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KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED

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A CONSTANT FLOW OF INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC TO ENABLE THOSE INTERESTED TO UNDERSTAND GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY TOLD ROTARIANS AT A LUNCHEON MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY).

+PEOPLE NOWADAYS EXPECT TO BE KEPT INFORMED AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENTS WHICH ARE HAPPENING AROUND THEM. THEY ALSO EXPECT TO QUESTION WHERE THEY THINK THERE IS ROOM FOR ARGUMENT AND DEBATE,+ MR BRAY SAID.

INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN A NUMBER OF WAYS -- THROUGH PRESS RELEASES, INTERVIEWS, PRESS BRIEFINGS AND CONFERENCES, BUT ALSO PUBLICATIONS.

AS A RESULT, THE GOVERNMENT IS ONE OF THE MOST, IF NOT THE MOST, PROLIFIC PUBLISHERS IN HONG KONG. LAST MONTH ALONE, IT PUBLISHED 64 NEW TITLES, WITH TOPICS RANGING FROM IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADE FIGURES TO EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION BOOKLETS.

OF THE PUBLICATIONS, THE HONG KONG ANNUAL REPORT WHICH WILL BE ON SALE NEXT WEEK IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND MOST WIDELY READ, HE SAID.

THE ANNUAL REPORT IS AN IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT SERVING TWO MAIN PURPOSES, MR BRAY SAID.

+FIRSTLY, IT IS SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS AS AN ACCOUNT OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

+SECONDLY, IT IS SOLD IN HONG KONG AND ABROAD AS AN IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY DOCUMENT. ITS USEFULNESS AS A WORK OF REFERENCE HAS ALREADY BEEN WIDELY RECOGNISED,+ MR BRAY SAID.

THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR BRAY EXPLAINED, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPILING AND EDITING THE REPORT.

THE FIRST CHAPTER OF THE REPORT WHICH IS DEVOTED TO A SPECIAL REVIEW OF THE PAST YEARS, IS THIS YEAR WRITTEN BY JOURNALIST, MR GRAHAM JENKINS. IN THIS CHAPTER, MR JENKINS PROVIDES A PERSONAL VIEW OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WHOM HE CONSIDERS TO BE HONG KONG'S GREATEST ASSET, MR BRAY SAID.

+BACKED BY FINDINGS OF THE LATEST 1981 POPULATION CENSUS, AND COUPLED WITH MR JENKINS' OWN DISTINCTIVE STYLE OF WRITING, THE REVIEW CHAPTER PROVIDES SOME UNIQUE INSIGHTS INTO THE COMMUNITY THAT IS HONG KONG THROUGH HIS LONG YEARS OF ASSOCIATION HERE,+ MR BRAY SAID.

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+IT IS AT ONCE READABLE, INFORMATIVE AND VERY HUMAN.

+I FOUND THIS CHAPTER MOVING. GRAHAM JENKINS IS CLEARLY WRITING ABOUT A HONG KONG HE ADMIRES.

+HIS PERSONAL REFLECTIONS AS MUCH AS THE CAREFULLY QUOTED STATISTICS REFLECT AN HONEST APPRECIATION OF THE PEOPLE HE HAS COME TO KNOW SO WELL. DO READ THIS,+ MR BRAY TOLD THE ROTARIANS.

THE ANNUAL REPORT IS WELL ILLUSTRATED, AND CONTAINS 100 EXCELLENT COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS.

PRODUCED IN SEPARATE ENGLISH AND CHINESE EDITIONS, IT HAS BECOME THE BEST SELLING GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION.

THE REPORT IS DELIBERATELY SOLD AT A LOW PRICE OF \$24, AND IS OBTAINABLE AT ALL LEADING BOOKSELLERS. ABOUT 10 PER CENT GO TO SCHOOLS AS TEXTBOOKS AND 5 PER CENT ARE SENT OVERSEAS, MR BRAY SAID.

THE 1982 REPORT WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE FROM FRIDAY, MARCH 5, AND COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT COMMERCIAL BOOKSHOPS AND DISTRICT OFFICES A FEW DAYS LATER.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS RECENTLY PUT OUT IN FULL COLOUR INCLUDED ONE ON THE HISTORY AND TYPE OF TEMPLES OF HONG KONG, A HANDSOMELY ILLUSTRATED BOOK ON BUTTERFLIES, AND A BOOK ON THE STORY OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE, ALL IN THE 'THIS IS HONG KONG SERIES.' THERE WERE BOOKS ALSO ON COUNTRY PARKS, RURAL ARCHITECTURE, ANIMALS AND MARINE FISHES AND A SERIES OF NATURE TRAIL PAMPHLETS, MAKING UP THE SERIES ON +HONG KONG'S COUNTRYSIDE AND ANIMALS.+

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#### BUDGET TALK ON TELEVISION

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON JOHN BREMIDGE WILL GIVE A TELEVISION TALK ON HIS 1982/83 BUDGET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

THE TALK WILL BE BROADCAST ON TVB PEARL AT 7.30 PM AND ON RTV-2 AT 8.40 PM.

A CHINESE VERSION OF THE TALK WILL BE PRESENTED BY MR JOSEPH YAM, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (ECONOMIC SERVICES) AT 6.55 PM ON RTV-1 AND AT 7 PM ON TVB JADE ON THE SAME DAY.

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MID-LEVELS STATUTORY MORATORIUM EXTENDED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO EXTEND THE STATUTORY MORATORIUM ON BUILDING DEVELOPMENT IN THE MID-LEVELS FOR A FURTHER FOUR MONTHS.

A RESOLUTION SEEKING THE EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT (MID-LEVELS) ORDINANCE UNTIL JULY 31 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MARCH 10.

THE ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN MAY 1979 TO ENABLE A DETAILED GEOTECHNICAL SURVEY TO BE CARRIED OUT TO ESTABLISH WHAT RESTRICTIONS AND CONTROLS WERE NEEDED FOR FUTURE BUILDING WORKS IN THE AREA. THE ORDINANCE WAS DUE TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 1981.

FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IN DECEMBER THAT THE TEMPORARY RESTRICTION ON BUILDING DEVELOPMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE LIFTED THIS YEAR BUT THAT NEW WORKS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO GEOTECHNICAL CONTROLS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF HILLSIDES AFFECTED.

THE ORDINANCE WAS EXTENDED UNTIL MARCH 31 TO ENABLE NEW REGULATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE TO BE INTRODUCED SO THAT THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE WOULD BE ABLE TO EXERCISE THE APPROPRIATE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROLS.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS SAID THEN THAT THE EXTENSION WAS NECESSARY TO ALLOW TIME FOR INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATIONS, DRAFTING OF THE NEW LEGISLATION, CONSIDERATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND DEBATE BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

IN HIS SPEECH PROPOSING THE RESOLUTION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 9, HE SAID THE STATUTORY MORATORIUM WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN IN FORCE FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF AT LEAST THREE MONTHS AND HE HOPED THAT IT WOULD PROVE POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE NEW REGULATIONS MADE AND TO INTRODUCE THE AMENDING BILL IN TIME FOR ITS ENACTMENT WITHIN THIS PERIOD.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID, BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE NEW LEGISLATION, MORE TIME WAS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE DRAFTING PROCESS AND FOR THE PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED PROPERLY BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, GIVEN THE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY THE BUDGET SITTINGS.

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THE PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS AND GEOTECHNICAL CONTROLS ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MID-LEVELS ARE DESIGNED TO:

- \* IMPROVE CONTROL OF BUILDING OPERATIONS TO SAFEGUARD THE STABILITY OF ADJACENT GROUND.
- \* LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF EXCAVATION DURING THE CARRYING OUT OF BUILDING WORK.
- \* REQUIRE THAT BUILDING WORKS BE CARRIED OUT IN A PARTICULAR SEQUENCE.
- \* ENABLE DUE CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN TO THE EFFECT ON STABILITY OF THE FOUNDATION SYSTEM ADOPTED.
- \* IMPOSE REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUND WATER DRAINAGE AND WORKS.
- \* ENABLE THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE A PERFORMANCE REVIEW TO SHOW THAT THE GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN ASSUMPTIONS UPON WHICH THE BUILDING WORKS HAVE BEEN BASED ARE VALID.

THE NEW LEGISLATION IS EXPECTED TO COME INTO FORCE ON AUGUST 1.

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BUDGET DAY DEBUT FOR NEW YEARBOOK

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THE 1982 EDITION OF THE HONG KONG YEARBOOK, COMPILED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, WILL BE ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT THE END OF TOMORROW'S BUDGET DAY MEETING.

BULK SUPPLIES FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC ARE NOW BEING BOUND AND AN INITIAL STOCK WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 5.

DURING THE FOLLOWING WEEK THE YEARBOOK WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FROM LEADING BOOKSHOPS, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE COMBINED PRINT-RUN FOR EDITIONS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE HAS BEEN RAISED TO 50 000 COPIES THIS YEAR TO SATISFY GROWING PUBLIC DEMAND.

+THE PRACTICE OF HAVING THE NEW YEARBOOK AVAILABLE FOR BUDGET DAY RESTORES AN OLD TRADITION AND WE CONSIDER IT IS WORTHWHILE STRIVING TO OBSERVE THIS,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE 1982 EDITION PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG DURING THE PAST YEAR AND CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW CHAPTER BY A PROMINENT LOCAL JOURNALIST, MR GRAHAM JENKINS, WHO GIVES HIS PERSONAL VIEWS ON HONG KONG'S MOST IMPORTANT ASSET, ITS PEOPLE, AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE 1981 CENSUS.

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JAPAN MAINTAINS DISCRIMINATIONS AGAINST HONG KONG

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THE DISCRIMINATIONS MAINTAINED BY JAPAN AGAINST HONG KONG UNDER THE JAPANESE GENERALISED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES ARE TO CONTINUE FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR.

ALTHOUGH HONG KONG IS INCLUDED AS A BENEFICIARY UNDER THE JAPANESE GENERALISED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES, HONG KONG ALONE IS EXCLUDED FROM PREFERENCE IN RESPECT OF FIVE PRODUCT CATEGORIES - TRAVEL GOODS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, GLASS BEADS, IMITATION JEWELLERIES AND TOYS.

EXPRESSING HIS DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE NEWS, THE COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, MR LAWRENCE MILLS SAID, +IN OUR VIEW THE EXCLUSIONS, AGAINST WHICH WE HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS, ARE DISCRIMINATORY IN NATURE. ALTHOUGH THE JAPANESE HAVE ARGUED THAT REMOVAL OF EXCLUSIONS WOULD LIKELY GIVE RISE TO SPECIAL SOCIAL PROBLEMS FOR THE JAPANESE INDUSTRIES CONCERNED, WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT THE ARGUMENT, AS IT SUGGESTS THAT HONG KONG IS RESPONSIBLE FOR, OR THE CAUSE OF, THE SPECIAL SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

+STATISTICS HAVE SHOWN THAT HONG KONG'S SHARE OF THE JAPANESE IMPORT MARKET IN RESPECT OF THE FIVE PRODUCT CATEGORIES DROPPED FROM 28.7 PER CENT IN 1972 TO 13.2 PER CENT IN JANUARY TO NOVEMBER, 1981.

+AT A TIME WHEN JAPAN IS OSTENSIBLY TRYING TO LIBERALISE TRADE, IT IS AN ANOMALY TO MAINTAIN THIS DISCRIMINATIONS AGAINST HONG KONG. INDEED, THE EXCLUSIONS HAVE ENABLED OUR COMPETITORS TO INCREASE THEIR SHARE OF IMPORTS INTO JAPAN, + HE SAID.

+MOREOVER, THE MAINTENANCE BY JAPAN OF THESE EXCLUSIONS WOULD RESULT IN A FURTHER TILTING OF THE TRADE BALANCE IN JAPAN'S FAVOUR WHICH, IN 1981, EXCEEDED HK\$26 000 MILLION WHILE HONG KONG DOES NOT SEEK TO REDUCE IMPORTS FROM JAPAN. HONG KONG'S ECONOMY DEPENDS ON ITS ABILITY TO EXPORT, AND THAT ABILITY DIRECTLY AFFECTS ITS ABILITY TO IMPORT, + ADDED MR MILLS.

THE EXCLUSIONS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE JOINT MEETING OF THE HONG KONG/JAPAN AND JAPAN/HONG KONG BUSINESS COOPERATION COMMITTEES LAST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19. THE HONG KONG COMMITTEE ASKED THE JAPAN COMMITTEE TO URGE THEIR GOVERNMENT TO REMOVE THE REMAINING DISCRIMINATIONS.

IN 1981, HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE FIVE PRODUCT CATEGORIES TO JAPAN WERE VALUED AT HK\$243 MILLION OR 8.3 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN.

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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JANUARY 1982

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR JANUARY 1982 WERE BOTH 125, EACH BEING TWO POINTS OR 1.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT FOR THE PRECEDING MONTH, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY, 1981, BOTH THE CPI (A) AND CPI (B) INCREASED BY 15 POINTS OR 13.6 PER CENT.

DURING JANUARY, FOOD PRICES, HAIRDRESSING CHARGES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUS FARES WERE RAISED BECAUSE OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR. INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE RENT OF PRIVATE DWELLINGS, IN CIGARETTE PRICES AND IN ELECTRICITY CHARGES DURING THE MONTH.

THE CPI (A) AND CPI (B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. AT THAT TIME, THE CPI (A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AND THE CPI (B) SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH.

THE INDEXES FOR JANUARY 1982 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR DECEMBER 1981 AND JANUARY 1981.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI (A)			CPI (B)		
	JAN. 81	DEC. 81	JAN. 82	JAN. 81	DEC. 81	JAN. 82
FOODSTUFFS	110	124	127	110	124	127
HOUSING	109	119	121	109	119	121
FUEL AND LIGHT	122	131	136	123	131	136
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	107	118	123	107	117	122
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	109	124	123	109	125	123
DURABLE GOODS	103	108	108	104	110	109
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	106	119	119	106	116	117
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	114	135	137	114	133	134
SERVICES	113	127	131	113	126	131
ALL ITEMS	110	123	125	110	123	125

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THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY THREE POINTS IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B). RISES WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY, FRESH FRUITS, PORK, FRESH-WATER FISH AND MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) AS HIGHER RENT WAS PAID FOR PRIVATE DWELLINGS.

HIGHER CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY CAUSED THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT TO INCREASE BY FIVE POINTS IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B).

THE FIVE-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR CIGARETTES.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI (A) AND BY TWO POINTS IN CPI (B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES FOR OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN CPI (A) AND BY ONE POINT IN CPI (B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER FARES CHARGED BY PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY FOUR POINTS IN CPI (A) AND BY FIVE POINTS IN CPI (B) OWING TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR PACKAGE TOURS AND TO THE TRADITIONAL INCREASE IN HAIRDRESSING CHARGES DURING THE FORTNIGHT BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR JANUARY 1982, WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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PROHIBITED ZONE AT STANLEY VILLAGE BUS TERMINUS  
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THE STANLEY VILLAGE BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A PROHIBITED ZONE FROM FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 26).

ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE AREA.

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DIRECT PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS RISE

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS TODAY ENDORSED THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT'S QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE OCTOBER TO DECEMBER PERIOD.

GOOD PUBLIC SUPPORT IS ENCOURAGING AS DIRECT COMPLAINTS ADDRESSED TO THE UNIT ROSE TO 1 411, AN INCREASE OF 36 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, ACCORDING TO THE UNIT'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, MR JAMES KWAN.

+AS IN PREVIOUS QUARTERS, THE TWO MAJOR BUS COMPANIES GET THE BIGGEST SHARE OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES - 251 AND 348 FOR CMB AND KMB RESPECTIVELY.

+IN THIS QUARTER, MORE PEOPLE HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE FERRY SERVICES, FOR EXAMPLE THE CHEUNG CHAU TO HONG KONG FERRY SERVICE AND THE AUTOMATIC TURNSTILES RECENTLY INSTALLED BY THE 'STAR' FERRY.

+TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS NOW ANOTHER COMMON SUBJECT OF COMPLAINT. THE MORE COMMONLY KNOWN LOCATIONS ARE THE JUNCTIONS AT KING'S ROAD/KAM HONG STREET AND BLUE POOL ROAD/TAI HANG ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND; HOI YUEN ROAD/HING YIP STREET IN KWUN TONG; CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD NEAR PING SHEK ESTATE; LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN SHATIN PASS ROAD AND HAMMER HILL ROAD; AND THE TUEN MUN CIRCUIT AND PUI TO ROAD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THE LACK OF PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ACROSS NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD NEAR CHOI WAN ESTATE AND ACROSS YUEN WO ROAD NEAR KLASSE GRAND DEPARTMENT STORE IN SHA TIN ARE ALSO THE SUBJECT OF REPEATED COMPLAINTS,+ HE SAID.

IN HIS REPORT, MR KWAN ALSO HIGHLIGHTS KMB'S COMMENTS ON THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT'S ANNUAL REPORT 1980/81 ISSUED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

+KMB POINTS OUT THAT IT HAS RECEIVED MUCH MORE COMPLAINTS ON ITS OWN DRIVER. WHILE ONLY 257 COMPLAINTS WERE RECORDED BY THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT IN 1980/81 AGAINST DRIVERS OF BOTH CMB AND KMB, THE LATTER RECEIVED 1 614 COMPLAINTS ITSELF DURING THE SAME PERIOD AND DISMISSED 325 DRIVERS AS A RESULT.+

MR KWAN IS HAPPY TO NOTE FROM KMB'S REPORT THAT THESE FIGURES HAVE DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE GOOD SERVICE BONUS SCHEME IN JUNE LAST YEAR.

+KMB'S OWN RECORD ALSO REVEALS THAT TRAFFIC CONGESTION ACCOUNTS FOR 69.6 PER CENT OF THE MISSING BUS TRIPS.

+ILLEGAL PARKING CONSTITUTES 77 PER CENT OF THE CASES REFERRED BY THE UNIT TO THE POLICE. HOWEVER, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE REITERATES THAT LASTING EFFECTS ON ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL PARKING CANNOT BE EXPECTED AS LONG AS LEGAL PARKING SPACES ON AND OFF STREET CONTINUE TO FALL FAR BEHIND VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS,+ HE SAID.

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MR KWAN IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE DELAY IN THE PROVISION OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF THE ALLWAY GARDENS IN TSUEN WAN.

+THE BUS COMPANY SHOULD HOWEVER NOT BE BLAMED IN THIS CASE AS REPEATED DELAYS IN COMPLETION OF THE ROAD NETWORK FOR BUS OPERATION IS THE REAL CAUSE OF THE PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

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#### SIXTH MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE PRINTING INDUSTRY

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A MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE PRINTING INDUSTRY WILL BE CARRIED OUT NEXT MONTH TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON MANPOWER AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY - THE SIXTH IN A SERIES - WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM MARCH 8 TO 27 BY THE PRINTING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR ALEX WU, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT BASED ON THE SURVEY FINDINGS, THE BOARD WOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANPOWER TRAINING FOR THE PRINTING INDUSTRY.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS WERE SENT TODAY TO ALL ESTABLISHMENTS TO BE COVERED IN THE SURVEY. EMPLOYERS WERE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON EACH OF THE PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY:

- (I) THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT EMPLOYED,
- (II) THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT UNDER TRAINING,
- (III) THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES, AND
- (IV) A FORECAST OF THE ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF WORKERS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

DURING THE SURVEY OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WOULD CALL AT THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES AND TO ASSIST THE EMPLOYER IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

MR WU SAID THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

+AS THE INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED FROM THIS SURVEY IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR FORMULATING MEANINGFUL TRAINING PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDUSTRY, THOSE COVERED IN THE SURVEY ARE REQUESTED TO OFFER THEIR CO-OPERATION,+ HE ADDED.

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INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL SYMPOSIUM IN HONG KONG

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THE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL OF UNESCO, TOGETHER WITH THE 10TH HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WILL BE HOLDING A FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE FROM MARCH 1 TO 4.

THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG AND WILL DEAL WITH ASPECTS OF EAST-WEST EXCHANGE IN MUSIC AND THE PERFORMING ARTS.

THE I.M.C. IS A WORLD-WIDE UNESCO NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION WHICH HAS BEEN AN INTEGRATING FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC LIFE SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1949. ACTIVE IN 70 COUNTRIES, THE I.M.C. HAS A FAR-REACHING CHARTER WHICH FUNCTIONS OUTSIDE OF NATIONAL OR CULTURAL LIMITATIONS AND HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ESTABLISHING LINKS AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN COUNTRIES, REGIONS, INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

DELEGATES ATTENDING THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE COMING FROM CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, HOLLAND, ITALY, DENMARK, JAPAN AND WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ARTS CENTRES, FESTIVALS, BROADCASTING AUTHORITIES, THE MEDIA, AND MUSIC AND ARTS INSTITUTIONS.

AMONGST THE 40 DELEGATES PARTICIPATING WILL BE THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE I.M.C., PROFESSOR SIR FRANK CALLAWAY, THE PRINCIPAL OF LONDON'S GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DRAMA, MR JOHN HOSIER, DIRECTOR OF THE HOLLAND FESTIVAL, MR FRANS DE RUITER, PRESIDENT OF THE LINCOLN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (NEW YORK) MR JOHN MAZZOLA, AND THE SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO, MR JACK BORNOFF.

PRESIDENT OF THE FOUR-DAY SYMPOSIUM WILL BE MR ALEX S.C. WU, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. ALL FOUR WORKING SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE RECITAL HALL OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, WHICH IS ALSO SUPPORTING THE EVENT. IN ADDITION TO PARTICIPANTS FROM LOCAL CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SESSIONS.

THE OPENING PAPER ENTITLED +THE ROLE OF FESTIVALS, ARTS AND EDUCATIONAL CENTRES AND THE MASS MEDIA IN CULTURAL EXCHANGE+ WILL BE PRESENTED ON MARCH 1 AT 9.15 AM BY MR BORNOFF. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY +'LIVE' EXCHANGES AND TOURING CIRCUITS+ WITH MR DARWIN CHEN, DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AS SPEAKER.

AS IN THE THREE SUCCEEDING SESSIONS, A ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION WILL FOLLOW EACH PAPER WITH A PANEL DRAWN FROM LOCAL AND OVERSEAS DELEGATES, WITH ALL THE PROCEEDINGS RECORDED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

THE SECOND MAJOR DISCUSSION TOPIC WILL BE THE +EDUCATIONAL ROLE OF VISITING ARTISTS+, IN WHICH MR PETER BRINSON, DIRECTOR OF THE CALCUSTE GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION, LONDON, WILL GIVE THE ADDRESS. THIS SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A PANEL DISCUSSION WHICH IS EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL 1 PM.

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CHAIRING THE THIRD SYMPOSIUM PAPER ON +THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE MEDIA+, ALSO ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, AT 2 PM, WILL BE MR ANTONY DEAN, DIRECTOR OF THE RADIO PROGRAMME DEPARTMENT OF THE EUROPEAN BROADCASTING UNION. THIS TOPIC WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSION ON RADIO AND TELEVISION, RECORDINGS, FILMS AND TAPES, THE PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS AND THEIR RELATIVE IMPORTANCE TO THE PERFORMING ARTS WORLD. THE SPEAKER WILL BE MR NARAYANA MENON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BOMBAY.

THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD AT 9 AM ON MARCH 3, AND WILL TURN ITS ATTENTION TO +SPONSORSHIP+, AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF GOVERNMENTAL, INSTITUTIONAL, COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE FUNDING OF THE ARTS. THE PRESIDENT OF THE LINCOLN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, MR JOHN MAZZOLA, WILL BE THE SPEAKER, WITH MR LYON ROUSSELL OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL, LONDON, IN THE CHAIR.

DURING THE FINAL SESSION, THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE DURING THE COURSE OF THE PRECEDING SESSIONS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE DELEGATES.

AS A COROLLARY TO THE SYMPOSIUM, THREE CONCERTS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE SHOUSON THEATRE OF THE ARTS CENTRE, WHICH WILL ILLUSTRATE THE OVERALL THEME OF THE SYMPOSIUM.

THE PROGRAMMES WILL REPRESENT BOTH WESTERN AND EASTERN CONCEPTS AND WILL FEATURE ARTISTS FROM IRAQ, INDIA AND HONG KONG. THE MUSIC OF THE CHINESE PIPA WILL BE HEARD ALONGSIDE THE ARABIC LUTE IN THE RECITAL PROGRAMME SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 1, WHILST THE CAPTIVATING SOUND OF THE INDIAN SAROD WILL CONTRAST WITH THE MELLOW TONES OF THE CHINESE CHENG ON MARCH 2. AN IMAGINATIVE PROGRAMME OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE DANCE AND MUSIC WILL BE PRESENTED ON MARCH 3, AS THE THIRD PRESENTATION IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SYMPOSIUM.

TICKETS FOR ALL THREE EVENING PERFORMANCES ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE ARTS CENTRE BOX OFFICE.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING SYMPOSIUM CO-ORDINATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SYMPOSIUM SECRETARIAT, RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, C.G.O., WEST WING, TELEPHONE 5-951854 AND PRESS ENQUIRIES TO 5-951872.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL SYMPOSIUM ON EAST-WEST EXCHANGE IN MUSIC AND THE PERFORMING ARTS.

THE OPENING SESSION WILL BE HELD AT 9.15 AM ON MARCH 1 (MONDAY) IN THE RECITAL HALL OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

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YWCA PRAISED FOR DIVERSIFIED SERVICES

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TODAY'S OPENING OF THREE NEW WELFARE PREMISES OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION IN WESTERN DISTRICT IS A GOOD ILLUSTRATION OF THE DIVERSIFIED SERVICES BEING RENDERED BY THE HONG KONG YWCA, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, SAID THIS AFTERNOON (TUESDAY).

THE NEW PREMISES ARE THE SAI WAN SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, THE WESTERN OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, BOTH LOCATED IN SAI WAN ESTATE, AND THE NEW CONTAINER-TYPE MOBILE OFFICE OF THE MOUNT DAVIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE IN VICTORIA ROAD NEAR THE HOI PONG VILLAGE, A SQUATTER AREA.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR ALLEYNE SAID THAT AS DEMAND FOR THE SERVICE OF THE YWCA KENNEDY TOWN SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE GREW OVER THE YEARS, IT HAD BECOME NECESSARY FOR THE CENTRE TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL PREMISES FOR THE OPERATION OF ITS NEW SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES.

+THE REPROVISIONING OF THE ASSOCIATION'S WESTERN OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAM AND THE SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY TO SAI WAN ESTATE IS THEREFORE A TIMELY MOVE AND ONE WHICH WOULD NO DOUBT FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION IN THE DISTRICT AS WELL AS BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS IN SAI WAN ESTATE AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE SAI WAN SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, MR ALLEYNE SAID ONE OF THE MAIN PROBLEMS OF OLD AGE WAS LONELINESS, BECAUSE IT DEPRESSED THE PERSON AND DAMAGED MENTAL HEALTH.

+IT IS THEREFORE OUR DESIRE AND RESPONSIBILITY,+ HE SAID, +TO HELP OUR ELDER CITIZENS RETAIN A VARIED, ACTIVE SOCIAL LIFE.+

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NEW SOCIAL CENTRE +CAN BE AN ENJOYABLE PLACE FOR THE ELDERLY RESIDENTS TO MEET OTHER PEOPLE AND TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME+.

MR ALLEYNE DESCRIBED THE YWCA WESTERN OUTREACHING TEAM AND THE MOUNT DAVIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM AS +TWO ATTEMPTS TO INTEGRATE OUR YOUNGER CITIZENS INTO A BETTER, HEALTHIER COMMUNITY+.

+I UNDERSTAND THAT THE YWCA WESTERN OUTREACHING TEAM HAS BEEN DOING GOOD WORK HERE SINCE THE TEAM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1979, AND I SINCERELY HOPE THAT ITS STAFF WOULD BE ABLE TO ENJOY MORE SPACIOUS OFFICE,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE MOUNT DAVIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM, THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT OWING TO DIFFICULTIES IN SECURING A PROPER OFFICE IN THE DISTRICT, THE TEAM HAD BEEN FORCED TO USE THE YWCA KENNEDY TOWN SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

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HOWEVER, DESPITE THE LACK OF A PROPER OFFICE ON SITE, MUCH HAD BEEN DONE BY THE TEAM IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE RESIDENTS TO BRING ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AREA.

+I AM HAPPY AND CONFIDENT THAT WITH THE NEW MOBILE OFFICE WHICH THE TEAM HAS NOW ACQUIRED WITH A LOTTERIES FUND GRANT, THE TEAM WOULD BECOME MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE RESIDENTS WITH WHOM THEY WORK AND THAT LIAISON AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO CAN BE STRENGTHENED,+ MR ALLEYNE SAID.

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VOTING PROCEDURES FOR DB ELECTIONS OUTLINED  
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DETAILS OF VOTING PROCEDURES FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 4 WERE OUTLINED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

QUOTING FROM THE ELECTORAL PROVISION (PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 1981, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A VOTER COULD NOT VOTE FOR MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE IF THE CONSTITUENCY IN WHICH HE LIVES IS TO BE REPRESENTED BY ONE MEMBER ONLY.

+HOWEVER,+ HE SAID, +THOSE WHO LIVE IN A DOUBLE MEMBERSHIP CONSTITUENCY CAN VOTE FOR TWO CANDIDATES,+ POINTING OUT THAT CONSTITUENCIES TO BE REPRESENTED BY TWO ELECTED MEMBERS INCLUDE ALL THOSE IN SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN, PLUS TAI PO CENTRAL AND TAI PO SOUTH.

VOTERS SHOULD GO TO THE POLLING STATION SPECIFIED ON THE POLL CARD SENT TO THEM EARLIER AT ANY TIME BETWEEN 7 AM AND 10 PM ON ELECTION DAY.

AFTER SHOWING HIS IDENTITY CARD TO POLLING STATION STAFF, HE WILL BE GIVEN A BALLOT PAPER ON WHICH HE SHOULD WRITE A CROSS ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE, OPPOSITE THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE FOR WHOM HE WISHES TO VOTE.

HE SHOULD THEN FOLD IT AND PLACE IT IN THE BALLOT BOX.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IF A VOTER SPOILS A BALLOT PAPER BY MISTAKE, HE CAN RETURN IT TO THE PRESIDING OFFICER WHO WILL GIVE HIM ANOTHER ONE.

HE SAID A BALLOT PAPER WOULD BE DECLARED VOID IF A VOTER VOTED FOR MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE IN A SINGLE MEMBER CONSTITUENCY, OR PLACED ANY MARK ON THE PAPER BY WHICH HE COULD BE IDENTIFIED AFTERWARDS.

POSTERS CONTAINING ELECTORAL REGULATIONS WILL BE PUT UP IN POLLING STATIONS ON ELECTION DAY TO HELP GUIDE VOTERS.

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+ELECTION AMBASSADOR SCHEME+ UNDER REVIEW  
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A CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 28), TO REVIEW THE WORK OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED TO REGISTER SOME 20 000 VOTERS IN KWUN TONG FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN MARCH AND SEPTEMBER.

THE CONFERENCE, ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KWUN TONG), WILL DISCUSS AND TRY TO IMPROVE THE REGISTRATION METHODS USED BY SOME 400 VOLUNTEERS IN THE SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 1981 REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN UNDER THE ELECTION AMBASSADOR SCHEME.

THE VOLUNTEERS ARE MADE UP OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND YOUTHS FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY CENTRES.

TWO CITY DISTRICT OFFICERS (KWUN TONG), MR PETER PANG AND MR ARTHUR NG, WILL SPEAK ON THE OCCASION AND EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE VOLUNTEERS.

THE CONFERENCE WILL START AT 2.30 PM, ON SUNDAY AT LEUNG SHEK CHEE COLLEGE, HIU KWONG STREET, KWUN TONG. THERE WILL ALSO BE A RECEPTION FOR THE VOLUNTEERS.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MISS HELENA CHAN OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 3-416315 EXT. 301.

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FRESH WATER TAPS OFF  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 10 HOURS FROM 9 PM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 26) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY CASTLE PEAK ROAD, AND THE WEST SIDE OF ON YUK ROAD TO END OF TING KAU MILE STONE 11-1/2, INCLUDING SOUTH SEA TEXTILE MFG AND AMOY CANNING CORP (HK) LTD.

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CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WRITING WANTED FOR ANTHOLOGY  
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ALL HONG KONG PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE URGED TO SUPPORT THE COMPILATION OF AN ANTHOLOGY OF HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WRITING BY THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION.

+SCHOOL HEADS WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR SCHOOLS REPRESENTED IN THE ANTHOLOGY SHOULD SELECT WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE THE BEST PIECES OF CREATIVE WRITING IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, PROSE AND VERSE, PRODUCED BY THEIR PUPILS AND TO SEND THEM TO THE IRA (H.K. BRANCH),+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALL ITEMS SUBMITTED SHOULD BE ORIGINAL PIECES OF WRITING BY PAST OR PRESENT PUPILS OF THE SCHOOL, AND ITEMS FROM PRESENT AND PAST ISSUES OF SCHOOLS MAGAZINES MAY BE INCLUDED, HE SAID.

THE ASSOCIATION WILL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHICH ITEMS ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ANTHOLOGY.

NO FEE IS PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF ITEMS SUBMITTED, AND COPYRIGHT WILL BE INVESTED IN THE IRA (H.K. BRANCH), HE SAID.

ALL SUBMISSION SHOULD BE SENT BEFORE APRIL 30, TO MR R.K. TONGUE, C/O EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED  
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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON LI YUNG-KWAI ON FEBRUARY 20, 1981 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR 25 YEARS.

LI WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF TONG KING-WOOD IN PAK TAI STREET, KOWLOON ON JULY 20, 1980.

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