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NEW CENTRE TO HELP INDUSTRY DEAL WITH POLLUTION

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A CENTRE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY FOR INDUSTRY WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITH A \$4 MILLION DONATION FROM THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO DEALING WITH POLLUTION PROBLEMS FACED BY FACTORIES OPERATING IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE POLMET 88 CONFERENCE.

"THIS CENTRE WILL BE OPERATED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG," SIR DAVID SAID.

NOTING THAT MORE THAN 80 PER CENT OF ALL FACTORIES IN HONG KONG EMPLOYED LESS THAN 20 PEOPLE AND MANY OPERATED IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS WITH SEVERE SPACE CONSTRAINTS, SIR DAVID SAID BUSINESSES OF THIS TYPE CLEARLY HAD PARTICULAR PROBLEMS IN PREVENTING POLLUTION.

"THE CENTRE WILL ADDRESS THESE. IT WILL ALSO DESIGN, ADAPT AND CONSTRUCT DEMONSTRATION TREATMENT SYSTEMS FOR VARIOUS INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING TEXTILE BLEACHING AND DYEING, METAL FINISHING AND ELECTRONICS," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE SETTING UP OF THE CENTRE WAS AN IMPORTANT INITIATIVE BY HONG KONG'S BIGGEST BANK, AND HE CALLED ON OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS TO JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST POLLUTION.

"AFTER ALL, CLEANER PRODUCTION PROCESSES ARE MORE COST-EFFECTIVE AS WELL AS LESS POLLUTING," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC SUPPORT IN OVERCOMING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT AS HONG KONG HAD BECOME MORE AFFLUENT, PEOPLE WERE MORE AWARE OF THE NEED TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.

"THEY REALISE THAT POLLUTION WILL NOT DISAPPEAR OF ITS OWN ACCORD AND ALSO THAT TO CONTROL AND OVERCOME POLLUTION WILL COST LARGE SUMS OF MONEY.

"THIS KIND OF PUBLIC SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST POLLUTION," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

OUTLINING THE VAST CHANGES IN THE TERRITORY OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES -- ITS POPULATION HAD GROWN FROM 3.7 MILLION TO 5.6 MILLION AND ITS GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT FROM \$43 BILLION TO \$228 BILLION, SIR DAVID SAID: "IT IS SMALL WONDER THAT WE NOW FACE PROBLEMS OF POLLUTION.

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"WE RECOGNISE THESE PROBLEMS AND THE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM."

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE LAST POLMET CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN HONG KONG THREE YEARS AGO, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN POSITIVE MEASURES TO DEAL WITH POLLUTION. HE SAID. THESE INCLUDED:

- * INTRODUCTION OF NEW CONTROLS ON NOISE AND AIR POLLUTION AND ON THE DISPOSAL OF LIVESTOCK WASTE.
- * CARRYING OUT A MAJOR REVIEW OF SEWERAGE FACILITIES AND MAPPING OUT A PROGRAMME WHICH WOULD INVOLVE SPENDING AROUND US\$1.5 BILLION OVER THE NEXT DECADE.
- * DESIGNATING TWO WATER CONTROL ZONES AND EXTENSION OF THESE TO PROTECT ALL OF HONG KONG'S WATERS WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.
- * CONSTRUCTION OF A CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT PLANT TO START SOON.

SIR DAVID ADDED: "DESPITE ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT IT HAS OF POLLUTION, HONG KONG IS STILL ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AND BEAUTIFUL HARBOUR CITIES IN THE WORLD.

"WE MUST KEEP IT THAT WAY. WE MUST PRESERVE THE AREAS STILL UNSPOILT AND IMPROVE THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO DETERIORATE.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS FULLY COMMITTED TO THAT AIM."

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INVESTMENT IN POLLUTION CONTROL COST EFFECTIVE

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THE GOVERNMENT IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO TACKLING HONG KONG'S POLLUTION PROBLEMS, INCLUDING HEAVY INVESTMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND INCREASED ENFORCEMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROLS.

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID THIS TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN OPENING THE POLMET 88 EXHIBITION.

MR BARNES SAID THERE SEEMED TO BE A GENERAL BELIEF THAT THE COST OF APPLYING POLLUTION CONTROLS WOULD BLUNT INDUSTRY'S COMPETITIVE EDGE AND HARM PROSPECTS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH.

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"ON THE CONTRARY, HONG KONG'S ATTRACTIVENESS AS A TOURIST CENTRE AND BASE FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS WILL BE SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED IF WE DO NOT ACT NOW TO SAVE OUR ENVIRONMENT," HE SAID.

"THE SENSIBLE APPLICATION OF POLLUTION CONTROL AND LEGISLATION, COMBINED WITH THE USE OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT HAS ELSEWHERE PRODUCED SPIN-OFF BENEFITS FOR INDUSTRY, INCLUDING ENERGY SAVING, IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY AND PROFITABLE RECOVERY OF MATERIALS FROM THE PRODUCTION PROCESS."

MR BARNES ALSO NOTED THAT 70 PER CENT OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN NEW POLLUTION REDUCTION PLANT WAS TAX DEDUCTIBLE, WHICH WAS ANOTHER INCENTIVE FOR MOVING TO CLEANER PRODUCTION PROCESSES.

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GOVERNOR VISITS KOWLOON POLICE FORMATIONS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED OPERATIONAL POLICE FORMATIONS IN KOWLOON. HE MET OFFICERS FROM MONG KOK DISTRICT, THE KOWLOON REGIONAL TRAFFIC UNIT, THE EMERGENCY UNIT, KOWLOON WEST AND THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU.

SIR DAVID BEGAN BY VISITING THE ENFORCEMENT AND CONTROL SECTION OF THE KOWLOON TRAFFIC UNIT, WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES COVER THE WHOLE OF KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON.

HE WAS TOLD THAT THE DAILY TRANSIENT POPULATION WAS IN EXCESS OF HALF-A-MILLION PEOPLE IN MONG KOK DISTRICT ALONE AND THAT THERE WERE AT PRESENT 260 ROADWORK PROJECTS IN THE KOWLOON AREA.

IT WAS THEREFORE NOT EASY TO MAINTAIN A REASONABLE FLOW OF TRAFFIC. BUT NEW ROAD LINKS TO BE OPENED NEXT YEAR, SUCH AS THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND KWUN TONG BY-PASS, WERE EXPECTED TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE CONGESTION.

THE GOVERNOR THEN RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON THE KOWLOON WEST EMERGENCY UNIT.

HE WAS TOLD THAT THE UNIT'S 27 PATROL VEHICLES PROVIDE AN "AROUND-THE-CLOCK" INSTANT RESPONSE CAPABILITY TO ALL 999 CALLS AND THAT THEIR AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME OF 2-1/2 MINUTES IS AMONG THE FASTEST IN ALL THE MAJOR CITIES OF THE WORLD.

IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1988, EU TEAMS RESPONDED TO 16,815 CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE. ARRESTS FOLLOWED ON 775 OCCASIONS, INVOLVING A TOTAL OF 1,271 PEOPLE.

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SIR DAVID THEN VISITED THE MONG KOK POLICE DISTRICT. HE WAS TOLD THAT ALTHOUGH MONG KOK IS GEOGRAPHICALLY THE SMALLEST OF ALL POLICE DISTRICTS, IT IS ALSO ONE OF THE BUSIEST, WITH A DAILY AVERAGE OF 250 REPORTS. IN RECENT YEARS IT HAS BECOME THE PRIMARY VICE DISTRICT OF KOWLOON WITH ITS ATTENDANT TRIAD ACTIVITY.

SIR DAVID MET A SELECTION OF JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS DRAWN FROM DIFFERENT UNITS IN KOWLOON WEST.

THE GOVERNOR'S FINAL VISIT WAS TO THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU, WHERE HE MET OFFICERS OF THE INTRUDER ALARM INSPECTION UNIT AND VISITED THE BUREAU'S EXHIBITION ROOMS TO SEE A DISPLAY OF SOME OF THE MOST TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED SYSTEMS NOW AVAILABLE COMMERCIALY.

SIR DAVID WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT THE BUREAU HAD BEEN ASKED TO REVIEW BLUEPRINTS FOR THE NEW HARMONY PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE DESIGN AND GIVE PROFESSIONAL ADVICE ON CRIME PREVENTION MEASURES.

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\$105 MILLION CONTRACT FOR TAI PO DEVELOPMENT

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) SIGNED A \$105 MILLION CONTRACT FOR UPGRADING TRANSPORT AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES AND FOR RECLAMATION WORKS AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO NEW TOWN.

WORKS UNDER THE CONTRACT INCLUDE THE UPGRADING OF TING KOK ROAD FROM TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO PLUMMER VILLAGE, TOTTALLING 0.5 KILOMETRE, AND THE EXTENSION OF A SEGREGATED CYCLE TRACK FROM TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO TAI MEI TUK, WITH A TOTAL LENGTH OF 6.5 KILOMETRES.

THEY ALSO INCLUDE THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT THREE HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TAI MEI TUK TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSPORT FACILITIES SUCH AS A BUS TERMINUS AND PARKING LOTS.

THE PROVISION OF A SEWER TO EXTEND THE EXISTING SEWERAGE SYSTEM FROM THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO SAM MUN TSAI WILL ALSO BE UNDERTAKEN.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT ARE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-METRE WIDE SURFACED TRACK TO MAINTAIN VILLAGE ACCESS AND THE REPROVISIONING OF TWO EXISTING PIERS FOR HIRING OF BOATS.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT MANAGER, NEW TERRITORIES/NORTH EAST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR T.D. ARMOUR, SIGNED THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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CHINESE VERSION OF ENVIRONMENT REVIEW ON SALE

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THE CHINESE VERSION OF ENVIRONMENT HONG KONG 1988 - A REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, IS NOW ON SALE.

THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE REPORT WENT ON SALE LAST MONTH.

THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE 168-PAGE REVIEW, WHICH INCLUDES CHARTS, DIAGRAMS AND PICTURES, GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF THE MANY AND VARIED ACTIVITIES THAT WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1987 TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.

IN ORDER TO CATER FOR THOSE WITH SIMPLY A GENERAL CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, A CHAPTER HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE REVIEW OUTLINING IN GENERAL, NON-TECHNICAL TERMS, THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

FOR THOSE READERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MORE DETAILS IN SPECIFIC TECHNICAL FIELDS, THERE ARE SEPARATE CHAPTERS COVERING ASPECTS OF NOISE, AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT, WATER AND WASTE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING.

THE REVIEW IS AVAILABLE AT \$20 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GPO BUILDING IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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ENSURING INTEGRITY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS: SMA

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THE GOVERNMENT'S MAIN CONCERN IS TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF NON-PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE FINANCIAL MARKETS, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE BUSINESS EXECUTIVE WORKSHOP ORGANISED BY THE MANAGEMENT STUDIES SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR NENDICK SAID THE ECONOMY HAD GROWN RAPIDLY IN RECENT YEARS AND THUS OFFERED HIGH RATES OF RETURN TO THE JUDICIOUS INVESTOR.

"OUR BASIC APPROACH IN GOVERNMENT IS TO LET BUSINESSMEN MAKE THEIR OWN BUSINESS DECISIONS. WE DO NOT DIRECT INVESTMENT WHERE WE THINK IT SHOULD DO SO. WE BELIEVE THAT BUSINESSMEN WILL KNOW BEST.

"OUR POLICY OF MINIMUM INTERFERENCE DOES NOT MEAN, THOUGH, THAT WE FAIL TO TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TO FOSTER A FAVOURABLE INVESTMENT CLIMATE," HE STRESSED.

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MR NENDICK NOTED THAT HONG KONG PROVIDED A MODERN AND EFFICIENT PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, A FAIR AND STABLE LEGAL, SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL SYSTEM, IN WHICH INVESTORS COULD OPERATE WITH CONFIDENCE.

"OUR BANKING AND FINANCIAL SYSTEM PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF MODERN SERVICES AND WE ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATING OF THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR OUR FINANCIAL MARKETS," HE SAID.

PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES WERE AVAILABLE FOR BOTH INSTITUTIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS IN BUSINESS, PROPERTY AND VARIOUS PRODUCTS IN THE FINANCIAL MARKETS, HE SAID.

"THE ABSENCE OF ANY EXCHANGE CONTROL AND LOW RATES OF DIRECT TAX FOR BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS ARE ADDED ATTRACTIONS," HE SAID.

HE REMINDED INVESTORS THAT DIFFERENT INVESTMENT PRODUCTS PROVIDED DIFFERENT DEGREES OF RISK AND RETURN.

"INVESTORS SHOULD KNOW WHAT THEY WANT AND UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE PRODUCTS ON OFFER BEFORE TAKING ANY INVESTMENT DECISIONS. THE INFORMED INVESTOR IS ALWAYS THE BEST INVESTOR," HE SAID.

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ROBIN IP TO HEAD YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR ROBIN IP MAN-FAI AS YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER WITH EFFECT FROM THURSDAY (DECEMBER 1).

MR IP WILL TAKE OVER FROM MR ALAN WONG.

MR IP JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1979 AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

FOLLOWING A SHORT PERIOD OF ATTACHMENT TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, HE ATTENDED A STUDY COURSE AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY IN ENGLAND.

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AFTER HIS RETURN TO HONG KONG IN 1981, MR IP WORKED IN A NUMBER OF BRANCHES AND DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE FORMER HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, AND THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

IN 1982, HE WAS ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF TUEN MUN AND WAS INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. LATER HE WAS POSTED TO THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TUEN MUN AS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, LANDS.

MR IP RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE UNITED STATES AFTER A TWO-YEAR POSTING AS FIRST SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

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HK TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN URUGUAY ROUND

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HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE CURRENT URUGUAY ROUND OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT), THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR SZE WAS ADDRESSING THE ASSOCIATION OF CHAIRMEN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AT A LUNCHEON MEETING.

HE SAID THAT HONG KONG WOULD AIM AT REVERSING PROTECTIONISM, PRESERVING AND STRENGTHENING THE GATT SYSTEM, AND IMPROVING MARKET ACCESS FOR ITS GOODS AND SERVICES IN THIS ROUND.

HE STRESSED THAT HONG KONG REGARDED GATT AS A CORNERSTONE OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM AND WITHOUT THE GATT, HONG KONG WOULD BE VULNERABLE TO PRESSURE FROM LARGER, MORE POLITICALLY POWERFUL TRADING PARTNERS.

"IT IS ONLY THROUGH GATT THAT HONG KONG CAN SAFEGUARD ITS RIGHTS IN THE PURSUIT OF FREE TRADE. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT GIVEN THE GROWING PROTECTIONISM PRESSURE IN HONG KONG'S MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS," HE SAID.

MR SZE POINTED OUT THAT IN THIS ROUND OF NEGOTIATION, HONG KONG WANTED TO SEE A STRONGER GATT, ONE WHICH WAS RESPECTED BY ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES, AND TO SEEK IMPROVEMENT TO THE GATT SYSTEM AND ITS DISCIPLINE.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WANT TO SEE TEXTILES AND CLOTHING RETURN TO GATT UNDER STRENGTHENED DISCIPLINES," HE SAID.

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HE ALSO STRESSED THAT HONG KONG WOULD SEEK IMPROVED MARKET ACCESS FOR SPECIFIC PRODUCTS, SUCH AS TEXTILES AND CLOTHING, IN SPECIFIC MARKETS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS ON BOTH TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF RESTRICTIONS TO TRADE.

TURNING TO HONG KONG'S EXPECTATIONS IN THIS ROUND OF NEGOTIATION, MR SZE SAID THAT HONG KONG HOPED TO SEE A GREATER COMMITMENT TO THE LIBERALISATION IN WORLD TRADE, SOME AGREEMENT ON BETTER DISPUTES SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WAYS IN WHICH THE GATT OPERATED.

ON A POSSIBLE MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES, HE SAID THAT AS HONG KONG'S SERVICE SECTOR WAS COMPETITIVE INTERNATIONALLY, A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT ON SERVICES WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE ITS SERVICE SECTOR'S POSITION IN WORLD TRADE.

"IN HONG KONG'S VIEW, ANY AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES HAS TO EMBODY THE TWO FUNDAMENTAL GATT PRINCIPLES OF NON-DISCRIMINATION AND MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION TREATMENT.

"THESE ARE THE DRIVING FORCES BEHIND THE LIBERALISATION OF WORLD TRADE AND WHICH PROVIDE SMALL TRADERS LIKE HONG KONG WITH A NEGOTIATING STRENGTH WHICH THEIR LACK OF POLITICAL CLOUT WOULD OTHERWISE DENY THEM," HE ADDED.

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COMMENT SOUGHT ON SERVICE MARKS REGISTRATION PROPOSAL

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THE START OF A CONSULTATION PERIOD ON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE TRADEMARK ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE REGISTRATION OF SERVICE MARKS.

COMMENTS FROM THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND THOSE SERVICE INDUSTRIES THAT MIGHT BE AFFECTED ARE BEING SOUGHT. RESPONSES ARE REQUESTED BEFORE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

ADDRESSING THE GERMAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION IN HONG KONG, MR MACLEOD ALSO GAVE DETAILS OF THE NEW LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES BEING STUDIED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON ALL LOCAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS.

"AT PRESENT, IN HONG KONG, IT IS ONLY POSSIBLE TO REGISTER TRADEMARKS FOR GOODS.

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"THE AMENDMENT, IF APPROVED, WILL PROVIDE THE RAPIDLY GROWING SERVICE SECTORS WITH PROTECTION THAT IS MUCH CHEAPER AND EFFECTIVE THAN THE EXISTING COMMON LAW ACTION FOR 'PASSING OFF'," HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD SAID HE HOPED THAT THE RELEVANT BILL WOULD BE ENACTED SO THAT IT WOULD COME INTO EFFECT IN 1990.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONDUCTING A WIDE-RANGING REVIEW OF ALL LOCAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS, WITH THE INTENTION TO "LOCALISE" THE UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION, UPDATE AND MODERNISE THE "LOCALISED" LAW AND TO ENACT LOCAL ORDINANCES TO COVER AREAS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW THAT HAD NEVER HAD EFFECT IN HONG KONG.

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT TWO LAW REFORM COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEES WOULD SUBMIT REPORTS RESPECTIVELY ON COPYRIGHT (INCLUDING ASPECTS OF DESIGN LAW) AND ON WHETHER THE EXISTING COMMON LAW RELATING TO "BREACH OF CONFIDENCE" SHOULD BE REPLACED BY A STATUTORY ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE COMMON LAW.

"ANOTHER MAJOR INITIATIVE IS THAT A PATENT STEERING COMMITTEE, COMPRISING PRIVATE SECTOR PRACTITIONERS AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, HAS BEEN STUDYING HONG KONG'S FUTURE PATENT NEEDS FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS, AND INTENDS TO ISSUE ITS REPORT IN THE SPRING OF NEXT YEAR," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS AT PRESENT HANDLING A PROPOSAL FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW FORM OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY - TO PROTECT INTEGRATED CIRCUITS - OTHERWISE KNOWN AS CHIPS OR SEMICONDUCTOR CHIPS.

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT IN THE VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE REVIEW EXERCISES WHICH WERE BEING UNDERTAKEN, THE GOVERNMENT MUST ENSURE THAT IT FULFILLED ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

"WE INTEND TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION FOR THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OWNERS, WHILE ENSURING THAT THE RIGHTS OF COMPETITORS AND CONSUMERS ARE NOT OPPRESSED," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE LEGISLATION SHOULD BE AS CLEAR AND SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE.

THE PROTECTION OFFERED SHOULD PROVIDE A HIGH DEGREE OF CERTAINTY AND SHOULD CAUSE AS LITTLE A DRAIN AS POSSIBLE ON THE PUBLIC PURSE AND THE PRIVATE PURSE, HE ADDED.

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RECEPTION FOR OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS

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LADY WILSON HOSTED A RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE TODAY (MONDAY) FOR ABOUT 150 OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS COMPRISING MUSICIANS, DANCERS, ARTISTS AND SPORTSMEN.

THE RECEPTION WAS GIVEN IN APPRECIATION OF THE YOUNG PERSONS' ACHIEVEMENTS.

THEY WERE MAINLY MEMBERS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S ORCHESTRAS, STUDENTS OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF AMATEUR SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.

AS THE RECEPTIONS BEGAN, ROSSINI'S "SONATA FOR STRINGS" WAS PLAYED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE'S YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA.

LADY WILSON THEN MET HER GUESTS AND PRAISED THEM FOR THEIR GOOD PERFORMANCES IN OPEN COMPETITIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS IN RECENT YEARS.

ACCOMPANYING HER WAS THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY (RECREATION AND CULTURE), MR CLIVE OXLEY.

ALSO ATTENDING THE RECEPTION WERE THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (RECREATION AND SPORT), MR DICKEN YUNG; THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MISS LOLLY CHIU; AND THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (CULTURE), MRS R.M. CARTLAND.

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WITH THE ELDERLY

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE AN ENTERTAINING FUNCTION ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 30) TO SHARE JOY WITH OVER 1,400 SENIOR CITIZENS IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY.

THE FUNCTION, "CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE ELDERLY", IS FUNDED BY THE HEART-TO-HEART FUND AND THE KWAN FONG CHARITABLE FUND.

THERE WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL FEATURING CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCES BY RENOWNED ARTISTS AS WELL AS SINGING AND DANCING BY THE SHA TIN JUNIOR POLICE CALL.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FOUR OPERATIONAL REGIONS WILL ALSO TAKE PART.

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A BANQUET FOR SOME 500 ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL BE HELD AT A RESTAURANT IN SHA TIN IN THE EVENING.

AN OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE VARIETY SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

OFFICIATING WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG; ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE HEART-TO-HEART FUND, MR H.A. RAZACK; THE CHIEF POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR LAU CHUN-SING; AND THE TWO CO-FOUNDERS OF THE KWAN FONG CHARITABLE FUND, MRS KATIE YANG AND MRS MARIA LEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VARIETY SHOW FOR THE ELDERLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 30). THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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SAI KUNG BLOOD DONATION EXERCISE TOMORROW

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RESIDENTS IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART IN A BLOOD DONATION EXERCISE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL.

THE EXERCISE HAS BEEN ORGANISED UNDER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES, AND TO DEVELOP THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO DONATE BLOOD TO THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE FROM 3 PM TO 8.30 PM, AT THE TOWN HALL.

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRISTOPHER MUNN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE, MRS ANITA CHAN; WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE EXERCISE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT'S BLOOD DONATION EXERCISE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL, PO TUNG ROAD, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS HOLIDAY FLATS MANAGEMENT

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT'S TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS MEASURES PROPOSED TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF HOLIDAY FLATS IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE SELF-REGULATORY RULES DISCUSSED AT MEETINGS HELD EARLIER BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND HOLIDAY FLAT OWNERS.

A PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP A MINI-FOLK MUSEUM IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE ROCK INSCRIPTIONS AT TAI SHEK HAU ON CHEUNG CHAU WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON PROGRESS IN PRINTING A PAMPHLET TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN THE DISTRICT AND IN PREPARING TOURIST MAP BOARDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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ANTI-SMOKING ACTIVITIES ON AGENDA

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) PROPOSED JOINT ANTI-SMOKING ACTIVITIES BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ALSO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON A PROPOSAL THAT A CONTEMPORARY CHINESE PAINTING EXHIBITION BE HELD NEXT JANUARY.

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IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF \$20,000 IN DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR A NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE; \$6,950 FOR THE SYCAMORE ART GALLERY DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP FOR ORGANISING A MONG KOK DISTRICT DRAWING COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION; AND \$4,500 FOR PUBLICISING SIX MATINEE CONCERTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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KWUN TONG DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS CELEBRATIONS

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL, AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY), DISCUSS A PROPOSAL THAT IT ORGANISE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

IT HAS BECOME A TRADITION FOR THE BOARD TO ORGANISE SUCH ACTIVITIES DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD, WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING ITS IMAGE AND FOSTERING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO ENDORSE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND THE SETTING UP OF A WORKING GROUP TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR ORGANISING VISITS BY A GROUP OF CAROL SINGERS TO THE AGED AND THE NEEDY DURING CHRISTMAS TO SHOW CARE AND CONCERN.

IN ADDITION, THE MEETING WILL BE ASKED TO ENDORSE A SET OF REVISED WORKING PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE THE FUTURE OPERATION OF THE "MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME".

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ON TRANSPORT SECTOR
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THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "A REVIEW OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR".

THIS ARTICLE ANALYSES THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR FOR THE PERIOD 1981 TO 1986 USING INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE ANNUAL SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT FOR THOSE YEARS.

THE TRANSPORT SECTOR COVERS ALL TRANSPORT ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG, INCLUDING THOSE ENGAGED IN LAND, SEA OR AIR TRANSPORT AND ALSO THOSE ENGAGED IN SUCH TRANSPORT-RELATED SERVICES AS TRAVEL AGENTS AND CARGO FORWARDING.

HOWEVER, OWING TO THE LACK OF COMPREHENSIVE RECORDS, THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES ARE EXCLUDED: NON-OWNER OPERATORS OF TAXIS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, RICKSHAWS, AND SAMPANS.

INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORT LABOURERS AND TEMPORARY PARKING LOTS WITH NO BUSINESS REGISTRATION ARE ALSO EXCLUDED.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$30 PER COPY. PURCHASES MAY BE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 40.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 239.454 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 376.726 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 64.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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FRESH WATER CUTS IN TWO NT AREAS
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING INTERRUPTIONS TO FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO TWO NEW TERRITORIES AREAS OWING TO WATER WORKS:

- * THE SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN SHAM TSENG AND TSING LUNG TAU INCLUDING THE SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN SHAM TSZ STREET, SHAM TSENG AND 95 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSING LUNG TAU, WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 11 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO 7 AM THE NEXT DAY.
- * THE SUPPLY TO TONG HANG VILLAGE IN FANLING WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

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SECTION FARES FOR NT GMB ROUTE 71 REVISED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION FARES FOR GMB ROUTE 71 PLYING BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND SHEK WU TONG (HO PUI TSUEN) WILL BE REVISED FROM THURSDAY (DECEMBER 1).

THE SECTION FARES BETWEEN SHEK WU TONG (TIN SAM TSUEN) AND KAM TIN, AND BETWEEN KAM TIN AND YUEN LONG WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$1.50 TO \$2.

THE SECTION FARE BETWEEN SHEK WU TONG (TIN SAM TSUEN) AND YUEN LONG WILL ALSO BE INCREASED FROM \$2 TO \$2.50.

HOWEVER, THE FARE FOR THE WHOLE JOURNEY WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT \$3.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE SECTION FARE INCREASES WERE APPROVED IN VIEW OF THE OPERATOR'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE AND MODERNISE THE VEHICLE FLEET.

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