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MAY ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED

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THE ORDERS POSITION IN MAY 1989 AS REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES WAS LOWER BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1989, BUT HIGHER BY 2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1988, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING MAY 1989 WITH APRIL 1989, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS SHOWED A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY, AND WERE ALMOST UNCHANGED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH MAY 1988, THE ORDERS POSITION IN MAY 1989 INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. SLIGHT INCREASES IN ORDERS WERE RECORDED IN THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

HOWEVER, THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY REPORTED A MODERATE DROP IN ITS ORDERS POSITION.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN MAY 1989 REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN APRIL 1989, BUT DECREASED BY 10 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1988.

COMPARING MAY 1989 WITH APRIL 1989, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS AND THE TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

HOWEVER, SLIGHT DECREASES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE RECORDED IN THE WEARING APPAREL, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. EMPLOYMENT IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE.

COMPARED WITH MAY 1988, EMPLOYMENT IN MAY 1989 DROPPED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE RECORDED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN ALL THE OTHER INDUSTRIES SURVEYED.

IN MAY 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED, IN MONEY TERMS, BY 2 PER CENT OVER APRIL 1989 AND BY 20 PER CENT OVER MAY 1988.

COMPARING MAY 1989 WITH APRIL 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

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THE INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL BONUSES AND BACKPAY ARISING FROM SALARY REVISION BY SOME COMPANIES IN THESE INDUSTRIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY, AND SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH MAY 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN MAY 1989 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN ALMOST ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT IN MAY 1989 DROPPED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1989, BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1988. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN MAY 1989 SHOWED A SLIGHT INCREASE OVER APRIL 1989 BUT A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OVER MAY 1988.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS SECTOR COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SERVICE SECTORS SURVEYED, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN MAY 1989 WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN APRIL 1989, BUT INCREASED MODERATELY OVER MAY 1988.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN MAY 1989 DROPPED SUBSTANTIALLY WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1989, WHICH WAS MAINLY DUE TO SPECIAL BONUSES HAVING BEEN ISSUED BY SOME OF THE COMPANIES IN APRIL 1989.

COMPARING MAY 1989 WITH MAY 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY FOR THE SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED.

HOWEVER, GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR MAY 1989 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$2 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234820.

TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	MAY 1989	APR. 89	MAY 88
	(MONTHS)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.41	-1	+2
WEARING APPAREL	4.79	+1	+2
TEXTILES	2.55	-2	+2
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.23	-5	-4
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.90	*	+10
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.10	-2	+1
OTHERS	4.20	-1	+1

* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5 PER CENT

TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF MAY 1989	
	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	APR. 89	MAY 88
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	*	-10
FOOD AND DRINKS	+1	-3
WEARING APPAREL	-2	-10
TEXTILES	+1	-2
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-1	-28
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	-4
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	*	-13
OTHERS	*	-5
CONSTRUCTION#	-2	+1
SERVICES	*	+4
BANKS	*	+4
HOTELS	+2	+3
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	-1
OTHERS	+1	+12

* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5 PER CENT

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN MAY 1989	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH APR. 89	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 88
	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	5,073	+2	+20
FOOD AND DRINKS	5,572	-3	+16
WEARING APPAREL	4,143	+4	+19
TEXTILES	5,134	+7	+8
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5,062	+8	+34
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4,719	*	+16
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	4,903	+2	+23
OTHERS	6,617	-1	+21
CONSTRUCTION#	7,180	+1	+22
SERVICES	8,343	-21@	+19
BANKS	8,211	+1	+20
HOTELS	5,616	-8	+16
PUBLIC UTILITIES	8,041	+2	+21
OTHERS	9,558	-47@	+15

* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5 PER CENT

PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

@ THIS WAS DUE MAINLY TO SPECIAL BONUSES BEING ISSUED BY SOME OF THE COMPANIES IN APRIL 1989.

NOTES TO TABLES 1-3 : UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE FIRMS SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE FIRMS SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT PUBLISHED

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THE INWARD INVESTMENT DIVISION OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT PLANS TO UPGRADE THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AND EXPAND ITS ACTIVITIES IN OVERSEAS COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

THE REPORT, RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY), SAID THIS IS ONE OF THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED GRADUALLY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

THE OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPUTER-BASED TARGETTING MECHANISM AND THE SETTING UP OF A RESEARCH AND TARGETTING SECTION TO GIVE SUPPORT TO FRONTLINE PROMOTIONAL STAFF.

THE INWARD INVESTMENT DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENCOURAGING OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. THE AIM IS TO ATTRACT NEW OR IMPROVED PRODUCTS, DESIGNS, PROCESSES AND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES INTO HONG KONG.

"THE DIVISION'S INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION ACTIVITIES ARE CARRIED OUT BY A NETWORK OF FIVE OVERSEAS OFFICES, LOCATED IN SAN FRANCISCO, NEW YORK, BRUSSELS, LONDON AND TOKYO, AND BY A 'ONE-STOP UNIT' IN HONG KONG.

"THESE OFFICES ARE STAFFED BY INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICERS (IPPO'S), WHO ARE USUALLY QUALIFIED ENGINEERS HAVING EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN INDUSTRY AND PROVEN MARKETING SKILLS.

"THE IPPO'S ARE ASSISTED BY TRADE OFFICERS AND OTHER LOCALLY-ENGAGED PERSONNEL IN OVERSEAS COUNTRIES," THE REPORT SAID.

THE ROLE OF THE OVERSEAS OFFICES IS TO AROUSE A POTENTIAL INVESTOR'S INTEREST IN HONG KONG, WHILE THE AIM OF THE 'ONE-STOP UNIT' IS TO GIVE THE INTERESTED COMPANY AS MUCH ASSISTANCE AS POSSIBLE TO CARRY THROUGH INVESTMENT PLANS IN WHAT MAY BE A COMPLETELY UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY.

THE 67-PAGE REPORT DESCRIBED IN DETAIL THE WORK OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS, AND TRACES THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE 1988-89 FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW K.P. LEUNG, SAID IN THE FOREWORD OF THE REPORT THAT THE PUBLICATION WOULD BE A USEFUL REFERENCE WORK FOR THOSE WHO DEALT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OR WHO WISHED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ITS ACTIVITIES.

MR LEUNG SAID AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK WAS TO PROMOTE THE WIDER APPLICATION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

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HE SAID A NEW QUALITY SERVICES DIVISION HAD BEEN FORMED FOLLOWING A DEPARTMENTAL RE-ORGANISATION TO PLAN, CO-ORDINATE AND IMPLEMENT A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME.

"THIS CONSISTS OF THE STRENGTHENING OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EXISTING RANGE OF QUALITY SUPPORT SERVICES INCLUDING THE PRODUCTS STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU, THE STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY AND THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME; THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VOLUNTARY ACCREDITATION SCHEME FOR FACTORIES APPLYING INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF QUALITY ASSURANCE; AND THE LAUNCHING OF A CONTINUING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF QUALITY AWARENESS AMONGST MANUFACTURERS," HE SAID.

THE OPENING CHAPTER OF THE REPORT IS DEVOTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE MAJOR FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO HONG KONG'S SUCCESS AS A LEADING MANUFACTURING AND COMMERCIAL CENTRE CONTINUE TO WORK WELL.

"AMONG THESE ARE A SIMPLE TAX STRUCTURE, A FLEXIBLE AND INDUSTRIOUS WORKFORCE, A MODERN AND EFFICIENT SEAPORT WITH ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING CONTAINER PORTS, A CENTRALLY-LOCATED AIRPORT WITH A COMPUTERISED CARGO TERMINAL, EXCELLENT WORLDWIDE COMMUNICATIONS, AND THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO FREE TRADE AND ENTERPRISE," IT SAID.

THE SECOND CHAPTER OF THE REPORT OUTLINED THE GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRY AND THE ROLE OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WHILE THE REMAINING CHAPTERS REPORTED ON THE WORK OF THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, AT MARCH 31 THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 185 COMPLETED INVESTMENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING EXPANSION AND MANUFACTURING-RELATED ONES, HAD BEEN ASSISTED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SINCE 1983, OF WHICH 43 WERE HANDLED IN THE 1988-89 FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE TOTAL VALUE OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN 1988-89 FROM INVESTMENT PROJECTS WHERE ASSISTANCE WAS PROVIDED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS REPORTED TO BE \$252.45 MILLION.

THE MORE NOTABLE INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN 1988-89 INCLUDED AN AMERICAN COMPANY TEKTRONIX CORPORATION, A GERMAN COMPANY CARL AUG. PICARD GMBH AND CO., A JAPANESE COMPANY TEIKOKU ELECTRIC CO. LTD., AN AUSTRALIAN COMPANY INTERPAC CONTAINERS LTD, AND A SINGAPORE-SWISS JOINT VENTURE TIMES PUBLISHING (HK) LTD.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ALL THESE ASPECTS OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT CAN OBTAIN A COPY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE DATA AND SERVICES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 1008, 10TH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE ENGLISH EDITION OF THIS PUBLICATION IS NOW AVAILABLE WHILE THE CHINESE VERSION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

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LADY FORD OPENS YOUTH MUSIC CAMP

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THE INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN MUSICAL TRAINING THROUGH REHEARSALS AND ENSEMBLE PLAYING WOULD HELP THEM TO LEARN TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES AND ALSO TO LEARN THE SKILLS AND PLEASURES OF TEAM WORK, LADY FORD, WIFE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING WHEN SHE OPENED THE 1989 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP.

"I MUST CONGRATULATE YOU FOR YOUR INITIATIVE IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS MUSIC CAMP," LADY FORD TOLD THE CAMPERS.

"THROUGH THE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED HERE, I HOPE YOU WILL ACQUIRE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MUSIC, AND DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS DURING THE COURSE OF THE INTENSIVE PROGRAMME OF TRAINING, SO THAT MUSIC BECOMES A MEANINGFUL AND STIMULATING PART OF YOUR LIVES."

THE ANNUAL MUSIC CAMP, NOW IN ITS TENTH YEAR, IS BEING HELD AT THE LEI YUE MUN PARK HOLIDAY VILLAGE AND WILL LAST UNTIL JULY 29.

LADY FORD SAID THE NEXT TWO WEEKS WOULD BE A CHALLENGE TO THE CAMPERS.

"IF YOU CAN COMPLETE THIS COURSE WITH THE FEELING THAT YOU HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING AND HAVE ENJOYED YOURSELVES, ALL THE EFFORT IN ORGANISING THIS EVENT WILL HAVE BEEN WORTHWHILE," SHE NOTED.

GIVING A VOTE OF THANKS, THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, MISS LOLLY CHIU, SAID THE MUSIC CAMP WOULD ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND CULTURE TO LEARN AND PERFORM MUSIC TOGETHER AND THUS ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING.

"I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME ALL THE OVERSEAS MUSICIANS TO THE CAMP. I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO THEM FOR JOINING US FROM AMERICA, AUSTRALIA, CHINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM TO SHARE THEIR WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE," MISS CHIU SAID.

MISS CHIU ALSO THANKED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI.

OVER 400 YOUNGSTERS ARE TAKING PART IN THIS YEAR'S MUSIC CAMP WHICH HAS A SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, TWO STRING ORCHESTRAS, TWO SYMPHONIC BANDS AND TWO CHINESE ORCHESTRAS.

DURING THE TWO-WEEK CAMP, ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE MASTER CLASSES, WORKSHOP/SEMINARS, CHAMBER MUSIC, AND SECTIONAL AND ORCHESTRAL REHEARSALS TO BE CONDUCTED BY RENOWNED MUSICIANS.

TO PROVIDE A BALANCED PROGRAMME, THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL ORGANISE A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR THE CAMPERS.

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES MATCH MODERN SOCIAL NEEDS
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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES NOWADAYS ARE TAILORED TO COINCIDE WITH CURRENT SOCIAL NEEDS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR KWOK KA-CHI, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN A CHANGING SOCIETY, MR KWOK POINTED OUT THAT YOUTHS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING ERA AND THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN ASSISTING THEM TO WORK TOWARDS A MORE STABLE AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY.

HE NOTED THAT YOUTHS WOULD BECOME MORE MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WITH THE GUIDANCE OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS IN DEVELOPING THEIR PERSONALITY AND SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

MR KWOK ADDED THAT YOUTHS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SHOULDER RESPONSIBILITIES AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

ABOUT 150 PARTICIPANTS TOOK PART IN TODAY'S SEMINAR WHICH WAS ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE PANEL OF SPEAKERS INCLUDED LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR DAVID CHEUNG, VETERAN SOCIAL WORKER DR YEUNG WAI-TSANG AND ACADEMIC DR LEUNG YIN-SHING WHO SPOKE ON THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN A CHANGING SOCIETY FROM THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ANGLES.

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BEACH SHOW PROMOTES KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE
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THOUSANDS OF BEACH-GOERS SHARED THE KEEP BEACHES CLEAN MESSAGE AT A SHOW HELD AT SHEK O BEACH TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE AS ONE OF THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES FOR THE CLEAN HARBOUR CAMPAIGN.

THE 90-MINUTE SHOW, COMPRISING PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR BANDS, WAS PRODUCED AND BROADCAST LIVE BY COMMERCIAL RADIO, WITH KEEP CLEAN MESSAGES BEING DISSEMINATED DURING THE PROGRAMME AND THROUGH GAMES INVOLVING SPECTATORS.

"WE HOPE THAT BEACH-GOERS WHO ENJOY ACTIVITIES ON CLEAN BEACHES WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY IN KEEPING THEM THAT WAY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE SAID.

ABOUT 39,000 CUBIC METRES OF REFUSE WERE PICKED UP AT THE GAZETTED BEACHES IN 1988.

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"SHEK O BEACH IS ONE OF THE BEACHES WITH THE LARGEST AMOUNTS OF REFUSE COLLECTED LAST YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

TO FURTHER DRIVE HOME THE KEEP-BEACHES-CLEAN MESSAGE, A NEWLY PRODUCED ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST WAS BEING BROADCAST ON TELEVISION, HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT ANOTHER BEACH SHOW OF SIMILAR SCALE WOULD BE HELD AT CLEARWATER BAY SECOND BEACH EARLY NEXT MONTH.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF TODAY'S SHOW WERE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, MR TONG KAM-BIU; MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, MR POON CHIN-HUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; DISTRICT OFFICER (SOUTHERN), MRS MAUREEN CHAN; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEISURE SERVICES) OF URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR I.B.I. PETERSEN; ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PUBLICITY) OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MRS JULIANA MA; AND PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER OF COMMERCIAL RADIO, MISS PEARL WONG.

AFTER THE SHOW, BEACH-GOERS ALSO JOINED IN AN OPERATION TO CLEAN UP THE BEACH.

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ANTI-CRIME PUBLICITY PAYS OFF AT BEACHES

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE'S PUBLICITY EFFORTS AND ACTION BY THE POLICE IN COMBATTING CRIMES ON BEACHES IN THE DISTRICT HAVE PAID OFF.

SPEAKING AFTER THE LAUNCHING OF AN ANTI-BEACH-CRIME PUBLICITY DRIVE TODAY (SUNDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR KAN MAN-LEE, SAID THAT SINCE A SIMILAR DRIVE WAS LAUNCHED IN 1988, THERE HAD BEEN A MARKED DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CRIMES ON BEACHES.

QUOTING POLICE STATISTICS, MR KAN SAID THERE WERE ONLY 35 BEACH CRIME CASES IN THE DISTRICT IN 1988, COMPARED WITH 117 IN 1987.

THE POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER IN ABERDEEN, MR TSE CHAN-FAI, ATTRIBUTED THE DROP IN CRIMES TO STEPPED-UP PATROLS ON BEACHES BY POLICE OFFICERS DURING THE SWIMMING SEASON AND ANTI-BEACH-CRIME PUBLICITY EFFORTS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE.

DURING TODAY'S PUBLICITY DRIVE, WHICH WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE, COMMITTEE MEMBERS WENT TO REPULSE BAY TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-BEACH-CRIME MESSAGE TO BEACH-GOERS BY DISTRIBUTING COPIES OF A COLOURFUL LEAFLET.

THE CARTOON LEAFLET, WHICH WAS DESIGNED BY A MEMBER OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND PRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE, SPELLS OUT THE MAJOR PRECAUTIONS THAT CAN BE TAKEN AGAINST BEACH CRIMES.

STAFF OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE EXERCISE.

THE PUBLICITY DRIVE IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF ANTI-CRIME ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR.

THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO PLANNING TO LAUNCH THE PHASE 7 OF THE DISTRICT'S NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME AND TO HOLD A "HOME SECURITY" SEMINAR IN AUGUST.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE INCLUDE VISITS TO SCHOOLS, AN INTER-SCHOOL ANTI-CRIME QUIZ, A "YOUTH COUNSELLING" SEMINAR FOR PARENTS, AND A CLOSING CEREMONY AND CARNIVAL FOR THIS YEAR'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

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CHANGES IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS ORDINANCE PLANNED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATION) ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FLAT OWNERS WITH AN EFFECTIVE FRAMEWORK FOR MANAGING THEIR OWN BUILDINGS.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, SAID THIS WHEN HE OPENED THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION IN SHUN TAK CENTRE THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

MR FISHER SAID AN AMENDMENT BILL, AIMED AT SIMPLIFYING THE PROCEDURES OF FORMING AN OWNERS CORPORATION AND ESTABLISHING ITS LEGAL STATUS, WAS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED WITHIN THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

TWO MONTHS AGO, THE GOVERNMENT COMPLETED ITS CONSULTATIONS WITH LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND DISTRICT BOARDS ON PROPOSALS OF REMEDYING UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN EXISTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT WITH A VIEW TO UPGRADING THE STANDARD OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT, HE ADDED.

MR FISHER ALSO SAID THAT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT HAD AN UNIQUE BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEM IN THAT MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS THERE WERE COMPLETED IN DIFFERENT PERIODS OF TIME.

"THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ASSISTING IN THE FORMATION OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS TO HELP RESIDENTS MANAGE THEIR OWN BUILDINGS," HE SAID.

TO DATE, THERE WERE 205 COMMITTEES AND 478 CORPORATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

MR FISHER POINTED OUT THE DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM, SET UP UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN 1987, HAD HELPED TO SOLVE MANY LOCAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

APART FROM ORGANISING TODAY'S PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION, THE CO-ORDINATION TEAM WOULD HOLD A LARGE-SCALE SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT NEXT SATURDAY, HE ADDED.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR AMBROSE LAU; CHAIRMAN OF THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDING OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL DISTRICT, MRS CHAN MOK WING-CHUN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDING OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN DISTRICT, MR YAU YUK-TAK.

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FESTIVAL TO BOOST ISLANDERS' SPORTS ACTIVITIES

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THE FIRST ISLANDS SPORTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD THIS AUTUMN WOULD HELP TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG THE RESIDENTS TOWARDS THE DISTRICT, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 14TH ISLANDS DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA, MR NG URGED LOCAL SPORTSMEN TO FULLY SUPPORT AND TAKE PART IN THE FESTIVAL TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

THE FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 24 TO OCTOBER 8, COMPRISES OVER 50 EVENTS INCLUDING BOAT RACES, HORSE RIDING AND TELEMATCHES.

REFERRING TO THE SWIMMING GALA, MR NG SAID IT HAD CONTRIBUTED TO RAISING THE STANDARD OF SWIMMING, AND PROMOTING FRIENDSHIP AMONG PARTICIPANTS FROM DIFFERENT ISLANDS.

MORE THAN 120 ISLANDERS TOOK PART IN THE COMPETITIONS AT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL THIS AFTERNOON.

THE ANNUAL MEET WAS ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE EIGHT RURAL COMMITTEES OF THE DISTRICT.

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WONG TAI SIN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME BEGINS

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MORE THAN 1,000 YOUNGSTERS FROM WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT TODAY (SUNDAY) SPENT AN ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON AT A CARNIVAL WHICH OPENED THE DISTRICT'S 1989 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE CARNIVAL FEATURED PERFORMANCES BY A SILVER BAND AND A CHINESE ORCHESTRA, DEMONSTRATIONS IN TAEKWONDO, DANCES, A MAGIC SHOW, AND GAMES STALLS. IT WAS HELD ON THE PODIUM OF THE PHASE TWO MARKET OF CHOI WAN ESTATE.

AN OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME TOOK PLACE BEFORE HAND. OFFICIATING WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR MICHEAL LEE; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN LAU; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MISS MARGARET WONG.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ORGANISED THE PROGRAMME, WITH SPONSORSHIP COMING FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

"OVER 800 RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE VISITS, PICNICS, CARNIVALS, VARIETY SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS, FILM SHOWS, TRAINING COURSES, CAMPING, AND COMPETITIONS.

"THE ACTIVITIES, ALL CARRYING THE THEME OF 'SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY', HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY 42 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THESE ACTIVITIES, THE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN DEVELOP A SENSE OF COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY."

A LEAFLET GIVING DETAILS OF THE ACTIVITIES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES AS WELL AS FROM THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHICH HAVE ORGANISED EVENTS.

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TRANSPORT POLICY GREEN PAPER ON DB AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG WHEN THE BOARD MEETS ON TUESDAY (JULY 18).

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (SPECIAL DUTIES) OF THE TRANSPORT BRANCH, MR PETER PANG, AND THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT (PUBLIC TRANSPORT DIVISION), MR RICHARD MEAKIN, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

A MEMBER WILL PRESENT FOR DISCUSSION A PAPER ON THE NEED FOR REASSESSING THE IMPORTATION OF OVERSEAS LABOUR, AND ANOTHER ON A REVIEW OF WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL 1989 AND PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (JULY 18) AT THE FUNG MING HALL OF WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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TUEN MUN DB COMMITTEE CONSULTED ON DEVELOPMENT STUDY

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TUEN MUN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WILL BRIEF MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE ON A REVISED DEVELOPMENT STUDY OF AREA 38 IN SOUTH WEST TUEN MUN AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE STUDY ON DEVELOPING AREA 38 INTO A SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL AREA ALSO INCORPORATES PORT-RELATED DEVELOPMENT PLANS RECOMMENDED BY THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY COMMITTEE.

MEMBERS' VIEWS WILL BE SOUGHT ON THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR DEEP WATER FRONTAGE, A RIVER TRADE TERMINAL AND OTHER CARGO HANDLING AND BERTHING FACILITIES.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF IMPORTING FOREIGN LABOUR.

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MEANWHILE, THE REPORTS OF THE "INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN 1988 SURVEY" AND "SURVEY ON COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AND EMPLOYMENT 1989" WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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PIER ENTRANCE CONGESTION ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (JULY 18) CONGESTION PROBLEMS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE NORTH POINT FERRY PIER.

THE ISSUE WAS RAISED FOLLOWING PUBLIC COMPLAINTS THAT SOME HAWKER STALLS WERE BLOCKING THE PASSAGEWAY LEADING TO THE PIER DURING THE AFTERNOON PEAK HOURS, INCONVENIENCING FERRY PASSENGERS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER MEASURES TO IMPROVE A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY IN FRONT OF THE CHAI WAN FERRY PIER FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS IN THE SHEUNG ON AND WING TAI TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ARE THE PROBLEM OF MOSQUITO BREEDING IN VACANT HUTS IN THE SHAU KEI WAN FOOTHILL AREA AND BLOCKAGE OF A DRAIN AT A REAR LANE OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WHICH WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (JULY 18) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD. THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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'TAI PO IN THE 21ST CENTURY' ESSAY COMPETITION

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AN ESSAY COMPETITION WITH THE THEME OF "TAI PO IN THE 21ST CENTURY" IS NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES.

THE COMPETITION IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE "TAI PO IN THE 1990'S" COMMUNITY PROJECT SUB-WORKING GROUP UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

IT IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING TAI PO RESIDENTS TO CARE FOR THEIR COMMUNITY.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL HONG KONG PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF THEIR AGE. ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE WRITTEN IN CHINESE.

MEDALS AND PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS WHOSE ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED IN AN EXHIBITION EARLY NEXT YEAR.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 13.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-6577111 EXT 254.

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HIGH TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT INSTALLED ON MARINE POLICE LAUNCHES

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HIGH TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT UNIQUE IN HONG KONG AND THE MOST ADVANCED IN THE WORLD HAS BEEN INTRODUCED TO MARINE POLICE LAUNCHES TO DETECT THE MOVEMENT OF CRIMINALS AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN HONG KONG WATERS.

SMUGGLERS USING SPEED BOATS TO RUN CONTRABAND INTO CHINA ARE BEING SPOTTED AND THEIR POSITION DETECTED FROM A LONG DISTANCE AT NIGHT.

USING SOPHISTICATED SCANNING AND SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT ABOARD THE MARINE REGION'S TWO BIGGEST LAUNCHES - PL 3 AND PL 4 - POLICE CAN TRACK THE MOVEMENTS OF SUSPECTS WITH AS MUCH ACCURACY BY NIGHT AS BY DAY.

THE LAUNCHES ALSO HAVE A CONTINUOUS VISUAL IDENTIFICATION OF THEIR OWN POSITIONS AS THEY MOVE.

HAVING PLOTTED A HIGH SPEED SMUGGLER THE LAUNCH CAN SEND ITS OWN SEA RIDER INFLATABLE CRAFT IN PURSUIT WHILE KEEPING IN CONSTANT RADIO CONTACT.

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ABOARD PL 3, THE "SEA PANTHER", WHICH OPERATES FROM SAI KUNG IN MARINE EAST DIVISION, THE ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, MR TONY MAGGS, SAID : "THE LAUNCH WAS COMMISSIONED IN 1987 BUT IT HAD AN EXTENDED WORK UP PERIOD BECAUSE OF THE MODERN TECHNOLOGY INVOLVED.

"THE LAUNCH IS SLOW BUT IT HAS THE CAPACITY TO STAY AT SEA FOR EXTENDED PERIODS WITHOUT RETURNING FOR FUEL OR WATER. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE NEW SYSTEMS HAVE ENHANCED OUR POLICING CAPABILITIES."

THE ONLY EXTERNALLY VISIBLE SIGN OF THE LAUNCHES' TECHNOLOGY IS A SCANNING LOW LIGHT TELEVISION CAMERA ATTACHED TO A FORWARD MAST.

THE CAMERA IS PART OF THE ELECTRICAL OPTICAL SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM WHICH HAS AN INFRA-RED THERMAL IMAGER WHICH USES HEAT TO MAKE VISIBLE OBJECTS IN ITS RANGE AT NIGHT.

THE SYSTEM IS LINKED TO THE LAUNCH'S COMPUTER AIDED NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT WHICH INCLUDES AUTOMATIC CHART TABLES FOR PLOTTING THE LAUNCH'S OWN POSITION.

AN OBJECT IN THE SEA CAN BE DISPLAYED ON A SCREEN WITH DAYLIGHT CLARITY. THE SCANNER CAN OPERATE THROUGH 320 AND OBJECTS SEEN CAN BE MAGNIFIED AND BROUGHT CLOSER TO VISION AS IF SEEN THROUGH BINOCULARS.

"IF WE PICK UP A WEAK TARGET ON THE RADAR WE CAN FEED ITS POSITION INTO THE NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL AUTOMATICALLY PLOT ITS SPEED AND COURSE," MR MAGGS SAID.

"WE THEN GET THE THERMAL IMAGERS ONTO IT AND DEPENDING ON ITS RANGE WE CAN IDENTIFY THE TARGET QUITE CLEARLY. WE THEN DROP OUR SEA RIDER AND STEER IT TO THE TARGET AT FULL SPEED WITH RADIO COMMUNICATION DIRECT TO THE SEA RIDER'S COXSWAIN.

"WE CAN ALSO WATCH THE SEA RIDER'S POSITION WHILE IT'S IN THE FIELD OF VISION AND FILM IT, WHICH CAN BE VERY USEFUL FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES. WE HAVEN'T TAKEN SUCH IDENTIFICATION TO COURT YET BUT IT COULD BE USED AS EVIDENCE."

THE PLOTTING OF THE LAUNCH'S OWN POSITION ON THE CHART TABLE IS OPERATED BY A LIGHT WHICH CAN BE TRANSMITTED TO THE COMPUTER'S MEMORY BANK. THE INTERACTION OF SIGNALS CAN BE PLOTTED AT THE PRESS OF A BUTTON CHARTING THE LAUNCH'S POSITION AS IT MOVES.

"THE INTERACTION OF POINTS ON THE CHART ENABLES US TO LOCATE OUR POSITION ON A MOMENT TO MOMENT BASIS," MR MAGGS SAID.

"WE CAN KNOW OUR EXACT POSITION AT ALL TIMES."

LAUNCH COMMANDER DICKIE CHUNG SAID : "WE ARE USING THE EQUIPMENT MAINLY FOR THE DETECTION OF SMUGGLERS AND WE HAVE ALREADY HAD SOME SUCCESSFUL INTERCEPTIONS AS A RESULT.

"THEY CAN BE DIFFICULT TO DETECT, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT, AND THEY CAN MOVE AT HIGH SPEEDS IN MOTORISED SAMPANS. WE CAN SEE EFFECTIVELY FROM A RANGE OF TWO MILES DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SEEN A SAMPAN FROM THREE MILES, PICKING UP THE PICTURE AS BRIGHT AS DAYLIGHT."

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ALERT SOCIAL WORKER PREVENTS POSSIBLE TRAGEDY
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THE ALERTNESS OF A SOCIAL WORKER AND THE QUICK RESPONSE AND CO-OPERATION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE HAVE RECENTLY PREVENTED A DESPAIRING WOMAN FROM POSSIBLY KILLING HERSELF.

THE SOCIAL WORKER, ATTACHED TO A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT INSTITUTION, WAS ALERTED TO THE THREAT OF TRAGEDY WHEN A DISTRESSED WOMAN TELEPHONED HER CHILD WHO WAS LIVING IN THE INSTITUTION.

IT WAS KNOWN THAT THE WOMAN HAD FINANCIAL AND MATRIMONIAL TROUBLES, AND WHEN SHE INDICATED SHE WANTED TO "HAVE LAST WORDS" WITH HER CHILD, THE SOCIAL WORKER SENSED THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG.

THEN, FROM THE CONVERSATION AND GESTURES OF THE CHILD, THE SOCIAL WORKER REALISED THAT SHE WAS DEALING WITH A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH, THAT THE MOTHER WAS CONTEMPLATING KILLING HERSELF AFTER ENDING THE TELEPHONE CALL.

THERE WAS NO TIME TO LOSE. THE SOCIAL WORKER IMMEDIATELY ASKED HER COLLEAGUES URGENTLY TO TRACE THE CALL, AND TO SEEK POLICE ASSISTANCE, WHILE SHE AND THE CHILD CONTINUED TO GIVE THE WOMAN EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OVER THE PHONE.

BOTH THE POLICE AND SOCIAL WORKERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WORKED AGAINST THE CLOCK TO TRACE THE WOMAN. AFTER 30 MINUTES OF JOINT EFFORT, THE MOTHER WAS LOCATED IN A FLAT. SHE WAS STILL TALKING ON THE PHONE, AND SOBBING.

SOCIAL WORKERS WHO WENT TO THE FLAT COUNSELLED THE WOMAN, AND SHE EVENTUALLY CALMED DOWN.

COMMENTING ON THE CASE, AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR KWOK KA-CHI, SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF HAD DEMONSTRATED THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF PROFESSIONALISM IN HANDLING THE CASE.

"THEIR PERFORMANCE HAS SET AN EXAMPLE. THE QUICK RESPONSE AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS IN SAVING THE DESPERATE MOTHER," HE SAID.

"FOLLOW-UP COUNSELLING HAS BEEN GIVEN TO HELP THE MOTHER TO ADOPT A MORE POSITIVE OUTLOOK IN LIFE."

THE WOMAN HAD ALSO BEEN GIVEN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SINCE THE INCIDENT IN MAY, MR KWOK ADDED.

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CAREERS SEMINAR FOR HIGH-CALIBRE JOB-SEEKERS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A CAREERS SEMINAR NEXT MONTH FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS POST-SECONDARY GRADUATES IN A MOVE TO OPTIMISE THE USE OF PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED HUMAN RESOURCES.

SPONSORED BY THE HANG SENG BANK LTD, THE ONE-DAY FREE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 19 AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

THE SEMINAR IS INTENDED TO ACQUAINT PARTICIPANTS WITH THE NECESSARY JOB-HUNTING SKILLS AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE LATEST CAREERS INFORMATION IN THE BUSINESS WORLD, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TERTIARY EDUCATION ABROAD TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREERS PROSPECTS IN DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE LOCAL JOB MARKET," HE STRESSED.

SPECIALISTS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR WILL BE INVITED TO TALK ON PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF JOB APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES, AS WELL AS THE CHOOSING OF THE RIGHT CAREER.

THEY WILL ALSO CONDUCT SPECIAL WORKSHOPS ON CAREERS IN BANKING, MARKETING, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING.

ENROLMENT FOR THE SEMINAR IS NOW OPEN TO ALL GRADUATES POSSESSING POST-SECONDARY, UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE IN EMPLOYMENT BUT WISH TO SEEK ANOTHER JOB.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (HEES) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, SIXTH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL.

ESTABLISHED IN 1973, THE HEES HELPS EMPLOYERS IN RECRUITING PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND JOB-SEEKERS WITH TERTIARY EDUCATION IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT.

"HONG KONG STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR EDUCATION OVERSEAS HAVE FOUND THE SERVICE MOST USEFUL IN LEARNING ABOUT THE LOCAL JOB MARKET AND MANY OF THEM ARE SUBSEQUENTLY PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT CLOSELY RELATED TO THEIR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE SERVICE WAS ALSO USED BY GRADUATES OF LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTES," HE ADDED.

THE HEES NOW USES A COMPUTER TO REGISTER THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF JOB-SEEKERS AND THEN MATCHES ITS REGISTRANTS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDERED VACANCIES ON HAND.

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IT THEN ARRANGES SUITABLE APPLICANTS FOR INTERVIEW BY PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS.

THROUGH THE USE OF THE COMPUTER, A CANDIDATE PROFILE CONTAINING THE ACADEMIC BACKGROUND, WORKING EXPERIENCE, POSITION SOUGHT AND SALARY EXPECTED OF SELECTED REGISTRANTS IS ALSO COMPILED AND SENT TO SOME 1,000 ESTABLISHMENTS EACH MONTH.

THE SERVICE REGISTERED 643 JOB-SEEKERS AND PLACED 66 REGISTRANTS IN EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN JANUARY AND JUNE THIS YEAR.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, EMPLOYERS AND POST-SECONDARY GRADUATES MAY CONTACT THE HEES ON 5-8523232 OR 5-8523233.

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SPECIAL STAMPS ON HK'S MODERN PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES

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A SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS - MODERN PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES OF HONG KONG - WILL BE ISSUED ON JULY 19, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE STAMPS ARE IN FOUR DENOMINATIONS - 60 CENTS, \$1.40, \$1.80 AND \$5. OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS ARE ALREADY ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID ALL POST OFFICES ARE EXPECTED TO BE CROWDED WITH CUSTOMERS ON THAT DAY.

"TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO TRANSACT NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS, ADDITIONAL SPECIAL COUNTERS WILL BE OPENED AT THE MAIN POST OFFICES," HE SAID.

"EXTRA STAFF WILL BE ON DUTY AT MOST POST OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY BUT QUEUES ARE NEVERTHELESS EXPECTED TO FORM.

"WHEREVER POSSIBLE NORMAL BULK POSTAL BUSINESS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ON THE PRECEDING DAY OR THE DAY FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE," THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED.

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72 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN MAY
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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED 72 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN MAY THIS YEAR.

OF THE PLANS, 19 WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 22 FOR KOWLOON AND 31 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TOPPING THE LIST WERE 29 PLANS FOR APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL, APARTMENT AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWED BY 12 PLANS FOR COMMERCIAL AND NINE PLANS FOR FACTORY AND FACTORY/GODOWN DEVELOPMENTS.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT TO START WORK ON 42 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 129,462.6 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 92,323.6 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,380 MILLION, WITH USABLE FLOOR AREA FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES BEING ABOUT 1,545,277.9 SQUARE METRES AND 196,509.1 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

THE OFFICE ISSUED 42 OCCUPATION PERMITS - 12 FOR HONG KONG, EIGHT FOR KOWLOON AND 22 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE ISSUED 44 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 54 BUILDINGS.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 663 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,056 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 126 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 443 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED 24 CLOSURE ORDERS.

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ERECTION OF STRUCTURES FOR BOATYARD PURPOSES AUTHORISED
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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO GRANT SHORT TERM TENANCIES FOR BOATYARD PURPOSES AT A KUNG NGAM, HONG KONG.

THE ERECTION OF STRUCTURES FOR THE PURPOSES OF SHIP/BOAT BUILDING/REPAIRING AND SLIPWAYS/PIERS/DOLPHINS WILL BE ALLOWED WITHIN THE TENANCY AREAS, PART OF WHICH, MEASURING ABOUT 8,400 SQUARE METRES, IS FORESHORE AND SEABED.

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THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE JULY 13 NEXT YEAR.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STADIUM PATH

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT STADIUM PATH IN SO KON PO WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM TO NOON ON TUESDAY (JULY 18) FOR THE OPENING OF THE "PEDESTRIAN ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMME".

AT THE SAME TIME, THE PARKING SPACES IN STADIUM PATH WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CHUNG KWAI CHUNG TSUEN CARPARK

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE CLEARANCE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES, THE CARPARK AT CHUNG KWAI CHUNG TSUEN NORTH OF FU UK ROAD WILL BE COMPLETELY CLOSED FROM TUESDAY (JULY 18) FOR THREE DAYS.

IN ADDITION, ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE PARKING SPACES OF THE CARPARK WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM JULY 21 TO 31.

AFFECTED VEHICLES MAY USE THE CARPARK TO THE SOUTH OF FU UK ROAD.

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