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## APRIL-JUNE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS RELEASED

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED STABLE AT A LOW LEVEL WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASED DURING THE PERIOD APRIL TO JUNE 1990, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR APRIL TO JUNE 1990 WAS 1.6 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 1.7 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1990 AND 1.4 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE DECREASE OF 0.1 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD AND THE INCREASE OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN APRIL TO JUNE 1990 WAS ESTIMATED AT 43,900, COMPARED WITH 46,300 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1990 AND 38,600 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1989.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR APRIL TO JUNE 1990 WAS 0.9 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 0.7 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1990 AND 0.8 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE INCREASE OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT WHILE THE INCREASE OF 0.1 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS IN APRIL TO JUNE 1990 WAS 26,100, COMPARED WITH 18,300 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1990 AND 22,800 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1989.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (FOR EXAMPLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

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THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY TO JULY 1990 WAS 1.7 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.0 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR APRIL TO JUNE 1990 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 11,500 HOUSEHOLDS OR 41,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG. PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1990 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND SEPTEMBER 20 AT \$11.50 PER COPY.

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#### ACTING GOVERNOR VISITS CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, AND LADY FORD TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S CHUK YUEN CHILDREN'S RECEPTION CENTRE IN WONG TAI SIN TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE WORK OF THE CENTRE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, THEY TOURED THE VARIOUS FACILITIES AT THE CENTRE WHICH PROVIDES TEMPORARY CARE TO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHT.

BOTH SIR DAVID AND LADY FORD WERE IMPRESSED BY THE DEDICATION OF THE STAFF IN PROVIDING CARE AND IN ORGANISING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN.

THE CENTRE, WHICH HAS A CAPACITY OF 80, NOW ACCOMMODATES 69 CHILDREN.

SIR DAVID LEARNED THAT ABANDONED BABIES AND CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION ARE REFERRED TO THE CENTRE BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

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COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES TO RETIRE  
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT MR CHAN WA-SHEK, COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, WILL BE RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

MR F.S. MCCOSH, SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, WILL SUCCEED MR CHAN AS COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ON MR CHAN'S RETIREMENT.

FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON MR CHAN AND MR MCCOSH:

MR CHAN WA-SHEK, ISO, JP  
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AGED 59. MR CHAN JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A WARDER IN THE THEN PRISONS DEPARTMENT IN 1951. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY COMMISSIONER IN 1980 AND TO COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES IN 1985.

ON HIS RETIREMENT, MR CHAN WILL HAVE COMPLETED 39 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

MR F.S. MCCOSH, QPM, CPM  
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AGED 52. MR MCCOSH JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A PROBATIONARY SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE IN 1958.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN 1983 AND TO SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN 1988.

SINCE HIS PROMOTION TO HIS PRESENT RANK, HE HAS HELD THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES.

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GOVT ALIVE TO TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT OBSTACLES  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS ALIVE TO OBSTACLES TO TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR WILFRED WONG, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

MR WONG WAS SPEAKING ON "IS HONG KONG IN THE RACE OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT?" AT A DINNER MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

/HE SAID: .....

HE SAID: "WE ARE NOW IN AN AGE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND FAST EXPANDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

"THIS HAS CREATED MANY CHALLENGES AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES.

"WE ARE WITNESSING A TREND TOWARDS PRODUCT DOWNSIZING, SHORTER PRODUCT LIFE-CYCLES, SMALLER PRODUCTION RUNS, FASTER DELIVERY AND GREATER EMPHASIS ON PRODUCT QUALITY AND RELIABILITY."

TO MEET THESE EXACTING DEMANDS, IT BECAME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FOR MANUFACTURERS TO IMPROVE THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES, MR WONG SAID.

HE SAID, WITHIN HONG KONG, RISING LABOUR AND LAND COSTS HAD MADE IT NECESSARY FOR MANUFACTURERS TO INCREASE THE VALUE-ADDED CONTENT OF THEIR PRODUCTS TO MAINTAIN A REASONABLE PROFIT MARGIN ON THEIR INVESTMENT. WHILE SOME HAD RESPONDED TO THESE CHALLENGES BY SHIFTING LABOUR-INTENSIVE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OUTSIDE HONG KONG, THIS OPTION WAS WORKABLE ONLY IN THE SHORT TERM.

"ULTIMATELY, AS OUR COMPETITORS CHALLENGE US AT THE LOWER-VALUE-ADDED END OF THE MARKET, AND OUR OVERSEAS BUYERS DEMAND BETTER PRODUCTS FROM US, WE NEED TO MOVE TOWARDS KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE AND HIGH QUALITY PRODUCTION TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE.

"INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT IS THEREFORE THE KEY TO ACHIEVING PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND PRODUCT PRECISION AND INNOVATION," HE SAID.

FOR APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY TO BE WIDELY DIFFUSED AND EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED, MR WONG SAID, IT MAY REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS FROM BOTH THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE GOVERNMENT.

IDEALLY, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH REMOVING OBSTACLES TO THESE PROCESSES, WHILE MANUFACTURERS SHOULD THEMSELVES DETERMINE THE DIRECTION OF DEVELOPMENT BASED ON THEIR BETTER MARKET KNOWLEDGE.

IN GENERAL, HE SAID, THERE WERE FIVE MAJOR OBSTACLES TO TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT:

FIRSTLY, LACK OF INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY TECHNOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS IN DIFFERENT MARKET NICHES COULD MAKE EFFORTS IN TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FUTILE.

TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT NORMALLY REQUIRED THE CHOICE OF RIGHT TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW AND ITS APPLICATION. ADEQUATE INFORMATION WAS CRUCIAL IN THIS PROCESS.

SECONDLY, LIMITED SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL MANPOWER COULD MAKE ASSIMILATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY VERY DIFFICULT.

THIRDLY, WEAK LINKAGE BETWEEN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES COULD HAMPER THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS TECHNOLOGY.

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FOURTHLY, POOR ACCESS TO OVERSEAS TECHNOLOGY COULD LIMIT THE CHOICE OF USEFUL TECHNOLOGY. THIS PROBLEM WOULD BE PARTICULARLY SERIOUS IN CASES WHERE INDIGENOUS TECHNOLOGY HAD YET TO BE FULLY DEVELOPED.

FINALLY, THE DEARTH OF INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES OR EXCESSIVE SPREAD OF RESOURCES OVER TOO MANY AREAS COULD MAKE APPLICATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY LESS EFFECTIVE AND COSTLY.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS ALIVE TO THESE OBSTACLES.

"IN HELPING INDUSTRY TO OVERCOME THEM, THE GOVERNMENT HAS, IN RECENT YEARS, TAKEN MANY INITIATIVES," MR WONG SAID.

THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT RAN A CONTINUING PROGRAMME OF TECHNO-ECONOMIC STUDIES TO IDENTIFY THE TECHNOLOGICAL DETERMINANTS OF ENHANCING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR'S GROWTH AND COMPETITIVE STRENGTH.

THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THESE STUDIES WAS PUBLICISED FOR MANUFACTURERS' REFERENCE AND WAS ALSO CAREFULLY ANALYSED WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR FORMULATING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES.

TO ENSURE THAT THERE WOULD BE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF ENGINEERS, TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICIANS JOINING THE WORKFORCE, THE GOVERNMENT SPENT CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS OF RESOURCES EACH YEAR TO PROVIDE MANPOWER TRAINING THROUGH THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS SPENDING AN ESTIMATED \$1,450 MILLION IN THIS AREA IN 1990-91, MR WONG SAID.

APART FROM ENGAGING THEMSELVES IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS LIKE THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE FUTURE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE ALSO PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION AND DISSEMINATION.

THEIR WORK WAS MONITORED BY THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO ENSURE THAT RESOURCES WOULD BE BEST DEPLOYED TO PROVIDE TIMELY AND USEFUL SERVICES TO MANUFACTURERS.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO SOUGHT TO ATTRACT INWARD INVESTMENT THAT ENRICHED HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL BASE WITH NEW OR IMPROVED DESIGNS, PRODUCTS AND PRODUCTION PROCESSES.

MR WONG SAID HONG KONG WAS GENERALLY PERCEIVED TO BE TRAILING THE OTHER ASIAN NEWLY INDUSTRIALISED ECONOMIES (NIES) IN TERMS OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT.

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS WIDER APPLICATION OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY IN MANUFACTURING, THERE WAS LITTLE EVIDENCE OF ORIGINAL INVENTION.

"THE QUESTION, THEREFORE, REMAINS WHETHER IT WOULD BE TOO LATE FOR HONG KONG TO JOIN THE RACE OF TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT," HE SAID.

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"HAVING THE BENEFIT OF SEEING TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT IN OTHER PLACES, THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY MANY ADVANTAGES FOR A LATE-STARTER.

"PROVIDED THAT THE CONDITIONS ARE FAVOURABLE, IT CAN MAKE OPTIMUM USE OF SELECTED MODERN TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED ELSEWHERE; IT CAN LEAP-FROG BY SKIPPING THE INTERMEDIATE STAGES OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE; AND IT IS ABLE TO AVOID KNOWN PITFALLS."

MR WONG SAID HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS COULD READILY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT WHICH HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE ELSEWHERE.

"THEY SHOULD HAVE EVERY INCENTIVE TO INVEST IN TECHNOLOGY IN ORDER TO STAY IN BUSINESS," HE SAID.

MOREOVER, HONG KONG HAD MOST OF THE PRE-REQUISITES FOR TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS, SUCH AS FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION, A WELL-EDUCATED AND SKILLED WORK FORCE, AND GOOD INFRASTRUCTURE.

"I BELIEVE WE HAVE ALL THE NECESSARY INGREDIENTS TO MAKE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT A SUCCESS, BUT THE DECISION WHETHER TO GET INTO THE TECHNOLOGY RACE OR BE LEFT OUT IN THE COLD IS ONE FOR MANUFACTURERS TO TAKE.

"THE DECISION TO UPGRADE TECHNOLOGY IS UNDERSTANDABLY NOT AN EASY ONE, AND THE INITIAL COSTS MAY BE DAUNTING.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING THE SUGGESTION THAT SOME KIND OF ASSISTANCE OR INCENTIVE BE GIVEN TO MANUFACTURERS PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN THE APPLICATION OF SPECIFIC INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT," MR WONG SAID.

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PEOPLE URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL LAUNCH A MAJOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO ATTRACT MORE PEOPLE TO REGISTER AS VOTERS, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR DARWIN CHEN, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND THE CAMPAIGN, MR CHEN SAID A PERSON, EITHER AS A VOTER OR A CANDIDATE, MUST FIRST BE REGISTERED ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL BEFORE HE CAN TAKE PART IN THE COMING ELECTIONS.

THE VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD OF THE 1990 GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL RUNS FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO OCTOBER 1, 1990.

/"ANY PERSON .....

"ANY PERSON OVER THE AGE OF 21 BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, WHO HAS ORDINARILY RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS OR IS A HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENT, IS ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION," MR CHEN SAID.

ONCE REGISTERED, A PERSON WILL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN MARCH, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MAY AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

ON THE CAMPAIGN, HE SAID A NEW LOGO HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR USE THROUGHOUT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL CYCLES FROM NOW UNTIL SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

A CAMPAIGN THEME SONG HAS ALSO BEEN COMPOSED AND SUNG BY FAMOUS POP SINGER, ALAN TAM.

THE PUBLICITY PACKAGE ALSO INCLUDES TELEVISION AND RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS, CINEMA SLIDES, POSTERS, MTR, KCR AND LRT ADVERTISEMENTS AND MOBILE BILLBOARDS.

PROMOTIONAL MESSAGES WILL APPEAR ON ELECTRONIC SCREENS AT RACE COURSES AND SPORTS STADIA NEXT MONTH.

"TO MAKE REGISTRATION FORMS READILY AVAILABLE TO POTENTIAL ELECTORS, 1,400 DISTRIBUTION POINTS HAVE NOW BEEN SET UP AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL CENTRES AND BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG BANK, HANG SENG BANK, CHARTERED BANK AND BANK OF CHINA GROUP," MR CHEN SAID.

"WE HAVE ALSO LOOKED INTO MORE INNOVATIVE WAYS TO FACILITATE THE PUBLIC IN REGISTRATION AS A VOTER," HE ADDED.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, MR CHEN SAID, THE APPLICATION FORM WILL BE PRINTED IN A FULL PAGE COLOUR ADVERTISEMENT IN 12 NEWSPAPERS WITH A COMBINED DAILY CIRCULATION OF MORE THAN 1.6 MILLION AND IN 18 DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS.

THESE FORMS WILL ALSO REACH 1.5 MILLION HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH DIRECT MAILING OF WATER BILLS AND MAGAZINES.

AT THE SAME TIME, DISTRICT OFFICES WILL ORGANISE HOUSEHOLD VISITS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO LURE MORE POTENTIAL VOTERS.

A SERIES OF LOCAL PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS FUN FAIRS AND BUS PARADES TO ENCOURAGE REGISTRATION WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S PROMOTION PROGRAMME WILL BE A GALA SHOW JOINTLY PRODUCED BY THE FOUR ELECTRONIC MEDIA AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE ON AUGUST 25.

THE SHOW, FEATURING A HOST OF ENTERTAINMENT SUPERSTARS, WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY RADIO AND AT PRIME TIMES ON TELEVISION.

/MR CHEN .....

MR CHEN ALSO URGED ASPIRING CANDIDATES FOR THE COMING ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR NAMES ARE ALREADY ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL, OTHERWISE THEY WILL NOT BE QUALIFIED TO STAND FOR ELECTION.

HE ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED VOTERS TO REPORT ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE, SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

MR CHEN ALSO MADE SPECIAL APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO WOULD BE THE FUTURE LEADERS OF THE SOCIETY, TO COME FORWARD FOR REGISTRATION.

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DISTRICT OFFICER ON VOTER REGISTRATION VISIT  
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SIU SAI WAN ESTATE IN CHAI WAN WILL BE THE FIRST AREA TO BE VISITED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION TEAMS WHEN THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE STARTS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

LEADING A 15-MEMBER TEAM, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY, WILL CALL ON RESIDENTS THERE IN THE AFTERNOON TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO SIGN UP AS ELECTORS.

THE VOTER REGISTRATION TEAMS WILL MADE SIMILAR DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 11 PM UNTIL OCTOBER 1. THEY WILL COVER RESIDENTIAL FLATS AND SHOPS IN CAUSEWAY BAY, NORTH POINT, QUARRY BAY, SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER'S VISIT TO SIU SAI WAN ESTATE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE SIU SAI WAN SHOPPING CENTRE, IN FRONT OF THE SIU SAI WAN BUS TERMINAL, AT 3.55 PM.

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SHAM SHUI PO VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN STARTS TOMORROW

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT'S VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WILL START TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WITH A DECORATED PUBLICITY VAN TOURING THE DISTRICT TO BROADCAST VOTER REGISTRATION MESSAGES AND THEME SONGS.

DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL BE DISTRIBUTING SOUVENIRS TO RESIDENTS ALONG THE WAY.

THE ACTING SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS JENNIE CHOK, WILL VISIT HOUSEHOLDS AT THE REDEVELOPED LEI CHENG UK ESTATE TO HELP RESIDENTS REGISTER AS ELECTORS.

THE DISTRICT NOW HAS ABOUT 110,000 REGISTERED VOTERS, REPRESENTING ABOUT 44 PER CENT OF THE ELIGIBLE POPULATION.

APART FROM DAILY HOUSEHOLD VISITS, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL SET UP TEMPORARY REGISTRATION COUNTERS AT MTR STATIONS, THE CITY POLYTECHNIC AND OTHER CONVENIENT LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

LETTERS HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT TO LOCAL FACTORY OWNERS AND OPERATORS TO SOLICIT THEIR SUPPORT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER'S VISIT TO LEI CHENG UK ESTATE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). THOSE WISHING TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 2.40 PM AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE LEI CHENG UK SWIMMING COMPLEX.

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NEW OVERNIGHT MINIBUS ROUTE ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE A NEW OVERNIGHT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE IN TUEN MUN WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

AT THE SAME TIME, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT A PAPER ON THE 1990-91 SETTLED BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO STUDY MEASURES TO IMPROVE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT LEUNG KING ESTATE.

/OTHER AGENDA .....

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REPORT, THE RESTRICTION OF VEHICLE LENGTH AT LRT AND ROAD JUNCTIONS, THE TRAFFIC CONDITION OUTSIDE YAN OI MARKET, ADDITIONAL LORRY PARKING SPACES, ROAD-CROSSING FACILITIES AT SAN WAI COURT AND ILLEGAL PARKING OUTSIDE SIU HONG COURT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL, AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), CONSIDER ALLOCATING \$165,000 TO UPGRADE FACILITIES AT A REST GARDEN AT PIK SHUI SUN TSUEN.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER PROVIDING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF KAU SAI SUN TSUEN.

THEY WILL DISCUSS THE ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER AND THE REVISED CRITERIA FOR FUNDING COMMUNAL LETTER BOXES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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OFFICE OF CNTA'S CEMETERIES MANAGEMENT BOARD ON MOVE

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THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES, UNDER THE CNTA'S TRUST FUNDS AND CEMETERIES SECTION, WILL MOVE TO 109 GLOUCESTER ROAD, ROOM 1904, TUNG WAI COMMERCIAL CENTRE, WAN CHAI, ON MONDAY (AUGUST 20).

THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS. APPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO CEMETERY MATTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM 8.45 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 11 AM ON SATURDAYS.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 834 1116.

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PARENTS INVITED TO APPLY FOR KINDERGARTEN FEE REMISSION

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THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR HAS STARTED FOR SOME KINDERGARTENS AND RESIDENTS WITH CHILDREN AGED THREE OR ABOVE STUDYING IN THOSE WHICH ARE REGISTERED ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR FEE REMISSION.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE NEW KINDERGARTEN FEE REMISSION SCHEME CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE KINDERGARTENS IN WHICH THEIR CHILDREN ARE ATTENDING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"PARENTS MAY FORWARD APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE KINDERGARTENS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR OR AT ANY TIME WHEN FEE REMISSION IS NEEDED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED WITH COPIES OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE KINDERGARTENS, BUT THE DEPARTMENT WILL DIRECTLY INFORM PARENTS OF THE RESULT.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY THE REMITTED FEES TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS THROUGH THE KINDERGARTENS," HE SAID.

A LEAFLET INTRODUCING THE KINDERGARTEN FEE REMISSION SCHEME HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

PARENTS MAY OBTAIN THE LEAFLETS FROM KINDERGARTENS, DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES AND THE KINDERGARTEN FEE REMISSION SCHEME UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE KINDERGARTEN FEE REMISSION SCHEME UNIT, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ON TEL. 839 2546 OR TEL. 839 2344.

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FIRST WORLD YOUTH MUSIC CAMP FOR HK MUSICIANS

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FIVE LOCAL TALENTED YOUNG PLAYERS OF VIOLIN OR VIOLA WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE INTENSIVE TRAINING IN SYMPHONIC MUSIC PERFORMANCE AT THE FIRST WORLD YOUTH MUSIC CAMP IN MALAYSIA NEXT MONTH.

THE WORLD YOUTH MUSIC CAMP WILL BE HELD AT THE PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE, KUALA LUMPUR BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 16 AND 30.

AT THE MUSIC CAMP, A 100-MEMBER WORLD YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WILL BE FORMED UNDER THE BATON OF RENOWNED CONDUCTOR, MR MARK WIGGLESWORTH FROM ENGLAND.

SECTIONAL TUTORIALS UNDER EXPERIENCED MASTERS. FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND FOLLOWED BY FULL ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS WILL BE CARRIED OUT DAILY BEFORE THE PUBLIC CONCERTS TO BE HELD BY THE END OF THE MUSIC CAMP.

THE MUSIC OFFICE HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED BY THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM OF MALAYSIA TO INVITE VIOLIN/VIOLA PLAYERS AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 28 TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENT.

THOSE WHO HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS, AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE VII IN THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC PRACTICAL EXAMINATION OR EQUIVALENT, ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR JOINING THE MUSIC CAMP.

APPLICANTS MUST ALSO POSSESS A VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT TO FACILITATE ENTRY TO MALAYSIA.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE AND PASS THE AUDITION TO BE ARRANGED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE LATER THIS MONTH.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE PROVIDED WITH FREE BOARD AND LODGING BY THE MUSIC CAMP ORGANISERS.

HOWEVER, THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN ROUNDTRIP AIR PASSAGES, THEIR PERSONAL INSURANCE AND THOSE FOR THEIR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, AND A REGISTRATION FEE OF US\$40 TO THE MUSIC CAMP ORGANISERS UPON ARRIVAL.

ARRANGEMENT OF A SPECIAL AIR FARE ON MALAYSIA AIRLINES CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE MUSIC CAMP ORGANISERS.

THE FINAL DECISION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES RESTS WITH THE MUSIC OFFICE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 606 5710.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SHA TIN MUSIC CENTRE, FOURTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION BEFORE AUGUST 22.

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES

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THE GAZETTE PUBLISHED YESTERDAY (MONDAY) A LEGAL NOTICE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS AUTHORISED A DECREASE IN INTEREST RATE PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES.

AS FROM TOMORROW (AUGUST 15), THE NEW ANNUAL INTEREST RATE WILL BE 7.56 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 8.04 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.63 PER MONTH PER \$100.

INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETE MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 15, 1990.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE AUGUST 15, 1990 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

4.80 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 16, 1988 AND BEFORE JUNE 29, 1988;
5.28 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 29, 1988 AND BEFORE JULY 27, 1988;
5.76 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 27, 1988 AND BEFORE AUGUST 17, 1988;
6.36 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 17, 1988 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 7, 1988;
6.84 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 7, 1988 AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 1989;
7.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 15, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 8, 1989;
7.80 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 8, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 22, 1989;
8.28 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 22, 1989 AND BEFORE JUNE 22, 1989;
7.80 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 22, 1989 AND BEFORE JULY 12, 1989;

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7.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 12, 1989 AND BEFORE AUGUST 9, 1989;
6.84 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 9, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 7, 1990;
7.08 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 7, 1990 AND BEFORE APRIL 4, 1990; AND
8.04 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 4, 1990 AND BEFORE AUGUST 15, 1990.

BUT THEY ARE ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETE MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE: \$1,000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON AUGUST 15, 1990, SEPTEMBER 15, 1990 AND OCTOBER 15, 1990 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON NOVEMBER 14, 1990 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

ON \$1,000, AUGUST 15, 1990 TO NOVEMBER 14, 1990	
3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$6.30 PER MONTH	= \$18.90
ON \$1,000, SEPTEMBER 15, 1990 TO NOVEMBER 14, 1990	
2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$6.30 PER MONTH	= \$12.60
ON \$1,000, OCTOBER 15, 1990 TO NOVEMBER 14, 1990	
1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$6.30 PER MONTH	= \$6.30
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UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN YAU TSIM TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THREE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

THESE STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED AT FLAT F ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR, FLAT B ON THE 10TH FLOOR AND FLAT D ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF NEW LUCKY HOUSE, AT THE JUNCTION OF 298-306 NATHAN ROAD AND 13-15 JORDAN ROAD.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 16 THIS YEAR WERE POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (TUESDAY).

UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE THE DEMOLITION CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE OBTAINED.

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WATER CUT IN KOWLOON WEST

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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KOWLOON WEST WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT CERTAIN PREMISES BOUNDED BY A SECTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, BEACON HEIGHTS AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD PARK.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 18), BEGINNING AT 10 AM AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

EH8388	BW38	EJ889	EL6868
CB1932	EJ1112	AS2339	HK194
EJ990	BJ860	EJ1	BB167
EJ3223	EG9283	AA778	EJ2277
BB3503	EK1000	BB55	CC256
EJ773	EJ267	EJ3238	BB3512
EK500	EJ3678	BL123	EJ377
EH9708	EJ399	EH6388	EJ568
EJ109	DL8897	EJ190	CC6456
EJ1823	EJ323	EH928	EJ3648

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 154TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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RIGHT-TURN BAN IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 16), THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM WAH CHEUNG STREET ONTO WAH FU ROAD NORTHBOUND IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE BANNED.

MOTORISTS ON WAH CHEUNG STREET HEADING FOR WAH FU ROAD NORTHBOUND ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA WATERFALL BAY ROAD TO REJOIN WAH FU ROAD NORTHBOUND.

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EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE IN CHEUNG CHAU

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT ADDITIONAL ROAD REPAIR WORKS, THE CLOSURE TO VILLAGE VEHICLES OF THE SECTION OF MAN SHUN LANE BETWEEN SAN HING STREET AND SAN HING BACK STREET ON CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 19.

DURING THIS PERIOD, VILLAGE VEHICLES HEADING FOR TUNG WAN ARE REQUIRED TO DIVERT VIA KWOK MAN ROAD AND CHEUNG CHAU BEACH ROAD. THE OPERATING HOURS OF THIS ALTERNATIVE ROUTE ARE RESTRICTED TO BETWEEN 7 AM AND 11.30 AM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO GUIDE VILLAGE VEHICLE OPERATORS.

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