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GOVERNOR PRESENTS INSIGNIA TO 93

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INSIGNIA FOR 93 PEOPLE WERE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AT A CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

SIXTY-EIGHT RECIPIENTS WERE DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, WHILE FOUR WERE AWARDED THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION.

IN ADDITION, 21 MEMBERS OF THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION AND BRIGADE WHOSE COMMUNITY WORK HAS BEEN RECOGNISED BY THE QUEEN, THE SOVEREIGN HEAD OF THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM, WERE PRESENTED THEIR ST JOHN INSIGNIA BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF INSIGNIA RECIPIENTS:

CBE

THE HON GEOFFREY THOMAS BARNES
THE HON CHEONG KAM-CHUEN
MR TSAO KWANG-YUNG

OBE

MR AU-YEUNG FU
THE HON CHAN YING-LUN

ISO

MR JOHN HOWARD MARCH
MRS WONG CHIEN CHI-LIEN
MRS YAU LEE CHE-YUN

MBE

MR CHAN CHI-SUM
MR CHAN KONG-SANG
MR CHAN SIU-LEUNG
MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM
MADAM LEUNG SING-TAK
MR LESLIE GRAY
MR HA WING-HO
MR EDWARD ARTHUR HACKER
MR YI JUN-YUN

/MBE (MILITARY

MBE (MILITARY DIVISION)

MAJOR FRANK DRAKE

BEM

MR CHAN HUNG
MR CHAN YIU-YEE
MISS CHING FOO-YING
MR FUNG KUEN
MR LEE YIU-LEUNG
MR LO CHI-PUI
MR SHIN KAM-CHUEN
MR TAM KAM-KAU
MR TSANG CHI-KUN
MRS WAN LEUNG KONG-YEE
MRS WU KOO POO-SUEN
MR YEUNG KON-YING
MRS YICK HO HANG-YUK
MR JOSEPH YIM
MR YOUNG KUEN

BEM (MILITARY DIVISION)

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS 2 JOHN JOSEPH TURNER
STAFF SERGEANT TSE KIT
SERGEANT LAM KAM-YUK

QPM

MR CECIL ALFRED JOHN SHEPPARD
MR DAVID TOBY EMMET

CPM

MR JOHN LESLIE PETTENGELL
MR CHRISTOPHER JOHN GLOVER
MR IAN FRANK LACY-SMITH
MR ALAN THOMAS HORNSBY
MISS MILLIE STRADMOOR
MR CHAN HIN-WANG
MR CHEUNG WAI-SHING
MR LO HUNG-SHUN
MR LAU KIN-YEUK
MR YAM CHUK-SHUN
MR CHAU SIU-KEUNG
MR KEUNG KAR-PAN
MR HO CHAK-LAM

/MR LO CHING-WAI

MR LO CHING-WAI
MR YEUNG KWOK-LIM
MR LEE KAI-CHOI

BADGE OF HONOUR

MR CHAN TIN-SANG
MR CHOW YUM-WAH
MR HO KOON-SHUN
MR KAN CHUNG-NIN
MR LAI HON-KEE
MR LEUNG CHAK-CHEUNG
MR TANG NGAN-HOI
MR TANG PUI-TAT
MR TO KAN-CHOW
MR SIN SIU-WAH
MR WONG SHU
MR WONG YICK-KEE
MR WU WING-KAI
MR YU SUN-SAY

GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION

MR CHOW KWOK-WOON
MR MICHAEL GEORGE HOWARD
MR KWOK WING-CHIU
MR SHUM KIT

ORDER OF ST JOHN

OFFICER BROTHERS

MR HO CHAK-LAM
MR LEE TUNG-HAI
MR YUEN POR

SERVING BROTHERS

MR CHAN CHI-KWAN
MR CHAN SHEK-LEUNG
DR CHEUNG PING-SHEUNG
MR CHOY KWAI-SANG
MR CHU WAI-CHEUNG
MR ENG SOON-CHAO
MR FUNG KAN-HO
MR BENJAMIN LEE
DR LEUNG CHUN-YIN
MR THEODORE MICHAEL MCINTYRE
DR SU CHUN-YUEN
MR WU KWAI-HUNG
MR YAU CHI-FAI
DR YU YU-KAI

/SERVING SISTERS

SERVING SISTERS

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- MISS LAU PIK-SAI
- MRS LUI CHAN SIU-KING
- MISS MA KA-HAY
- MISS WOO LAI-KUEN

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3RD QUARTER EXPORTS STATISTICS RE-CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN
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THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989 WERE: ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS; TEXTILES, INCLUDING KNITTING; WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR AND KNITWEAR; PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT; PLASTIC PRODUCTS; AND BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS.

THIS IS SHOWN BY STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THEY TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 32.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN THE ABSOLUTE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 WERE: TEXTILES, INCLUDING KNITTING (+\$1,577 MILLION); WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR AND KNITWEAR (+\$686 MILLION); PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (+\$284 MILLION); MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL (+\$238 MILLION); CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+\$147 MILLION); AND TOBACCO (+\$109 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 WERE: TOBACCO (+27.0 PER CENT); TEXTILES, INCLUDING KNITTING (+13.4 PER CENT); MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL (+13.2 PER CENT); AND CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+13.0 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SEVERAL INDUSTRIES RECORDED DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989 COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1988.

AMONG THEM WERE: ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (-\$1,026 MILLION OR -6.8 PER CENT); PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-\$628 MILLION OR -17.8 PER CENT); BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (-\$231 MILLION OR -8.1 PER CENT); AND FOOTWEAR (-\$107 MILLION OR -29.0 PER CENT).

OUTSIDE THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ORIGINATING FROM OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING DECREASED BY \$6 MILLION OR 4.8 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988, WHILE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICITY INCREASED BY \$36 MILLION OR 22.3 PER CENT.

THE ABOVE STATISTICS ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN ARE DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE MERCHANDISE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED. TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE EXCLUDED.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (ISIC), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN REFERRING TO THESE RE-CLASSIFIED STATISTICS. CERTAIN MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS MAY REQUIRE SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IN THEIR PRODUCTION. IN SUCH CASES, THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH AN ITEM IS FINALLY PRODUCED IS NOT THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE EXPORT VALUE OF THAT ITEM.

HOWEVER, THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE ITEM HAS WHOLLY BEEN ALLOCATED TO THAT INDUSTRY IN THIS RE-CLASSIFICATION.

BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF A MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEM TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE EXPORT VALUE OF THE ITEM IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE PART OF THE VALUE MAY BE DUE TO PRODUCTION BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES AS SECONDARY PRODUCTS.

FURTHER DETAILS OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS RE-CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE FOUND IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE WHICH IS ALSO OBTAINABLE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 5-8234832).

A TABLE SHOWING MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF SIMILAR STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, SEPTEMBER 1989".

/VALUE OF

Value of merchandise domestic exports
reclassified by industrial origin for the third quarter of 1989

(HK\$'000)

Industrial origin of the commodities exported	Merchandise domestic exports			
	1989 3rd qtr.	1988 3rd qtr.	Value change	% change
<u>Agricultural, Forestry and Fishing</u>				
Agricultural, livestock and poultry production	1,949	5,453	-3,504	-64.3
Ocean and coastal fishing	116,046	121,867	-5,821	-4.8
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	1,298	1,197	+101	+8.4
<u>Manufacturing</u>				
Food	426,330	401,868	+24,462	+6.1
Beverages	86,961	110,888	-23,926	-21.6
Tobacco	512,423	403,627	+108,796	+27.0
Textiles (including knitting)	13,304,370	11,727,598	+1,576,772	+13.4
Wearing apparel, except footwear and knitwear	12,562,245	11,875,973	+686,272	+5.8
Leather and leather products	259,851	246,899	+12,952	+5.2
Footwear	260,449	367,071	-106,622	-29.0
Wood and cork products, furniture and fixtures	178,036	224,941	-46,905	-20.9
Paper and paper products, printing and publishing	1,532,310	1,464,669	+67,641	+4.6
Chemicals and chemical products	1,276,323	1,129,717	+146,606	+13.0
Products of petroleum and coal	1,583	1,746	-162	-9.3
Rubber products	29,920	47,637	-17,716	-37.2
Plastic products	2,891,467	3,519,724	-628,257	-17.8
Non-metallic mineral products	175,374	203,364	-27,990	-13.8
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	2,636,266	2,867,295	-231,029	-8.1
Machinery, except electrical	2,037,134	1,799,349	+237,785	+13.2
Electrical and electronic products	13,984,948	15,011,237	-1,026,290	-6.8
Transport equipment	65,159	62,486	+2,673	+4.3
Professional and optical equipment	5,643,480	5,359,479	+284,002	+5.3
Other manufacturing industries	3,654,241	3,616,545	+37,697	+1.0
<u>Electricity</u>	196,091	160,279	+35,812	+22.3
<u>Miscellaneous items</u> (e.g. developed photographic plates and film, antiques, and works of art)	35,850	23,636	+12,214	+51.7
Total	61,870,103	60,754,542	+1,115,561	+1.8

Individual entries of a column may not add up exactly to the corresponding total due to rounding.

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Census & Statistics Department,
Hong Kong.
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JAPANESE INVESTMENT BRINGS IN NEW TECHNOLOGY, MANAGEMENT SKILLS
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JAPANESE INVESTMENT HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT SOURCE IN INTRODUCING NEW PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY AND ADVANCED MANAGEMENT SKILLS INTO HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING COMMUNITY.

THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE OPENING OF THE PACIFIC TUBE CORPORATION AT THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

MR BARMA SAID THE OPENING OF THE FIRM HAD MARKED THE CULMINATION OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EFFORT OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

"IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S ONE STOP UNIT AND ITS INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICE IN TOKYO HAVE ASSISTED 13 JAPANESE COMPANIES IN SETTING UP IN HONG KONG NEW MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS AND EXPANDING EXISTING FACILITIES," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO HELPING A FURTHER 80 JAPANESE COMPANIES WITH THEIR ENQUIRIES AND EIGHT OF THESE HAD ALREADY ENTERED INTO COMMITMENTS TO COMMENCE OR EXPAND PRODUCTION WITHIN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

"SUCH ACTION CONFIRMS THE ADVANTAGES OF HONG KONG AS AN OFFSHORE MANUFACTURING LOCATION," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THE 1989 SURVEY OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT, PUBLISHED EARLIER THIS MONTH, SHOWED THAT THERE WERE 170 WHOLLY OR PARTLY OWNED JAPANESE ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG AT THE END OF 1988.

"OF THESE, 75 COMPANIES WERE REPORTED TO HAVE APPLIED ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY IN THEIR OPERATIONS," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT JAPAN HAD CONSOLIDATED ITS POSITION AS THE COUNTRY WITH THE MOST INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG AFTER THE UNITED STATES.

"WITH CUMULATIVE INVESTMENTS AT \$6.9 BILLION, JAPANESE INTERESTS ACCOUNTED FOR 27 PER CENT OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PLAN TO IMPROVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE, MR BARMA SAID THESE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, INVOLVING AN ESTIMATED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OF \$127 BILLION, WERE DESIGNED TO ENHANCE AND SUSTAIN THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF THE TERRITORY WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE SEEKING INVESTMENT INITIATIVES FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN REALISING THESE PROJECTS," HE ADDED.

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CNTA BIDS FAREWELL TO SHA

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THE RETIRING SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DONALD LIAO, TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF TO CONTINUE THEIR GOOD WORK IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY AND CONTRIBUTING TO A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS SOCIETY.

MR LIAO WAS SPEAKING AT A FAREWELL DINNER ORGANISED IN HIS HONOUR BY STAFF OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

HE SAID THAT DURING HIS 30 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE GOVERNMENT, HE HAD SEEN MUCH IMPROVEMENT TO PEOPLE'S STANDARD OF LIVING AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND THE ADMINISTRATION.

"BEING A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT, I THINK I CAN BE JUSTLY PROUD OF THESE ACHIEVEMENTS.

"I HOPE MEMBERS OF THE CNTA WILL UPHOLD OUR FINE TRADITION OF DOING OUR BEST IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY," MR LIAO SAID.

DURING THE DINNER, MR LIAO WAS PRESENTED WITH A TELEVISION SET AS A FAREWELL GIFT. THE DINNER WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 800 SERVING AND FORMER CNTA STAFF IN 69 TABLES.

MR LIAO WAS BORN IN TAIWAN ON OCTOBER 29, 1929. HE RECEIVED HIS SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, GRADUATING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WITH A BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE (HONOURS) DEGREE IN 1955.

HE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1960 AS AN ARCHITECT WITH THE FORMER HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY. HE BECAME COMMISSIONER FOR HOUSING IN 1968, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING IN 1973, SECRETARY FOR HOUSING IN 1980 AND SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN 1985.

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SOCIAL CENTRES FOR ELDERLY PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE

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SOCIAL CENTRES ARE AN IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY OPERATED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS IN SHA TIN, MRS WONG SAID COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES AIMED AT HELPING ELDERLY PEOPLE TO CONTINUE TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY IN THE COMMUNITY RATHER THAN STAYING AT RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS.

/"THE SERVICES

"THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED UNDER THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF 'CARE IN THE COMMUNITY'," SHE SAID, ADDING THAT THE OBJECTIVE WAS FIRST SET OUT IN THE WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE PUBLISHED IN 1979.

"IT WAS AGAIN SUPPORTED DURING A REVIEW ON ELDERLY SERVICES LAST YEAR," SHE SAID.

"SINCE 1979, THE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT-AIDED SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY HAS RISEN FROM 13 TO 133, WITH A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF ABOUT 40,000," SHE ADDED.

LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, MRS WONG ALSO SPOKE ON THE SAME SUBJECT WHEN SHE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF ANOTHER SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY RUN BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS IN SAU MAU PING.

SHE NOTED THAT UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S LONG-TERM PLAN, A SOCIAL CENTRE WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR EVERY 30,000 PEOPLE.

"IT IS HOPED THAT BY TAKING PART IN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE CENTRES, ELDERLY PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO ENLARGE THEIR SOCIAL CIRCLE, LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY AND ADJUST TO THE CHANGING SOCIETY," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG COMMENDED THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

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GOVT LAND SOLD FOR \$363M
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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL OF \$363 MILLION BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY (TUESDAY).

TOPPING THE LIST WAS A LOT AT CARPENTER ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY WHICH WAS BOUGHT BY STARCO CO LTD FOR \$286 MILLION. BIDDING OPENED AT \$100 MILLION.

THE LOT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, GODOWN AND HOTEL) PURPOSES AND INCLUDING A MANDATORY PROVISION OF A MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND A CINEMA/THEATRE WITH NO FEWER THAN 400 SEATS.

IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 5,921 SQUARE METRES AND THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 23,000 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1993.

THE SECOND LOT IS LOCATED IN AREA 8 OF TAI PO AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,230 SQUARE METRES. IT WAS SOLD AT THE OFFSET PRICE OF \$40 MILLION TO LOWENTON LTD.

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THE LOT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE. THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 12,711 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1993.

THE THIRD LOT IS LOCATED IN AREA 4B OF SHEUNG SHUI AND IS DESIGNATED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$30 MILLION AND THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY KA KA REALTY LTD FOR \$37 MILLION.

IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,785 SQUARE METRES AND THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 11,355 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1992 WITH NOT LESS THAN 1,890 SQUARE METRES OF MOTOR VEHICLE WORKSHOPS ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, WAS CONDUCTED BY THE ACTING GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR ROGER HARDING.

MR HARDING SAID HE WAS PLEASED AND SATISFIED WITH THE PRICES OF ALL THREE LOTS.

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TAC BRIEFED ON MTR CONGESTION

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MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) WERE TODAY BRIEFED ON THE VARIOUS MEASURES TAKEN BY BOTH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION (MTRC) AND THE GOVERNMENT TO ALLEVIATE PEAK HOUR CONGESTION.

THE TAC WAS INFORMED THAT THE MTRC HAD DECIDED TO RETAIN THE MORNING PEAK HOUR CONGESTION FARE TO ALLEVIATE THE PEAK CONGESTION PROBLEM ALONG THE NATHAN ROAD CORRIDOR. THIS WAS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF OVERCROWDING ON THE PLATFORMS WHICH COULD CAUSE SEVERE DIFFICULTIES IN EVACUATING PASSENGERS IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE RAIL SECTION OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING IN AUGUST THIS YEAR, THE MTRC CONDUCTED A PASSENGER SURVEY IN OCTOBER WHICH SHOWED THAT THE NATHAN ROAD CORRIDOR MORNING PEAK HOUR DEMAND HAD DROPPED FROM 86,000 TO AROUND 76,000 PASSENGERS.

HOWEVER, THE SAME SURVEY FOUND THAT ABOUT 4,000 PASSENGERS CURRENTLY USING THE MTR NATHAN ROAD CORRIDOR OUTSIDE THE MORNING PEAK WOULD REVERT TO TRAVELLING IN THE MORNING PEAK IF THE CONGESTION FARE WAS REMOVED.

THIS MEANT THAT PATRONAGE IN THE MORNING PEAK COULD REACH 80,000 PER HOUR, WHICH WAS MUCH HIGHER THAN THE MTR DESIGNED CAPACITY OF 75,000 PASSENGERS PER HOUR.

/THE TAC

THE TAC WAS INFORMED THAT THE ADDITIONAL INCOME DERIVED FROM THE PEAK HOUR CONGESTION FARE WOULD BE OFFSET BY DISCOUNTS OFFERED TO THE EARLY BIRD PASSES, TO BE SOLD AT AN ADDITIONAL \$10 DISCOUNTS FOR FIVE MONTHS FROM DECEMBER 1989 TO APRIL 1990.

THE TAC ALSO NOTED OTHER NON-PRICING MEASURES TAKEN BY THE MTRC TO ALLEVIATE THE PEAK CONGESTION PROBLEM : THE COMPLETION OF THE SIGNALLING AND LAYOUT IMPROVEMENTS AT TSUEN WAN STATION IN MAY THIS YEAR, ENABLING THE CORPORATION TO RUN A TWO-MINUTE FREQUENCY SERVICE FROM 7.40 AM TO 9.30 AM, AND THE CONTINUED DEPLOYMENT OF PLATFORM ASSISTANTS AT CONGESTED STATIONS ALONG THE NATHAN ROAD CORRIDOR FOR CROWD CONTROL PURPOSES.

THE MTRC HAD ALSO BEEN ASKED TO CONSIDER RE-INTRODUCING A FREE FEEDER BUS SERVICE DURING THE MORNING PEAK FROM HUNG HOM KCR STATION TO TSIM SHA TSUI MTR STATION.

MEANWHILE, ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT SERVICES WERE ALSO AVAILABLE TO COMMUTERS. SINCE AUGUST 1987, THREE DIRECT KMB ROUTES FROM NORTH-EAST AND NORTH-WEST NEW TERRITORIES TO SOUTH KOWLOON AND FOUR CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTES HAD BEEN INTRODUCED.

IN 1990, THREE NEW OR MODIFIED DIRECT KMB ROUTES TO THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI AREA AND ONE ADDITIONAL CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE WOULD BE INTRODUCED.

A FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY CO LTD HAD BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE THE SUMMER OF 1988 BETWEEN THE KCR MONG KOK STATION AND JORDAN ROAD FERRY PIER DURING THE MORNING PEAK. EARLY THIS MONTH, HYF HAD ALSO INTRODUCED A TEMPORARY FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN TSING YI AND CENTRAL.

DURING THE MEETING, THE TAC ALSO CONTINUED TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG.

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LEGCO TO DEBATE MOTION ON BOAT PEOPLE

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL DEBATE A MOTION ON VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE MOTION, TO BE MOVED BY THE SENIOR MEMBER, THE HON ALLEN LEE, READS: "THAT THIS COUNCIL URGES HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO SECURE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WHETHER THROUGH THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION AGREED AT GENEVA IN JUNE THIS YEAR OR THROUGH BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, THE URGENT MANDATORY REPATRIATION FROM HONG KONG TO VIETNAM OF ALL VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE CLASSIFIED AS NON-REFUGEES".

/TWENTY-TWO MEMBERS

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TWENTY-TWO MEMBERS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD SPEAK ON THE MOTION.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ARE FOUR QUESTIONS AND FOUR BILLS.

TWO BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THEY ARE THE URBAN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989.

SECOND READING DEBATES ON TWO BILLS WILL BE RESUMED, AND EACH BILL IS THEN DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

THEY ARE THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 AND THE STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989.

IN ADDITION, THE HON DAVID LI WILL INTRODUCE A PRIVATE BILL, THE FIRST PACIFIC BANK LIMITED BILL 1989, FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

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TWO MORE DIE OF AIDS

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TWO MORE PERSONS HAVE DIED OF ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID THAT ONE OF THEM WAS AN AIDS PATIENT CONFIRMED EARLIER WHILE THE OTHER WAS A NEW AIDS CASE.

THE LATTER WAS ONE OF THE THREE MEN WHO WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST LAST MONTH. HE HAD CONTRACTED THE DISEASE SEXUALLY.

RELEASING STATISTICS ON THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME FOR OCTOBER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT OF THE 30 AIDS CASES CONFIRMED SO FAR, 17 OF THE PATIENTS HAD DIED.

THE REMAINING 13 PATIENTS ARE RECEIVING COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT.

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WITH THE LATEST ADDITION OF THREE ASYMPTOMATIC CARRIERS, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS INFECTED BY THE AIDS VIRUS NOW STANDS AT 164.

OF THE 164 CARRIERS, 55 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, ONE WAS AN INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSER, 17 WERE PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS, 52 WERE PATIENTS FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS AND 39 WERE REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE DOCTORS AND SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS.

UNDER THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 142,759 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAD BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS VIRUS.

MEANWHILE, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO OCTOBER, A TOTAL OF 631,807 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND NINE WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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 AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing
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	Apr 85 - Sept. 89		October 89		Total	
	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve
經由政府醫院及診所介紹 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics	9 118	51	160	1	9 278	52
經由私家醫生及補助醫院介紹 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	1 804	38	13	1	1 817	39
到社會衛生科求診人數 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	124 292	16	2 455	1	126 747	17
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	396	55	7	0	403	55
濫用注射藥物者 IV drug abusers	3 683	1	53	0	3 736	1
經由家庭計劃指導會介紹 Referrals from Family Planning Association	186	0	9	0	195	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	575	0	8	0	583	0

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 *This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals
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	Aug 85 - Sept 89		October 89		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service	618 887	9	12 920	0	631 807	9

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VARIETY SHOW TO CONCLUDE DISTRICT FESTIVAL
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THE MONTH-LONG 1989 SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL DRAW TO A CLOSE ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 3) WITH A VARIETY SHOW.

ALTOGETHER 10 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS AND CHOIRS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM IN THE THREE-HOUR SHOW WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM AT LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL IN LEI TUNG ESTATE.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES CHORAL SINGING, TAEKWONDO DEMONSTRATIONS, ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCES, AS WELL AS BALLET AND OTHER DANCE PERFORMANCES.

PRECEDING THE PERFORMANCES WILL BE A CEREMONY TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL, AND TO AWARD PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE EVENT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT ABERDEEN CENTRE, AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, LEI TUNG ESTATE AND WAH FU ESTATE.

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YAU TSIM SEMINAR ON ELECTRICITY SAFETY
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A SEMINAR TO PROMOTE THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY WILL BE HELD FOR YAU TSIM RESIDENTS ON DECEMBER 7, BEGINNING AT 6 PM AT THE GOLDEN MILE HOLIDAY INN, TSIM SHA TSUI.

ENGINEERS AND A MANAGER FROM THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED WILL GIVE TALKS ON THE MAINTENANCE OF THE POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN A MULTI-STOREY BUILDING, HOW TO DEAL WITH ELECTRICITY FAILURE, APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICITY UPRATING, AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMON HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

THE SEMINAR IS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S FOUR-MONTH-LONG BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROMOTION CAMPAIGN SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

DUE TO LIMITED SPACE, ENROLMENT FOR THE SEMINAR WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM ON TEL. 3-7702574 OR 3-7702444.

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DB TO DISCUSS ALDRICH BAY MOORING ARRANGEMENTS

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE MOORING ARRANGEMENTS FOR VESSELS IN THE ALDRICH BAY TYPHOON SHELTER DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 30).

AS A LARGE NUMBER OF FISHING VESSELS WILL BE RETURNING TO HONG KONG AT THAT TIME, PROPER ARRANGEMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO ALLEVIATE CONGESTION WITHIN THE SHELTER.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE PRIVATE STREET RESUMPTION PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1989-90, AND A REPORT BY THE BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON THE PROGRESS OF THE CLEARANCE OPERATION AT THE SHAU KEI WAN FOOTHILLS AND REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SQUATTER RESIDENTS.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA IS THE RENTAL PROBLEM OF THE PERFECT MOUNT GARDENS CARPARK IN SHAU KEI WAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 30) AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD. THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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EXHIBITION FOR JOB-SEEKERS, STUDENTS

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JOB-SEEKERS AND STUDENTS SHOULD NOT MISS THE CHANCE OF OBTAINING THE LATEST AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON A WIDE RANGE OF CAREERS FROM AN EXHIBITION TO BE OPENED ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 1) AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

A TOTAL OF 23 ORGANISATIONS FROM COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, THE SOCIAL SERVICE AND BANKING SECTORS, PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE 10-DAY "CAREERS '90 EXHIBITION" ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

"THIS ANNUAL MAJOR EVENT, NOW IN ITS 18TH YEAR, PROVIDES A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, TO GET FIRST-HAND CAREER INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE," A LABOUR OFFICER OF THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE, MRS NORA YEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

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"AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, EXHIBITORS WILL PRESENT INFORMATION ON THE TYPES OF JOBS OFFERED, NATURE OF WORK, APPLICATION PROCEDURES, ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND PROSPECTS THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHS, CHARTS AND GRAPHS, MODELS, AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS AND MICROCOMPUTERS," MRS YEUNG SAID.

"PERSONAL GUIDANCE AND HANDOUTS WILL BE GIVEN TO VISITORS AT THE BOOTHS," SHE ADDED.

IN ADDITION, A SERIES OF TALKS AND VIDEO SHOWS ON VARIOUS TRADES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS WILL BE HELD.

WORK DEMONSTRATIONS AND STATIC DISPLAYS WILL ALSO BE STAGED BY VARIOUS DISCIPLINED AND AUXILIARY SERVICES AT THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND NEW TOWN PLAZA ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS DURING THE EXHIBITION PERIOD.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED ON FRIDAY BY OMELCO MEMBER MRS ROSANNA TAM, REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG AND COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR MR TONY HAMMOND.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, WINNERS OF A BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXHIBITION WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES.

"THE WINNING BOOKMARKS ILLUSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF CHOOSING THE RIGHT CAREER AND HAVE BEEN PRINTED FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE EXHIBITION," MRS YEUNG SAID.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 6.30 PM DAILY FROM DECEMBER 2 TO 11.

MRS YEUNG RECALLED THAT MORE THAN 90,000 VISITORS WERE ATTRACTED TO THE EXHIBITION AT THE CITY HALL LAST YEAR.

"SCHOOLS WISHING TO MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR GROUP VISITS MAY CONTACT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 0-4166400," SHE SAID.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "CAREERS '90 EXHIBITION" AT THE EXHIBITION GALLERY, SHA TIN TOWN HALL, AT 2.30 PM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 1).

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AWARDS TO SAFETY-MINDED CONTAINER HANDLING COMPANIES

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CONTAINER HANDLING COMPANIES WHICH BOAST THE BEST SAFETY RECORDS WILL RECEIVE AWARDS AT A CEREMONY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THESE COMPANIES ARE WINNERS OF THE CONTAINER HANDLING COMPANY SAFETY AWARD 88/89 COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL CONTAINER HANDLING SAFETY COMMITTEE (CCHSC).

THROUGH THE COMPETITION, EACH PARTICIPATING COMPANY HAS COME TO KNOW HOW IT FAIRS IN SAFETY PERFORMANCE IN THE TRADE AND IS THUS PRODDING INTO RAISING ITS STANDARDS.

THE CCHSC IS AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN 1975 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT. IT IS MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM MAJOR CONTAINER HANDLING COMPANIES AND THE GOVERNMENT.

THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY MONITORING AND INTRODUCING SAFE PRACTICES FOR THE CONTAINER HANDLING INDUSTRY AND HAS ORGANISED A VARIETY OF CAMPAIGNS AND ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE SAFETY IN THE TRADE.

THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE CONTAINER HANDLING COMPANY SAFETY AWARD 88/89 COMPETITION TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM AT WHAMPOA MARINE TERMINALS LTD, 11TH FLOOR, WHAMPOA TERMINAL BUILDING, WAN HOI STREET, HUNG HOM.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE TWO OF A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX NEAR TAI WO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN TAI PO.

THE PROJECT WILL COMPRISE OF ONE LEISURE POOL WITH WATERSLIDES, TWO TEACHING POOLS, ONE DIVING POOL AND ONE PADDLING POOL.

CONSTRUCTION SHOULD START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND THE SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE IS FEBRUARY 1991.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BEFORE NOON ON DECEMBER 15.

PHASE ONE OF THE COMPLEX, WHICH INCLUDED AN OLYMPIC-SIZED POOL AND A MAIN BLOCK, IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN MAY NEXT YEAR.

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