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GOVT STUDYING DETAILS OF FAC REPORT

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FOLLOWING THE RELEASE OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT ON HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED A COPY AND IS NOW STUDYING THE DETAILS.

"ON NATIONALITY, WE ARE OF COURSE DISAPPOINTED THAT THE FAC HAS NOT FELT ABLE TO SUPPORT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S AND OMELCO'S STRONG PLEA ON THIS ISSUE.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNISE THE CONCERNS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PACE OF POLITICAL CHANGE. THESE WOULD NEED CAREFUL EXAMINATION AND DISCUSSION IN HONG KONG.

HOWEVER, IN NOTING THE VIEWS OF THE COMMITTEE, HE COMMENTED: "THE KEY CONSIDERATION IN MOVING FORWARD IN THIS AREA IS THE WISHES OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE. AS THE GOVERNOR HAS SAID, WE HOPE THAT THERE CAN BE A CONSENSUS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY WHICH WILL GUIDE BOTH THE SPEED AND DIRECTION OF FUTURE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG."

AS REGARDS THE FAC'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR HONG KONG, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALREADY WORKING ON THE BEST OPTION TO PURSUE AND POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD SAID THAT MORE DETAILS ON THIS WOULD BE GIVEN IN THE OCTOBER SPEECH TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THE MANY INTERESTING IDEAS PUT FORWARD BY THE FAC.

"WE WILL BE STUDYING THESE VERY CAREFULLY AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY IN THE DEBATE IN LEGCO NEXT WEEK," HE SAID.

ONE RECOMMENDATION, WHICH WAS WARMLY WELCOMED, CONCERNED THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM.

"WE WELCOME THE SUPPORT FOR THE POSITION HONG KONG HAS TAKEN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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OMELCO STATEMENT ON FAC REPORT

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THE FOLLOWING IS A JOINT STATEMENT BY THE CONVENERS OF THE OMELCO SPECIAL WORKING GROUP ON NATIONALITY, MRS ROSANNA TAM, MR STEPHEN CHEONG, MRS SELINA CHOW, MR RONALD ARCULLI AND DR LEONG CHE-HUNG, ISSUED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT:

"WE, CONVENERS OF THE OMELCO SPECIAL WORKING GROUP, EXPRESS OUR EXTREME DISAPPOINTMENT ON THE NATIONALITY ASPECT OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT PUBLISHED THIS EVENING.

"THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE STATED THAT BRITAIN HAS A UNIQUE OBLIGATION TO HONG KONG. WE BELIEVE THAT THE FAC HAS GRATUITOUSLY INSULTED EVEN A HARDLINER LIKE SIR GEOFFREY HOWE LET ALONE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. THE STATEMENT ON NATIONALITY WILL PROBABLY GO DOWN AS ONE OF THE MOST DISHONOURABLE STATEMENTS EVER MADE ABOUT HONG KONG.

"THE FAC'S SUGGESTION THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BE MOBILISED IN AN ARMAGGEDON SCENARIO BETRAYS ANY DESIRE BY THE FAC TO UNDERSTAND, LET ALONE ACCEPT, THAT THERE IS A CONFIDENCE CRISIS IN HONG KONG NOW WHICH CLEARLY CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION. IT FAILS TO RECOGNISE BRITAIN'S CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS SUBJECTS, NOW OR IN THE FUTURE.

"THEY REJECTED THE INSURANCE POLICY ARGUMENT ON THE ONE HAND, AND ON THE OTHER THEY READILY OFFER IT TO CERTAIN SECTORS OF HONG KONG AS AN INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO STAY. SUCH A POSITION IS WHOLLY ILLOGICAL AND CONTRADICTORY.

"THE HEIGHT OF INSENSITIVITY IS THE SO-CALLED SHOW OF BRITISH CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG BY RESCUING US FROM THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY AND REPLACING IT WITH THE FUTURE BRITISH CONSULATE IN HMS TAMAR.

"THE REPORT IS DRIVEN BY BRITISH INTEREST RATHER THAN HONOUR AND RESPONSIBILITY. ANY SUGGESTION THAT THIS REPORT WOULD SERVE AS A CONSTRUCTIVE BACKGROUND FOR SIR GEOFFREY HOWE'S VISIT DEMONSTRATES A TOTAL LACK OF APPRECIATION OF THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION AND THE STRENGTH OF FEELING OF OUR PEOPLE.

"THIS FAC REPORT HAS DISCREDITED THE TIME-HONOURED BRITISH TRADITION OF DUTY AND HONOUR."

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RECENT EVENTS GIVE HK NEW-FOUND SENSE OF UNITY

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EVENTS IN RECENT WEEKS HAD GIVEN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY A NEW-FOUND SENSE OF UNITY, AND ONCE LONG-TERM ANXIETIES WERE SET AT REST THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE ABLE TO BUCKLE DOWN TO THE TASKS IT WOULD FACE OVER THE NEXT DECADE WITH SELF-CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ASSURANCE, DAME LYDIA DUNN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"WE ALL KNOW THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE ARE RESILIENT, PRAGMATIC, WELL-USED TO COPING WITH RISKS AND SWINGS OF FORTUNE AND BOUNCING BACK FROM SET-BACKS," THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER SAID AT A LUNCHEON SPEECH AT THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB.

SHE SAID THAT IF HONG KONG WENT ON PRESSING THE CASE FOR RIGHT OF ABODE IN BRITAIN WITH DIGNITY AND DETERMINATION, SHE WAS SURE THAT SUPPORT FOR HONG KONG WOULD GROW.

"IT REQUIRES A COURAGEOUS DECISION ON THE PART OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO CLOSE THIS CHAPTER ON THEIR IMPERIAL HISTORY WITH HONOUR," SHE SAID.

SHE SAID IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL WHAT DAMAGE THE EVENTS IN CHINA WOULD DO TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMY. INEVITABLY THERE WERE FEARS THAT MORE WHO COULD LEAVE WOULD LEAVE THE TERRITORY, EITHER IN SEARCH FOR RESIDENTIAL PAPERS OR FOR GOOD.

AND SINCE IT WAS ALWAYS THE BEST QUALIFIED AND THE MOST ADVENTUROUS WHO EMIGRATED, HONG KONG WAS BOUND TO FEEL THE EFFECTS OF THE BRAIN DRAIN ALL THE MORE ACUTELY.

DAME LYDIA DID NOT THINK THERE WAS ANY REALISTIC PROSPECT OF BRITAIN AND CHINA SITTING DOWN TO RENEGOTIATE THE JOINT DECLARATION. NOR DID SHE THINK IT WOULD BE IN HONG KONG'S INTEREST TO RE-OPEN WHAT TOOK TWO YEARS OF PATIENT NEGOTIATION TO PUT TOGETHER.

SO THE TERRITORIAL SIDE OF THE BARGAIN MUST STAND WITH THE BENEFIT OF THE PROMISES SPELT OUT IN THE JOINT DECLARATION GUARANTEEING THE MAINTENANCE OF HONG KONG'S SYSTEMS AND WAY OF LIFE.

"BUT IT IS THE HUMAN DIMENSION THAT HAS CHANGED SO MUCH IN SO SHORT A TIME. WIDESPREAD LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOODWILL OF CHINESE LEADERS CONFRONTS ALL THOSE WITH POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG."

SHE SAID THE BASIC PROBLEM -- AND IT WAS AN URGENT PROBLEM -- WAS HOW TO ENERGISE AND MOTIVATE A DEEPLY ANXIOUS COMMUNITY TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO WORK FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE, AND THE POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1997 AND BEYOND.

IT WOULD NOT BE EASY, SHE SAID.

SHE ADDED THAT IT WAS NOT JUST THE SIGHT OF A BLOODY CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DEMONSTRATING STUDENTS AND WORKERS AND A RUTHLESS ARMY THAT HAD HIT HOME.

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IT WAS JUST AS MUCH WHAT HAD COME LATER THAT HAD CREATED ANXIETIES: THE DAILY REPORTS OF REPRISALS, THE BLATANT USE OF PROPAGANDA IN PLACE OF TRUTH, THE CALLS FOR CITIZENS TO REPORT THEIR NEIGHBOURS, THE INDOCTRINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, THE EASE WITH WHICH DISSENT HAD BEEN STILLED BY FEAR, SHE SAID.

SHE BELIEVED THAT WHAT WAS WANTED NOW FROM BRITAIN WERE NOT WORDS BUT SOME FAR-REACHING MEASURES THAT WOULD PUT NEW HEART INTO HONG KONG PEOPLE, BOOST THEIR CONFIDENCE AND TRANSFORM THE SITUATION.

"BRITAIN MUST MAKE PEOPLE HERE BELIEVE THAT THEIR FUTURE IS SECURE BECAUSE BRITAIN IS DETERMINED TO MAKE IT SO," SHE SAID.

OMELCO WAS DETERMINED TO SEE THIS THROUGH BECAUSE OMELCO MEMBERS BELIEVED THAT THE RESTORATION OF A RIGHT OF ABODE IN BRITAIN WAS THE SUREST AND THE EASIEST WAY FOR BRITAIN AT A STROKE TO BOOST THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG SO THAT THEY WOULD HAVE FAITH IN THEIR FUTURE HERE AND THE WILL TO WORK FOR IT, SHE SAID.

SHE REMARKED THAT APART FROM LUNATICS, CONDEMNED PRISONERS AND SMALL CHILDREN, HONG KONG PEOPLE MUST BE THE ONLY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO SEEMED TO HAVE NO RIGHT TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FATE.

SHE SAID THAT DURING THE HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATE, AS SHE LISTENED TO THE ELEGANT PHRASES OF PATRICIAN VOICES IN THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER PHILOSOPHISING, AT TIMES PONTIFICATING ON HONG KONG'S PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS, SHE FELT A SENSE OF HUMILIATION THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE'S FUTURE AND THEIR FATE SHOULD BE DECIDED BY A PARLIAMENT IN WHICH HONG KONG HAD NO REPRESENTATIVE.

"IT IS THERE THAT HONG KONG BRITISH SUBJECTS LOST THEIR RIGHTS OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP. IT IS THERE THAT THE COMMITMENT WAS MADE TO WITHDRAW BRITISH PROTECTION FROM HONG KONG BRITISH SUBJECTS IN 1997. AND IT IS THERE TOO THAT DECISIONS WERE TAKEN IN THE PAST TO ENSURE THAT THE WIND OF CHANGE IN THE SIXTIES DID NOT BLOW THE SEEDS OF DEMOCRACY TO HONG KONG," SHE SAID.

DAME LYDIA REITERATED THAT HONG KONG WAS ONLY LOOKING FOR AN INSURANCE POLICY. "FOR HONG KONG IS OUR HOME. NOBODY INSURES HIS HOME BECAUSE HE THINKS IT WILL BURN DOWN, BUT JUST IN CASE IT SHOULD. AND NO INSURANCE COMPANY WORKS ON THE BASIS THAT EVERY HOME IS BOUND TO BURN DOWN."

SHE ADDED THAT LEAVING ASIDE HONOUR AND CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATION, IN WAS ALSO IN BRITAIN'S INTEREST TO SUPPORT HONG KONG.

"SURELY IT IS A MATTER OF PRIDE THAT BRITAIN SHOULD WISH TO LEAVE HONG KONG IN GOOD SHAPE COME 1997, WITH A COMMUNITY GRADUALLY ASSUMING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF INTERNAL AUTONOMOUS SELF-GOVERNMENT," SHE SAID.

SHE SAID THAT LIKE MANY IN HONG KONG, SHE SAW A CASE FOR INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS IN 1991, AND SHE ALSO SAW THE CASE FOR A BILL OF RIGHTS.

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BUT IT WAS ALL TOO EASY FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO OFFER THESE INSTEAD OF FACING UP TO THE DEMANDS FOR THE RIGHT OF ABODE FOR BRITISH SUBJECTS.

SHE FEARED THAT WITHOUT ASSURANCES OF A HOME OF LAST RESORT, THE COMMUNITY WOULD LOSE THE WILL TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF HONG KONG IN THE NINETIES, AND THERE WOULD BE A LOSS OF TALENT OVERSEAS TO MATCH THE LOSS OF SPIRIT AT HOME.

IN THAT SCENARIO, DEMOCRACY AND LEGISLATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD COUNT FOR LITTLE, AND SHE DID NOT THINK BY THEMSELVES THEY WOULD BE ENOUGH TO KEEP THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG COMMITTED TO THEIR FUTURE HERE.

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PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOREIGN SECRETARY'S VISIT
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (JULY 2) FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT. DETAILS OF PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIR GEOFFREY'S VISITS ARE GIVEN BELOW.

FOR SOME OF THE EVENTS, POOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE VISITS BY SIR GEOFFREY ARE REQUESTED TO BE PUNCTUAL. THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE USUAL SECURITY CHECKS.

SUNDAY, JULY 2

ARRIVAL AT KAI TAK

SIR GEOFFREY WILL ARRIVE BY FLIGHT CX 250 AT AROUND 2 PM. PRESS MEMBERS COVERING HIS ARRIVAL SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM AT THE ARRIVAL HALL (NEXT TO THE INFORMATION COUNTER) BY 1 PM AT THE LATEST.

PRESS MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO BRING WITH THEM PROOF OF IDENTITY TO FACILITATE ENTRY INTO THE AIRPORT RESTRICTED AREA.

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MONDAY, JULY 3

COMMUNITY LUNCH AT HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

THE LUNCH WILL BE HELD IN THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE AT 1 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. PRESS MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO COVER A SPEECH TO BE GIVEN BY SIR GEOFFREY BEFORE THE LUNCH STARTS.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS RECEPTION DESK ON THE GROUND FLOOR NEAR THE MAIN ENTRANCE BY 12.15 PM. TV AND RADIO CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT 11.45 AM TO SET UP THEIR RECORDING EQUIPMENTS.

VISIT TO EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING

SIR GEOFFREY WILL TAKE A MTR TRAIN RIDE FROM QUARRY BAY STATION THROUGH THE NEW EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (CGO) CARPARK, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, AT 1.15 PM. THOSE WHO DO NOT USE THE GIS PRESS TRANSPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE FINNIE STREET ENTRANCE OF QUARRY BAY MTR STATION BY 1.50 PM.

MEETING WITH DB CHAIRMEN

SIR GEOFFREY WILL MEET DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (MAIN WING) AT 4.30 PM. BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS, THERE WILL BE A THREE-MINUTE PHOTO CALL AFTER WHICH PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL HAVE TO LEAVE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR AT 3.45 PM.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

VISIT TO VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE CENTRES

SIR GEOFFREY WILL VISIT TWO VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE CENTRES IN THE MORNING - ONE AT THE WHITEHEAD IN WU KAI SHA AND THE OTHER IN SHEK KONG. PRESS FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED IN BOTH CENTRES BUT SIR GEOFFREY WILL SPEAK TO THE MEDIA AT THE END OF HIS TOUR AT SHEK KONG CENTRE. IT MUST BE POINTED OUT THAT THOSE COVERING THE VISIT AT WHITEHEAD CENTRE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET TO SHEK KONG IN TIME.

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SIR GEOFFREY WILL ARRIVE AT WHITEHEAD CENTRE AT ABOUT 11 AM. AFTER A TOUR OF THE CENTRE, HE WILL BE TAKEN BY HELICOPTER TO SEK KONG CENTRE ARRIVING AT ABOUT 12 NOON.

PRESS TRANSPORT FOR WHITEHEAD CENTRE WILL LEAVE THE CGO CARPARK, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, AT 8.45 AM SHARP. ANOTHER COACH WILL TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO SHEK KONG LEAVING THE CGO CARPARK AT 9.30 AM.

THOSE MAKING THEIR OWN WAY THERE SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE CENTRES AT LEAST 45 MINUTES BEFORE SIR GEOFFREY IS DUE TO ARRIVE.

PRESS CONFERENCE

SIR GEOFFREY WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 4.30 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE BY 3.45 PM AT THE LATEST TO FACILITATE SECURITY CHECKS.

DUE TO LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS AVAILABLE, ATTENDANCE WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ONE REPORTER PER MEDIA ORGANISATION. BEFORE THE PRESS CONFERENCE STARTS THERE WILL BE A TWO-MINUTE PHOTO CALL AFTER WHICH PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM.

DEPARTURE

SIR GEOFFREY WILL LEAVE HONG KONG AT 10.55 PM BY FLIGHT CX 251.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING HIS DEPARTURE SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM BY 9.45 PM.

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DETAILS OF HILLSIDE ESCALATOR WORKS PUBLISHED

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DETAILS OF ROAD AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS AND RESUMPTION OF LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PLANNED ESCALATOR LINK BETWEEN CENTRAL AND THE MID-LEVELS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE ESCALATOR LINK WAS TO PROVIDE A CONVENIENT, SAFE AND PHYSICALLY LESS DEMANDING PEDESTRIAN ROUTE SO AS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO WALK BETWEEN THE TWO AREAS AND HELP REDUCE THE GROWTH IN VEHICLE USE.

THE LINK IS A COVERED ELEVATED WALKWAY WITH ESCALATORS, TRAVELATORS AND STAIRCASES.

IT WILL EXTEND FROM THE EXISTING WALKWAY AT CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL PASSING THROUGH THE NEW HANG SENG BANK BUILDING, OVER DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, THROUGH THE CENTRAL MARKET BUILDING, OVER QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, ABOVE COCHRANE STREET AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND DOWN TO GROUND LEVEL AT THE NORTHERN END OF SHELLEY STREET.

ACCESS FROM GROUND LEVEL TO THE ELEVATED WALKWAY IS PROVIDED AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS.

THE LINK CONTINUES AT GROUND LEVEL UP SHELLEY STREET, WITH A NEW FOOTBRIDGE OVER CAINE ROAD; THEN OVER MOSQUE JUNCTION, PEEL STREET AND ROBINSON ROAD AND TERMINATES AT CONDUIT ROAD.

THE PROPOSED ROADWORKS INCLUDE:

- * CONSTRUCTION OF A 300-METRE-LONG COVERED FOOTBRIDGE WITH TRAVELATORS ABOVE COCHRANE STREET AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD FROM THE SOUTH FACADE OF THE CENTRAL MARKET BUILDING TO THE NORTH END OF SHELLEY STREET;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF COVERED ESCALATORS AND/OR STAIRCASES LEADING TO THE ABOVE FOOTBRIDGE AT QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, WELLINGTON STREET, LYNDBURST TERRACE AND SHELLEY STREET;
- * RECONSTRUCTION OF SHELLEY STREET BETWEEN HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND MOSQUE STREET AND PROVISION OF SEVEN COVERED AT-GRADE ESCALATORS;
- * REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE OVER CAINE ROAD BY A NEW FOOTBRIDGE WITH COVERED ESCALATOR AND STAIRCASES ACCESS FROM GROUND LEVEL;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF A 135-METRE-LONG COVERED FOOTBRIDGE WITH ESCALATORS ABOVE SHELLEY STREET AND PEEL STREET FROM MOSQUE STREET TO ROBINSON ROAD AND ASSOCIATED COVERED ACCESS FROM GROUND LEVEL;

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- * RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF THE PATHWAY AND STEPS BETWEEN ROBINSON ROAD AND CONDUIT ROAD WITH PROVISION OF TWO COVERED AT-GRADE ESCALATORS;
- * WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF ROBINSON ROAD ADJACENT TO THE PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGE WITH PROVISION OF ASSOCIATED RETAINING WALLS;
- * RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING FOOTPATHS ADJACENT TO THE ESCALATOR LINK;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS, STREET FURNITURE, LANDSCAPING AND ANCILLARY ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS;
- * CLOSURE OF SECTIONS OF COCHRANE STREET AND SHELLEY STREET;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF TWO COVERED FOOTBRIDGES OVER DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL LINKING CENTRAL MARKET BUILDING AND THE NEW HANG SENG BANK HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED ESCALATORS AND STAIRS;
- * DEMOLITION OF THE ABOUT SEVEN-METRE WIDE NORTHERN-MOST BAY OF THE MARKET BUILDING ADJACENT TO DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL;
- * REPROVISIONING OF MARKET FACILITIES WITHIN THE MARKET BUILDING;
- * CONVERSION OF THE WESTERN PART OF THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE MARKET BUILDING INTO PUBLIC PEDESTRIAN PASSAGEWAY;
- * RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING FOOTPATHS; AND
- * CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS, STREET FURNITURE; LANDSCAPING AND ANCILLARY ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

THE PLANS AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG WEST, 19TH FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG;
- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 29 THIS YEAR.

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GOVT SUPPORTS SPORT AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING SPORT AND RECREATION IN HONG KONG AND WILL, WITHIN THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE, PROVIDE THE NECESSARY IMPETUS FOR SUCH DEVELOPMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR CHUI AWARDED A TOTAL OF \$0.51 MILLION FROM THE SPORTS AID FOUNDATION (SAF) TO 34 LOCAL ELITE ATHLETES FOR THEM TO UNDERGO A LONG TERM TRAINING PROGRAMME IN PREPARATION FOR THE ASIAN GAMES AND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES TO BE HELD NEXT YEAR.

MR CHUI EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE OFFICIALS OF GOVERNING BODIES OF SPORTS IN HONG KONG, SAYING THAT THESE VOLUNTEERS, WHO WORKED ON A PART-TIME BASIS, WERE THE BACKBONE OF SPORTS DEVELOPMENT.

"WE OWE VERY MUCH TO THESE DEVOTED SPORTS LEADERS FOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS WE HAVE MADE.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THE WORKLOAD PLACED ON THEM AND HAS OVER THE PAST YEARS PROVIDED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO OUR GOVERNING BODIES OF SPORTS, IN ADDITION TO FUNDING," HE POINTED OUT.

WHILE CONGRATULATING THE ELITE ATHLETES ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS, MR CHUI COMMENDED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THEIR CHOSEN SPORT.

"STEADY AND REGULAR ATTENDANCE IN TRAINING, BEING ABLE TO ACCEPT SUGGESTIONS AND CRITICISMS, PUTTING IN ONE'S VERY BEST IN COMPETITIONS ARE BUT A FEW ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS FOR SUCCESS," HE NOTED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, MR F.K. HU, SAID THE STANDARD OF HONG KONG ATHLETES HAD BEEN IMPROVING IN RECENT YEARS AND OUR SPORTSMEN HAD PERFORMED WELL IN MANY MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EVENTS.

"IN THE NINTH COMMONWEALTH TABLE-TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN MARCH THIS YEAR, OUR MALE AND FEMALE PLAYERS WON FOUR GOLD, ONE SILVER AND THREE BRONZE MEDALS.

"IN OTHER SPORTS LIKE BADMINTON, TENPIN BOWLING AND SHOOTING, OUR ATHLETES HAVE ALSO PERFORMED WELL IN VARIOUS ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS," HE ADDED.

THE 34 ELITE ATHLETES, WHO WERE EACH AWARDED \$15,000, CAME FROM 11 LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS -- THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, BADMINTON ASSOCIATION, CYCLING ASSOCIATION, AMATEUR FENCING ASSOCIATION, AMATEUR GYMNASTIC ASSOCIATION, JUDO ASSOCIATION, AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION, RIFLE ASSOCIATION, AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION, TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION AND WUSHU ASSOCIATION.

ALSO ATTENDING THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TODAY WERE THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR CLIVE OXLEY; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPORTS AID COMMITTEE, DR DAVID HO.

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OUTREACHING APPROACH IN FAMILY SERVICES

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AN EXPERIMENTAL OUTREACHING SCHEME IS BEING CARRIED OUT TO ASSIST FAMILIES MOVING INTO NEW TOWN TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SHE SAID FAMILIES MOVING INTO A NEW TOWN MIGHT FACE MANY COMMON PROBLEMS SUCH AS LOSING THE SUPPORTIVE LINK FROM FRIENDS AND RELATIVES, AND EXPERIENCING GREAT PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE IN AJUSTNG TO THE NEW ENVIRONMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE COMMUNITY-BASED FAMILY CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE AT SHAN KING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN, MRS WONG POINTED OUT THAT THE WELFARE AGENCY HAD APPLIED OUTREACHING TECHNIQUES IN FAMILY SERVICES AND MOBILISED COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO HELP THE NEW ARRIVALS.

"WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF SOCIAL WORKERS, THESE FAMILIES CAN GET BACK ON THEIR FEET AND ADAPT TO THE NEW ENVIRONMENT," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG NOTED THAT THERE WAS A STRONG DEMAND FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FROM FAMILIES WHO JUST MOVED INTO THE NEW TOWNS.

IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE NUMBER OF FAMILY CASES HANDLED BY BOTH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WAS 2,136 CASES AS AT THE END OF MARCH THIS YEAR, WHILE THE NUMBER OF CASES DEALT WITH IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR WAS 1,907, REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 12 PER CENT.

THE FAMILY CENTRE IN TUEN MUN IS AN EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG. IN ADDITION TO CASE REFERRALS AND COUNSELLING SERVICES, IT ALSO PROVIDES COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL AND MUTUAL-HELP PROGRAMMES FOR FAMILIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CENTRE ALSO ORGANISES SUPPORTIVE AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN. THESE INCLUDE PARENTS GROUPS, CHILD CARE GROUPS, STUDY GROUPS AND TALKS ON SEXUAL EDUCATION. THEY ARE WELL RECEIVED BY FAMILIES IN THE DISTRICT.

MRS WONG ALSO COMMENDED THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING AND DIVERSIFIED SERVICES OVER THE YEARS.

CORRIDOR A BOOST TO EASTERN'S DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

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THE COMPLETION OF THE FINAL PHASE OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR EARLY NEXT YEAR WILL GIVE A MAJOR BOOST TO THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN HE SPOKE ON TRAFFIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT AT AN "A STEP CLOSER" SEMINAR FOR OVER 230 MEMBERS FROM THE 13 AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SEMINAR WAS THE EIGHTH IN A SERIES DESIGNED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH AREA COMMITTEES.

MR LAN SAID THE FINAL PHASE OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WOULD LINK SHAU KEI WAN WITH THE HEART OF CHAI WAN.

"BY THE TIME IT IS COMPLETED, THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL HAVE, APART FROM ITS EXISTING TRUNK ROUTES, A CONTINUOUS EXPRESSWAY LINKING UP THE MAJOR AREAS IN THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING ACCESS TO AREAS OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT," HE NOTED.

IN VIEW OF GROWING PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR'S IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, MR LAN ADDED, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LAY BITUMINOUS MATERIALS ON THE ROAD SURFACE OF THE FINAL PHASE OF THE CORRIDOR TO REDUCE NOISE THAT MIGHT BE GENERATED BY TRAFFIC.

AS FOR OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CORRIDOR, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE A DECISION ONCE RESULTS OF A TRIAL SCHEME FOR THE SECTION FACING THE CITY GARDEN WERE AVAILABLE BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

TURNING TO A SECOND MAJOR TRANSPORT PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT, MR LAN SAID THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY LINE THROUGH THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING WAS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN JULY OR AUGUST THIS YEAR, WHILE THE TUBE FOR OTHER VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WOULD OPEN IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER.

"BY THAT TIME, RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY AN EFFICIENT TRANSPORT NETWORK LINKING UP EASTERN DISTRICT WITH EAST KOWLOON. AND MOTORISTS WILL BE ABLE TO GET RELIEF FROM THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE EXISTING CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL," HE NOTED.

MR LAN SAID THAT TO COPE WITH EASTERN DISTRICT'S LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENTS AND TO AVOID A RECURRENCE OF SERIOUS TRAFFIC CONGESTION, THE GOVERNMENT HAD EARLIER STARTED WORK ON RECONSTRUCTING THE HEAVILY USED KING'S ROAD.

THE SECOND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY REPORT HAD RECOMMENDED CONSTRUCTING A FURTHER CROSS-HARBOUR RAIL IN THE 1990'S TO COPE WITH GENERAL TRAFFIC NEEDS, TO RELIEVE CONGESTION ON THE MTR ALONG NATHAN ROAD, AND TO CATER TO THE NEEDS OF CROSS-HARBOUR TRAFFIC ARISING FROM THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE RAIL LINE TO JUNK BAY AND A PROPOSED RAILWAY EXTENSION IN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES.

THE REPORT HAD ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE PROPOSED FURTHER CROSS-HARBOUR RAIL COULD LINK YAU MA TEI WITH FORTRESS HILL IN NORTH POINT, AND A POSSIBLE KCR-MTR INTERCHANGE COULD BE PROVIDED IN HUNG HOM TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON THE EXISTING INTERCHANGE IN KOWLOON TONG.

ON THE ROLE OF AREA COMMITTEES IN THE FORMULATION OF DISTRICT POLICIES, MR LAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE VIEWS OF DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WERE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH DISTRICT PROBLEMS.

MANY TRAFFIC PLANS, WHICH SUITED WELL THE REAL NEEDS OF DISTRICTS, HAD BEEN DRAWN UP AFTER HAVING TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF THE MEMBERS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS.

HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE PROPOSAL TO INSTALL CONCRETE PROFILE BARRIERS ALONG THE CENTRE OF CHAI WAN ROAD WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY.

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TRADE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS RE-APPOINTED

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THE TERMS OF 12 NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS CURRENTLY SERVING ON THE TRADE ADVISORY BOARD HAVE BEEN EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

IN ADDITION, TWO NEW MEMBERS, MR PAUL WONG AND MR RAYMOND CHIEN, HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE BOARD WHILE TWO INCUMBENT MEMBERS, MR PAUL YIN AND MR WARREN HUI, WILL RETIRE.

MR WONG IS THE COMMISSIONER (DESIGNATE) OF THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AND MR CHIEN IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF LAM SOON (HK) LTD.

THE THREE OFFICIAL MEMBERS - THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY AND THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE - WILL REMAIN ON THE BOARD. THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE EX-OFFICIO CHAIRMAN.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1 WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, PAID TRIBUTE TO OUTGOING MEMBERS, MR HUI AND MR YIN, WHO HAVE SERVED ON THE BOARD FOR FIVE AND SIX YEARS RESPECTIVELY.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RE-APPOINTED ARE: MR PAUL CHENG, MR GARY N. HARILELA, MR HO SAI-CHU, MR RAY MAN LEUNG, MRS ELEANOR LING, MR J.D. MCGREGOR, MR JACK SO, MR WILLIAM TURNBULL, MR VINCENT WAN, DR KENNETH WANG, MR LOUIS WONG AND MISS SYLVIA YAU.

THE TRADE ADVISORY BOARD, COMPRISING MAINLY NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS, IS CONSULTED ON ALL MATTERS AFFECTING HONG KONG'S TRADE, OTHER THAN TRADE IN TEXTILES AND GARMENTS.

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THREE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THREE MEMBERS HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1989

THEY ARE MRS MINNIE LAI WEI KIT-LIN, MR SAMUEL WONG PING-WAI AND MRS NANCY YUNG CHUNG LEUNG-SZE.

THEY WILL REPLACE MR DAVID C.K. CHEUNG, MR TIMOTHY HA WING-HO AND MS ELEANOR C.M. LING WHO HAVE RESIGNED FROM THE BOARD BECAUSE OF OTHER HEAVY COMMITMENTS.

MRS LAI IS THE PRINCIPAL OF HEEP YUNN SCHOOL. SHE ALSO SERVES ON THE APPEALS BOARD (EDUCATION).

MR WONG HAS A RICH EXPERIENCE OF SERVICE IN THE PUBLIC FIELD. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE.

MRS YUNG IS THE HEADMISTRESS OF CCC KEI WAN PRIMARY SCHOOL. SHE HAS LONG EXPERIENCE IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTOR.

"ALL THREE OUTGOING MEMBERS HAVE MADE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD, AND WE ARE SORRY TO LOSE THEM," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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BANKING LICENCES GRANTED

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BANCO SANTANDER, KREDIETBANK NV AND NORWEST BANK MINNESOTA, N.A. HAVE BEEN GRANTED BANKING LICENCES TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

BANCO SANTANDER IS THE FOURTH LARGEST BANK IN SPAIN. KREDIETBANK NV IS THE FOURTH LARGEST BANK IN BELGIUM. NORWEST BANK MINNESOTA, N.A. IS THE 29TH LARGEST BANK IN THE UNITED STATES. THE LATTER TWO BANKS HAVE OPERATED A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN HONG KONG SINCE 1975 AND 1983 RESPECTIVELY.

THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF FOREIGN BANKS IN ENTERING THE LOCAL MARKET REFLECTED HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE AND ALSO CONFIRMED CONTINUED INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG'S BILATERAL TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND THE GROWING TRADE RELATIONSHIPS WITH SPAIN AND BELGIUM, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THESE COUNTRIES HAVE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION IN THE BANKING SECTOR OF HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

THE GRANTING OF THE LICENCES BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS TO 168, OF WHICH 136 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

A TOTAL OF 11 BANKING LICENCES HAVE BEEN GRANTED SO FAR THIS YEAR.

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SHIPPING PILOT'S LICENCE SUSPENDED

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A HONG KONG SHIPPING PILOT HAS HAD HIS LICENCE SUSPENDED FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER BEING FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GROUNDING OF A MOTOR TANKER IN HONG KONG WATERS LAST YEAR.

THE SUSPENSION TOOK EFFECT FROM JUNE 15 THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE SUSPENSION OF THE LICENCE OF MR TONY CHIN WAI-CHUNG WAS RECOMMENDED BY A BOARD OF INVESTIGATION AND WAS ACCEPTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, THE PILOTAGE AUTHORITY.

THE BOARD OF INVESTIGATION, AFTER A FIVE-DAY HEARING BETWEEN MARCH 8 AND 15, FOUND THAT THE PILOT FAILED IN OR NEGLECTED WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE HIS DUTIES AS A PILOT IN THAT HE NEGLIGENTLY NAVIGATED THE MOTOR TANKER "EUPLECTA", CAUSING IT TO GROUND ON THE FURY ROCKS (NORTHWEST OF SUNG KONG ISLAND) ABOUT 11.25 PM ON MARCH 31 LAST YEAR.

THE TANKER, WITH MORE THAN 6,000 TONNES OF GAS OIL ON BOARD, WAS BEING NAVIGATED BY THE PILOT FROM JUNK BAY TO AP LEI CHAU WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, ORDERED A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY AFTER THE ACCIDENT AND LATER, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INQUIRY OFFICER, ORDERED A BOARD OF INVESTIGATION UNDER THE PILOTAGE ORDINANCE TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE ACCIDENT.

THE BOARD OF INVESTIGATION WAS CHAIRED BY JUDGE LEONARD, AND HE WAS ASSISTED BY TWO MASTER MARINERS, CAPTAIN CRAIG ALEXANDER AND CAPTAIN SO YUET-HANG.

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ACTION ON FALSE BURGLAR ALARMS

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DRAFT LEGISLATION AIMED AT REDUCING NOISE POLLUTION AND MANPOWER WASTAGE CAUSED BY FALSE BURGLAR ALARMS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1989 SEEKS TO MAKE IT AN OFFENCE FOR A PERSON WHO HAS CONTROL OF AN AUDIBLE BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM NOT TO FIT IT WITH A DEVICE TO CUT OFF THE SOUND WITHIN 15 MINUTES AFTER THE ACTIVATION OF THE SIGNAL.

THE OFFENCE CARRIED A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$5,000 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

"AS THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 50,000 AUDIBLE BURGLAR ALARMS IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES A GRACE PERIOD OF ONE YEAR BEFORE THE BILL WOULD COME INTO EFFECT," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS WOULD GIVE ALARMS OWNERS TIME TO MAKE THE SIMPLE AND INEXPENSIVE ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED.

"FALSE BURGLAR ALARMS NOT ONLY CREATE NOISE POLLUTION, BUT ALSO WASTE POLICE MANPOWER.

"ON AVERAGE OVER 99 PER CENT OF BURGLAR ALARMS CALLS ARE FALSE, AND THESE WASTE AN ESTIMATED 180,000 POLICE MANHOURS ANNUALLY."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IN ORDER TO REDUCE MANPOWER WASTAGE AND TO ENCOURAGE OWNERS TO IMPROVE FAULTY ALARMS SYSTEM, THE POLICE WOULD SOON ADOPT A NEW PRACTICE IN RESPECT OF RESPONSE TO BURGLAR ALARMS.

"THIS WILL INVOLVE A LOWER LEVEL OF RESPONSE TO PREMISES WHICH FREQUENTLY SOUND FALSE ALARMS, BUT IT MUST BE EMPHASISED THAT THE POLICE WILL CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO ALL ALARM CALLS," HE SAID.

"THE POLICE WILL OFFER ADVICE TO OWNERS OF ALARM SYSTEMS WHICH ARE FAULTY, WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE RELIABILITY OF SUCH SYSTEMS.

"THE POLICE EXPECT TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW PRACTICE WITHIN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS."

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YUEN LONG DB TO CONSIDER FORMING VBP CONCERN GROUP

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO DISCUSS THE SETTING UP OF A CONCERN GROUP TO MONITOR THE SITUATION IN THE SHEK KONG DETENTION CENTRE FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

AT THE MEETING, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO FINALISE A JOINT LETTER TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, DEMANDING THAT ALL HONG KONG BRITISH NATIONALS BE GIVEN THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN THE UK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM.

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CAREER OF FIREMEN INTERESTING AND REWARDING

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GRADUATING FIREMEN WERE ASSURED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THEY WOULD FIND THEIR CAREER BOTH INTERESTING AND REWARDING.

ADDRESSING THE PASSING OUT PARADE OF 31 RECRUIT FIREMEN AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL IN PAT HEUNG, THE DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE HONG KONG COMMAND, MR CHAN HOI, SAID: "YOU WILL ALSO BE PROUD OF YOURSELVES BECAUSE YOU ARE HEAVILY RELIED UPON BY THE CITIZENS OF HONG KONG TO PROTECT THEIR LIFE AND PROPERTY, AND TO RESCUE THEM WHEN THEY ARE IN DANGER."

"ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO BE MENTALLY DETERMINED AND PHYSICALLY TOUGH TO FACE THE MANY CHALLENGES AHEAD OF YOU, YOU MUST NOT FORGET TO BE COURTEOUS AND SYMPATHETIC WHEN DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF YOUR ASSISTANCE," HE ADDED.

MR CHAN ALSO URGED THE GRADUATING RECRUITS TO KEEP ABREAST WITH DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE AND FIRE TECHNOLOGY AND CONTINUE TO PRACTISE AND DEVELOP THE SKILLS THEY HAD LEARNED AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

AFTER REVIEWING THE PARADE, MR CHAN PRESENTED THE BEST RECRUIT AWARD TO FIREMAN CHUNG WAI-HUNG.

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COMPULSORY WEARING OF SEAT BELTS IN TAXIS, LIGHT BUSES
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DRIVERS AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS IN TAXIS AND LIGHT BUSES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR SEAT BELTS FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (SAFETY EQUIPMENT) REGULATIONS, ALL TAXIS MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1981 AND ALL LIGHT BUSES MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1984 ARE ALREADY REQUIRED TO BE FITTED WITH FRONT SEAT BELTS.

AS FROM TOMORROW, THE WEARING OF FRONT SEAT BELTS IN SUCH TAXIS AND LIGHT BUSES, INCLUDING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, WILL BECOME COMPULSORY.

THE REGULATIONS DO NOT APPLY TO TAXIS MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1981 AND LIGHT BUSES BEFORE 1984. NEVERTHELESS, IF SEAT BELTS ARE FITTED, DRIVERS AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS IN THESE OLDER VEHICLES ARE ADVISED TO WEAR THEM FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY.

A FRONT SEAT PASSENGER SITTING IN THE MIDDLE SEAT OF A VEHICLE WHICH HAS A BENCH SEAT, THAT IS, BETWEEN THE DRIVER AND ANOTHER PASSENGER, AND PROVIDED THAT THAT PERSON IS AGED 15 OR OVER, IS NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR A SEAT BELT.

HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONLY ONE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER, THAT PASSENGER MUST WEAR A SEAT BELT REGARDLESS OF HIS AGE.

THE REGULATIONS LIMIT THE VICARIOUS LIABILITY OF THE DRIVERS OF TAXIS AND LIGHT BUSES TO THEIR FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS UNDER THE AGE OF 15.

THE FIXED PENALTY FOR DRIVING WITHOUT FASTENING A SEAT BELT IS \$200. FOR DRIVING WHEN THE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER UNDER 15 YEARS OLD HAS NOT FASTENED A SEAT BELT, THE FIXED PENALTY IS \$140.

FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS AGED 15 OR OVER WHO FAIL TO WEAR A SEAT BELT WILL BE CHARGED BY WAY OF SUMMONS.

THE ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) REGULATIONS ALLOW THE DRIVERS OF A TAXI OR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TO REFUSE HIRE OR TO DRIVE ON IF THE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER FAILS TO WEAR THE SEAT BELT.

UNDER THE SAME REGULATIONS, OWNERS OF TAXIS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ARE REQUIRED TO DISPLAY IN THEIR VEHICLES A NOTICE IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE THAT INFORMS FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS THAT THEY MUST WEAR A SEAT BELT.

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OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE COMES INTO OPERATION

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MANUFACTURE OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (CFC'S) AND HALONS WILL BE PROHIBITED WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY). IN ADDITION, THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF CFC'S WILL HAVE TO BE LICENSED.

A NOTICE WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) ON THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE 1989.

THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE 1989, WHICH WAS ENACTED ON JUNE 22, GIVES EFFECT TO HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1985 VIENNA CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE OZONE LAYER AND THE 1987 MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER.

ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL, THE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS AND HALONS WILL BE FROZEN AT 1986 LEVELS AS FROM JULY 1, 1989 AND JANUARY 1, 1992 RESPECTIVELY. HONG KONG DOES NOT PRODUCE ANY OF THESE CHEMICALS.

"ANY ONE WHO WISHES TO IMPORT OR EXPORT CFC'S SHOULD FIRST REGISTER WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. HE WILL THEN HAVE TO APPLY FOR A LICENCE FROM TRADE DEPARTMENT FOR ANY SHIPMENT OF CFC'S IMPORT OR EXPORT," A LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID.

"A QUOTA SYSTEM IS BEING ADMINISTERED BY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE 1986 LOCAL CFC CONSUMPTION LEVEL WILL NOT BE EXCEEDED, WHICH IS ONE OF THE PROVISIONS UNDER THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL.

"AN IMPORT LICENCE WILL ONLY BE ISSUED IF THE REGISTRANT HAS SUFFICIENT QUOTA. EXPORT OF CFC'S IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY QUOTA," HE SAID.

THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION (FEES) REGULATIONS 1989 WERE ALSO PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY. A FEE OF \$1,000 WILL BE CHARGED FOR EACH REGISTRATION AND A FEE OF \$500 FOR EACH IMPORT OR EXPORT LICENCE.

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TREASURY HEAD SEES PORT AT WORK

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, GAINED FIRST-HAND INFORMATION OF THE PORT WHEN HE VISITED THE MARINE DEPARTMENT THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

MR MACLEOD WAS INFORMED OF THE LATEST PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT AND THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT BY A GROUP OF SENIOR OFFICERS LED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL.

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THE SCHEDULE INCLUDED VISITS TO THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL, THE SOON-TO-OPEN VESSEL TRAFFIC CENTRE AND THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD.

MR MACLEOD ALSO BOARDED A GOVERNMENT LAUNCH FOR A SHORT TRIP IN THE HARBOUR, DURING WHICH HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF HONG KONG'S NEW SHIPPING REGISTER AND THE LOCAL CRAFT REVIEW.

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AMENDMENTS TO MONEY CHANGERS LAW TAKE EFFECT TOMORROW
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THE GOVERNMENT REMINDED MONEY CHANGERS TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS TO THE MONEY CHANGERS ORDINANCE WOULD COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

"MONEY CHANGERS SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THEIR MODE OF OPERATION WILL COMPLY WITH THE NEW LEGISLATION," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THE NEW PROVISIONS SPECIFY CLEARLY THE INFORMATION WHICH MUST BE PROVIDED BY A MONEY CHANGER ON A DISPLAY BOARD AND IN THE TRANSACTION NOTE.

"THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A TRANSACTION, THE CUSTOMER HAS ACCESS TO ACCURATE INFORMATION REGARDING THE TERMS THE MONEY CHANGER IS PREPARED TO OFFER," HE SAID.

UNDER THE NEW PROVISIONS, THE MONEY CHANGER MUST DISPLAY CLEARLY ON A NOTICE BOARD THE NET BUYING AND SELLING RATES HE IS PREPARED TO OFFER, THAT IS AFTER DEDUCTING ALL CHARGES AND COMMISSIONS.

BEFORE COMPLETING AN EXCHANGE TRANSACTION, A MONEY CHANGER MUST MAKE OUT A TRANSACTION NOTE IN DUPLICATE IN THE FORM SPECIFIED IN THE ORDINANCE. THE MONEY CHANGER MUST GIVE THE CUSTOMER THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THE NOTE. THE NOTE IS TO BE BILINGUAL AND EASILY UNDERSTOOD.

A MONEY CHANGER SHALL NOT ADVERTISE THAT HE CHARGES OR DOES NOT CHARGE, A COMMISSION OR ANY OTHER TRANSACTION FEE; NOR SHALL HE MAKE FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS TO A CUSTOMER ABOUT THE RATE OF EXCHANGE, THE TERMS OF AN EXCHANGE TRANSACTION OR THE APPLICATION OF THE MONEY CHANGERS ORDINANCE.

CRIMINAL LIABILITY HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO DIRECTORS, MANAGERS AND SECRETARIES OF CORPORATE MONEY CHANGERS.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT MONEY CHANGERS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE POLICE.

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WAN CHAI BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (FRIDAY) DECLARED NOS. 42 AND 28 SHIP STREET, WAN CHAI, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND NOS. 44 AND 46 IN THE SAME STREET LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THESE THREE TO FOUR STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS WERE MAINLY CONSTRUCTED OF TIMBER UPPER FLOORS AND ROOFS ON LOAD-BEARING BRICK WALLS. THE FLOORS AND ROOF OF NO. 46 WAS RE-CONSTRUCTED WITH REINFORCED CONCRETE.

GENERALLY, THE BRICKWORK IN THE WALLS OF THE BUILDINGS WAS FOUND TO BE SOFT WITH WEAK MORTAR JOINTS. MOST OF THE TIMBER FLOOR AND ROOF JOISTS HAD DETERIORATED AND WERE DEFECTIVE.

PART OF THE ROOF OF NO. 42 HAD ALREADY COLLAPSED AND FURTHER COLLAPSE WAS IMMINENT.

NUMBER 48 WAS IN A VERY POOR CONDITION WITH SEVERAL VERTICAL FRACTURES IN THE PARTY WALL SHARED WITH NO. 46.

OWING TO THE ADVANCE STAGE OF DILAPIDATION, IT WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH NOS. 42 AND 48.

AS FOR NOS. 44 AND 46, IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THEY WOULD WITHSTAND THE EFFECTS OF THE DEMOLITION OF NOS. 42 AND 48, AND IT WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE BUILDINGS TOGETHER IN ONE OPERATION.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON AUGUST 30 THIS YEAR WERE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY.

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THREE GOVERNMENT LOTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD ON JULY 25.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE, HONG KONG, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

THE LOTS INCLUDE TWO FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES. ONE OF THESE IS LOCATED IN AREA 29A, FANLING, AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 7,330 SQUARE METRES.

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ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 14,513 SQUARE METRES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1992.

THE SECOND LOT IS LOCATED IN AREA 64, YIM TIN TSAI, TAI PO.

IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,906 SQUARE METRES AND THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 1,395 SQUARE METRES BEFORE JULY 31, 1992.

THE THIRD LOT, WHICH IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES (EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE), IS LOCATED IN AREA 4B, SHEUNG SHUI.

IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,041 SQUARE METRES AND THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 9,123 SQUARE METRES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1992.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS SEEN AT, THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

THE DOCUMENTS ON CONDITIONS OF SALE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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ENTRY SCHEME FOR MACAU RESIDENTS

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE FOLLOWING EX-CHINA RESIDENTS OF MACAU WHO HAVE HELD MACAU IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED AFTER JANUARY 14, 1979 FOR SEVEN YEARS MAY APPLY FOR ENTRY TO HONG KONG :

- (I) HUSBANDS/WIVES (TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN) WISHING TO JOIN THEIR RESIDENT SPOUSE IN HONG KONG; AND
- (II) AGED PARENTS/DEPENDENT CHILDREN WISHING TO JOIN THEIR RESIDENT CHILDREN/PARENTS IN HONG KONG.

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APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED BY THE HONG KONG SPONSORS IN PERSON TO THE ENTRY VISA SECTION OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF 61 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON. THE SPONSOR'S STAY IN HONG KONG MUST NOT BE LIMITED BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THIS ENTRY SCHEME MAY TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 3-7333126.

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1987 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND
IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS

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THE SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE 1987 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SHOWED THAT 115,688 WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES WERE IN OPERATION DURING THE WHOLE OR PART OF 1987.

WHEN COMPARED WITH 1986, THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT.

THE SURVEY RESULTS WERE RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN 1987, THESE ESTABLISHMENTS GENERATED \$812,400 MILLION IN SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS; AND SPENT \$36,265 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, \$71,901 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES AND \$668,905 MILLION ON PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE.

WHEN COMPARED WITH 1986, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 34 PER CENT, WHILE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES AND PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALES ROSE BY 23 PER CENT, 27 PER CENT AND 34 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ALL VALUE FIGURES IN THIS PRESS RELEASE ARE EXPRESSED IN CURRENT PRICE TERMS. PERCENTAGE CHANGES DERIVED FROM THESE FIGURES HAVE NOT BEEN ADJUSTED FOR PRICE INCREASES.

THE SECTOR'S VALUE ADDED INCREASED BY 35 PER CENT TO \$84,793 MILLION IN 1987, FROM \$62,707 MILLION IN 1986. VALUE ADDED IS A MEASURE OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF AN ECONOMIC SECTOR TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

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WHEN ANALYSED BY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, THE IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE RECORDED THE LARGEST SHARE OF SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AT \$589,427 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT OF THE SECTOR TOTAL. RETAIL TRADE ACCOUNTED FOR 13 PER CENT, WHILE WHOLESALE TRADE TOOK UP 10 PER CENT, RESTAURANTS 3 PER CENT AND HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES 1 PER CENT.

IN 1987, THE IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR THE LARGEST SHARE (60 PER CENT) OF TOTAL VALUE ADDED IN THE SECTOR. THE REST WAS CONTRIBUTED BY RETAIL TRADE (16 PER CENT), RESTAURANTS (12 PER CENT), WHOLESALE TRADE (7 PER CENT) AND HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES (6 PER CENT).

WHEN COMPARED WITH 1986, THE IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE RECORDED THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS (+37 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY WHOLESALE TRADE (+28 PER CENT), RETAIL TRADE (+25 PER CENT), RESTAURANTS (+25 PER CENT) AND HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES (+23 PER CENT).

IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED, THE IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE ALSO RECORDED THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE (+40 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY WHOLESALE TRADE (+35 PER CENT), RETAIL TRADE (+28 PER CENT), RESTAURANTS (+26 PER CENT) AND HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES (+26 PER CENT).

THE 1987 SURVEY WAS ONE IN A SERIES OF ANNUAL SURVEYS CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE AND SERVICE SECTOR, AND UPDATING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

DATA COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDED TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE, STOCKS, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AND ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY OF THE SURVEY, TOGETHER WITH TABLES SHOWING THE PRINCIPAL STATISTICS FOR ALL ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED BY MAJOR TRADE GROUP/ACTIVITY AND ANALYSED BY VARIOUS ECONOMIC VARIABLES, ARE INCLUDED IN THE "1987 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS" REPORT.

THIS REPORT WILL BE ON SALE IN END JULY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE; AND THE PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234942.

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Comparison of Selected Principal Statistics for all establishments in
the Wholesale, Retail and Import/Export Trades, Restaurants and Hotels Sector between 1986 and 1987

Activity		Number of establishments	Number of persons engaged	Number of employees	Compensation of employees	Operating expenses	Purchases of goods for sale	Changes in stocks	Sales and other receipts	Value added
					\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.	\$ Mn.
Wholesale trade	1986	14 199	62 222	45 434	2 104	3 932	57 843	724	65 198	4 265
	1987	14 843	67 055	49 984	2 578	5 221	73 931	1 109	83 532	5 759
	% change	+5	+8	+10	+23	+33	+28	+53	+28	+35
Retail trade	1986	51 369	173 943	112 803	5 274	9 576	64 936	2 095	82 910	10 640
	1987	50 943	178 744	115 250	6 199	11 909	81 271	2 919	103 659	13 617
	% change	-1	+3	+2	+18	+24	+25	+39	+25	+28
Import/export trade	1986	37 947	225 032	198 373	14 197	35 618	364 801	6 135	429 662	36 172
	1987	41 198	255 715	223 191	18 110	45 801	501 060	7 215	589 427	50 754
	% change	+9	+14	+13	+28	+29	+37	+18	+37	+40
Restaurants	1986	7 113	164 116	155 243	6 410	5 286	9 264	45	22 350	7 910
	1987	7 463	168 351	158 223	7 661	6 400	11 834	110	28 025	9 987
	% change	+5	+3	+2	+20	+21	+28	+146	+25	+26
Hotels/boarding houses	1986	1 038	27 212	26 252	1 407	2 069	619	8	6 298	3 719
	1987	1 241	29 149	28 119	1 717	2 569	808	16	7 756	4 677
	% change	+20	+7	+7	+22	+24	+30	+88	+23	+26
Total	1986	111 666	652 525	538 104	29 392	56 481	497 464	9 008	606 418	62 707
	1987	115 688	699 015	574 768	36 265	71 901	668 905	11 369	812 400	84 793
	% change	+4	+7	+7	+23	+27	+34	+26	+34	+35

Notes : (1) Individual items may not add up to total due to rounding.

(2) Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.

(3) Value added is a measure of the contribution of an economic sector to Hong Kong's Gross Domestic Product. The definition can be found in the "1987 Survey of Wholesale, Retail and Import/Export Trades, Restaurants and Hotels" report.

(4) Figures on number of persons engaged cover persons engaged by establishments which operated for the whole or part of the reference year and therefore are not figures referring to a particular time point.

RECLAMATION IN TAI TAM, TUEN MUN PROPOSED

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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO GRANT A WAYLEAVE FOR THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED TO LAY AN OPTICAL FIBRE SUBMARINE CABLE ACROSS SHEUNG SZ MUN, TAI TAM.

AN AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED, MEASURING ABOUT TWO HECTARES, WILL BE RECLAIMED FOR THE PROJECT.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE JUNE 29 NEXT YEAR.

IN TUEN MUN, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DREDGE THE SEABED AT URMSTON ROAD AND TO RECLAIM 3.55 HECTARES OF LAND FROM THE NORTH END OF LUNG KWU SHEUNG TAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUBMARINE OUTFALL.

THE PROJECT IS FOR DISPOSING SEWAGE COLLECTED FROM THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND UPGRADING AREAS IN TIN SHUI WAI, YUEN LONG-TUEN MUN CORRIDOR AND YUEN LONG EXTENSION AREAS OF THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES INTO THE DEEP SEA AT URMSTON ROAD.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 29 THIS YEAR.

THE EXTENT OF THE TWO AREAS AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN DETAILS IN NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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MORE CHILD CARE CENTRES IN NORTH DISTRICT

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THREE MORE AIDED CHILD CARE CENTRES, INCLUDING ONE FOR THE DISABLED, WILL BE SET UP IN THE NORTH DISTRICT IN THE COMING TWO YEARS, THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MRS LESLIE HUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING AND DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE SALVATION ARMY TIN PING NURSERY AT FANLING, MRS HUNG EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY WAS TO PROVIDE 100 AIDED PLACES TO SERVE CHILDREN AGED FROM TWO TO SIX YEARS FOR EVERY 20,000 POPULATION.

MRS HUNG SAID THERE WERE NOW 103 AIDED AND PRIVATE CHILD CARE CENTRES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, PROVIDING 10,856 PLACES, AMONG WHICH 600 PLACES FROM FIVE CENTRES WERE IN THE NORTH DISTRICT.

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SHE SAID BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN.

"BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES PUT MUCH EFFORT INTO DEVELOPING PRE-SCHOOL CHILD CARE SERVICE, CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICE AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING BETTER CARE AND DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION," SHE SAID.

MRS HUNG COMMENDED THE SALVATION ARMY FOR PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF WELFARE SERVICES SUCH AS SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY, INSTITUTIONAL CARE, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORK, SERVICES FOR THE REFUGEES AND STREET SLEEPERS AS WELL AS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.

IT IS NOW OPERATING 17 CHILD CARE CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, SERVING 1,600 CHILDREN.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WATERWORKS

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND STORAGE COMPARTMENT FOR THE PRIMARY SERVICE RESERVOIR IN AREA 2 OF TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN.

THE NEW COMPARTMENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE STORAGE OF TREATED WATER FROM PAK KONG WATER TREATMENT WORKS IN SAI KUNG AS ONE OF THE FACILITIES TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR POTABLE WATER IN THE NEW TOWN, KOWLOON EAST AND HONG KONG EAST.

IT WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 60,000 CUBIC METRES AND WILL BE CONSTRUCTED OF REINFORCED CONCRETE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START THIS OCTOBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CONSULTANTS FOR THE PROJECT ON 15TH FLOOR, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, KOWLOON.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON AUGUST 4.

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SITTING-OUT AREA FOR WESTERN DISTRICT

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SITTING-OUT AREA IN BELCHER'S STREET, WESTERN DISTRICT.

MEASURING ABOUT 265 SQUARE METRES, THE SITTING-OUT AREA WILL HAVE A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND A SMALL SINGLE-STOREY STORE ROOM.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED NEXT JUNE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 21.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR PUMPING STATION

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A FRESH WATER PUMPING STATION IN SO KWUN TAN, TUEN MUN, TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR WATER IN THE EASTERN TUEN MUN AREA.

THE PUMPING STATION WILL HAVE AN INITIAL OUTPUT OF 30,000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY AND CAN BE UPGRADED TO ACHIEVE AN ULTIMATE OUTPUT OF 56,000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY TO CATER FOR SUBSEQUENT PHASES OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 21.

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REGISTRATION OF DTC REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF PIERSON, HELDRING & PIERSON (HONG KONG) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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