABLE", AND "DO NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR POLITICAL PLATFORMS".

TEN PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS CLAIMED THAT THEY WERE MEMBERS OF SOCIAL OR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS. OVER HALF OF THE RESPONDENTS WERE OF THE OPINION THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF THESE ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED.

ON PUBLICITY AND EDUCATION, 44 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS FELT THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD OF PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION WAS THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA, INCLUDING TELEVISION, RADIO AND NEWSPAPERS.

THIRTY-SEVEN PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS REGARDED IT MOST EFFECTIVE TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WHILE NINE PER CENT FELT THAT PEOPLE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO AIR THEIR OPINIONS ON SOCIAL ISSUES.

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JOINT SCHOOL EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ANTI-DRUG EDUCATION

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A JOINT SCHOOL DESIGN EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE ANTI-DRUG EDUCATION WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI, ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 14).

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP (YVG) OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND SUPPORTED BY THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

IT IS AIMED AT AROUSING THE AWARENESS OF RESIDENTS, IN PARTICULAR YOUNG PEOPLE, AGAINST DRUG ABUSE.

DESIGNED BY PARTICIPATING TEAMS FROM 14 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND FROM THE YVG, EXHIBITION BOOTHS ON VARIOUS DRUG-RELATED TOPICS WILL BE PUT UP AT THE DISPLAY VENUE.

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THE SCHOOL TEAMS ARE FROM YU CHUN KEUNG MEMORIAL COLLEGE NO. 2; ST JOAN OF ARC SECONDARY SCHOOL; HOLY TRINITY COLLEGE; KWAI CHUNG METHODIST COLLEGE; PO LEUNG KUK YAO LING SUN COLLEGE; HENRIETTA SCHOOL; KUNG LEE COLLEGE; YING WA COLLEGE; ST JOSEPH'S ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL; KEI HEEP SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL; ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S COLLEGE; KEI YUEN COLLEGE; ST SIMON'S LUI MING CHOI SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND DE LA SALLE SECONDARY SCHOOL.'

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE THREE TEAMS WITH THE BEST DESIGNED EXHIBITS.

OFFICIATING AT THE EXHIBITION'S OPENING ON SATURDAY WILL BE THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY; THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MRS KONG LI CHI-HO; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YVG ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MISS CHAN OI-WAH.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM 2.30 PM TO 6 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 14) AND FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE JOINT SCHOOL ANTI-DRUG DESIGN EXHIBITION AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 14) AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI.

BOE MEMBERS VISIT RESOURCE TEACHING CENTRE

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) AND FIVE MEMBERS TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RESOURCE TEACHING CENTRE TO SEE HOW INTENSIVE REMEDIAL TEACHING SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS ATTENDING ORDINARY SCHOOLS WHO HAVE LEARNING DIFFICULTIES OR BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS.

THE GROUP COMPRISED MRS RITA FAN (CHAIRMAN), MISS BOW SUI-MAY, MISS SO YAN-LAP, MR TAM MAN-KWAN, THE REV J.G. FOLEY, AND MR ANDREW SO KWOK-WING.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES), MR LUCAS CHAN, AND THE BOE SECRETARY, MR P.K. CHIU, THE VISITORS FIRST WENT TO THE RESOURCE TEACHING CENTRE AT THE SAN WUI COMMERCIAL SOCIETY KOWLOON SCHOOL IN KWONG LEE ROAD, SHAM SHUI PO.

THE SHAM SHUI PO CENTRE IS ONE OF THE FIVE RESOURCE TEACHING CENTRES CATERING FOR ABOUT 1,260 SECONDARY STUDENTS. THERE ARE THREE CENTRES OF THIS KIND WHICH PROVIDE SERVICE TO 264 PRIMARY STUDENTS.

/SECONDARY STUDENTS

SECONDARY STUDENTS REQUIRING THIS SERVICE ARE IDENTIFIED BY INSPECTORS OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, BASED ON INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION.

THEY ARE STUDENTS ATTENDING CLASSES IN SCHOOLS WHICH ARE UNABLE TO OPERATE RESOURCE CLASSES FOR VARIOUS REASONS.

REMEDIAL TEACHING SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO PRIMARY STUDENTS ON REFERRAL BY PARENTS OR SCHOOLS AND AFTER ASSESSMENT BY EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS OR INSPECTORS OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION.

REMEDIAL TEACHING IS AVAILABLE TO BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS IN BASIC SUBJECTS INCLUDING CHINESE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS.

SECONDARY STUDENTS IN WHOLE-DAY SCHOOLS RECEIVE INTENSIVE REMEDIAL HELP IN THE CENTRES ON SATURDAY MORNING.

THOSE SECONDARY STUDENTS AND PRIMARY STUDENTS IN BI-SESSIONAL SCHOOLS ATTEND THE CENTRES ON WEEKDAYS TWICE A WEEK.

THE BOE MEMBERS LATER WENT TO THE ADJUSTMENT UNIT WHERE SUPPORTING AND GUIDANCE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS WITH BEHAVIOUR AND ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS.

THE UNIT IS STAFFED BY SPECIALIST TEACHERS WITH SUPPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS AND EDUCATIONAL COUNSELLORS.

THE VISITORS WERE TOLD THAT CHILDREN WITH EMOTIONAL OR BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS COULD DISPLAY HOSTILE, AGGRESSIVE OR DISRUPTIVE ATTITUDES.

THEY WERE REFERRED TO THE UNIT BY PARENTS, SCHOOLS OR STUDENTS GUIDANCE OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION.

THE SERVICES IN THE UNIT RANGE FROM PART-TIME COUNSELLING OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS TO FULL-TIME CARE FOR CHILDREN TAKEN OUT OF SCHOOLS TEMPORARILY.

SOME PROGRAMMES IN THE UNIT CONSIST OF A STRONG ELEMENT OF COUNSELLING AND BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION AIMED AT HELPING STUDENTS TO OVERCOME THEIR DIFFICULTIES, AND TO BUILD UP A POSITIVE SELF-IMAGE AND TO IMPROVE THEIR SOCIAL SKILLS SO THAT THEY CAN BENEFIT FROM EDUCATION IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS.

ELDERLY AND CYCLISTS TARGETS OF ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN
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ELDERLY RESIDENTS AND CYCLISTS ARE THE TARGETS OF THIS YEAR'S CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AND A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE FORBES STREET TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND IN KENNEDY TOWN ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15) TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE.

APART FROM A VARIETY SHOW AND STALL GAMES, THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS AND GAMES ON CYCLING SAFETY, AND QUIZZES ON BASIC ROAD SAFETY RULES FOR THE ELDERLY AND PRIMARY STUDENTS AT THE CARNIVAL.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM. OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR AMBROSE LAU HON-CHUEN, AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER.

STARTING FROM 1.30 PM, FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED TO TAKE RESIDENTS FROM THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE IN CENTRAL AND CENTRE STREET IN SAI YING PUN TO THE VENUE.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE, AREA COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8170196.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15) AT THE FORBES STREET TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND IN KENNEDY TOWN.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES MAY TAKE THE SHUTTLE BUS WHICH WILL LEAVE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT 1.30 PM.

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ANTI-SHOPTHEFT TELEMATCH IN SHAM SHUI PO
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AN ANTI-SHOPTHEFT TELEMATCH WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 14) AT THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS GROUND AS ONE OF THE EVENTS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

PARTICIPANTS FROM 19 LOCAL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL COMPETE IN A NUMBER OF GAMES WITH THE ANTI-SHOPTHEFT THEME AIMED TO AROUSE PARTICIPANTS' AWARENESS OF THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF COMMITTING SUCH A CRIME.

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THE TELEMATCH IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE.

OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT'S OPENING ON SATURDAY WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN; SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GREGORY LEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME AND SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEES, MR FAN KAM-PING; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHOI WAN-HOE.

THEY WILL INSPECT AND TAKE SALUTE FROM A PARADE OF UNIFORMED TEAMS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS, SUCH AS THE BOY SCOUTS, GIRL GUIDES, RED CROSS, ROAD SAFETY PATROL, COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AND THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

PRIZES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF A NUMBER OF ANTI-SHOPTHEFT COLOURING, DRAWING, SLOGAN AND POSTER DESIGN COMPETITIONS HELD EARLIER.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ANTI-SHOPTHEFT TELEMATCH AND SCHOOL SERVICE CORPS PARADE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM AT THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS GROUND ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 14).

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ISLANDS DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS YOUTH ACTIVITIES
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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL FOR CO-ORDINATING CIVIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

IT IS PROPOSED THAT A YOUTH AFFAIRS CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE BE SET UP UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THIS WOULD ADVISE ON PROVISION OF A FULL RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNGSTERS, VET SUBSIDY APPLICATIONS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES, AND FORMULATE A LONG-TERM YOUTH POLICY FOR THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF POOR TELEVISION RECEPTION IN SUN KEI PANG AND SUN SHA PANG AT TAI O, AND GIVE ADVICE ON IMPROVEMENT MEASURES.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROPOSED ESTIMATE FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES IN 1989-90, PROGRESS OF THE CURRENT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS LICENSING GUIDELINES FOR GAMES CENTRES
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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE LICENSING GUIDELINES FOR AMUSEMENT GAMES CENTRES AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE SETTING UP OF A NEW COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD AND MATTERS CONCERNING REHOUSING ARRANGEMENT FOR RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE FORTHCOMING CLEARANCE OF SHEK YAM TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

EIGHT WORKING GROUPS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WILL REPORT THE PROGRESS OF THEIR WORK AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KWAI CHUNG.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SERVICE

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER SEVERAL APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FROM WORKING GROUPS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL SERVICES TO BE OFFERED IN THE YAU MA HOM TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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NEW TERRITORIES LOT TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TO LET BY TENDER A 5,850-SQUARE-METRE LOT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE LOT IS IN AREA 25, SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

IT IS FOR STORAGE OF GOODS (EXCLUDING CONTAINERS) BELONGING TO THE TENANT ONLY OR FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CARPARK FOR THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES (EXCLUDING CONTAINERS) WHICH ARE CURRENTLY LICENSED FOR USE IN PUBLIC STREETS AND ROADS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

THE LEASE IS FOR ONE YEAR AND RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 27 THIS YEAR.

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FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND THE TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT:

- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES;
- * 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.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON HK ISLAND

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT CLEVELAND STREET IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15) FOR THE CAUSEWAY BAY CENTRAL DAY STREET CARNIVAL.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON GLOUCESTER ROAD SERVICE ROAD HEADING FOR PATERSON STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CANNON STREET, LOCKHART ROAD, EAST POINT ROAD AND GREAT GEORGE STREET.

ALSO, AIRBUS ROUTE A3 WILL NOT SERVE PATERSON STREET AND PARK LANE HOTEL BUT WILL OBSERVE A BUS STOP ON GLOUCESTER ROAD SERVICE ROAD NEAR CLEVELAND STREET BEFORE RESUMING ITS NORMAL ROUTEING.

IN CENTRAL, EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND H.M.S. TAMAR WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY FOR THE PAINT AND PLAY DAY.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY, ELECTRIC ROAD IN NORTH POINT BETWEEN TSING FUNG STREET AND YACHT STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR ROAD WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE OUTER-MOST LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTHBOUND NEAR SUN TIN WAI ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 11 PM AND 7 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM JANUARY 15 TO 17 AND ON JANUARY 22 FOR THE REPAINTING OF A SIGN GANTRY.

IN ADDITION, THE TRAFFIC LANES ON TSUEN WAN ROAD BETWEEN KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND TUEN MUN ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED IN TURN FROM JANUARY 15 TO MARCH 4 FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND NEAR LUNG PING ROAD WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15) FOR WATER WORKS.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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