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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY RELEASED

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE CONTINUED TO GROW RAPIDLY IN JANUARY 1988.

THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS, HOWEVER, LOWER THAN IN DECEMBER 1987, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1988 WAS \$16,477 MILLION, 17.2 PER CENT OR \$2,424 MILLION HIGHER THAN IN JANUARY 1987, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 53 PER CENT OR \$6,360 MILLION TO \$18,364 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS), AT \$34,841 MILLION, WAS 33.7 PER CENT OR \$8,784 MILLION HIGHER THAN IN JANUARY 1987.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 41 PER CENT OR \$9,634 MILLION OVER JANUARY 1987 TO \$33,150 MILLION.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1988 WAS LARGER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$1,691 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 5.1 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED FOR THE MONTH. THIS SURPLUS WAS, HOWEVER, LARGELY SEASONAL.

CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN INTERPRETING FIGURES FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL MONTH IN ISOLATION, IN VIEW OF THE FLUCTUATIONS THAT MAY OCCUR FROM MONTH TO MONTH.

PUTTING THE MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1988 WAS \$386,818 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$197,678 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$189,140 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1987, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$103,324 MILLION OR 36.4 PER CENT, THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$40,172 MILLION OR 25.5 PER CENT, AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS BY \$63,152 MILLION OR 50.1 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$106,918 MILLION OR 38.1 PER CENT, TO \$387,582 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$764 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 0.2 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1988.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE TRADE FIGURES IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THE YEAR WERE USUALLY AFFECTED BY THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, WHICH OCCURRED IN LATE JANUARY LAST YEAR, WHILE IN THIS YEAR THEY OCCURRED IN MID-FEBRUARY.

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THUS, THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE DIFFERENCE IN THE NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS BETWEEN JANUARY 1988 AND THE SAME MONTH IN 1987.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE STRONG GROWTH IN RE-EXPORTS, REFLECTING THE FLOURISHING ENTREPOT TRADE, CONTRIBUTED AT LEAST IN PART TO THE SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS, ALTHOUGH THE HIGH LEVEL OF DOMESTIC DEMAND SHOULD ALSO BE A RELEVANT FACTOR.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY 1988.

## TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY, 1988

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$16,477 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$18,364 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$34,841 MILLION	
	IMPORTS	:	\$33,150 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 1,691 MILLION	[ IN SURPLUS ]

## COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	NOV 87	NOV 86	INCREASE	
	TO JAN 88 HK\$ MN.	TO JAN 87 HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	52,403	44,290	8,113	18.3
RE-EXPORTS	54,987	36,907	18,080	49.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	107,390	81,197	26,193	32.3
IMPORTS	106,237	77,030	29,207	37.9
TRADE BALANCE	1,153	4,167	-3,014	

## SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

	JANUARY	JANUARY	INCREASE	
	1988 HK\$ MN.	1987 HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	16,477 (47.3%)	14,053 (53.9%)	2,424	17.2
RE-EXPORTS	18,364	12,004	6,360	53.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	34,841	26,057	8,784	33.7
IMPORTS	33,150	23,516	9,634	41.0
TRADE BALANCE	1,691	2,541	-850	

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LAST MONTH	JANUARY	DECEMBER	INCREASE	
	1988 HK\$ MN.	1987 HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	16,477 (47.3%)	18,850 (49.7%)	-2,373	-12.6
RE-EXPORTS	18,364	19,056	-692	-3.6
TOTAL EXPORTS	34,841	37,906	-3,065	-8.1
IMPORTS	33,150	38,817	-5,667	-14.6
TRADE BALANCE	1,691	-911	2,602	

LAST 12 MONTHS	FEB 87 TO JAN 88 HK\$ MN.	FEB 86 TO JAN 87 HK\$ MN.	INCREASE	
			HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	197,678	157,506	40,172	25.5
RE-EXPORTS	189,140	125,988	63,152	50.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	386,818	283,494	103,324	36.4
IMPORTS	387,582	280,664	106,918	38.1
TRADE BALANCE	-764	2,830	-3,594	

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## GLENARTHUR SPEAKS ON WHITE PAPER, VR ISSUES

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THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, LORD GLENARTHUR SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT HE WAS SURE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL TAKE FORWARD WHAT THE WHITE PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT CONTAINED AND MAKE IT WORK IN THE WAY THAT ALL HOPE IT WILL.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE LEAVING FOR SINGAPORE EN ROUTE TO NEPAL, LORD GLENARTHUR SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, OFFICIALS AND OTHER PEOPLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE OUTCOME OF THE WHITE PAPER, WHICH HE THOUGHT HAD BEEN GENERALLY WELCOMED HERE, AND THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES PROBLEM.

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NOTING THAT HE KNEW THE VR PROBLEM WAS A CONSIDERABLE BURDEN ON HONG KONG AND A WORRY, HE SAID BRITAIN WOULD CONTINUE TO DO ALL THEY COULD WITH THE AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WHO HELPED SHARE THIS BURDEN TO BRING ABOUT THE NECESSARY CHANGES WHICH WERE GOING TO BE NEEDED IN VIETNAM IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE FLOW OF VR'S FROM ITS EXISTING PACE.

REFERRING TO A LETTER TO HIM FROM THE CONVENER OF THE LEGCO AD HOC GROUP ON VR'S, MRS RITA FAN, LORD GLENARTHUR SAID IT WAS A VERY FULL LETTER AND DESERVED A VERY FULL AND CAREFUL REPLY.

"I SHALL STUDY THE LETTER AGAIN WITH GREAT CARE AND RESPOND TO IT FULLY," HE NOTED.

HE ADDED THAT THE IMPORTANT THING WAS THAT PRESSURE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY UPON VIETNAM WAS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE, AND BRITAIN WOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE THAT FORWARD WITH THEM, USING THE SUPPORT OF OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL, AND WITH THE AGENCIES THAT LOOK AFTER THE VR'S.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT TALKS BEING HELD IN HONG KONG, LORD GLENARTHUR SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO ANTICIPATE THE RESULT.

"WHAT I'M QUITE CONFIDENT IS THAT BOTH SIDES WISH TO SEE A SETTLEMENT, AN AGREEMENT, ON THIS ISSUE. AND THEY ARE, BOTH OF THEM, WORKING VERY HARD TO THAT END," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT HE WOULD COME TO HONG KONG AGAIN IN EARLY SUMMER FOR A SUBSTANTIVE VISIT, AND ADDED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS THAT HE HAD HAD HERE TODAY WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR HIM AND FOR OTHERS WHO WERE CONSIDERING THE MANY ISSUES WHICH FACED HONG KONG AND WHICH HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING WHEN HE RETURNED TO LONDON.

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#### STUDENTS RECEIVE YOUDE MEMORIAL AWARDS

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ABOUT 540 LOCAL STUDENTS WERE AWARDED SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL PRIZES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS TODAY (SATURDAY).

AT A CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL THIS MORNING, LADY YOUDE PRESENTED THE AWARDS TO THE STUDENTS. THE RECIPIENTS WERE SELECTED UNDER A SCHEME AIMED AT ENCOURAGING ACADEMIC STUDIES AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AMONG STUDENTS.

THE AWARDS WILL ENABLE THE STUDENTS TO PURSUE LOCAL COURSES AT SENIOR SECONDARY, UNDERGRADUATE AND DIPLOMA AND POSTGRADUATE LEVELS.

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SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, LADY YOUDE SAID THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR, WERE BY FAR THE TERRITORY'S SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ASSET.

"IT IS ITS PEOPLE THAT HAVE MADE HONG KONG THE PLACE IT IS TODAY - A DYNAMIC MAJOR ECONOMIC CENTRE WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER THE BEST OF EAST AND WEST; AND IT WILL BE THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL TAKE HONG KONG TO FURTHER HEIGHTS IN THE FUTURE," SHE SAID.

LADY YOUDE SAID SHE HAD GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD REMAIN COMMITTED TO HONG KONG AND WOULD MAINTAIN ITS CITIZENS' TRADITION OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

"THE AWARD SCHEMES INITIATED SO FAR HAVE PROVIDED A FRESH IMPETUS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO THIS END," SHE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND COUNCIL, MR STEPHEN CHEONG, SAID TODAY'S AWARDS WERE MADE UNDER THE FIRST OF TWO SCHEMES AIMED AT ENCOURAGING ACADEMIC STUDIES AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

"COMPETITION FOR THE AWARDS IS VERY KEEN AND I AM SURE THAT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY, AT \$1.7 MILLION, WHICH MADE UP THE VALUE OF THE AWARDS IS MONEY WELL SPENT TO RECOGNISE THE STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS," HE SAID.

MR CHEONG SAID THE SECOND SCHEME WAS INTENDED TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS FOR LOCAL STUDENTS WHO WISHED TO PURSUE COURSES OVERSEAS, WITH THE AIM OF PROVIDING FOR THE EDUCATION OF SOME OF HONG KONG'S BRIGHTEST STUDENTS AT THE WORLD'S FINEST ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS.

"IT IS NOT THAT THEY CANNOT PURSUE COURSES SUCCESSFULLY IN OUR LOCAL INSTITUTIONS. BUT WE FEEL THAT OVERSEAS EXPOSURE WILL BE VALUABLE EXPERIENCE TO THEM WHEN THEY RETURN TO HONG KONG. IT WILL HELP BROADEN THEIR AND OUR HORIZON," HE SAID.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT UP TO SIX AWARDS, TOTALLING \$1.5 MILLION, WILL BE MADE FOR THE 1988-89 ACADEMIC YEAR.

MEANWHILE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND, MR LEE QUO-WEI, SAID THAT AS AWARDS WOULD SOON BE EXTENDED TO HONG KONG STUDENTS TO STUDY OVERSEAS, THE DEMAND ON THE FUND WOULD FURTHER INCREASE.

"WE THEREFORE ANXIOUSLY APPEAL FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

MR LEE SAID THAT AS AT JANUARY 31 THIS YEAR, THE MARKET VALUE OF THE FUND'S PORTFOLIO STOOD AT \$79.015 MILLION.

"AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OF THE PAYMENT OF AWARDS SO FAR MADE, THIS AMOUNT REPRESENTS A DROP IN BOOK VALUE OF 3.4 PER CENT FROM THE TOTAL SUM OF \$83.055 MILLION RECEIVED IN DONATIONS," HE SAID.

/MR LEE .....

MR LEE POINTED OUT THAT THE INCOME FOR 1987-88 WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED, ALTHOUGH FOR 1988-89 IT MIGHT BE SLIGHTLY LESS THAN THE ORIGINAL FORECAST, IF THE INTEREST RATES OF MAJOR WORLD CURRENCIES WERE TO REMAIN AT THE PRESENT LOW LEVEL.

AS FROM MARCH 1, COLLECTION OF DONATIONS WILL BE CENTRALISED AT THE TRUST FUNDS SECTION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE AT ANY BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG BANK, HANG SENG BANK AND HANG LUNG BANK.

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#### OLI SETS UP FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES

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THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLI) OF HONG KONG HAS SET UP FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES TO CARRY OUT DETAILED WORK RELATING TO THE SETTING UP OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE FIRST INTAKE OF STUDENTS LATE NEXT YEAR.

AT A TWO-DAY MEETING WHICH ENDED TODAY (SATURDAY), THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHENG HON-KWAN, DECIDED THAT EACH SUB-COMMITTEE SHOULD BE CHAIRED BY A LOCAL MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

MR CHENG HIMSELF WILL CHAIR THE CENTRAL GENERAL MATTERS SUB-COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL DEVISE THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF THE OLI.

HE WILL ALSO HEAD A SPECIAL "SEARCH" SUB-COMMITTEE WHICH HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE VITAL TASK OF RECRUITING THE OLI'S FIRST DIRECTOR.

MR CARLOS CHEUNG HON-KAU IS TO LEAD THE ACADEMIC AND CURRICULUM PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE AND MR SAMUEL WONG PING-WAI HAS ACCEPTED THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE.

THE RECRUITMENT OF SENIOR STAFF OTHER THAN THE DIRECTOR AND THE DETAILS OF STAFF TRAINING AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STAFF AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR TSIM TAK-LUNG.

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED ON A PROGRAMME OF WORK DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT ITS TASK WILL BE COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE.

THIS PROGRAMME WILL REQUIRE ALL THE SUB-COMMITTEES TO START WORK ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. THE SUB-COMMITTEES WILL REPORT BACK TO THE FULL PLANNING COMMITTEE EVERY TWO MONTHS.

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ITSELF INTENDS TO MAKE A PROGRESS REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

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OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED INCLUDED THE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP OF THE OLI WITH THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE (UPGC) AND THE POSSIBLE USE OF CABLE TELEVISION FOR THE DELIVERY OF COURSES.

MR CHENG SAID THE TWO-DAY MEETING HAD BEEN MOST SUCCESSFUL.

"AN EXCELLENT START HAS BEEN MADE, AUGURING WELL FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK WITHIN THE 1989 TIMETABLE," HE SAID.

MEMBERS WILL SPEND THE NEXT FEW DAYS VISITING THE UNIVERSITIES, POLYTECHNICS AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE EXTRA-MURAL COURSES OFFERED BY THESE INSTITUTIONS AND WITH LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY.

THE NEXT FULL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN LATE APRIL, BY WHICH TIME THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES IS EXPECTED TO BE WELL ADVANCED.

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BROADCASTING AUTHORITY'S COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE  
RECEIVES 150 SUBMISSIONS  
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THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY HAS RECEIVED 150 INDIVIDUAL AND JOINT SUBMISSIONS FROM OVER 3,300 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE COMMITTEE IS THE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH TELEVISION VIEWERS WHO ARE DISSATISFIED WITH WHAT THEY SEE ON TELEVISION MAY AIR THEIR GRIEVANCES TO THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY.

OF THE 150 SUBMISSIONS, 134 CASES WERE COMPLAINTS AND WERE DEALT WITH BY THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY ORDINANCE 1987.

THE REMAINING 16 SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED BY THE AUTHORITY WERE EITHER IN RESPECT OF MATTERS OUTSIDE THE PURVIEW OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY OR PERSONAL OPINIONS.

OF THE 134 COMPLAINTS, 115 WERE IN RESPECT OF THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF TELEVISION PROGRAMMES; 14 IN RESPECT OF THE STANDARDS OF TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENTS, AND FIVE IN RESPECT OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF TELEVISION.

THE COMMITTEE NOTED WITH CONCERN THAT A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF THE COMPLAINTS ON THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF TELEVISION PROGRAMMES WERE IN RESPECT OF THE GRATUITOUS AND EXCESSIVE PORTRAYAL OF VIOLENCE ON LOCALLY PRODUCED TELEVISION DRAMA SERIES.

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IN CONSIDERING THESE COMPLAINTS, THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE GAVE THE SUBJECTS OF THE COMPLAINTS REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS, WHICH THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER WITH OTHER RELEVANT EVIDENCE BEFORE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE COMPLAINTS TO THE AUTHORITY.

THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY DECIDED ON THE COMPLAINTS AFTER CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE.

WHERE THE SITUATION WARRANTED, WARNINGS WERE ISSUED TO THE LICENSEE CONCERNED, WITH THE REMINDER THAT FURTHER BREACHES OF THE SAME MIGHT LEAD TO THE IMPOSITION OF FINANCIAL PENALTIES UNDER SECTION 37 OF THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE.

ADVICE WAS ALSO GIVEN FROM TIME TO TIME.

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#### FINAL BREAKTHROUGH IN ROUTE 5 TUNNEL SYSTEM

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THE FINAL BREAKTHROUGH OF THE ROUTE 5 TUNNEL SYSTEM BEING BUILT AS PART OF A \$1.2 BILLION ROAD CONNECTING SHA TIN WITH TSUEN WAN WAS ACHIEVED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE BREAKTHROUGH CEREMONY -- AT WHICH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, OFFICIATED -- MARKED ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS THE COMPLETION OF ROUTE 5 IN LATE 1989.

ROUTE 5 IS A DUAL, TWO-LANE TRUNK ROAD WITH THREE SECTIONS: SHA TIN APPROACH SECTION, SHING MUN SECTION AND TSUEN WAN APPROACH SECTION. IT IS SEVEN KILOMETRES LONG.

AT THE SHING MUN SECTION, 2.6 KILOMETRES OF THE 3.5 KILOMETRES TWO-LANE, DUAL CARRIAGEWAY WILL RUN THROUGH TUNNELS.

THE TUNNELS ARE INTERRUPTED BY THE GORGE OF THE LOWER SHING MUN RIVER, WHERE THE CARRIAGEWAYS RUN OVER TWO BRIDGES.

THE SMUGGLERS RIDGE TUNNELS, TO THE WEST OF THE LOWER SHING MUN RIVER, ARE ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE LONG, AND THE NEEDLE HILL TUNNELS, TO THE EAST, ARE ABOUT 1.6 KILOMETRES LONG.

A BRIDGE OVER THE SHING MUN ROAD DIVERSION, A TOLL PLAZA WITH 13 LANES AND AN ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL BUILDING IN TSUEN WAN, NEAR WO HI HOP VILLAGE, ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE SHING MUN SECTION.

EXCAVATION FOR BOTH THE SMUGGLERS RIDGE AND NEEDLE HILL TUNNELS STARTED IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

/THE BREAKTHROUGH .....

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THE BREAKTHROUGH IN THE SMUGGLERS RIDGE TUNNELS WAS COMPLETED IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

TODAY'S FINAL BREAKTHROUGH TOOK PLACE IN THE NORTH TUNNEL UNDER NEEDLE HILL.

ABOUT 450,000 CUBIC METRES OF ROCK WAS EXCAVATED AND ABOUT 540 TONNES OF EXPLOSIVES WERE USED IN BUILDING ALL THE TUNNELS.

ON COMPLETION OF TUNNEL EXCAVATION WORK, INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT INSIDE THE TUNNELS WILL BEGIN.

THE SHING MUN TUNNELS, TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR, WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH A COMPUTERISED TUNNEL SUPERVISORY SYSTEM TO ENSURE THAT ALL ASPECTS OF THE TUNNEL OPERATION ARE MONITORED AND CONTROLLED SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY.

THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHING MUN SECTION ARE MOTT, HAY AND ANDERSON, FAR EAST.

THE CONTRACTOR COMPRISES A JOINT VENTURE FORMED BY GAMMON (HK) LIMITED, DRAGAGES ET TRAVAUX PUBLICS AND SKANSKA AB.

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#### INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM AWARDED TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL PROJECT

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS SELECTED THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY GAMMON-NISHIMATSU CONSORTIUM FOR THE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE MAIN INVESTORS ARE NISHIMATSU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, JARDINE, MATHESON AND COMPANY, TRAFALGAR HOUSE PLC, STANDARD CHARTERED ASIA, AND C ITOH AND COMPANY. THE ESTIMATED INVESTMENT IS ABOUT \$2 BILLION.

MR LEUNG SAID THE CONSORTIUM WOULD START BUILDING THE TUNNEL IN MID-1988 AND COMPLETE IT BY MID-1991 -- ONE YEAR EARLIER THAN PREVIOUSLY ENVISAGED.

MR LEUNG WELCOMED THIS PROPOSAL AND SAID THAT IT WOULD BRING LONG-TERM RELIEF TO THE LION ROCK TUNNEL CONGESTION.

APART FROM OFFERING A GOOD ENGINEERING PACKAGE WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR A SHORT CONSTRUCTION TIME, THE CONSORTIUM ALSO PROPOSED LOW INITIAL TOLLS AND A STABLE TOLL REGIME.

/MR LEUNG .....

MR LEUNG SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SPEND OVER \$2 BILLION IN CONSTRUCTING APPROACH ROADS TO THE TUNNEL. THERE WOULD BE A NEW ROAD NETWORK IN EAST KOWLOON CONNECTING TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL TO THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND JUNK BAY TUNNEL, AND IN SHA TIN TO TOLO HIGHWAY.

THE NEW ROAD NETWORK IN EAST KOWLOON WOULD ALSO ATTRACT MOST OF THROUGH TRAFFIC FROM THE EXISTING CONGESTED ROADS AND THUS WOULD MARKEDLY IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

MR LEUNG SAID THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONSORTIUM'S PROPOSALS WAS CONDITIONAL UPON LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ENACTING THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD GIVE THE NECESSARY STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO THE FRANCHISE. THE FRANCHISE WILL RUN FOR 30 YEARS.

COMMENTING ON THE KEEN INTEREST SHOWN IN THIS PROJECT, MR LEUNG SAID THE SHORTLIST OF THREE CONSORTIA SUBMITTED PROPOSALS OF A VERY HIGH STANDARD.

THE COMPETITION HAD MADE POSSIBLE A FINAL PACKAGE WHICH PROVIDED THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC IN TERMS OF LOW AND STABLE TOLLS AND A SHORT CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, HE SAID.

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#### CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN POLICE AND ARMED FORCES

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THE LIAISON BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE ARMED FORCES WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLOSE AS THE POLICE FORCE PLANS TO TAKE ON FULL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION DUTIES ON THE BORDER.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL GARRY JOHNSON, AT A PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG TODAY (SATURDAY).

NOTING THAT THE HAND OVER OF DUTIES FROM THE BRITISH TROOPS TO THE POLICE WOULD RUN SMOOTHLY, MAJOR-GENERAL JOHNSON SAID POLICE HAD A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY IN MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER WHICH WAS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE STABILITY AND SECURITY OF HONG KONG.

"IN THIS RESPECT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES AND THE POLICE IS ALWAYS AN IMPORTANT ONE, AND I AM GLAD THAT IN HONG KONG THAT RELATIONSHIP IS VERY CLOSE, CO-OPERATIVE AND FRIENDLY," HE SAID.

OBSERVING THE EXPANSION OF THE POLICE IN ORDER TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE COMMANDER REMINDED THE OFFICERS ON PARADE THAT THEY WERE MEMBERS OF AN EXTREMELY EFFICIENT AND HIGH-RESPECTED POLICE FORCE, AND THAT THEY HAD A GREAT DEAL TO LIVE UP TO.

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HE FURTHER NOTED THAT THE LOW LEVEL OF ROBBERIES RECORDED IN THE TERRITORY IN RECENT YEARS SHOWED THAT THE STREETS OF HONG KONG WERE AMONG THE SAFEST IN THE WORLD.

"THIS IS AN OBVIOUS DEMONSTRATION TO THE PUBLIC OF THE FORCE'S CONTINUING HARD WORK IN THE COMMUNITY AND SOMETHING TO BE VERY PROUD OF," HE ADDED.

PASSING OUT TODAY WERE 25 INSPECTORS AND 267 POLICE CONSTABLES, WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED A BASIC TRAINING COURSE AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

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GOVERNMENT STRIVES TO IMPROVE SERVICES FOR OFFENDERS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AREA OF SERVICES FOR OFFENDERS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MRS WONG WAS SPEAKING AT THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS (VSP).

SHE NOTED THAT THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FOUR MAIN TYPES OF SERVICES FOR OFFENDERS WAS TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE DIRECTIONS OF THE COURTS ON THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS BY THE USE OF SOCIAL WORK METHODS, WITH THE AIM OF RE-INTEGRATING THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY.

MRS WONG POINTED OUT THAT FIRSTLY THERE WAS THE PROBATION SERVICE WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT BY PROBATION OFFICERS WHOSE MAIN FUNCTIONS WERE TO SUPPLY THE COURTS WITH SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORTS ON AN OFFENDER'S CHARACTER AND BACKGROUND AND TO PROVIDE SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE TO THE OFFENDERS WHO WERE SUBJECT TO PROBATION ORDERS.

"AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 12 PROBATION OFFICES SERVING THE MAGISTRATE, DISTRICT AND HIGH COURTS AND THE PROBATION OFFICES ARE CURRENTLY HELPING 3,372 OFFENDERS WHO ARE UNDER PROBATION ORDERS," SHE SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO PROVIDED RESIDENTIAL TRAINING TO YOUNG OFFENDERS WITH THE INTENTION OF CHANGING THEIR BEHAVIOUR AND SOCIAL ATTITUDE THROUGH THE EMPLOYMENT OF SOCIAL WORK METHODS SO THAT, UPON DISCHARGE, THEY WOULD BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO LIVE AS LAW ABIDING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

"THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES TWO REFORMATORY SCHOOLS, THREE PROBATION HOMES AND A PROBATION HOSTEL IN ADDITION TO OPERATING REMAND FACILITIES IN TWO PROBATION HOMES AND A SEPARATE REMAND HOME," MRS WONG SAID.

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"THE BOYS AND GIRLS IN THESE INSTITUTIONS ARE PROVIDED WITH SCHOOLING, PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND SOCIAL TRAINING THROUGH GROUP LIVING.

"RESOURCES HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR TO INTRODUCE A TRAINED TEACHING SERVICE INTO THE INSTITUTIONS," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG SAID THE THIRD SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT WAS THE TWO-YEAR PILOT SCHEME ON COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS.

UNDER THIS SCHEME, AN OFFENDER OF 14 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER CONVICTED OF OFFENCES PUNISHABLE WITH IMPRISONMENT COULD BE SENTENCED TO PERFORM A NUMBER OF HOURS OF UNPAID WORK NOT EXCEEDING 240 HOURS TO THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

"OF THE 162 OFFENDERS SENTENCED TO SERVE COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS UP TO THE END OF DECEMBER 1987, 74 HAD SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED THE ORDERS CARRYING A SUCCESS RATE OF 93 PER CENT," SHE SAID.

"ONLY SIX OFFENDERS HAD THEIR ORDERS REVOKED, WHILE THE REMAINING 82 ARE CURRENTLY SERVING THE ORDER, AND WORK PLACEMENTS FOR THEM ARE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT.

"WHILE THE LONG-TERM EFFECT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS RELATING TO RECIDIVISM IS NOT YET KNOWN, IT IS ENCOURAGING TO KNOW AT THE PRESENT STAGE THAT THE WORK EXPERIENCE AND THE REHABILITATIVE COUNSELLING HAVE HAD POSITIVE EFFECTS ON THE OFFENDERS.

"THE SCHEME HAS WORKED WELL AND A DETAILED REVIEW WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE END OF THIS YEAR TO SEE WHETHER IT SHOULD BE CONTINUED AND EXTENDED TO ALL MAGISTRACIES IN HONG KONG AFTER THE INITIAL TRIAL PERIOD," SHE ADDED.

MRS WONG SAID THE FOURTH SERVICE WAS THE YOUNG OFFENDERS ASSESSMENT PANEL SET UP IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHICH PROVIDED MAGISTRATES WITH ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE MOST APPROPRIATE PROGRAMME OF SOCIAL REHABILITATION FOR CONVICTED YOUNG OFFENDERS.

SHE SAID OPERATION OF THE PANEL HAD BEEN VERY SMOOTH AND UP TO THE END OF DECEMBER LAST YEAR, 133 CASES HAD BEEN REFERRED TO IT.

SPEAKING EARLIER AT THE SAME FUNCTION, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (YOUTH AND REHABILITATION), MR KWOK KA-CHI, NOTED THAT THE VSP AIMED TO PROMOTE A WIDER AND POSITIVE APPROACH WHEREBY THE PUBLIC COULD HELP IN THE SOCIAL REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS.

"IT IS FELT THAT ANY ASSISTANCE AND MORAL SUPPORT RENDERED BY THE VOLUNTEERS TO THE OFFENDERS WOULD BE SEEN BY THE LATTER AS SIGNIFICANT INDICATIONS OF COMMUNITY CONCERN AND ACCEPTANCE FOR THEM, THUS MOTIVATING THEM TO REHABILITATE AND SUSTAINING THEIR EFFORTS TO DO SO," MR KWOK SAID.

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"EACH YEAR, INTERESTED AND CIVIC-MINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE RECRUITED TO ASSIST PROBATION OFFICERS BY BEFRIENDING, HELPING AND ADVISING PROBATIONERS ON A PERSONAL BASIS AND THEY ARE MATCHED WITH AN INDIVIDUAL PROBATIONER ACCORDING TO THE LATTER'S PROBLEMS AND NEEDS.

MR KWOK SUGGESTED THE MANY WAYS IN WHICH VOLUNTEERS COULD HELP, SUCH AS BY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE PROBATIONERS WHO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH SCHOOL WORK; GUIDING THEM IN THE PROPER USE OF LEISURE TIME AND DIRECTING THEIR INTERESTS INTO WHOLESOME SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

"THEY CAN PROVIDE FRIENDSHIP TO THOSE WHO ARE WITHOUT SUPPORT OR WHO COME FROM BROKEN FAMILIES; AND THEY CAN HELP YOUNG WIVES AND MOTHERS TACKLE PROBLEMS ON HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT AND CHILD CARE," HE SAID.

"OVER THE PAST 11 YEARS, 245 VOLUNTEERS HAVE TAKEN PART IN ASSISTING PROBATIONERS AND 16 VOLUNTEERS ARE CURRENTLY SERVING PROBATIONERS," HE ADDED.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, 18 VOLUNTEERS WERE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AS A TOKEN OF THANKS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN WORKING WITH A PROBATIONER FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD.

FIVE VOLUNTEERS WERE AWARDED A SOUVENIR FOR THEIR CONTINUING SERVICE OF MORE THAN ONE OCCASION WITH ONE OR MORE PROBATIONERS.

BOTH MRS WONG AND MR KWOK COMMENDED THE VOLUNTEERS AND THE PARTIES CONCERNED FOR THEIR GOOD WORK AND SUPPORT OF THE OFFENDERS.

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#### POLICE KEEP UP WORK AGAINST VICE ACTIVITIES

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POLICE KEPT UP THEIR THREE-PRONGED ATTACK ON GAMBLING, DANGEROUS DRUGS, AND VICE ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY. IN THE 3,583 RAIDS ON ILLEGAL GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENTS, DRUG DIVANS AND VICE DENS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, 1,739 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED.

IN TERMS OF REGIONS, 540 RAIDS WERE CONDUCTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, WITH 423 PEOPLE ARRESTED; 2,586 RAIDS WERE CONDUCTED IN KOWLOON, WITH 976 PEOPLE ARRESTED; AND 404 RAIDS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WITH 318 PEOPLE ARRESTED.

OF ALL THESE RAIDS, 1,195 WERE AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS, RESULTING IN 824 PEOPLE BEING ARRESTED. IN ADDITION, THE NARCOTICS BUREAU CONDUCTED 53 OPERATIONS AND ARRESTED 22 TRAFFICKERS. THE DRUGS SEIZED DURING THE MONTH INCLUDED 20.3 KG OF NO. 3 HEROIN, 1.2 KG OF OPIUM AND FIVE KG OF CANNABIS.

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THERE WAS ALSO NO LET-UP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST VICE ACTIVITIES. DURING THE MONTH, POLICE CONDUCTED 2,009 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 144 PEOPLE. THEY ALSO SEIZED 100 OBSCENE VIDEO TAPES.

AS FOR ILLEGAL GAMBLING, 749 PEOPLE WERE ROUNDED UP IN 326 RAIDS IN JANUARY. TABLE-MONEY AND BETTING SLIPS AMOUNTING TO \$1.58 MILLION WERE SEIZED.

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### MAC MODEL RULES REVISED

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THE SET OF MODEL RULES FOR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES HAS BEEN REVISED TO IMPROVE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAC FORMATION AND OPERATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE IMPROVEMENTS WERE RECOMMENDED BY A WORKING GROUP SET UP UNDER THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE LIGHT OF THE OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCES OF THE MAC'S AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

ONE OF THE MAIN REVISIONS IS TO PERMIT A REPRESENTATIVE AGED 18 OR ABOVE OF A HOUSEHOLD TO BE COUNTED IN THE QUORUM OF A GENERAL MEETING OR A MEETING OF HOUSEHOLDS ON THE SAME FLOOR OF A BUILDING. IN THE PAST, ONLY HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS COULD BE COUNTED.

ON CHOOSING THE "FLOOR REPRESENTATIVES", PROVISIONS ARE MADE IN THE REVISED RULES FOR THEM TO BE "NOMINATED" BY REPRESENTATIVES OF HOUSEHOLDS ON THE SAME FLOOR AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO ELECTIONS AT "FLOOR MEETINGS".

"THIS NOMINATION METHOD HAS BEEN TRIED OUT IN SOME DISTRICTS AND IS FOUND TO BE WORKING WELL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS FOR THE TENURE OF OFFICE, THE REVISED RULES PROVIDE THAT THE TERM OF OFFICE OF MAC OFFICE-BEARERS BE CHANGED FROM A FIXED TERM OF TWO YEARS TO SUCH PERIOD AS TO COINCIDE WITH THE BIENNIAL ELECTIONS OF OFFICE-BEARERS WHICH TAKE PLACE AT ALTERNATE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

THE FORMER CRITERIA FOR DISQUALIFYING AN MAC OFFICE-BEARER, WHICH WERE CONSIDERED TOO STRINGENT, HAVE BEEN REVISED TO BRING THEM IN LINE WITH THOSE GOVERNING A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER.

THE REVISED MODEL RULES HAVE COME INTO EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 16 THIS YEAR. MAC OFFICE-BEARERS WHO WISH TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE RULES SHOULD CONTACT THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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VIDEO WALL TO BROADCAST VOTING MESSAGE

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, TODAY (SATURDAY) OFFICIATED AT A CEREMONY INAUGURATING OF A VIDEO WALL AT CITYPLAZA IN TAIKOO SHING SET UP TO HELP SPREAD THE VOTING MESSAGE FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE EVENT IS PART OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED TO BUILD UP THE ELECTION ATMOSPHERE AND TO REMIND ELECTORS TO CAST THEIR VOTES.

THE VIDEO WALL COMPRISING 16 TELEVISION MONITORS WILL BROADCAST THE DISTRICT BOARD THEME SONG AND ANNOUNCEMENTS IN PUBLIC INTEREST (API'S) FOR THE ELECTIONS.

THE WALL IS SET UP AT THE CITYPLAZA FOR TWO DAYS AND WILL BE STAGED AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE ON MARCH 5 AND 6. SIMILAR MESSAGES WILL ALSO BE BROADCAST BY A 72-MONITOR VIDEO WALL AT THE TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA FROM MARCH 4 TO 10.

APART FROM THE VIDEO WALL, A SERIES OF SEVEN COUNT-DOWN API'S WILL BE BROADCAST ON TELEVISION AND RADIO FROM MARCH 4 TO DRIVE HOME THE VOTING MESSAGE.

ALSO, A HELIUM BALLOON CARRYING VOTING MESSAGES WILL BE RAISED IN TSUEN WAN ON MARCH 9 AND AT STATUE SQUARE ON MARCH 10.

AS A REMINDER TO ELECTORS, ADVERTISEMENTS WILL BE PLACED IN NEWSPAPERS ON POLLING DAY.

AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, VARIOUS ACTIVITIES INCLUDING FORUMS, EXHIBITIONS, CARNIVALS AND BUS PARADES ARE BEING ORGANISED TO PROMOTE THE ELECTIONS.

THIS YEAR, THERE ARE 493 CANDIDATES VYING FOR 264 SEATS IN 157 CONSTITUENCIES IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS. THIRTY-FOUR CANDIDATES FROM 21 CONSTITUENCIES ARE UNOPPOSED.

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ELECTION PUBLICITY MATERIALS FOR SHA TIN RESIDENTS

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A TABLOID NEWSPAPER COVERING IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN SHA TIN WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE OF CHARGE FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 29).

"THE TEXT INCLUDES INFORMATION ON THE CANDIDATES, CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CONSTITUENCIES, HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, ADDRESSES OF THE POLLING STATIONS, AND THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN DIFFERENT CONSTITUENCIES," A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"IT ALSO CONTAINS AN APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICER AND INFORMATION ON THE PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

"COPIES OF THE NEWSPAPER WILL BE OBTAINABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S ENQUIRY CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, AND ALL COMMUNITY HALLS IN THE DISTRICT."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID COPIES HAD ALSO BEEN SENT TO THE 90,294 REGISTERED VOTERS IN SHA TIN, TOGETHER WITH NOTES TO VOTERS, CONSTITUENCY MAPS AND CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS.

MEANWHILE, OTHER PUBLICITY MATERIALS, INCLUDING BOOKMARKS AND PLASTIC AND PAPER CAPS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, AND TVB ARTISTES ON MARCH 5.

"THESE PUBLICITY MATERIALS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE CYCLING PARK IN TAI WAI AT 9.30 AM BEFORE THE START OF A LARGE-SCALE CYCLING PARADE INVOLVING TELEVISION ARTISTES, REPRESENTATIVES OF AREA COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF," HE SAID.

"THE CYCLISTS WILL RIDE ALONG SHING MUN RIVER, PASSING BY ALL THE NINE CONSTITUENCIES TO APPEAL TO PEOPLE TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY."

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ELECTORS REMINDED TO VOTE ON MARCH 10

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THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED REGISTERED ELECTORS TO COME FORWARD AND VOTE AT THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 10.

HE SAID THE SUCCESS OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME DEPENDED ON THE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF RESIDENTS.

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MR CHEUNG WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOOK EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ON THE SHORTAGE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN THE DISTRICT, MR CHEUNG SAID A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL WOULD BE COMPLETED, TWO YEARS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, IN 1989.

THE DECISION CAME AS A RESULT OF EFFORTS BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT'S SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE AND THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, HE ADDED.

MR CHEUNG ALSO COMMENDED THE HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE FOR ORGANISING THE BOOK EXHIBITION TO STIMULATE PUBLIC INTEREST IN READING.

HE NOTED THAT THE HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE HAD STRENGTHENED TIES AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1984.

THE FOUR-DAY BOOK EXHIBITION HELD AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL IN FANLING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY (MARCH 1). ADMISSION IS FREE.

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#### GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT KEY TO HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED ALL BUILDING MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS TO SHOW MORE CONCERN TOWARDS THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS AND TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN IMPROVEMENT WORK.

MRS FUNG WAS SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL.

"EACH YEAR, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD ASSIST NUMEROUS BUILDINGS TO FORM OWNERS CORPORATIONS OR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

"THE AIM IN FORMING THESE ORGANISATIONS IS TO HELP RESIDENTS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HYGIENIC CONDITIONS IN THEIR BUILDINGS THROUGH BETTER BUILDING MANAGEMENT," SHE SAID.

"BUT, THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT ALONE ARE INADEQUATE," SHE STRESSED, ADDING THAT ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT FROM THE RESIDENTS WAS ALSO ESSENTIAL.

MRS FUNG NOTED THAT A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY ORGANISED DURING THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN. THESE INCLUDED THE CLEAN BUILDING CONTEST, CLEAN STREET CONTEST, BUILDING MANAGEMENT COURSE AND THE YEAR-END CLEANUP.

ALTHOUGH THE CAMPAIGN HAD COME TO AN END, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE DISTRICT BOARD WOULD CONTINUE TO JOIN HANDS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND QUALITY OF LIVING IN THE DISTRICT, SHE SAID.

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SAI KUNG TO HONOUR GOOD CITIZENS

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A COMBINED SPRING RECEPTION AND PRESENTATION CEREMONY TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN SERVING THE DISTRICT DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION IN THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS PRESENTED SUCH AWARDS. A TOTAL OF 22 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATES.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN THE TUNG YUEN RESTAURANT, SAI KUNG TOWN. MORE THAN 300 GUESTS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND.

BEFORE THE CEREMONY, THE GUESTS WILL ATTEND A COCKTAIL RECEPTION, BEGINNING AT 6.30 PM.

AFTER THE RECEPTION, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, WILL PERFORM THE RITUAL DOTTING OF A UNICORN'S EYES.

THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN, WILL THEN PRESENT THE CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION.

DURING THE EVENING, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL PERFORM A UNICORN DANCE AND THERE WILL ALSO BE SINGING PERFORMANCES.

THE EVENING WILL CONCLUDE WITH A DINNER STARTING AT 8 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD SPRING RECEPTION AND AWARD CEREMONY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE TUNG YUEN RESTAURANT, YEE KUK STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE FUNCTION WILL BEGIN AT 6.30 PM.

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LONG DISTANCE RUN IN YAU MA TEI

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MORE THAN 400 YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS WILL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TAKE PART IN A LONG DISTANCE RUN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

PARTICIPANTS WILL START AT THE GUN CLUB HILL BARRACKS AND RUN ALONG AUSTIN ROAD, COX'S ROAD, JORDAN ROAD AND GASCOIGNE ROAD BEFORE RETURNING TO THE STARTING POINT.

AMONG THOSE WHO WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM TO START THE RACE WILL BE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI LONG DISTANCE RUN TO START AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE GUN CLUB HILL BARRACKS (ENTRANCE AT GASCOIGNE ROAD). A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 4.15 PM AT THE SAME VENUE.

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NEW YEAR CARNIVAL FOR MONG KOK FAMILIES

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A NEW YEAR CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD IN THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND, MONG KOK, TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON TO PROVIDE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT FOR RESIDENTS.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BEGIN WITH A LION DANCE INTENDED TO BRING GOOD FORTUNE TO SPECTATORS. THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES BY THE MONG KOK CHILDREN'S CHOIR, SINGERS, MAGICIANS AND FOLK DANCERS.

A DRAMA TROUPE FROM THE FRINGE CLUB WILL PERFORM A 30-MINUTE PLAY INTENDED TO WARN YOUNG PEOPLE TO STAY AWAY FROM TRIADS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE GAMES STALLS FOR CHILDREN.

THE CARNIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, AND JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND THE TRUSTEES OF THE HONGKONG BANK FOUNDATION.

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NEW YEAR CARNIVAL TO BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND, SAI YEE STREET.

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LANTERN FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES IN TSUEN WAN

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RESIDENTS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TREATED TO A SERIES OF ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO CELEBRATE THE LANTERN FESTIVAL.

THE PROGRAMMES INCLUDE GAMESTALLS, STAGE PERFORMANCES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE AGED.

THEY ARE ORGANISED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES OF THE SHEK WAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL AND THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF TSUEN WAN, MISS SANDY HO, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A FUN FAIR AT THE SHEK WAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL, SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE, AT 1.30 PM.

LATER, THEY WILL ATTEND CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES AT 7.30 PM AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TAI HO ROAD AND PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF A CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION AND A CALLIGRAPHY CONTEST FOR THE AGED.

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BANQUET FOR ELDERLY IN TUEN MUN

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MORE THAN 1,000 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN TUEN MUN WILL BE TREATED TO A FREE BANQUET ON TUESDAY (MARCH 1) TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT RESPECT FOR THE AGED ASSOCIATION, THE FUNCTION WILL INCLUDE A SUMPTUOUS DINNER AND SINGING PERFORMANCES.

IN ADDITION, EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A LAISEE PACKET WHILE THE OLDEST MAN AND WOMAN WILL EACH BE GIVEN A GOLD MEDAL.

THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR LAU WONG-FAT; DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR LAM WING-CHEUNG; THE REV. HAU PO-WOON OF CHING CHUNG KOON; AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR SIT HO-YIN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE BANQUET FOR THE ELDERLY WILL START AT 6.30 PM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 1) AT THE LUNG SHING RESTAURANT IN YAN CHING STREET, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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NEW DOG INOCULATION CENTRE IN TUEN MUN

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A NEW MOBILE CENTRE WILL BE SET UP IN TUEN MUN FROM TUESDAY (MARCH 1) TO PROVIDE ANTI-RABIES DOG INOCULATION AND LICENSING SERVICE FOR DOGS, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

LOCATED AT THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE IN SAN CHING ROAD, THE NEW CENTRE WILL OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

IT WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING CENTRE AT THE REAR OF THE OLD CASTLE PEAK POLICE STATION, WHICH WILL REMAIN OPEN ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS UNTIL THE END OF APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE DEPARTMENT'S VETERINARY OFFICER, DR K.K. LIU, SAID THAT THE ARRANGEMENT WAS IN LINE WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN, AND THAT THE RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE WOULD PROVE A MORE POPULAR VENUE IN VIEW OF ITS CONVENIENT LOCATION.

"WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE RURAL COMMITTEE FOR ALLOWING US TO USE ITS PREMISES," HE SAID.

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DR LIU POINTED OUT THAT THE LAW REQUIRED EVERY DOG OF OVER FIVE MONTHS' OLD TO BE INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES AND LICENSED.

DOG OWNERS SHOULD BRING THEIR DOGS TO ANY OF THE FOUR GOVERNMENT KENNELS OR ANY OF THE 19 DOG INOCULATION AND LICENSING CENTRES IN THE TERRITORY, INCLUDING ONE AT MUI WO ON LANTAU, AND ONE ON CHEUNG CHAU.

CONTRAVENTION OF THE LAW MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

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NUMISMATIC COINS AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS

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THE SALES OF THE HONG KONG 1988 PROOF COIN COLLECTION HAVE BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING SINCE ITS LAUNCHING TWO WEEKS AGO, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 8,000 SETS LEFT IN STOCK, HE SAID.

TO ENSURE THAT A WIDER SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY HAS THE CHANCE TO OWN THIS UNIQUE COLLECTION OF HONG KONG COINAGE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO COMMISSIONED THE ROYAL MINT TO PRODUCE COIN SETS OF BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED QUALITY, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 29).

LIKE THE PROOF SET, THE BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COLLECTION COMPRISES THE SEVEN HONG KONG CIRCULATING COINS - RANGING FROM THE FIVE-CENT TO THE FIVE-DOLLAR COIN - DATED 1988 AND BEARING THE RAPHAEL MAKLOUF PORTRAIT OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

THE COINS ARE CAREFULLY SELECTED BY THE ROYAL MINT AND ARE PACKAGED IN A COLOURFUL AND ATTRACTIVE PRESENTATION FOLDER.

PRICED AT \$100 PER SET, THE UNCIRCULATED COLLECTION IS AVAILABLE AT THE MAIN BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND ALL BRANCHES OF THE OVERSEAS TRUST BANK.

PROCEEDS FROM THIS PROMOTION WILL GO TO COMMUNITY SERVICES.

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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE PASSING-OUT PARADE

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MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, MR ALLEN LEE, TODAY (SATURDAY) INSPECTED A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF CUSTOMS INSPECTORS AND OFFICERS AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL IN TAI LAM CHUNG.

SPEAKING AT THE PARADE, HE SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE SMART BEARING OF THE PASSING-OUT SQUADS WHICH COMPRISED NINE INSPECTORS AND 85 CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

MR LEE URGED THE OFFICERS ON PARADE TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES WITH DILIGENCE, DETERMINATION, EFFICIENCY AND INTEGRITY, AND TO UNDERTAKE THE DUTIES WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR.

"A VERY HIGH STANDARD IS EXPECTED OF YOU AND THE EXAMPLE THAT HAS BEEN SET BY PREVIOUS AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE IS NOT ONE THAT WILL BE EASY TO FOLLOW.

"THE BASIC TRAINING YOU HAVE COMPLETED HAS BEEN STRENUOUS. BUT THIS IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS YOU WILL NEED DURING YOUR CAREER IN THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE WITH ITS MANY DIFFERENT FACETS," MR LEE SAID.

THE RECRUIT CUSTOMS INSPECTORS AND OFFICERS HAVE RESPECTIVELY COMPLETED A 27-WEEK AND 13-WEEK RESIDENTIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL.

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GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES FOR SALE BY AUCTION

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING FIVE GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON MARCH 17.

ALL THE PROPERTIES ARE FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES. THE AUCTION WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE HALL OF HENRY G. LEONG, YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, KOWLOON.

THE PROPERTIES ARE LOCATED AT:

- \* SECOND FLOOR OF 20 WAN ON STREET, KOWLOON; WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 41.9 SQUARE METRES;
- \* SECOND FLOOR, FRONT OF 103 TAI NAN STREET, KOWLOON; WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 60.9 SQUARE METRES;

/\* THIRD FLOOR .....

- \* THIRD FLOOR OF 135 TAI NAN STREET; AREA ABOUT 52.6 SQUARE METRES;
- \* FIRST FLOOR OF 137 TAI NAN STREET; AREA ABOUT 52.6 SQUARE METRES; AND
- \* THIRD FLOOR OF 137 TAI NAN STREET; AREA ALSO ABOUT 52.6 SQUARE METRES.

ALL THE PROPERTIES WILL BE SOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET; AND THE REGRANT SECTION, 10TH FLOOR KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE PROPERTY AT WAN ON STREET WILL BE OPEN FOR INSPECTION FROM 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM ON MARCH 1, AND FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM ON MARCH 7.

ALL OTHER PROPERTIES AT TAI NAN STREET WILL BE OPEN FOR INSPECTION FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM ON MARCH 1 AND FROM 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM ON MARCH 7.

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#### CONTRACT LET FOR MUSEUM PILING WORK

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A CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PILE FOUNDATIONS FOR THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH \$5.38 MILLION, WAS AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT THIS WEEK.

WORK WILL START ON A 16,200-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT NO. 2 SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON, AND TAKE FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEPARTMENT IS EXPECTED TO INVITE TENDERS IN JULY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MUSEUM SUPERSTRUCTURE.

PHASE I OF THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-STORY BUILDING PROVIDING 17,000 SQUARE METRES OF EXHIBITION, OFFICE AND STORAGE SPACE.

ON COMPLETION, THE MUSEUM WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR MANAGEMENT.

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JOINT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ATHLETIC MEET

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ABOUT 800 FULL-TIME STUDENTS FROM THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES COMPETED IN THE 1987-88 JOINT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ATHLETIC MEET AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM YESTERDAY (FRIDAY).

THE ANNUAL SPORTS DAY ENDED WITH EIGHT NEW RECORDS SET.

THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WON THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE SENIOR BOYS OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP, WHILE THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND THE CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WON THE JUNIOR BOYS AND THE GIRLS OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIPS RESPECTIVELY.

THE EVENT WAS CONCLUDED WITH A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OFFICIATED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL, MR HORACE KNIGHT.

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TAXI OPERATORS URGED TO CO-OPERATE IN SURVEY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS URGED TAXI OPERATORS AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS TO CO-OPERATE IN A LARGE-SCALE SURVEY ON THE OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND FINANCIAL SITUATION RELATING TO URBAN, NEW TERRITORIES AND LANTAU TAXIS.

THE SURVEY COVERS ALL NEW TERRITORIES AND LANTAU TAXIS WHILE ONE IN EVERY FOUR URBAN TAXIS HAS BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FOR THE EXERCISE.

"IT IS IMPORTANT FOR TAXI OPERATORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY AS IT WILL HELP THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO ASSESS CORRECTLY THE OPERATING CONDITIONS OF THE TRADE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL ONLY BE USED FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE SURVEY CONSISTS OF TWO PARTS: QUESTIONNAIRE AND METER READING.

OWNERS OF THE SELECTED SAMPLES ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE ON THEIR OPERATIONS WHICH WILL INCLUDE ITEMS SUCH AS OPERATING FORMAT, INCOME AND FUEL AND MAINTENANCE COSTS.

THEY ARE ALSO ASKED TO PRESENT THEIR TAXIS TWICE FOR METER READING BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 12.30 PM OR BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4.30 PM AT ANY OF THE DESIGNATED METER READING CENTRES ON SPECIFIED DATES.

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THE METER READING EXERCISE WILL START WITH NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS, WITH THE FIRST READING TO BE TAKEN BETWEEN FEBRUARY 29 (MONDAY) AND MARCH 4 (FRIDAY) AND THE SECOND READING FROM MARCH 7 TO MARCH 11.

"NEW TERRITORIES TAXI OPERATORS CAN GO TO ANY OF THE SIX METER READING CENTRES AT TUEN MUN FERRY PIER, ON TING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN, TAI YUK ROAD IN YUEN LONG, CHOI YUEN ROAD IN SHEUNG SHUI, TAI YUEN ESTATE IN TAI PO AND YI CHUN STREET IN SAI KUNG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE METER READING SURVEY FOR URBAN TAXIS WILL BE CARRIED OUT FROM MARCH 14 TO MARCH 18 AND FROM MARCH 21 TO MARCH 25.

NINE METER READING CENTRES WILL BE OPENED FOR THE EXERCISE. THEY ARE:

- \* OI KWAN ROAD IN WAN CHAI
- \* WAN CHAI FERRY PIER
- \* HEALTHY STREET WEST IN NORTH POINT
- \* TIN KWONG ROAD IN TO KWA WAN
- \* KAU PUI LUNG ROAD IN TO KWA WAN
- \* KING FUK STREET IN SAN PO KONG
- \* TUNG FONG STREET IN YAU MA TEI
- \* TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER
- \* TAM KON PO STREET IN SHA TIN

THE SURVEY OF LANTAU TAXIS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN APRIL AND OPERATORS WILL BE INFORMED ACCORDINGLY.

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#### TRAFFIC CHANGES IN HOLLAND STREET

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HOLLAND STREET IN KENNEDY TOWN, WHICH HAD BEEN CLOSED FOR ROAD WORKS, WILL RE-OPEN TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 1).

VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH, WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER HOLLAND STREET.

MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HOLLAND STREET BETWEEN SHOP NO. 8B AND ITS JUNCTION WITH KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA WILL BE LIFTED.

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