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GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARCHITECTS: GOVERNOR

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HONG KONG'S BOOMING ECONOMY HAS PROVIDED TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OF A SIZE AND QUALITY PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ANNUAL AWARDS EXHIBITION OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, SIR DAVID SAID THAT NOWADAYS ARCHITECTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE THEIR IMAGINATION AND FLAIR ON AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE.

"ARCHITECTS MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT BUILDINGS WERE LOOKED AT BY EVERYBODY: "THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT - OFTEN A STRIKING PART OF OUR ENVIRONMENT, PARTICULARLY IN A RAPIDLY DEVELOPING CITY LIKE HONG KONG.

"ARCHITECTS CAN THEREFORE PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN MAKING SURE THAT BUILDINGS NOT ONLY FUNCTION WELL BUT LOOK GOOD," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, SIR DAVID NOTED THAT ARCHITECTURE WAS NOT ONLY A MATTER OF DESIGNING NEW SKYSCRAPERS AS HONG KONG PROVIDED OTHER CHALLENGES.

TAKING THE EXAMPLE OF URBAN RENEWAL, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR TO OVERSEE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF RUN-DOWN PARTS OF THE OLDER URBAN AREAS, WITH THE AIM OF PROVIDING A BETTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

"THERE WILL BE A NEED TO BUILD MANY NEW BUILDINGS TO PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES NOW LACKING IN THESE AREAS," HE SAID.

ARCHITECTS WOULD HAVE A KEY ROLE TO PLAY IN THIS.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT ARCHITECTS COULD ALSO HELP PROVIDE EXPERT ADVICE OF EFFECTIVE BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION FOR OLDER BUILDINGS WHICH WERE STILL IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

THE GOVERNOR ADDED THAT HE HOPED THE EXHIBITION WOULD SHOW THE PUBLIC WHAT WAS BEING DONE BY ARCHITECTS IN HONG KONG, AND GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO ARCHITECTS FOR YET GREATER FEATS OF EXCELLENCE.

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1987 OVERSEAS INVESTMENT GROWS

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OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES GREW BY EIGHT PER CENT LAST YEAR.

THIS IS THE MAIN FINDING OF A REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) CONTAINING THE RESULTS OF A RECENT SURVEY BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

THE REPORT SHOWS THAT TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENT AT THE END OF 1987 HAD RISEN TO \$21,122 MILLION - EIGHT PER CENT UP ON THE 1986 FIGURE.

THE SURVEY IDENTIFIED 593 MANUFACTURING COMPANIES WITH OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN 1987 COMPARED WITH 541 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE UNITED STATES CONTINUED TO BE THE LEADING SOURCE OF INVESTMENT, CONTRIBUTING 36 PER CENT OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENT.

JAPAN, CHINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM REMAINED IN SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH PLACES, WITH 27 PER CENT, EIGHT PER CENT AND SEVEN PER CENT OF TOTAL INVESTMENT RESPECTIVELY.

MOST OF THE OVERSEAS INVESTMENT WAS CONCENTRATED IN THE ELECTRONICS, TEXTILES AND CLOTHING, AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 40 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT AND NINE PER CENT OF TOTAL INVESTMENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE 1988 SURVEY OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF SURVEYS UNDERTAKEN ANNUALLY BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO ASSESS THE LEVEL AND TYPE OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING.

"ONE OF THE MAIN BENEFITS OF THIS OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IS THAT IT OFTEN LEADS TO SIGNIFICANT TRANSFERS OF TECHNOLOGY AND IDEAS TO THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING SECTOR," THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID.

"THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE ENCOURAGING IN THIS RESPECT," HE SAID.

OF THE 593 COMPANIES WITH OVERSEAS INTEREST, NEARLY HALF WERE JOINT VENTURES WITH LOCAL COMPANIES. THIS ARRANGEMENT PROVIDED PARTICULARLY GOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS, MR YEUNG SAID.

"IT IS ALSO ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT 120 COMPANIES WERE DEVELOPING NEW PRODUCTS IN DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES.

"MANY OF THE PRODUCTS ARE OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO OUR ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY WHICH MUST CONSTANTLY UPGRADE ITS PRODUCTS AND PROCESSES TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE."

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THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED THAT MANY COMPANIES WERE ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PRODUCT DESIGN, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, QUALITY CONTROL AND EMPLOYEE TRAINING.

COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER-CONTROLLED MACHINES WERE IN OPERATION IN 359 COMPANIES, OFTEN WITH TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE OVERSEAS INVESTOR. "WE WELCOME THESE INVESTMENTS," MR YEUNG SAID.

"THEY SERVE NOT ONLY TO ENRICH HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES BUT ALSO TO STIMULATE LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO UPGRADE THEIR OWN OPERATIONS."

MR YEUNG SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SURVEY OVERSEAS INVESTORS' VIEWS ON THE MERITS OF HONG KONG AS A MANUFACTURING CENTRE.

MOST COMPANIES COMMENTED FAVOURABLY ON HONG KONG'S FREE PORT STATUS, GOOD INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, GOOD TRANSPORT, ABSENCE OF CONTROLS ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE, LOW TAX RATE AND THE TERRITORY'S FREE TRADE AND FREE ENTERPRISE POLICIES.

SOME MANUFACTURERS COMMENTED THAT LABOUR WAS IN SHORT SUPPLY AND THAT INDUSTRIAL LAND AND PREMISES WERE EXPENSIVE.

"HOWEVER 496 COMPANIES FELT THAT HONG KONG'S OVERALL INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT WAS FAVOURABLE," MR YEUNG SAID.

HE SAID 217 COMPANIES PLANNED TO EXPAND PRODUCTION OF THEIR EXISTING PRODUCTS AND 83 INTENDED TO SET UP ADDITIONAL BRANCHES IN THE TERRITORY.

COPIES OF THE SURVEY REPORT ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

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TOY SAFETY PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED

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A MAJOR NEW INITIATIVE TO PROTECT HONG KONG'S CHILDREN BY IMPROVING TOY SAFETY WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD.

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED A RECOMMENDATION TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE TOY SAFETY RATHER THAN RELYING ON SELF-REGULATION BY THE INDUSTRY.

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THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN AFTER A RECOMMENDATION FROM AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON TOY SAFETY HAD RECOMMENDED THIS AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF ENSURING THAT TOYS WERE SAFE.

"WE NOW WANT TO SEEK THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE TRADE AND TO HEAR COMMENTS AS TO WHAT STANDARDS SHOULD BE ADOPTED," MR MACLEOD SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE.

"THE WORKING GROUP WILL NOW BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRADE AND THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

"IT WILL THEN EXAMINE IN DETAIL THE STANDARDS TO BE REFERRED TO IN THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION."

HE EXPLAINED THAT CONTROL WILL BE LIMITED TO TOYS AND CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS SOLD IN HONG KONG - THOSE MANUFACTURED FOR SALE OVERSEAS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED. PRODUCTS SOLD IN HONG KONG WILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE CHOSEN SAFETY STANDARDS.

MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS - NOT RETAILERS - WILL BE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION. ENFORCEMENT WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY.

THERE WILL BE PROVISION FOR SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF GOODS.

PENALTIES TENTATIVELY ENVISAGED WILL BE IN THE RANGE OF \$20,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

"HONG KONG WILL NOT BE DEVISING ITS OWN STANDARDS AS THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND TIME-CONSUMING AND COULD CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR LOCAL MANUFACTURERS," MR MACLEOD SAID.

"WE PROPOSE TO ADOPT INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNISED STANDARDS - THE DETAILS OF WHICH WILL BE WORKED OUT DURING CONSULTATIONS.

"FOR EXAMPLE, WE COULD ADOPT THE STANDARDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ORGANISATION, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF TOY INDUSTRIES OR THE COMMITTEE DE NORMALISATION - WHICH IS A BODY THAT SETS STANDARDS FOLLOWED BY THE EEC AND EFTA MEMBER STATES."

"OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO PROTECT HONG KONG'S CHILDREN," HE SAID.

"BUT WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT ANY LEGISLATION IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER GATT, THAT IT CAUSES THE MINIMUM DISRUPTION TO RESPONSIBLE MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS AND THAT WE DON'T END UP WITH A NEW AND OPPRESSIVE BUREAUCRACY."

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OFFICIALS REVIEW PROGRESS OF AGREEMENT

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, EARLIER THIS WEEK MET A VISITING TEAM OF MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OFFICIALS, LED BY ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE MR BRIAN COUSINS, TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON THE OPERATION OF THE 1988 DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT.

DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING CENTRED ON MEASURES IDENTIFIED TO EFFECT COST SAVINGS IN THE OPERATION OF THE GARRISON.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN CORDIAL AND PRODUCTIVE, AND THAT BOTH SIDES WERE PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS THAT HAD BEEN MADE.

THE MEETING, WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED EARLIER THIS YEAR, IS EXPECTED TO BE THE FIRST OF A REGULAR SERIES.

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AMENDED TV ORDINANCE BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON MONDAY

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THE TELEVISION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1988 WHICH INTRODUCES A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES INTO THE LEGISLATION GOVERNING WIRELESS TELEVISION BROADCASTING IN HONG KONG WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 21).

THE ORDINANCE, WHICH ADDS NEW PROVISIONS INTO THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE, ENSURES THAT TELEVISION COMPANIES REMAIN LOCALLY CONTROLLED AND THAT THEY CONCENTRATE ON THE BUSINESS OF TELEVISION BROADCASTING.

IT RESTRICTS THE SHAREHOLDINGS WHICH MAY BE HELD BY PERSONS OR COMPANIES WHICH DO NOT SATISFY CERTAIN HONG KONG RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT.

AN INDIVIDUAL PERSON OR COMPANY WHO IS "UNQUALIFIED" UNDER THE ORDINANCE WILL REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY TO HOLD A "RELEVANT INTEREST IN TWO PER CENT OR MORE OF THE VOTING SHARES OF A LICENSEE COMPANY, AND MAY NOT HOLD MORE THAN 10 PER CENT OF THE VOTING SHARES OF A LICENSEE.

FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO BE "QUALIFIED" UNDER THE ORDINANCE HE MUST BE ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG AND HAVE BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG AT SOME TIME FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS.

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FOR A COMPANY TO BE "QUALIFIED", IT MUST BE "ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG" AS DEFINED IN THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE AS AMENDED.

UNDER THE NEW PROVISIONS A LICENSEE IS PROHIBITED FROM BEING A SUBSIDIARY OF ANOTHER COMPANY AND IS RESTRICTED IN THE INTERESTS WHICH IT MAY HOLD IN OTHER BUSINESSES.

THE NEW LEGISLATION ALSO UPDATES THE FINANCIAL PENALTIES WHICH THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY MAY IMPOSE ON A TELEVISION COMPANY FOR NOT OBSERVING THE LICENCE CONDITIONS OR THE PROVISIONS OF THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE, AND INTRODUCES THE MORE SEVERE SANCTION OF SUSPENSION OF A LICENCE FOR UP TO 30 DAYS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ORDINANCE WOULD NOT COME INTO OPERATION IMMEDIATELY.

"THE NEW SYSTEM FOR CALCULATING THE ROYALTY WHICH A LICENSEE MUST PAY FOR ITS PRIVILEGED USE OF THE AIR-WAVES WILL START ON JANUARY 1, 1989.

"THE OVERALL 49 PER CENT LIMIT ON THE PROPORTION OF THE VOTING SHARES OF A LICENSEE COMPANY THAT MAY BE HELD BY "UNQUALIFIED" SHAREHOLDERS WILL NOT COME INTO EFFECT FOR SIX MONTHS.

"THIS IS TO ALLOW TIME UNDER OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE NEW LEGISLATION FOR A LICENSEE TO ASK FOR INFORMATION FROM ITS SHAREHOLDERS ON THEIR RESIDENTIAL STATUS, SHAREHOLDINGS, ETC," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY VISITS MARINE DEPARTMENT

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, VISITED THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR JACOBS WAS MET BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, AND SENIOR STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

MR JACOBS WAS BRIEFED ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE WORK OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT INCLUDING PORT PLANNING, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW SHIPPING REGISTER AND THE VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME.

HE ALSO WATCHED A NEWLY PRODUCED DOCUMENTARY FILM ON THE PORT OF HONG KONG.

MR JACOBS LATER PROCEEDED TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT IN THE SAME BUILDING AND WAS MET BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, AND HIS STAFF.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OPERATION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE.

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GOVERNOR TO OFFICIATE AT TAI FU TAI CEREMONY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE REHABILITATION CEREMONY OF THE TAI FU TAI AT WING PING TSUEN OF SAN TIN IN YUEN LONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

BELIEVED TO BE BUILT IN 1860'S OF THE QING DYNASTY, THE TAI FU TAI IS FORMERLY 'A CHINESE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE' OF MR MAN CHUNG-LUEN.

SINCE THE RESIDENCE WAS GAZETTED AS A HISTORICAL BUILDING IN JULY LAST YEAR, MAJOR RESTORATION SCHEME WAS CARRIED OUT WITH THE \$2.5 MILLION DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE REHABILITATION CEREMONY, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING. FOR EASY ACCESS TO THE VICINITY, PRESS MEMBERS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE OLD CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND ENTER A SIDE PATH NEAR THE SAN TIN POST OFFICE LEADING TO THE TAI FU TAI.

TEMPORARY DIRECTIONAL SIGNS WILL BE POSTED AT SUITABLE LOCATIONS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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HK HAS KEY ROLE IN CHINA'S MODERNISATION

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HONG KONG IS IN MANY WAYS THE KEY TO CHINA'S MODERNISATION, HONG KONG'S SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES, MR PETER LO, TOLD A LARGE GROUP OF LEADING U.S. BUSINESS EXECUTIVES IN MIAMI YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

MR LO SAID THAT AS THE POLITICAL QUESTIONS RELATED TO 1997 WERE GRADUALLY BEING WORKED OUT, CHINA AND HONG KONG STOOD TO REAP SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS FROM THE BASIC ECONOMICS OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP.

"HONG KONG IS A SOURCE OF GOODS, INVESTMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND KNOW-HOW FOR THE MAINLAND," HE SAID.

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HE NOTED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES WERE EACH OTHER'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER AND EACH OTHER'S LARGEST SOURCE OF DIRECT INVESTMENT, WITH HONG KONG/CHINA TRADE EXPANDING AT AN ALMOST 40 PER CENT ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE 1979.

"A RECENT DEVELOPMENT IS HONG KONG'S ROLE AS INTERMEDIARY FOR CHINA'S GROWING TRADE WITH SOUTH KOREA AND TAIWAN," MR LO SAID.

"HONG KONG IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE HANDLED UP TO 80 PER CENT OF ALL TAIWAN-CHINA TRADE LAST YEAR, VALUED IN TOTAL AT US\$1.5 BILLION."

MR LO, MINISTER AT THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN WASHINGTON DC, WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURAL BUSINESS CONSORTIUM OF ASIAFEST, A FOUR-DAY COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL WITH PARTICIPATION FROM HONG KONG, INDIA, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, TAIWAN AND THAILAND.

HE ATTRIBUTED HONG KONG'S POWERFUL ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE TO THE PRACTICE OF FREE TRADE, THE LACK OF EXCHANGE CONTROLS AND DOMESTIC SUBSIDIES, LOW TAXATION AND A GOVERNMENT ROLE LIMITED TO THE PROVISION OF THE LEGAL AND INFRASTRUCTURAL FRAMEWORK NECESSARY FOR EFFICIENT BUSINESS.

"HONG KONG'S FAVOURABLE BUSINESS CLIMATE HAS ATTRACTED SOME 900 U.S. COMPANIES TO THE TERRITORY," MR LO SAID.

THIS U.S. CONFIDENCE WAS SHARED BY INDUSTRIALISTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. LAST YEAR, 240 FOREIGN-FUNDED COMPANIES WERE REGISTERED AND RETAINED IMPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS GREW BY 26 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS.

EVIDENCE OF THIS CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE WAS THE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CAPITAL COMMITTED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PROJECTS THAT WOULD NOT REAP DIVIDENDS UNTIL WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

"THIS LONG-TERM INVESTMENT, COMBINED WITH THE IMPORTANCE AND DYNAMISM OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, AND THE POTENTIAL OF CHINA, PROVIDES A SOLID BASIS FOR THE CONTINUING PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

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PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE ADMINISTRATION OF REFORMATORY SCHOOLS

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AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LEGISLATION ARE BEING PROPOSED TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF REFORMATORY SCHOOLS.

THE REFORMATORY SCHOOLS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), PROPOSES THAT THE MAXIMUM PERIOD OF DETENTION IN A REFORMATORY SCHOOL BE REDUCED FROM FIVE YEARS TO THREE YEARS.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY OPERATES TWO REFORMATORY SCHOOLS: THE CASTLE PEAK BOYS' HOME AND THE O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME.

THESE ARE BASICALLY RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH PROVIDE DAILY CARE TOGETHER WITH A PROGRAMME OF TRAINING FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS.

UNDER THE EXISTING LEGISLATION, A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER MAY BE DETAINED IN A REFORMATORY SCHOOL FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR AND NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS, AND IN ANY EVENT NOT BEYOND THE DATE AT WHICH THE OFFENDER REACHES THE AGE OF 18 YEARS.

"THE FIVE-YEAR DETENTION PERIOD IS CONSIDERED TOO LONG COMPARED WITH OTHER TRAINING CENTRES, WHICH HAVE A MAXIMUM DETENTION PERIOD OF ONLY THREE YEARS," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"EXPERIENCE ALSO SHOWS THAT YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS SOMETIMES REACT STRONGLY AGAINST SENTENCING TO REFORMATORY SCHOOLS DUE TO THE POSSIBLE LENGTH OF DETENTION AND THE LONG AFTER-CARE SERVICE.

THE LONG DETENTION PERIOD MAY ALSO CAUSE PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS AMONG INMATES AND RESULT IN THEIR HAVING BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS OR ATTEMPTING TO ABSCOND," HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE CONSIDERED THAT DETENTION BEYOND THIS PERIOD HAD NO POSITIVE EFFECT ON OFFENDERS AND IT WAS THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT THE MAXIMUM PERIOD BE REDUCED FROM FIVE TO THREE YEARS.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO REPLACE THE TERM "INCORRIGIBLE" IN THE ORDINANCE WITH THE PHRASE "A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER WHO IS UNSUITABLE FOR FURTHER DETENTION IN A REFORMATORY SCHOOL".

"IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE TERM 'INCORRIGIBLE' CARRIES A NEGATIVE CONNOTATION AND IMPLIES THAT THE OFFENDER'S BEHAVIOUR CANNOT BE IMPROVED.

"WHILST THE OFFENDER MAY HAVE FAILED TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE RESULTS IN A REFORMATORY SCHOOL, THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT HE WILL NOT IMPROVE IN ANOTHER ENVIRONMENT OR AS A RESULT OF A DIFFERENT TRAINING PROGRAMME.

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"THE PROPOSED PHRASE IS CONSIDERED A MORE ACCURATE DESCRIPTION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANOTHER PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS INTRODUCTION OF A NEW PROVISION TO ENABLE THE COURT TO REFER DRUG-ADDICTED INMATES OF REFORMATORY SCHOOLS TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE OMELCO STANDING PANEL ON WELFARE SERVICES AND JUVENILE COURT MAGISTRATES HAD BEEN CONSULTED AND SUPPORTED THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 30.

REPRESENTATIONS ON THE BILL CAN BE FORWARDED TO THE OMELCO OFFICE, 8 JACKSON ROAD, HONG KONG, OR TO THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

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SEPTEMBER ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES * * * * *

IN SEPTEMBER 1988, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN AUGUST 1988, BUT SHOWED A DECREASE OF 3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1987, ACCORDING TO RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1988 WITH AUGUST 1988, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1987, THE ORDERS POSITION IN SEPTEMBER 1988 DROPPED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES AND MODERATELY IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY, BUT INCREASED MODERATELY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

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.

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ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THE SEPTEMBER 1988 LEVEL WAS LOWER BY 2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1988 AND 6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1987.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1988 WITH AUGUST 1988, EMPLOYMENT DECREASED IN ALL THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, PARTICULARLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, AS SUMMER WORKERS RECRUITED IN THE PRECEDING MONTHS LEFT THEIR JOBS.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1987, EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1988 DECREASED IN ALL THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED. IN PARTICULAR, THE DECREASE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY WAS SUBSTANTIAL.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING FIRMS SURVEYED INCREASED, IN CURRENT PRICE TERMS, BY 1 PER CENT AND 19 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER 1988 OVER AUGUST 1988 AND SEPTEMBER 1987 RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1988 WITH AUGUST 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED MODERATELY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS AND THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES AND SLIGHTLY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY, FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF BONUSES AND BACK-PAY FOR SALARY REVISIONS BY SOME FIRMS IN THESE TWO INDUSTRIES IN AUGUST 1988.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1987, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1988 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1988 INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER BOTH AUGUST 1988 AND SEPTEMBER 1987.

ON THE OTHER HAND, PER CAPITA EARNINGS REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN AUGUST 1988, BUT INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER SEPTEMBER 1987.

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 SEPTEMBER 1988 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1988, BUT INCREASED MODERATELY OVER SEPTEMBER 1987.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1988 REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN AUGUST 1988, BUT INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1987.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING 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.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGES INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.

NEVERTHELESS, THESE ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1988 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

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

TABLE 1: ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1988 (MONTHS)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
		AUG. 88 (%)	SEP. 87 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.26	*	-3
WEARING APPAREL	4.62	-2	-6
TEXTILES	2.28	-2	-20
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2.61	-2	-19
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.36	+2	+6
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.14	+1	+2
OTHERS	4.15	*	-2

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1988	
	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH AUG. 88 ----- (%)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH SEP. 87 ----- (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-2	-6
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FOOD AND DRINKS	-2	-3
WEARING APPAREL	-1	-6
TEXTILES	-1	-5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-8	-20
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-2	-1
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-3	-5
OTHERS	-2	-3
CONSTRUCTION [#]	+1	+1
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SERVICES	*	+4
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BANKS	*	+3
HOTELS	+1	*
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	-1
OTHERS	+1	+12

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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

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TABLE 3: PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN SEPTEMBER 1988 (HK\$)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
		AUG. 88 (%)	SEP. 87 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4,446	+1	+19
FOOD AND DRINKS	5,235	+4	+17
WEARING APPAREL	3,689	-1	+15
TEXTILES	4,274	-7	+11
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4,579	+6	+26
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4,333	*	+19
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	4,341	+3	+24
OTHERS	5,640	+2	+17
CONSTRUCTION	6,343	*	+15
SERVICES	7,694	*	+16
BANKS	7,000	-1	+19
HOTELS	4,768	-1	+18
PUBLIC UTILITIES	8,052	-1	+13
OTHERS	8,646	+1	+17

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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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STATUS OF ANOTHER 90 VIETNAMESE ASYLUM SEEKERS DETERMINED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED ITS SCREENING PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING THE STATUS OF ANOTHER 90 VIETNAMESE ASYLUM SEEKERS WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG AFTER JUNE 15 THIS YEAR.

OF THE GROUP SCREENED, SEVEN PERSONS, COMPRISING TWO GROUPS AND THREE INDIVIDUALS, WERE FOUND TO BE REFUGEES AND HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO A REFUGEE CAMP PRIOR TO RESETTLEMENT OVERSEAS.

THE OTHER 83, COMPRISING 19 GROUPS AND 23 INDIVIDUALS, WERE FOUND NOT TO BE REFUGEES. THEY WILL BE HELD IN DETENTION CENTRES PENDING REPATRIATION TO VIETNAM.

"DETERMINATION NOTICES HAVE BEEN SERVED ON THE ASYLUM SEEKERS BY IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT STAFF," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THOSE PEOPLE FOUND NOT TO BE REFUGEES HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THEIR RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE RESULT UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, AS WELL AS THEIR RIGHT TO LEGAL ADVICE IN PREPARING THEIR OBJECTIONS.

"THE UNHCR WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THAT LEGAL ADVICE IS MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL THOSE WHO NEED IT."

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE SCREENING PROCEDURES WERE BASED ON THE UNHCR PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING REFUGEE STATUS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE 1951 CONVENTION AND THE 1967 PROTOCOL, AND TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL SITUATION OF ASYLUM SEEKERS FROM VIETNAM.

"STAFF OF THE UNHCR WERE PRESENT DURING SOME OF THE INTERVIEWS AS OBSERVERS," HE SAID.

SO FAR, SCREENING PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR 179 ASYLUM SEEKERS. OF THEM, 15 WERE FOUND TO BE REFUGEES WHILE 164 WERE FOUND NOT TO BE REFUGEES.

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PROPOSAL TO INCREASE PLB SEATING CAPACITY TO 16

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A BILL ENABLING THE MAXIMUM SEATING CAPACITY OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES TO BE INCREASED FROM 14 TO 16 WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROPOSED INCREASE, CONTAINED IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1988, WILL ENABLE BETTER USE OF THE PASSENGER CARRYING POTENTIAL OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND WILL HELP TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT, ESPECIALLY DURING PEAK HOURS.

THE PROPOSED INCREASE WILL ALSO APPLY TO PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES.

THE INCREASE OF UP TO 16 SEATS IS FINAL AND NO FURTHER RELAXATION IN THE DIMENSIONS, WEIGHT OR SEATING CAPACITY OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES WOULD BE CONSIDERED.

THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXISTING POLICY THAT PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES SHOULD PLAY A COMPLEMENTARY ROLE IN THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK, SUPPLEMENTING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MASS TRANSPORT CARRIERS.

TO PROVIDE A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS AND A BUS, THE MINIMUM SEATING CAPACITY OF A BUS WILL ALSO BE AMENDED SO THAT IT HAS TO CARRY MORE THAN 16 PASSENGERS.

OPERATORS CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE EXISTING 14-SEATER PUBLIC LIGHT BUS VEHICLES, IF THEY SO WISH, AFTER PASSAGE OF THE BILL.

VEHICLES NOW REGISTERED AS PRIVATE OR PUBLIC BUSES AND HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF 15 OR 16 WILL KEEP THEIR EXISTING CLASSIFICATION AND WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE BILL. THERE ARE, AT PRESENT, 30 SUCH VEHICLES.

AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE ABOVE CHANGES, MINOR AMENDMENTS WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE MADE IN THE MOTOR VEHICLES (FIRST REGISTRATION TAX) ORDINANCE, THE ROAD TUNNELS (GOVERNMENT) REGULATIONS AND THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

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MORE DETAILS SOUGHT FROM MASSAGE LICENCE APPLICANTS

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APPLICANTS FOR MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT LICENCES WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THEMSELVES AND THEIR BUSINESS UNDER REGULATIONS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS REGULATIONS 1988 INTRODUCE A NEW FORM FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT OR RENEWAL OF A LICENCE TO OPERATE A MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT.

CHANGES TO THE FORM WILL ENABLE THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, WHO IS THE LICENSING AUTHORITY, TO GAUGE MORE ACCURATELY WHETHER AN APPLICATION COMPLIES WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.

APPLICANTS WILL BE ASKED FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THEMSELVES AND THEIR BUSINESS AND TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT THIS INFORMATION.

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SCS VISITS ROYAL OBSERVATORY

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HARNAM GREWAL, TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TO UPDATE HIMSELF ON THE WORK AND OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

HE WAS GIVEN AN INSIGHT INTO THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, MR PATRICK SHAM, AND ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, DR PETER LI AND MR ROBERT LAU.

MR GREWAL INSPECTED FACILITIES AND MET STAFF IN THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

THESE INCLUDED THE CENTRAL FORECASTING OFFICE, COMPUTER DIVISION, RESEARCH AND RECORDS DIVISION, APPLIED METEOROLOGY RESEARCH DIVISION, SEISMOLOGY, ASTRONOMY AND TIME SERVICES SECTION AS WELL AS THE EXHIBITION ROOM.

MR GREWAL LATER HAD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STAFF GRADE AND LISTENED TO THEIR VIEWS ON STAFF MATTERS.

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REAPING BENEFITS IN THE LONGER TERM

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IT IS ONLY OVER THE LONGER TERM THAT THOUGHTFUL INVESTMENT IN STOCKS AND SHARES WILL ENABLE A PERSON TO BENEFIT FROM THE GENERAL PROSPERITY OF THE ECONOMY, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE GREAT INVESTMENT RACE 1988 AT THE EXCHANGE SQUARE, MR NENDICK SAID ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO INVESTED IN THE STOCK MARKET MONEY WHICH HE OR SHE MIGHT NEED TO USE AT VERY SHORT NOTICE FOR OTHER PURPOSES WAS A HOSTAGE TO MARKET FLUCTUATIONS AND MIGHT BE OBLIGED TO SELL AT UNATTRACTIVE PRICES.

CONGRATULATING ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE RACE, PARTICULARLY THE WINNERS, MR NENDICK SAID LUCK AS WELL AS JUDGEMENT WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE PLAYED SOME PART IN THE OUTCOME GIVEN THE RELATIVELY SHORT TIME SCALE INVOLVED.

"I WOULD NOT WISH THESE COMMENTS, THOUGH, TO BE SEEN AS IN ANY WAY DENIGRATING THE UNDOUBTED SKILLS AND JUDGEMENT DEPLOYED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS, NOR DETER THEM OR OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FROM ENTERING FUTURE RACES.

"ON THE CONTRARY, I SEE THIS AS INDICATIVE OF THE RISKS INHERENT IN LOOKING TO THE STOCK MARKET AS A PLACE FOR SHORT TERM INVESTMENT," HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT IF PROFESSIONALS, WITH ALL THE INFORMATION AND EXPERTISE THEY HAD AT THEIR DISPOSAL, COULD NOT ALWAYS GET IT RIGHT, MUCH LESS SO COULD MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

"MY FIRM ADVICE, THEREFORE, TO SMALL INVESTORS IS THAT THEY SHOULD LEAVE SHORT TERM INVESTMENT IN STOCKS AND SHARES TO THE PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED AND REGARD THEIR OWN COMMITMENTS TO THIS MARKET AS BEING FOR THE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM," HE SAID.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS HALF-WAY HOUSES

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT A PAPER ON HALF-WAY HOUSES FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY WELFARE COMMITTEE ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 21).

MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO ADVISE ON THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF HALF-WAY HOUSES FOR DISCHARGED MENTAL PATIENTS IN LEI CHENG UK REDEVELOPMENT PHASE III AND IN NAM CHEONG STREET.

THE FORMER IS EXPECTED TO ACCOMMODATE 40 PLACES AND THE LATTER 120.

COMMENTS WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT FROM MEMBERS ON THE PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE WAI CHI HOSTEL FOR DISCHARGED OFFENDERS FROM HUNG HOM TO BLOCK 8 OF LEI CHENG UK REDEVELOPMENT PHASE III.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS A PAPER ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF LONG SERVICE PAYMENTS.

THE WORKING GROUPS ON THE "FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY", STUDY ROOM FACILITIES IN SHAM SHUI PO AND IMPROVEMENT OF ACCOMMODATION OF SINGLE PERSONS AND TWO-PERSON FAMILIES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL REPORT THE PROGRESS OF THEIR WORK TO THE COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY WELFARE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 21) AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, NAM CHEONG STREET. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM.

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APPROVED TUEN MUN OZP PUBLISHED

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THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR TUEN MUN APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TUEN MUN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1983.

SINCE THEN, A NUMBER OF AMENDMENT PLANS HAVE BEEN GAZETTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND VARIOUS OBJECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED.

THE PLAN WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ON AUGUST 16 THIS YEAR.

THE PLAN COVERS MAINLY TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,151 HECTARES WITH DEVELOPMENTS LARGELY CONCENTRATED IN THE NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR FLANKED BY THE FOOTHILLS OF TAI LAM AND CASTLE PEAK WHICH PROVIDE SCENIC BACKDROPS TO THE TOWN.

EXTENSIVE RECLAMATION AND SITE FORMATION WORKS HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE EARLY 1970'S FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN IS TO PROVIDE STATUTORY PLANNING CONTROL OVER DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA VIA LAND USE ZONINGS.

SUCH CONTROL WILL HELP INTEGRATE DEVELOPMENTS TO CREATE AN ATTRACTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR A POPULATION OF ABOUT 562,000 PEOPLE.

THE PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE APPROVED PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND AT THE KOWLOON MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

PRICES ARE \$10 FOR THE UNCOLOURED VERSION AND \$50 FOR THE COLOURED PRINTED VERSION.

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CAREER EDUCATION HELPS STUDENTS TO FACE CHALLENGES

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, CALLED ON SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS TODAY (FRIDAY) TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT IN PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE CAREER EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE SERVICE TO STUDENTS.

THIS WOULD HELP THE STUDENTS TO FACE THE CHALLENGES IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING SOCIETY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN EXHIBITION ON THE SURVEYING PROFESSION, HELD AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE, MR LI SAID THE CONTINUED AND INVALUABLE SUPPORT OF VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL BODIES WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO THE CAREER SERVICES BEING PROVIDED AT SCHOOLS.

SUCH SERVICES WERE DESIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS TO MAKE INFORMED CHOICES ABOUT THEIR FUTURE IN RELATION TO BOTH WORK AND ANY NECESSARY CONTINUING STUDIES, HE SAID.

MR LI SAID CAREER EDUCATION AIMED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH KNOWLEDGE ABOUT JOBS AND TYPES OF QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED, ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND ABOUT SKILLS OF SELF-KNOWLEDGE AND SELECTION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MR LI PRAISED THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS (HONG KONG BRANCH) FOR ITS EFFORT IN ORGANISING THE EXHIBITION WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE WORK DONE BY PROFESSIONAL BODIES IN PROMOTING CAREERS GUIDANCE WORK IN SCHOOLS.

MR LI SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THROUGH SUCH AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD, TEACHERS WOULD GAIN MORE INSIGHT INTO THE VERY INTERESTING MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PROFESSION OF SURVEYING.

MR LI ALSO HOPED ALL CAREER TEACHERS WOULD MAKE GOOD USE OF THE EXHIBITION AND SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE THEY ACQUIRED WITH THEIR STUDENTS.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL AGENTS RECONSTITUTED
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECONSTITUTED THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL AGENTS TO PROVIDE A BROADER REPRESENTATION FOLLOWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY OF SELF-REGULATION FOR THE OUTBOUND TRAVEL INDUSTRY.

THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

DR HENRIETTA IP HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE. THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE:

MRS PAMELA CHAN	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL
MR STEPHEN CHAN PAO-HAU	CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF AIRLINES REPRESENTATIVES
MR KONG HO-PAK	DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF HONG KONG
MR KWAN CHIU-YIN	CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
MR BENTON LAU	ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE
DR MICHAEL LEE YUK-KWAN	CHAIRMAN, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD
MR JAMES LU	DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION
MR PANG HANG-YIN	CHAIRMAN, NORTH DISTRICT BOARD
MR HAROLD T. WU	CHAIRMAN, TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF HONG KONG
MR RAFAEL HUI	DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES

THE REGISTRAR OF TRAVEL AGENTS, MR JOSEPH WONG TAI-NUNG, IS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER AND SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE.

ALL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED FOR TWO YEARS FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1988 TO OCTOBER 31, 1990.

THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRAVEL AGENTS ORDINANCE AND ON POLICY MATTERS RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF THE OUTBOUND TRAVEL INDUSTRY.

"THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS MADE VERY VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE POLICY REVIEW LEADING TO THE INTRODUCTION OF SELF-REGULATION," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE COMMITTEE, WITH ITS BROAD REPRESENTATION, WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN PROMOTING AN EFFICIENT AND SOUND OUTBOUND TRAVEL INDUSTRY," HE ADDED.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL INPUT FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL SET UP A CENTRAL DEPARTMENTAL TEAM OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS BY PHASES FROM NEXT YEAR TO PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED PSYCHOLOGICAL INPUT IN REHABILITATION SERVICES.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR T.H. CHAU, ANNOUNCED THE PLAN TODAY (FRIDAY) IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HEEP HONG SOCIETY, A VOLUNTARY AGENCY PROVIDING SERVICES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN.

MR CHAU SAID PSYCHOLOGICAL INPUT WAS HITHERTO ONLY AVAILABLE FROM FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES.

"THE NEW SERVICE WILL COVER THE PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT," HE SAID.

"THE CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS WILL PROVIDE CONSULTATIVE AND ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE CENTRES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ASSESSMENT, TRAINING, INTERVENTION AND REMEDIAL PROGRAMMES.

"IN ADDITION, THEY WILL PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES TO INDIVIDUAL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES WHEN THE NEED ARISES."

ON THE OTHER HAND, MR CHAU SAID THAT TO IMPROVE PARAMEDICAL SUPPORT TO INTEGRATED CHILD CARE CENTRES, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD SET UP A CENTRAL PARAMEDICAL STAFF COMPRISING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN PARALLEL WITH THE CENTRAL PSYCHOLOGICAL STAFF.

"THIS WILL EXTEND AN ADVISORY SERVICE TO SUCH CENTRES. AGAIN, SUCH PARAMEDICAL SERVICES ARE NOT HITHERTO AVAILABLE IN INTEGRATED CHILD CARE CENTRES," HE SAID.

SPEAKING OF OTHER TASKS AHEAD, MR CHAU SAID WHAT CAME NEXT ON THE PLANNING SIDE WOULD BE A REVIEW OF THE BASIS FOR PROJECTING THE DEMAND FOR PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES.

"THE OBJECTIVE IS TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCES BASED ON ACCURATE FORECAST OF SERVICES," HE SAID.

"THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CO-ORDINATED REFERRAL SYSTEM EARLIER THIS YEAR IS NOT ONLY GOING TO STREAMLINE OUR REFERRAL AND PLACEMENT PROCEDURES BUT WILL ALSO ENABLE INFORMATION ON DEMAND FOR PLACEMENTS TO BE CENTRALISED, THEREBY GIVING US AN ACCURATE IDEA OF THE ACTUAL DEMAND ON THE GROUND.

"SO FAR, OUR PROJECTION OF SERVICES HAS BEEN BASED MAINLY ON THE PREVALENCE OF THE VARIOUS DISABILITIES, NOTABLY MENTAL HANDICAP."

MR CHAU SAID THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ADOPT A METHOD BASED ON EXPRESSED DEMAND WHICH HAD BEEN USED FOR OTHER SERVICES, INCLUDING SPECIAL EDUCATION, SKILLS TRAINING AND OTHER SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.

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"THE MATTER WILL BE FURTHER REVIEWED IN 1989 WHEN THE CO-ORDINATED REFERRAL SYSTEM HAS WORKED LONG ENOUGH TO PROVIDE RELIABLE INFORMATION," HE ADDED.

MR CHAU SAID THE PAST FOUR YEARS HAD SEEN VERY MAJOR PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN, FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE WORKING PARTY ON PRE-SCHOOL CARE, EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF DISABLED CHILDREN SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT.

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IMPROVED CONTROL OVER PRESSURE EQUIPMENT

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THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, WHICH SEEKS TO CREATE A SINGLE AUTHORITY TO CONTROL THE USE AND OPERATION OF BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS IN HONG KONG, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE PROPOSED BILL, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR WOULD BE APPOINTED AS THE NEW AUTHORITY.

AT PRESENT, TWO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTROL OF SUCH EQUIPMENT UNDER THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS ORDINANCE.

THE REGISTRAR OF BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS LOOKS AFTER THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS WHILE THE PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR OF BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE ORDINANCE.

"THIS DICHOTOMY OF AUTHORITY HAS CAUSED ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES IN THAT THE WORK OF THE REGISTRAR AND THE PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR IS CLOSELY RELATED AND THE SEPARATION OF FUNCTIONS HAS BECOME ARTIFICIAL," A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WITH THE CREATION OF A BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS AUTHORITY, THIS SITUATION WOULD BE RECTIFIED AS HE WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO AUTHORISE OTHER PUBLIC OFFICERS TO PERFORM ALL OR ANY OF HIS FUNCTIONS, DUTIES OR POWERS UNDER THE ORDINANCE."

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE TITLE OF THE EXISTING ORDINANCE BE CHANGED TO BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS ORDINANCE SO AS TO AVOID CONFUSION WHEN INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OR CODES ARE APPLIED.

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THE BILL FURTHER EMPOWERS THE NEW AUTHORITY TO APPOINT EXPERIENCED ENGINEERS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS APPOINTED EXAMINERS AND TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE THEIR APPOINTMENT IN CASE OF UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE; TO APPROVE LOCAL INDEPENDENT INSPECTION BODIES FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE LOCALLY MANUFACTURED EQUIPMENT; AND TO ISSUE CODES OF PRACTICE FOR PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS IN OPERATION AND SAFETY OF PRESSURE EQUIPMENT.

ANOTHER PROVISION IN THE BILL SEEKS TO CHANGE THE "BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATION" IN THE ORDINANCE TO "A RECOGNISED ENGINEERING STANDARD OR CODE" ON THE GROUND THAT BOILERS AND OTHER PRESSURE EQUIPMENT IN USE IN HONG KONG ARE MANUFACTURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIFFERENT NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

THERMAL OIL HEATERS, WHICH ARE BEING IMPORTED TO USE IN THE TEXTILES AND OTHER INDUSTRIES, ARE POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS AND HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN EXPLOSIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

AS SUCH, IT IS PROPOSED TO BRING THEM UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ORDINANCE TO ENSURE THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH ALL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 30.

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EXHIBITION ON SAFE LOADING OF VEHICLES

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AN EXHIBITION TO DEMONSTRATE THE SAFE AND CORRECT METHODS OF LOADING GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE HELD AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE IN KOWLOON BAY ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20).

THE EXHIBITION IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND ORGANISED IN HONG KONG AND IS PLANNED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SAFE LOADING PRACTICES.

THE GROWTH OF THE GOODS VEHICLE FLEET IN RECENT YEARS HAS RAISED CONCERN ABOUT THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS POSED BY BADLY DISTRIBUTED LOADS TO DRIVERS AND WORKERS IN THE GOODS VEHICLES AS WELL AS OTHER ROAD USERS.

GOODS VEHICLES DISPLAYED AT SUNDAY'S EXHIBITION WILL BE LOADED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CORRECT LOADING PRACTICES AS ILLUSTRATED IN THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE LOADING OF VEHICLES PUBLISHED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER.

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THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MOTOR TRANSPORT WORKERS' GENERAL UNION, THE GOODS VEHICLE FLEET OWNERS ASSOCIATION AND THE KOWLOON TRUCK MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

VARIOUS SIZES OF CORRECTLY LOADED VEHICLES WILL ALSO BE PUT ON DISPLAY BY THE TRANSPORT AND MOVEMENTS BRANCH OF THE BRITISH FORCES, MOTOR COMPANIES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES.

APART FROM DISTRIBUTING TO VISITORS COPIES OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE LOADING OF VEHICLES, LEAFLETS AND POSTERS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ARRANGED TO HAVE OFFICERS PRESENT AT THE EXHIBITION TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON SAFE LOADING PRACTICES AND LICENSING MATTERS.

THE POLICE WILL ALSO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF INCORRECTLY LOADED VEHICLES AND DEMONSTRATE THE USE OF PORTABLE WEIGHING DEVICES TO CHECK LOADING.

ALSO FEATURED AT THE EXHIBITION IS THE MAINTENANCE OF TYRES. NEW TYRES AS WELL AS WORN-OUT TYRES WILL BE ON DISPLAY TO SHOW VISITORS WHEN TYRES SHOULD BE CHANGED.

THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WILL HAVE A STALL DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION ON THE AVAILABILITY OF TRAINING COURSES IN CAR ENGINEERING.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, HAS INVITED MR TAI CHIN-WAH, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY.

THE EXHIBITION WILL LAST FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM. A FREE BUS SHUTTLE SERVICE WILL OPERATE BETWEEN THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION HEADQUARTERS AT KOWLOON BAY MTR STATION, TELFORD GARDENS, AND THE KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE BETWEEN 12.30 PM AND 5.30 PM ON THAT DAY.

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GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TO LET

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TO LET BY TENDER ON MONTHLY RENTAL THE WESTERN STOREROOM AT QUEEN'S PIER ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

MEASURING ABOUT 26 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, THE PREMISES IS FOR REFRESHMENT KIOSK PURPOSES ONLY.

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THE TENANCY IS FOR THREE YEARS AND IS RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE PREMISES WILL BE OPEN FOR VIEWING FROM 10.30 AM TO NOON ON NOVEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 1.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 16.

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TWO LOTS FOR SALE BY TENDER
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TWO LOTS FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE FIRST LOT IS IN GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND IS ABOUT 757.2 SQUARE METRES IN AREA.

THIS LOT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USES (EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, GODOWNS, HOTELS AND OFFICES BUT INCLUDING RETAIL SHOPS, A SUPERMARKET AND A PUBLIC CARPARK).

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDER APPLICATIONS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 30 THIS YEAR.

THE OTHER LOT IS AT AREA 6, TAI PO, AND IS ABOUT 11,498 SQUARE METRES IN AREA.

IT IS FOR USE UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME, AND NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING CONVENANT, GROSS FLOOR AREA FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES TO BE DEVELOPED SHOULD NOT EXCEED 62,037 SQUARE METRES AND GROSS FLOOR AREA FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL AND GODOWN) PURPOSES SHOULD NOT EXCEED 750 SQUARE METRES.

THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL FLATS DEVELOPED SHOULD NOT BE FEWER THAN 1,000 OR MORE THAN 1,100.

TENDER APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON JANUARY 13 NEXT YEAR.

/THE LEASE

THE LEASE OF BOTH SITES IS FOR A TERM OF YEARS COMMENCING FROM THE DATE OF AGREEMENT AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2047.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF THE TWO SITES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

TENDER PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED THERE.

THE TENDER DOCUMENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES, KOWLOON, SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL APPROACH ROADS LAYOUT AMENDED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND THE LAYOUT OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL APPROACH ROADS AT BOTH SHA TIN AND DIAMOND HILL.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY). THE NOTICE ON THE ORIGINAL AUTHORISED PLANS WAS GAZETTED ON JUNE 24 THIS YEAR.

AMENDMENTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:-

AT SHA TIN

- * SHIFTING OF THE MAIN APPROACH ROAD ALIGNMENT SLIGHTLY EASTWARDS;
- * RELOCATION OF THE ORIGINAL PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD SERVING THE HANG SENG SCHOOL OF COMMERCE AND REPLACING THE EXISTING WATERWORKS ACCESS ROAD TO KWONG SIN STREET;
- * REPLACEMENT OF THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED SLIP ROAD FROM THE TUNNEL TO SIU LEK YUEN ROAD BY A NEWLY PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD FROM THE TUNNEL TO SHA TIN WAI ROAD;
- * SHIFTING OF A SECTION OF THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED CONNECTING ROAD FROM TRUNK ROAD T5 EASTBOUND TO THE TUNNEL SOUTH-EASTWARDS;
- * RELOCATION OF THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BUS LAYBYS TO SOUTH OF THE TOLL BOOTHS AND THE PROVISION OF A FOOTBRIDGE ABOVE THE TOLL PLAZA;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTWAY ACCESS TO THE SHRINES AT SIU LEK YUEN FROM THE WESTERN BANK OF THE NULLAH;

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AT DIAMOND HILL

- * REPLACEMENT OF THE ORIGINAL SLIP ROAD CONNECTION FROM CHOI HUNG ROAD TO THE TUNNEL BY A NEWLY PROPOSED ROAD CONNECTION FROM THE FUTURE SLIP ROAD FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND;
- * ADDITION OF A NEWLY PROPOSED ROAD CONNECTION FROM THE FUTURE SERVICE ROAD ADJACENT TO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND TO THE TUNNEL;
- * DELETION OF THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED TUNNEL ESCAPE ROAD;
- * ASSOCIATED ADJUSTMENT OF THE LIMIT OF WORKS AREA.

THE PLANS AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- KOWLOON EAST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON;
- SHA TIN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES;
- WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON;
- SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, NEW TERRITORIES;
- KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, THIRD AND FOURTH FLOORS, KOWLOON.

ANY REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BY DECEMBER 16 THIS YEAR.

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EARLY ENTRIES URGED FOR LABOUR RELATIONS COMPETITIONS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE LABOUR RELATIONS '88 PHOTOGRAPHY AND HANDICRAFT COMPETITIONS ARE URGED TO SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES BY NOVEMBER 26.

THE COMPETITIONS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS.

THE THEME FOR BOTH EVENTS SHOULD THEREFORE BE RELATED TO HARMONIOUS LABOUR RELATIONS.

THE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION HAS BEEN ORGANISED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG. IT IS SPONSORED BY FUJI PHOTO PRODUCTS CO. LTD.

GIFT VOUCHERS OF \$5,000, \$3,000 AND \$1,000, WHICH ARE REDEEMABLE FOR THE SPONSOR'S PRODUCTS, WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP THREE WINNERS RESPECTIVELY. THERE WILL ALSO BE 15 CONSOLATION AND SPECIAL PRIZES.

AS FOR THE HANDICRAFT COMPETITION, PARTICIPANTS CAN MAKE USE OF ANY KIND OF MATERIAL SUCH AS CLAY, WOOL, PAPER, ETC. FOR THEIR ENTRIES.

A CASH PRIZE OF \$2,000 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNER AND \$1,000 EACH TO THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP. IN ADDITION, BOTH THE WINNER AND THE FIRST RUNNER-UP WILL BE GIVEN A WATCH.

THIS EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION AND THE CARITAS-HONG KONG.

THERE IS NO LIMIT IN THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES BY EACH PERSON.

HOWEVER, EACH ENTRY MUST BE ENDORSED BY THE PERSON'S COMPANY, FACTORY, TRADE UNION OR THE EMPLOYER'S ORGANISATION.

ENTRY FORMS FOR BOTH COMPETITIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OR BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523511.

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OLD-TYPE I.D. CARDS INVALID FROM NOVEMBER 21

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956 OR 1969, THAT THEIR OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1987 WILL CEASE TO BE VALID DOCUMENTS FROM NOVEMBER 21 THIS YEAR.

"THIS IS THE THIRD BATCH OF I.D. CARDS DECLARED INVALID SINCE THIS NEW I.D. CARD RE-ISSUE SCHEME STARTED ON JULY 1, 1987," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT ONCE AN OLD CARD WAS DECLARED INVALID, IT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PURPOSE.

"FOR EXAMPLE, A MAN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP HOLDING AN INVALID OLD-TYPE I.D. CARD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR TRAVELLING ABROAD OR TO APPLY FOR A TRAVEL DOCUMENT," HE SAID.

"HOWEVER, THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED THEIR SPECIFIED CARD RENEWAL PERIODS DUE TO THEIR ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG OR ANY OTHER REASONS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY APPROACH ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES," HE ADDED.

THESE CASES WILL BE LOOKED INTO THOROUGHLY AND DEALT WITH ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL MERITS.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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CARNIVAL FOR LAMMA RESIDENTS

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ISLANDERS ON LAMMA WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A VARIETY SHOW AND SHARE THE FUN AT A CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT A MINI-SOCCER PITCH IN SOK KWU WAN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20) AFTERNOON.

THE CARNIVAL, WITH GAME STALLS AND A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING POP SONGS AND CANTONESE SONGS, WILL START AT 2 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE EVENT IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE LAMMA AREA COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TWO RURAL COMMITTEES ON LAMMA ISLAND AS A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT WHICH AIMS TO IMPROVE THE SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG ISLANDERS.

A VEGETARIAN LUNCH AT A MONASTERY IN TUEN MUN AND A CARNIVAL IN YUNG SHUE WAN, LAMMA NORTH, HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD UNDER THE SAME PROJECT ON THE PAST TWO SUNDAYS, AND BOTH PROVED POPULAR WITH ISLANDERS.

THESE ACTIVITIES WERE FUNDED BY ALLOCATIONS MADE BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO THE AREA COMMITTEE AND THE TWO LAMMA RURAL COMMITTEES, AS WELL AS BY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PRIVATE SPONSORS.

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CAS CADET PARADE ON SUNDAY

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THE CAS CADET CORPS 20TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20) AT SOCCER PITCHES NOS. 4, 5 AND 6 OF VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY, AT 10.30 AM.

TWENTY-EIGHT CADET UNITS WILL TAKE PART IN THE PARADE, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY DISPLAYS TO BE STAGED BY CADETS.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, WILL INSPECT AND ADDRESS THE PARADE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MR PANG CHO-HO, CAS SENIOR TRAINING OFFICER, ON 5-763236, EXT. 30.

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WITHDRAWAL OF MA LIU SHUI -- WU KAI SHA FERRY SERVICE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE LICENSED FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN MA LIU SHUI AND WU KAI SHA WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 21) DUE TO A CONTINUOUS DECLINE IN PATRONAGE.

AFFECTED PASSENGERS CAN MAKE USE OF THE NEWLY INTRODUCED BUS ROUTES 289 (HENG ON ESTATE TO SHAP SZ HEUNG) AND 89R (SHA TIN CENTRAL TO SAI KUNG TOWN) BOTH OF WHICH SERVE WU KAI SHA EN ROUTE.

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BUS DIVERSIONS IN TAI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS ON ON CHEE ROAD IN TAI PO, SEVERAL BUS ROUTES WILL BE DIVERTED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 21) FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK.

KMB ROUTES 72B, 72K, 72X, 74A, 74K AND 74X ON LEAVING THE TAI PO CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ON PO ROAD, NAM WAN ROAD AND TAI PO TAI WO ROAD INSTEAD OF ON CHEE ROAD AND ON CHEUNG ROAD.

MEANWHILE, THE BUS STOPS ON ON CHEUNG ROAD OPPOSITE EIGHTLAND GARDENS WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, THE SOUTHBOUND LOOP ROAD LINKING THE MA LIU SHUI AND SHA TIN SECTIONS OF TAI PO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 9 PM AND 5 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FROM NOVEMBER 20 TO 22.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ALL VEHICLES INCLUDING KMB ROUTES 70, 72, 72A, 72B, 73A AND 74A TRAVELLING ON TAI PO ROAD (MA LIU SHUI SECTION) SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE ROAD INSIDE SHA TIN RACE COURSE BEFORE REJOINING TAI PO ROAD (SHA TIN SECTION).

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