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ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THIRD QUARTER OF 1989, AND
UPDATED FORECASTS OF GDP AND PRICES FOR 1989

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THE PACE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH CONTINUED TO DECELERATE IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989, DUE TO A MARKED SLOWDOWN IN BOTH EXTERNAL TRADE AND DOMESTIC DEMAND.

THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THE EVENTS IN CHINA IN EARLY JUNE REINFORCED THE CYCLICAL DOWNTURN OF THE ECONOMY.

HOWEVER, INDICATIVE OF CONTINUING CONSTRAINTS ON CAPACITY DURING THE THIRD QUARTER, THE LABOUR MARKET REMAINED GENERALLY TIGHT, AND THE RATE OF INFLATION WAS STILL HIGH.

AN ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR IS GIVEN IN THE THIRD QUARTER ECONOMIC REPORT 1989 PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST, MR K.Y. TANG, SAID THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AVAILABLE, A FURTHER REVIEW HAD BEEN MADE OF THE FORECASTS OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) AND OF PRICE TRENDS FOR 1989.

THE MAIN UPDATED FORECASTS ARE : 3 PER CENT FOR THE GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF THE GDP, AND 10 PER CENT FOR THE RATES OF INCREASE IN BOTH THE GDP DEFLATOR AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A).

THE LATEST GDP FORECAST REFLECTS A FASTER THAN EXPECTED DECELERATION IN THE THIRD QUARTER. AS PREDICTED, THE RATE OF INFLATION WOULD REMAIN HIGH FOR A WHILE BEFORE IT BEGINS TO EASE.

IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989, DOMESTIC EXPORTS FELL BY ABOUT 1 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1988. THIS COMPARES WITH INCREASES OF 6 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER AND 2 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE VARIOUS MAJOR MARKETS SHOWED A MIXED PERFORMANCE. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN CONTINUED TO GROW RAPIDLY, BUT DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA DECELERATED MARKEDLY. WHILE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM CONTINUED TO DECLINE, THE FALL IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES APPEARED TO HAVE STABILISED SOMEWHAT.

THE UNITED STATES REMAINED THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS, BUT ITS SHARE IN THE TOTAL VALUE FELL FROM 33 PER CENT IN 1988 TO 32 PER CENT IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1989.

RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY ABOUT 17 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OVER THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR, REPRESENTING A MARKED SLOWDOWN FROM THE GROWTH RATES OF 34 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER AND 25 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

/THE GROWTH

THE GROWTH RATE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA, IN PARTICULAR, HAS BEEN ON A DECLINING TREND. THIS WAS PARTLY DUE TO THE EFFECT OF CHINA'S AUSTERITY PROGRAMME AND ITS INTENSIFICATION IN RECENT MONTHS, AND PARTLY DUE TO A LARGER BASE OF COMPARISON FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

ANOTHER FACTOR WAS A SLACKENING IN OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE BORDER. THE SLOWDOWN IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO BROADLY THE SAME REASONS.

THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS ALSO SLOWED DOWN CONSIDERABLY, TO ABOUT 4 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS IN THE THIRD QUARTER, FROM 26 PER CENT AND 15 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAINED IMPORTS FELL BY ABOUT 8 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS IN THE THIRD QUARTER, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 19 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$1,515 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO ONLY 0.4 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1989. THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$5,282 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 1.5 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

IN LINE WITH THE SLOWDOWN IN OVERALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, DOMESTIC DEMAND SLACKENED FURTHER DURING THE THIRD QUARTER.

ON CONSUMPTION, THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES FELL IN THE THIRD QUARTER OVER A YEAR EARLIER, AND THE RATE OF DECLINE WAS EVEN LARGER FOR RETAINED IMPORTS OF CONSUMER GOODS.

ON INVESTMENT, RETAINED IMPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS ALSO FELL SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THE RATE OF INFLATION WAS STILL HIGH. COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1988, THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) ROSE BY 10.1 PER CENT, THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) BY 9.8 PER CENT AND THE HANG SENG CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY 10.9 PER CENT.

THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN THESE THREE INDICES IN THE SECOND QUARTER WERE 10.4 PER CENT, 9.9 PER CENT AND 11.0 PER CENT. THE INFLATIONARY PRESSURES WERE LARGELY DOMESTICALLY GENERATED.

OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS OF THE CPI(A), THE FASTEST INCREASES IN PRICES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSPORT, SERVICES, AND FOODSTUFFS (INCLUDING MEALS TAKEN AWAY FROM HOME WHICH HAVE A LARGE SERVICE CONTENT).

JUDGING FROM THE RECENT TRENDS, THE RATE OF CONSUMER PRICE INFLATION APPEARED TO BE LEVELLING OFF.

THE GENERALLY TIGHT LABOUR MARKET CONDITIONS CONTINUED IN THE THIRD QUARTER, AND LABOUR INCOMES INCREASED FURTHER BOTH IN MONEY TERMS AND IN REAL TERMS.

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THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED LOW AT 1.4 PER CENT AND 0.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY DURING THE QUARTER.

HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES IN JUNE WAS SMALLER THAN IN BOTH MARCH THIS YEAR AND JUNE LAST YEAR.

THE PROPERTY MARKET HAS REVIVED SOMEWHAT SINCE LATE JULY, ALTHOUGH THE DEGREE OF RECOVERY VARIED BETWEEN SUB-SECTORS. SUPPORT HAS RE-EMERGED FROM END-USERS OF RESIDENTIAL FLATS, PARTICULARLY SMALL TO MEDIUM-SIZED FLATS.

THE LEASING MARKET FOR OFFICE SPACE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED LEAST. MEANWHILE, THE DEMAND FOR INDUSTRIAL PREMISES HAS REMAINED MODERATE.

IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR, THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE THIRD QUARTER ARE NOTEWORTHY.

FIRST, THE MARKET EXCHANGE RATE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR REMAINED STABLE AGAINST THE U.S. DOLLAR. REFLECTING THE MOVEMENT OF THE U.S. DOLLAR, THE OVERALL EXCHANGE VALUE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPRECIATED MARGINALLY DURING THE QUARTER.

SECONDLY, INTEREST RATES IN THE LOCAL MONEY MARKET FELL FURTHER IN JULY BUT BECAME MORE STABLE THEREAFTER.

THIRDLY, PARTLY REFLECTING THE SLOWDOWN IN OVERALL ECONOMIC GROWTH, DOMESTIC LOANS AND ADVANCES ROSE MORE SLOWLY. THE GROWTH RATES OF HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS AND OF THE BROADEST DEFINITION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ALSO DECELERATED.

FOURTHLY, THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET SHOWED SOME RECOVERY AMIDST OCCASIONAL FLUCTUATIONS.

IN THE LIGHT OF THESE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, THE ECONOMIC FORECASTS FOR 1989 HAVE BEEN UPDATED.

MR TANG SAID THAT THE LATEST UPDATE OF THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF THE GDP, AT 3 PER CENT, HAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE MARKED SLOWDOWN IN BOTH DOMESTIC AND EXTERNAL DEMAND, AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT FURTHER SIGNIFICANT GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM WOULD BE CONSTRAINED BY CAPACITY AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF RAPID GROWTH. THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THE EVENTS IN CHINA ARE ALSO RELEVANT.

A CONSOLIDATION IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AT THIS STAGE SHOULD HELP TO REDUCE THE RISK OF CONTINUING HIGH INFLATION.

IN THE EXTERNAL SECTOR, THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS LOWERED TO 1.5 PER CENT.

DESPITE THE GENERALLY STABLE ORDER-BOOK POSITION OF THE LARGE MANUFACTURERS, CURRENT INFORMATION ON RETAINED IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES SUGGESTS THAT THE PERFORMANCE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WOULD REMAIN SLUGGISH IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

/A SLOWDOWN

A SLOWDOWN IN HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO OVERSEAS MARKETS WOULD BRING ABOUT A CONCURRENT SLACKENING IN THOSE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES.

THE GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF RE-EXPORTS WAS FORECAST AT 20 PER CENT.

IN THE COMING MONTHS, RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA WOULD CONTINUE TO BE RESTRAINED BY CHINA'S AUSTERITY MEASURES AND BY THE SLACKENING IN OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GROWTH RATE OF RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN WAS EXPECTED TO REMAIN SUBSTANTIAL.

AS DEMAND SLACKENED, THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF IMPORTS WAS LOWERED TO AROUND 11 PER CENT.

INVISIBLE TRADE WAS ALSO EXPECTED TO GROW MORE SLOWLY, REFLECTING IN PART A MORE MODERATE DEMAND FOR TRADE-RELATED SERVICES AND IN PART A REDUCTION IN TOURIST SPENDING.

BOTH EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF SERVICES WERE THUS FORECAST TO GROW BY 5 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS.

IN THE DOMESTIC SECTOR, THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE REMAINED AT 6 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE OF PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE AND OF GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION WERE LOWERED TO 3.5 PER CENT AND 3.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

WITHIN THE LATTER COMPONENT, THE FORECAST GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF EXPENDITURE ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION WAS RAISED TO AROUND 4 PER CENT, MAINLY DUE TO A FASTER GROWTH IN PUBLIC SECTOR CONSTRUCTION; WHILE THAT OF EXPENDITURE ON PLANT AND EQUIPMENT WAS LOWERED TO 4.7 PER CENT, REFLECTING A MORE CAUTIOUS APPROACH TOWARDS INVESTMENT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS ECONOMIC ACTIVITY SLACKENED.

ON INFLATION, IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT PRICE LEVELS IT WAS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO RAISE SLIGHTLY THE FORECAST RATES OF INCREASE IN THE CPI(A) AND THE GDP DEFLATOR, BOTH TO 10 PER CENT.

THE PRESSURES ON COSTS AND PRICES ARE EFFECTIVELY RESTRAINING DEMAND.

THE CONSEQUENT SLOWDOWN IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY SHOULD HELP TO EASE INFLATION IN DUE COURSE.

DETAILS OF THE UPDATED FORECASTS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE THIRD QUARTER ECONOMIC REPORT 1989 WILL BE ON SALE ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 27) AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN THE GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$20 A COPY.

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	FORECAST FOR 1989 AS UPDATED ON 25.8.89	CURRENT UPDATE RELEASED ON 24.11.89
	(%)	(%)
GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS OF:		
PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	5.5	3.5
GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	6	6
GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION	4.5	3.4
TRANSFER COSTS OF LAND AND BUILDINGS	5	4
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	3.4	4
PRIVATE	1.5	1
PUBLIC	7	10
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS' MARGIN	0	0
PLANT, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	8	4.7
PRIVATE	7	4
PUBLIC	40	32
TOTAL EXPORTS OF GOODS	11.9	11.6
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	4.5	1.5
RE-EXPORTS	18	20
IMPORTS OF GOODS	12.3	11.2
EXPORTS OF SERVICES	7	5
IMPORTS OF SERVICES	5	5
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP)	5	3
PER CAPITA GDP	3.8	1.9
GROWTH RATE IN MONEY TERMS OF:		
GDP	14.9	13.4
PER CAPITA GDP	13.6	12.1

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RATE OF INCREASE IN:

GDP DEFLATOR	9.5	10
DOMESTIC DEMAND DEFLATOR	9.4	10
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A)	9.5	10

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HK STOCKBROKERS ASSN PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE
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THE HONG KONG STOCKBROKERS ASSOCIATION HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN HELPING THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC) IN ARRIVING AT A "HONG KONG SOLUTION" IN THE REGULATION OF THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE ASSOCIATION'S INAUGURAL MEETING OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS, SIR PIERS SAID THE ABILITY OF THE MARKET TO WITHSTAND THE SETBACKS IN JUNE AND OCTOBER THIS YEAR INDICATED THAT THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK CREATED BY THE STOCK AND THE FUTURES EXCHANGES AND THE SFC WAS WORKING WELL.

AND THIS REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT ON ALL INVOLVED, INCLUDING PRACTITIONERS IN THE MARKET, HE ADDED.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF MARKET CONCERNS ABOUT OVER-REGULATION, AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS DO NOT TAKE SUFFICIENT ACCOUNT OF LOCAL CONDITIONS.

"I HOPE TIME WILL PROVE THAT THESE WORRIES ARE UNFOUNDED. THE COMMISSION IS ALWAYS MINDFUL OF THE TIME-HONOURED CONSULTATIVE TRADITIONS IN HONG KONG AND HAS DEVELOPED CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CONCERNED MARKET BODIES.

"WORKING TOGETHER I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT ANY OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED," HE SAID.

SIR PIERS POINTED OUT THAT WITH INPUT FROM THE STOCKBROKERS ASSOCIATION AND OTHER MARKET BODIES, THE SFC HAD ALREADY COMPLETELY RESTRUCTURED ITS PROPOSED NEW APPLICATION FORMS FOR REGISTERED PERSONS.

"I UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS ALSO SOUGHT YOUR ASSOCIATION'S ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING THE 'FIT AND PROPER' TEST.

"THE 'FIT AND PROPER' TEST FOR REGISTERED PERSONS IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE LOCAL REGULATORY REGIME, AND THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT REPRESENTS A MAJOR STEP BY THE COMMISSION TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FAIR AND CLEAR RULES WHICH WILL PROMOTE COMMERCIAL CERTAINTY AND CONFIDENCE IN THE INTEGRITY OF OUR MARKETS." HE NOTED.

TURNING TO OTHER NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY, SIR PIERS SAID THE DECISION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE TO SUPPORT THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE CENTRAL CLEARING PROJECT WAS A MAJOR ONE.

"NOT ONLY WILL THE NEW SYSTEM ENHANCE SETTLEMENT EFFICIENCY, IT WILL ALSO REDUCE RISKS BETWEEN MEMBERS.

"THIS WILL ATTRACT MORE INVESTORS, BOTH LOCAL AND FOREIGN, TO THE HONG KONG MARKET, THEREBY CONTRIBUTING FURTHER TO ITS LIQUIDITY," HE SAID.

SIR PIERS BELIEVED THAT WITH THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS, THE SECURITIES MARKET WOULD ASSUME AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE REGION AND FURTHER ENHANCE HONG KONG'S STATUS AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE.

"YOUR ASSOCIATION WILL NO DOUBT BE AN ESSENTIAL PARTNER IN WORKING TOWARDS THE SUCCESS OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS," HE SAID.

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PUBLIC MORE AWARE OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

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THE PUBLIC HAS BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE SINCE THE FIRST OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH EXHIBITION HELD LAST YEAR AND THIS IS ENCOURAGING, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PERSPECTIVE: CONSTRUCTION AND QUARRYING INDUSTRIES" EXHIBITION AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN, MR HAMMOND SAID THE EVENT AIMED TO AROUSE THE INTEREST OF EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS IN THE VARIOUS HEALTH HAZARDS AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES FREQUENTLY FOUND IN THESE TRADES AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES THAT COULD BE TAKEN.

A PROMINENT FEATURE OF THE EXHIBITION IS A VIDEO FILM ON SILICOSIS, WHICH WAS PRODUCED BY LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DIVISION, WITH FUNDS FROM THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION FUND BOARD.

"THROUGH AUDIO AND VISUAL DISPLAYS, THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE DRAWN TO THOSE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH ASPECTS WHICH, IF NEGLECTED, ARE LIKELY TO BRING MUCH DISTRESS TO THE WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND, SOMETIMES, EVEN LOSS OF LIFE," MR HAMMOND SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL (OSHC), MR K.Y. TONGSON, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE OF OSHC, MR PETER NIE.

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IN HIS SPEECH, DR LEE SAID THAT PNEUMOCONIOSIS WAS STILL THE MOST COMMON OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE IN HONG KONG.

EACH YEAR, ABOUT 170 TO 180 NEW CASES OF SILICOSIS, A TYPE OF PNEUMOCONIOSIS, WERE REPORTED.

"THERE HAVE BEEN MANY REMARKABLE TECHNICAL ADVANCES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND QUARRYING INDUSTRIES IN RECENT YEARS," DR LEE SAID.

"THE MODERN METHODS USED NOW SUPPRESS DUST AT SOURCE, CONTROL ITS EMISSION OR ENCLOSE THE DUSTY PROCESS ALTOGETHER, THUS REDUCING THE HAZARDS OF DUST."

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY AS PNEUMOCONIOSIS REMAINED THE MOST COMMON OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE IN THE TERRITORY.

"PUBLIC HEALTH IS PUBLIC WEALTH", HE SAID. "THE PROMOTION OF HEALTH OF THE WORKFORCE IS IMPORTANT IN INCREASING THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THE COMMUNITY."

DR LEE SAID THE PROMOTION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH WAS NOT SOLELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

"TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE, ALL EFFORTS OF HEALTH EDUCATION OF THE WORKFORCE MUST HAVE THE ESSENTIAL SUPPORT OF THE EMPLOYER, EMPLOYEE AND THE GOVERNMENT," HE SAID.

THE EXHIBITION, THE THIRD OF ITS KIND STAGED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, IS ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE OSHC.

IT FEATURES PHOTOGRAPHS AND SAMPLES ILLUSTRATING THE VARIOUS OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES AND HAZARDS, INCLUDING SILICOSIS, ASBESTOSIS, CONTACT DERMATITIS, POISONING CAUSED BY ORGANIC SOLVENT AND GAS AS WELL AS DEAFNESS CAUSED BY NOISE.

VISITORS CAN TRY THE LUNG FUNCTION TEST AND OBTAIN INFORMATION ON SOME 1,000 CHEMICALS COMMONLY USED IN LOCAL INDUSTRIES FROM A COMPUTER TOXICOLOGY DATA BANK.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM DAILY UNTIL TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 28).

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PRIVATE SCHOOLS REVIEW COMMITTEE SET UP
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AN EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS RITA FAN, HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS REVIEW COMMITTEE (PSRC), THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SETTING UP OF THE COMMITTEE FOLLOWS THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 3 REGARDING THE IMPROVEMENT OF BOUGHT PLACE PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DIRECT SUBSIDY SCHEME.

THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES FOUR UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS AND THREE OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THEY ARE DR LEONG CHE-HUNG; MR TIMOTHY HA WING-HO, PRINCIPAL OF ST PAUL'S COLLEGE; MR TAM MAN-KWUN, PRINCIPAL OF YUEN LONG PAK KAU ENGLISH SCHOOL; PROFESSOR TO CHO-YEE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; MR C.D. GODWIN OF THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH; MR B. BRESNIHAN OF THE FINANCE BRANCH; AND MR CHAN YAM-PANG OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE PSRC ARE TO:

- (1) ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (D OF E) ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOUGHT PLACE SCHEME (BPS) AND THE DIRECT SUBSIDY SCHEME (DSS).
- (2) ADVISE D OF E ON THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACTS TO BE SIGNED WITH EACH SCHOOL IN THE BPS, AS RECOMMENDED IN PARAGRAPHS 4.37 AND 4.39 OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 3 (ECR 3). THIS ADVICE SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INTENTION TO PHASE OUT THE BPS BY THE YEAR 2000. IT SHOULD ENCOMPASS -
 - (A) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PLACES IN THE SCHOOL AND THE NUMBER OF PLACES TO BE BOUGHT BY THE GOVERNMENT;
 - (B) THE FEES TO BE CHARGED; AND
 - (C) IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SCHOOLS TO BE INTRODUCED WITHIN THE CONTRACT PERIOD. THESE SHOULD COMPRISE APPROPRIATE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPORTION OF GRADUATE TEACHERS, THE UPGRADING OF UNQUALIFIED TEACHERS, TEACHER TO CLASS RATIOS, TEACHERS' SALARIES, CLASS STRUCTURE, CLASS SIZE, FACILITIES, STAFFING, SCHOOL MANAGEMENT, AND PROGRESS TOWARDS UNISESSIONALISM, AS DETAILED IN PARAGRAPHS 4.42 TO 4.47 OF ECR 3.
- (3) ADVISE D OF E ON THE OVERALL LEVEL OF PLACES TO BE MAINTAINED IN THE BPS HAVING REGARD TO PARAGRAPHS 4.28 AND 4.31 OF ECR 3.

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- (4) ADVISE D OF E ON THE RE-ADMISSION OF SCHOOLS TO THE BPS.
- (5) ADVISE ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF INDIVIDUAL LOANS OFFERED TO BPS SCHOOLS TO ACQUIRE PERMANENT PREMISES.
- (6) ADVISE D OF E ON THE APPROPRIATENESS OF EACH APPLICATION TO JOIN THE DIRECT SUBSIDY SCHEME (DSS).
- (7) MONITOR PARENTAL DEMAND FOR DSS PLACES, ASSESS THE IMPLICATIONS OF AN EXPANSION OF THE DSS ON THE DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PLACES, AND ADVISE D OF E ACCORDINGLY.
- (8) ADVISE D OF E ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE ENTRY OF STUDENTS TO DSS SCHOOLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPHS 4.55, 4.56 AND 4.64 OF ECR 3.
- (9) DEFINE AN ADEQUATE PERIOD OF NOTICE REQUIRED OF ANY DSS SCHOOL WHICH INTENDS TO CLOSE DOWN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4.64 OF ECR 3.
- (10) DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF SUBSIDY TO WHICH EACH SCHOOL IS ENTITLED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE IN 4.61 TO 4.63 OF ECR 3.
- (11) VET THE PROSPECTUSES ISSUED BY DSS SCHOOLS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARAGRAPHS 4.58 AND 4.59 OF ECR 3.
- (12) INSPECT THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF DSS SCHOOLS AND TO FORMULATE APPROPRIATE RULES FOR DEFINING ABUSES BY DSS SCHOOLS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARAGRAPH 4.60 OF ECR 3.
- (13) ADVISE THE D OF E WHETHER ANY SCHOOL SHOULD BE DEPRIVED OF DSS STATUS AND SUBSIDY AS A RESULT OF ABUSES DEFINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH (12) ABOVE.

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ADVANTAGES OF REGIONALISING ELDERLY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

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THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THE ADVANTAGES OF REGIONALISING RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND IS WORKING TOWARDS THIS END, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED, MRS WONG SAID REGIONALISATION OF THE SERVICES WOULD ENABLE ELDERLY PEOPLE TO OBTAIN RESIDENTIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY THEY WERE FAMILIAR WITH.

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SHE POINTED OUT THAT A REASON FOR SOME ELDERLY'S RESISTANCE TOWARDS STAYING IN RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS WAS THE FEELING OF SEGREGATION FROM RELATIVES AND FRIENDS AS MOST OF THESE INSTITUTIONS WERE SITUATED IN REMOTER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY.

"DUE TO THE LIMITED LAND SUPPLY, WHAT WE CAN DO IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES WHERE SPACE IS AVAILABLE," MRS WONG EXPLAINED.

"COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES AND RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES ARE TWO CATEGORIES OF SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE ELDERLY UNDER THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT POLICY."

SHE NOTED THAT WHENEVER SITES WERE AVAILABLE, THEY WERE USUALLY ALLOCATED TO RENDERING COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES WHICH INCLUDED DAY CARE FACILITIES SUCH AS SOCIAL CENTRES AND DAY CARE CENTRES, HOME HELP SERVICE AND PERSONAL COUNSELLING.

"THIS IS BECAUSE BASICALLY COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES HAVE TO BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY ELDERLY PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN AND THESE FACILITIES USUALLY REQUIRE LESS SPACE," SHE SAID.

"HENCE, RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS WILL THEN HAVE TO BE LOCATED IN RURAL AREAS AND NEW TOWNS."

HOWEVER, MRS WONG POINTED OUT THAT AT PRESENT THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE AIM OF REGIONALISING THE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES.

"AS THE NUMBERS OF EXISTING AND PLANNED UNITS PROVIDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES HAVE NEARLY REACHED OUR TARGET, WE MAY NOW HAVE SPARE CAPACITY TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL OF REGIONALISING THE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG SAID IT WAS ALSO HOPED THAT THE VARIOUS KINDS OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN ONE INSTITUTION OR IN INSTITUTIONS OF THE SAME NEIGHBOURHOOD.

"FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN RESIDENTS OF AN INSTITUTION ARE IN NEED OF NURSING SERVICE DUE TO DECLINING HEALTH, THEY CAN OBTAIN IT WITHIN THE SAME INSTITUTION WITHOUT HAVING TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION WHICH IS LOCATED IN A COMMUNITY THEY ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH.

"WE HOPE TO INTRODUCE THIS NEW MEASURE AT A LIMITED SCALE NEXT YEAR, AND TO EXPAND IT IF RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE," SHE ADDED.

NOTING THAT ELDERLY SERVICES HAD MADE GREAT IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE LAST DECADE, SHE CALLED ON VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THE PUBLIC TO CONTINUE RENDERING THEIR SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION.

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HK CULTURAL CENTRE: A WORLD CLASS PRODUCT

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HONG KONG CAN NOW CLAIM TO POSSESS A WORLD CLASS VENUE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS FOLLOWING THE RECENT OPENING OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE.

THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR JOSE LEI, TOLD A ROTARY CLUB OF ADMIRALTY LUNCHEON TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE CENTRE WOULD BE ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR PERFORMANCE VENUES FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE.

HE CITED SOME OF THE INTERESTING FEATURES IN THE DESIGN OF THE CULTURAL CENTRE.

FIRST, THE CABLE ROOF STRUCTURE. MR LEI SAID CONTRARY TO COMMON BELIEF, THE ROOF STRUCTURE WAS NEITHER PRE- NOR POST-TENSIONED AND ONCE STRUNG WAS AN EXTREMELY RIGID STRUCTURE.

"THIS IS PARTICULARLY SUITABLE TO LARGE SPAN, FREE FORM SKIN STRUCTURE," HE SAID.

"THE ROOF IS THE LARGEST UNINTERRUPTED SURFACE IN HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

MR LEI ADDED THAT THE CULTURAL CENTRE UTILISED 11,041 METRES OF CABLES AND THE LONGEST WAS 85 METRES.

ON THE TILE CLADING, MR LEI SAID THE COLOUR, SHAPE AND ARRANGEMENT OF THE TILING GAVE PEOPLE A SUBTLE FEELING OF SURPRISE AS THE SHADE AND PATTERN CHANGED ACCORDING TO INTENSITY OF LIGHT, THE TIME OF THE DAY AND THEREFORE THE DIFFERENT ANGLES OF LIGHT AND THE DISTANCE AND DIRECTION OF THE VIEW POINT.

THE TILED AREA IS ABOUT 5,000 SQUARE METRES.

THE THIRD INTERESTING FEATURE IS THE CONCERT HALL WHICH CAN BE ADJUSTED TO SUIT DIFFERENT ACOUSTIC REQUIREMENTS FOR DIFFERENT PERFORMANCES.

MR LEI SAID THE CULTURAL CENTRE WAS ALSO DESIGNED AS A PUBLIC AMENITY.

WHEN THE MUSEUM OF ART, THE PIAZZA AND THE LANDSCAPE BETWEEN THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AND THE AUDITORIA BUILDING ARE COMPLETED, PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO WALK ALONG THE WATERFRONT FROM JORDAN ROAD FERRY PIER TO THE HONG KONG COLISEUM IN HUNG HOM AND THE CULTURAL CENTRE, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE AREA, WILL BECOME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR SPOTS FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE.

MR LEI SAID THE CULTURAL CENTRE WAS THE RESULT OF MANY YEARS OF HARD WORK BY A NUMBER OF PROFESSIONALS, BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT.

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THERE HAD ALSO BEEN CLOSE CONSULTATION AND LIAISON WITH NO FEWER THAN 15 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS DURING THE ENTIRE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

DESCRIBING HIS DEPARTMENT AS "AN AGENCY HANDLING WIDE RANGING PUBLIC BUILDING PROGRAMMES". MR LEI SAID THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WAS NOT SIMPLY JUST THE ARCHITECTS BUT WAS IN FACT ALSO THE GOVERNMENT'S TECHNICAL ADVISER, PROJECT MANAGER AND SUPERVISOR, AS WELL AS ITS MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD AT THIS POINT OF TIME ABOUT 1,000 PROJECTS, LARGE AND SMALL, IN VARIOUS STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT. THE TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST, IN 1989 PRICES, WAS ABOUT \$37.000 MILLION.

THESE PROJECTS GENERATED ABOUT 700 CONTRACTS AT ANY ONE TIME, HE ADDED.

ON MAINTENANCE WORK, THE DIRECTOR SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS CURRENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF OVER 6,000 BUILDINGS.

ITS DAY TO DAY MAINTENANCE WORK GENERATED ABOUT 200,000 WORKS ORDERS A YEAR. HE ADDED.

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FAREWELL PARADE FOR COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

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HUNDREDS OF POLICE OFFICERS, EVERY VARIETY OF POLICE VEHICLE, POLICE DOGS AND EVEN HELICOPTERS -- COURTESY OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE -- WERE MUSTERED TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR A SPECTACULAR FAREWELL PARADE FOR RETIRING COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING.

THE PARADE, HELD AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, WAS FULL OF EXCITING SURPRISES, NOT THE LEAST BEING A PRECISION-TIMED AIR-BORNE TRIBUTE AS HELICOPTERS FLEW INTO VIEW, ONE TRAILING THE FORCE STANDARD.

THERE WAS ALSO AN UNEXPECTED PRESENTATION OF A MAGNIFICENT SILVER AND MALACCA WOOD COMMISSIONER'S CANE FOR MR ANNING AND A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS FOR MRS ANNING.

THE PARADE ITSELF INCORPORATED MANY NEW AND UNEXPECTED DRILL MOVEMENTS ORCHESTRATED FOR THE OCCASION BY STAFF OFFICER, CENTRAL TRAINING SERVICES DIVISION, MR BILL FULLERTON.

PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE AMONG THESE WAS THE FINALE WHICH GRADUALLY DISPERSED EVERYONE ON PARADE LEAVING MR ANNING SYMBOLICALLY AS THE LONE FIGURE.

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THE SPECTACULAR FAREWELL CEREMONY HAD BEGUN SOME 45 MINUTES EARLIER WITH MR ANNING'S ARRIVAL AT PTS WHERE HE WAS GREETED AT THE MAIN GATE BY A QUARTER GUARD AND A TRUMPETER WHO SOUNDED "COMMISSIONER'S SALUTE".

ON THE DRILL SQUARE THE PARADE ITSELF WAS FORMED OF REPRESENTATIVE CONTINGENTS FROM ALL FOUR REGIONS. THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE AND THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL ALONG WITH SEVEN RECRUIT CONSTABLE SQUADS FROM THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BANDS AUGMENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY POLICE BAND.

ALSO ON PARADE WERE FOUR HANDLERS AND FOUR DOGS FROM THE POLICE DOG UNIT. ADDITIONALLY ALL TYPES OF POLICE VEHICLES WERE FEATURED EITHER AS PART OF A STATIC DISPLAY OR TAKING PART IN THE PARADE ITSELF AND IN THE SUBSEQUENT MARCH AND DRIVE PAST.

IN A SHORT ADDRESS MR ANNING SAID IT HAD BEEN A GREAT PRIVILEGE AND PLEASURE TO COMMAND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

"BUT I HAVE NEVER FELT MORE PROUD OF THE FORCE THEN I DO TODAY." HE ADDED, COMPLIMENTING ALL THOSE TAKING PART IN THEIR FIRST-CLASS STANDARD OF DRILL AND IMPRESSIVE BEARING.

"NOBODY CAN FORETELL THE FUTURE AND THERE MAY BE UPS AND DOWNS IN THE TIME AHEAD, BUT I AM SURE THAT ASIA'S FINEST WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AN EFFICIENT POLICE FORCE AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN THE FUTURE AS IT HAS IN THE PAST."

MR ANNING SAID THAT FINALLY, ON BEHALF OF HIS WIFE AND HIMSELF, HE WISHED TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WISH ALL OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES EVERY SUCCESS AND GOOD FORTUNE IN THE FUTURE.

AFTER A COFFEE BREAK MR AND MRS ANNING LEFT THE SCENE IN A CROWN CAR AND REAPPEARED IN AN OPEN-TOP LAND ROVER TO BE CEREMONIALLY TOWED OUT OF PTS ALONG ROUTES LINED WITH POLICE OFFICERS AND TO THE STRAINS OF AULD LANG SYNE.

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LADY WILSON INAUGURATES 'CASTLE OF UNITY' PROJECT

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A "CASTLE OF UNITY" SYMBOLISING THE CONCERTED EFFORT OF MANY PEOPLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY WILL BE ERECTED AT THE KOWLOON PARK IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

SPEAKING AT AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS TODAY (FRIDAY), LADY WILSON SAID THAT THE IMAGINATIVE IDEA OF BUILDING A VICTORIAN-STYLE CASTLE WAS A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY CHEST AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

/ "THE URBAN

"THE URBAN COUNCIL IS NOT ONLY CONTRIBUTING HANDSOMELY TO THE WORK OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST. IT IS ALSO PROVIDING THE CHILDREN OF KOWLOON WITH A SPLENDID NEW AREA FOR PLAY," LADY WILSON SAID.

"THE CASTLE WILL BE MORE THAN JUST A PLAYTHING. IT WILL SYMBOLISE, WITH EVERY BRICK AND EVERY CONTRIBUTION, HOW THE EFFORTS OF MANY, MANY PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORK THE CHEST DOES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. IT IS A TRUE CASTLE OF UNITY," SHE SAID.

MODELLING UPON THE CASTLE IN THE KOWLOON PARK ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO. THE CASTLE WILL BE BUILT AT THE PARK'S CREATIVE PLAYGROUND TO ENHANCE THE EXISTING FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN VISITING THE PARK.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CASTLE WILL BE JOINTLY FUNDED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY CHEST AND THE TOTAL COST IS ESTIMATED AT \$1 MILLION.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST'S SHARE OF FUNDING WILL COME FROM DONATIONS FROM 200 PEOPLE. IN RECOGNITION OF THE GOOD DEED OF THE COMMUNITY-SPIRITED CITIZENS, THE NAME OF EACH DONOR WILL BE PERMANENTLY INSCRIBED ONTO A BRONZE PLAQUE TO BE FIXED ONTO THE CASTLE'S INSIDE WALL TO COMMEMORATE THIS WORTHY CAUSE.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, LADY WILSON TOOK THE LEAD TO SHOW HER SUPPORT BY SIGNING THE FIRST NAME. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE SIGNING OF A LETTER OF INTENT BY THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR JAMES KUNG.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, DR SAMUEL WONG, THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR JAMES SO, THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST, MRS ANITA CHAN AND THE "COMMUNITY FOR THE CHEST" COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MRS NORIKO BARROW.

THE "CASTLE OF UNITY" IS THE FOCAL POINT OF A FUND RAISING PROGRAMME TO BE TELECAST LIVE ON ATV HOME CHANNEL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 26) AT 8.35 PM.

THE CASTLE IS DESIGNED BY MR. KENNETH KO, A WELL-KNOWN DESIGNER. A LOCAL DEVELOPER, HIP HING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD, HAS AGREED TO BUILD IT AT COST AS A GESTURE OF GOODWILL TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT.

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ENHANCED PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIALITY FOR SURVEY DATA SOUGHT
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A BILL GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) IS INTENDED TO ENHANCE THE PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIALITY AFFORDED TO SURVEY DATA PROVIDED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

"THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE SEEK TO STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTION ON THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INDIVIDUAL DATA SUPPLIED BY SURVEY RESPONDENTS AND THE REGULATION OF THE CONDUCT OF SURVEY ENUMERATORS." A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT AT PRESENT CONDUCTED BOTH MANDATORY STATISTICAL SURVEYS AND VOLUNTARY STATISTICAL SURVEYS.

"IN MANDATORY STATISTICAL SURVEYS, RESPONSE IS COMPULSORY.

"IN VOLUNTARY STATISTICAL SURVEYS, RESPONDENTS ARE NOT OBLIGED, LEGALLY, TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION, BUT THEIR CO-OPERATION CAN USUALLY BE OBTAINED.

"THIS PRACTICE OF CONDUCTING SURVEYS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AFTER AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE, ENACTED IN 1978, HAD PROVISIONS REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL DATA IN RESPECT OF MANDATORY STATISTICAL SURVEYS.

"PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA IN THE CASE OF VOLUNTARY STATISTICAL SURVEY DEPENDS MAINLY ON ADMINISTRATIVE MEANS.

"INCORPORATION OF VOLUNTARY STATISTICAL SURVEYS INTO THE ORDINANCE WILL ENABLE BOTH KINDS OF SURVEYS TO BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS." HE SAID.

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CONTROL OF DISPLAY OF FARE TABLES IN TAXIS
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AMENDMENT REGULATIONS TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO CONTROL THE DISPLAY OF FARE TABLES INSIDE TAXIS AS A MEASURE TO REDUCE DISPUTES BETWEEN TAXI DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE PROPER DISPLAY OF FARE TABLES INSIDE TAXIS WOULD HELP TO INFORM PASSENGERS OF THE APPROVED FARE SCALES AND THUS REDUCE DISPUTES OVER FARES.

/THE EXISTING

THE EXISTING ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) REGULATIONS REQUIRE FARE TABLES TO BE DISPLAYED IN TAXIS BUT THERE IS NO PROVISION TO SPECIFY THEIR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND POSITIONING.

THE ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) REGULATIONS 1989 PROVIDE THAT FARE TABLES AND SIGNS INDICATING THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN TAXIS AND DESTINATION INDICATORS AND FARE CARDS IN PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES SHOULD BE OF A DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

IN ADDITION, THE FARE TABLES AND SIGNS SHOULD BE POSITIONED AS SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CONSULT THE TRADE ON THE SPECIFICATIONS AND THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON AN APPOINTED DAY AFTER ALLOWING SOME TIME FOR THE TRADE TO COMPLY WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS.

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OPERATIONS AGAINST LITTERERS

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A TOTAL OF 4,724 SUMMONSES HAD BEEN ISSUED DURING A SERIES OF ANTI-LITTER BLITZ OPERATIONS BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE PAST MONTH.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AGAINST LITTERERS HAD BEEN STEPPED UP STARTING MID-OCTOBER TO TIE IN WITH THE PUBLICITY ON PENALTY FOR LITTERING LAUNCHED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE.

"WHILE EMPHASISING EDUCATION AND A POSITIVE APPROACH IN APPEALING TO THE PUBLIC TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN. WE FEEL THAT ENFORCEMENT ACTION SHOULD ALSO BE STRENGTHENED AS A DETERRENT." A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

DURING THE MONTH-LONG OPERATIONS, A TOTAL OF 77 SPECIAL TASK FORCE TEAMS HAD BEEN FORMED TO PATROL LITTER BLACK SPOTS SUCH AS BUS STOPS, AND HAWKER AND PICNIC AREAS.

THE SUMMONSES ISSUED DURING THIS PERIOD REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 23.6 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO REPORT LITTERING CASES OR LODGE COMPLAINTS CAN CALL THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 0-4145555 OR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8680000.

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MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO START NEXT MONTH
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THE SECOND MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH WITH A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES CATERING FOR ALL AGE GROUPS.

IT WILL BEGIN ON DECEMBER 8 WITH A CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR LIGHTING SWITCH-ON CEREMONY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND.

THE FESTIVAL WILL OFFER MORE THAN 20 EVENTS, TO BE HELD MAINLY IN DECEMBER. IT WILL CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 16 WITH A SPECIAL SHOW TO BE BROADCAST LIVE ON HK-TVB'S "ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT" PROGRAMME.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE PRESIDENT OF THE MONG KOK FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR KONG WING-ON, SAID THE FESTIVAL SIGNIFIED THE COMMON GOAL OF BUILDING A PROSPEROUS AND STABLE COMMUNITY IN MONG KOK.

THE FESTIVAL'S THEME - "BUILDING THE COMMUNITY OF MONG KOK TOGETHER, AND ENJOYING PEACE, STABILITY AND PROSPERITY" - REFLECTED THE WISH OF EVERY MONG KOK RESIDENT, HE NOTED.

"MONG KOK IS A SHOPPING AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE FOR PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE. THE PROSPERITY OF THE DISTRICT REFLECTS THE ECONOMIC CONDITION OF THE TERRITORY AS A WHOLE," HE SAID.

MR KONG HOPED THAT THE MESSAGE OF THE FESTIVAL WOULD BE SPREAD TO THE REST OF THE POPULATION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MONG KOK FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, SAID THE FESTIVAL'S PROGRAMME HAD BEEN CAREFULLY COMPILED FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FESTIVAL, BEING ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, AIMED AT PROMOTING THE IDENTITY OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE OTHER OBJECTIVES WERE STRENGTHENING THE DISTRICT BOARD'S TIES WITH THE SIX AREA COMMITTEES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN MONG KOK, AS WELL AS PROMOTING THE ECONOMY AND PROSPERITY OF THE DISTRICT, MR CHOW SAID.

THE FESTIVAL'S PROGRAMME INCLUDES SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, OUTINGS FOR YOUNGSTERS, AS WELL AS CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

FOR THE ELDERLY, THERE WILL BE AN "EYE CARE CAMPAIGN" RUNNING FROM DECEMBER 19 TO JANUARY 5, A "FUN DAY" ON DECEMBER 17 AT MONG KOK STADIUM, AND A "CHINESE OPERA NIGHT" THE FOLLOWING DAY AT CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, THERE WILL BE A "YOUTH DAY CAMP" AT LEI YUE MUN PARK HOLIDAY VILLAGE ON DECEMBER 14 AND A "NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE" AT THE HALL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE AN EXHIBITION ON PAINTINGS BY CONTEMPORARY WOMEN ARTISTS TO BE HELD AT THE FA YUEN STREET URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX FROM DECEMBER 11 TO 15, AND PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY AND THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA ON DECEMBER 15 AND DECEMBER 23 RESPECTIVELY AT THE CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE.

IN SUPPORT OF THE MONG KOK FESTIVAL, THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES WILL ORGANISE ACTIVITIES IN THEIR AREAS THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL PERIOD. THEY WILL ALSO HOLD A JOINT DAY CAMP ON DECEMBER 10 AT THE LEI YUE MUN PARK HOLIDAY VILLAGE.

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SPORTS CARNIVAL IN CENTRAL ON SUNDAY
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A LARGE-SCALE SPORTS CARNIVAL ORGANISED AS PART OF THE CURRENT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 26).

THERE WILL BE DRUM BAND PERFORMANCES, DANCING, ACROBATIC AND CYCLING DEMONSTRATIONS. SEDAN CHAIR AND RICKSHAW RACES, AS WELL AS TELEMATCHES FOR THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES.

PERFORMING GROUPS WILL INCLUDE THOSE FROM THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S ROYAL REGIMENT AND TRUE LIGHT GIRLS COLLEGE.

A MINI TRAIN AND A HUGE INFLATED ANIMAL WILL BE SET UP AT THE VENUE FOR CHILDREN.

OMELCO MEMBER, MISS MARIA TAM, AND THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE MR LIU LIT-FOR, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN MR AMBROSE LAU, DISTRICT OFFICER MR STEPHEN FISHER AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER MR LEUNG SIK-WAH.

THE CARNIVAL IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

MEANWHILE, OTHER EVENTS FOR THE FINAL WEEK OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL INCLUDE CANTONESE OPERA SHOW AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 30) EVENING AND ORIENTEERING ACTIVITY AT THE CHATER GARDEN ON DECEMBER 2 (SATURDAY), BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

/THE FESTIVAL

THE FESTIVAL WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 3). THERE WILL BE A CARNIVAL AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL AND A VARIETY SHOW AT THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND IN WESTERN DISTRICT, BOTH BEGINNING AT 2 PM; AS WELL AS AN "ENTERTAINMENT NITE" AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL, BEGINNING AT 8 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPORTS CARNIVAL OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 26) AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL.

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TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY ON LANTAU

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A TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MUI WO, LANTAU, ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 26).

THERE WILL BE FIRST AID DEMONSTRATIONS, AN EXHIBITION OF ROAD SAFETY MATERIALS, POP MUSIC BY THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES BAND, AND GAME STALLS. THE FUNCTION WILL START AT 1 PM AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

ORGANISED FOR THE FIRST TIME BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, THE TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY AIMS AT ALERTING ISLANDERS, BOTH DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS, TO THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

COLOURFUL BOOKMARKS AND CALENDAR CARDS PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE BEARING THE SLOGAN "TRAFFIC SAFETY ON THE ISLANDS IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE" WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED AS SOUVENIRS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD; AND ISLANDS POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR WILLIAM WORRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY TO BE HELD AT THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MUI WO, LANTAU ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 26). BEGINNING AT 1 PM.

A PRESS LAUNCH, MD 1, WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 11.45 AM FOR MUI WO.

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CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

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A CARNIVAL AND A "YOUTH SPECTACULAR" WILL BE HELD AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND IN SHAM SHUI PO ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 26) AFTERNOON TO DRIVE HOME THE CLEAN HONG KONG MESSAGE.

ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN UNDER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT AIMS AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT. IT WILL ALSO EMPHASISE THE ROLE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN MAINTAINING ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

THE EVENT WILL MAINLY COMPRISE GAMES STALLS CARRYING THE CLEAN HONG KONG MESSAGE, TO BE RUN BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM. THERE WILL BE A COMPETITION TO SELECT THE STALL HAVING THE BEST DESIGN.

BEFORE THE CARNIVAL BEGINS, A DRAWING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD FOR CHILDREN AGED 14 OR UNDER.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT WHICH AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE DRAWING COMPETITION, THE GAMES STALL DESIGN COMPETITION, AND A PRIVATE BUILDING CLEANLINESS COMPETITION HELD EARLIER IN THE DISTRICT.

THOSE OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK; SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHUNG PUI-LAM.

AFTER THE CEREMONY PERFORMANCES WILL BE GIVEN BY POPULAR SINGERS.

FREE GIFTS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE VENUE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE "KEEP SHAM SHUI PO CLEAN CARNIVAL AND YOUTH SPECTACULAR", AND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM. AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 26).

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STUDENTS INVITED TO JOIN INTERNATIONAL ART CONTEST

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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE TALENTED IN DRAWING AND PAINTING ARE INVITED TO ENTER FOR THE EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE HELD IN HYVINKAS, FINLAND, NEXT YEAR.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN MAY AND LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 18 AND UNDER ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE ART CENTRE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE MAINTAINED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND THE TOWN OF HYVINKAS.

THE THEME FOR ENTRIES IN THE FORM OF DRAWING, PAINTING, PRINT-MAKING, COLLAGE OR ANY OTHER TWO-DIMENSIONAL WORK IS "MY HOME AREA ENVIRONMENT".

THERE WILL BE FIVE AGE GROUPS IN THE CONTEST. MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED TO ENTRIES SELECTED FOR EXHIBITION.

STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO SEND THEIR ENTRIES TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT THROUGH THEIR SCHOOL HEADS FOR LOCAL SELECTION BEFORE JANUARY 5.

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LONG DISTANCE RUN FOR YAU TSIM RESIDENTS

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MORE THAN 200 YAU TSIM RESIDENTS WILL JOIN A LONG DISTANCE RUN ALONG THE TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 26) MORNING.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S, TEENAGERS' AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS, AND WILL HAVE TO COVER 3,000 METRES.

THE RACE WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM, AND THE WINNER IN EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED A TROPHY.

THE EVENT HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

AMONG THOSE OFFICIATING AT A STARTING CEREMONY WILL BE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MS MELODY WONG, AND CHAIRMAN OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD, MR YIP WAH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LONG DISTANCE RUN TO BE HELD AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 26). THE RACE WILL START AT 9 AM BEHIND THE NEW WORLD CENTRE AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RACE IS FINISHED.

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MSB CHECKS BOTTLED DRINKING WATER REGULARLY

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FOOD INSPECTORS OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH TODAY (FRIDAY) COLLECTED 12 SAMPLES OF BOTTLED DRINKING WATER FROM THE LOCAL MARKET FOR TESTING.

THIS ACTION FOLLOWED REPORTS FROM MACAU THAT TWO BRANDS OF BOTTLED DRINKING WATER FROM HONG KONG SUPPLIERS HAD BEEN FOUND TO BE CONTAMINATED.

TESTING RESULTS WILL BE MADE KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

MEANWHILE, THE BRANCH IS SEEKING MORE INFORMATION FROM THE TWO DISTRIBUTORS CONCERNED.

THE HYGIENE ADVISER OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, DR M.B. ALI, SAID BOTTLED DRINKING WATER AVAILABLE IN THE LOCAL MARKET HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO REGULAR CHECKS TO ENSURE THAT IT IS SAFE FOR DRINKING.

"IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, WE HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT TESTS ON ABOUT 25 BRANDS OF BOTTLED DRINKING WATER ON SALE LOCALLY AND NONE OF THESE HAS PROVED TO BE UNSUITABLE FOR CONSUMPTION.

"THESE INCLUDED 24 LOTS OF BOTTLED DRINKING WATER FROM THE TWO DISTRIBUTORS CONCERNED," DR ALI SAID.

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CHILDREN'S ARTS AND CRAFTS CARNIVAL IN POK FU LAM

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A CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL WITH STALL GAMES AND PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FROM 2.30 PM TO 5.30 PM AT THE SKATING RINK IN CHI FU FA YUEN, POK FU LAM.

AS PART OF THE CURRENT SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE A NUMBER OF ARTS AND CRAFTS STALLS ON PAPER DOLL MAKING, WATER COLOUR DESIGNING, GLASS PAINTING AND OTHER FORMS OF ART CREATIONS.

THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY ACTRESS SZE MING AND CHILD ACTORS LEE WING-HO AND LEE WING-HON, A MAGIC SHOW, A CLOWN SHOW, KUNG FU DEMONSTRATION AND A MIME BY THE FRINGE CLUB.

CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OLD MAY ENTER A DRAWING COMPETITION AND EXPRESS THEIR ARTISTIC FLAIR ON ANY THEME.

ENROLMENT FOR THE COMPETITION, WHICH HAS A QUOTA OF 50 CHILDREN, WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

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THE "CHILDREN'S ARTS AND CRAFTS CARNIVAL" IS BEING ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, TO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN ART. ADMISSION IS FREE.

OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL'S OPENING AT 2.30 PM WILL BE THE SOUTHERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DAVID LEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE'S DISTRICT PROGRAMMES WORKING-GROUP, MR CHAN YAU-YUE; AND ASSISTANT CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT MANAGER (HONG KONG) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR GRAY IP.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CHILDREN'S ARTS AND CRAFTS CARNIVAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FROM 2.30 PM TO 5.30 PM AT THE SKATING RINK IN CHI FU FA YUEN, POK FU LAM.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM.

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CARNIVAL AND VARIETY SHOW
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A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CARNIVAL TO BRING HOME THE MESSAGE ON RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 9 (SATURDAY) AT VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY, FROM 11 AM TO 4.30 PM.

THE CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THERE WILL BE ABOUT 30 GAMES STALLS WITH ATTRACTIVE PRIZES AND NINE FAMILY ACTIVITY STALLS.

WHILE THE GAMES STALLS OFFER INTERESTING GAMES ON THE THEMES OF GOOD PARENTING AND HOME SAFETY, THE FAMILY ACTIVITY STALLS PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS TO SHARE THE FUN IN SUCH ACTIVITIES AS TAKING FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS, MAKING HANDICRAFT AND DRAWING.

FREE GAMES COUPONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE SWD'S YOUTH OFFICES AND COMMUNITY CENTRES.

TWO EXHIBITIONS, ONE ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND THE OTHER ON OUTSTANDING PROJECTS OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME AWARD, WILL BE STAGED AT THE CARNIVAL VENUE.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW BETWEEN 8 PM AND 9.30 PM AT THE PARK WITH PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND ARTISTES.

ADMISSION TO THE CARNIVAL AND VARIETY SHOW IS FREE OF CHARGE.

CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE MOVES TO TUEN MUN

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN HAS MOVED OFFICES TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CENTRE NOW OPERATES FROM SECOND FLOOR, TAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 16 TSUN WEN ROAD, TUEN MUN.

IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A REFERENCE LIBRARY AND AN AUDIO-VISUAL UNIT TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE MOST UP-TO-DATE CAREERS INFORMATION.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4636855 AND 0-4636851.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE ALSO RUNS THREE OTHER SUCH CENTRES IN WAN CHAI, TO KWA WAN AND SHA TIN TO ASSIST YOUNG PEOPLE IN CHOOSING A CAREER BEST SUITED TO THEIR TALENTS, INTERESTS AND ABILITIES.

CAREERS INFORMATION IS ALSO DISSEMINATED THROUGH VARIOUS PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN DECEMBER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 15 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE	TIME
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DECEMBER 1 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 2 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 4 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 5 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 6 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 7 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 8 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 11 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 12 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 13 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
DECEMBER 14 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 15 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 19 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 20 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
DECEMBER 21 (THURSDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 5 PM

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SHA TIN SITE FOR PSPS DEVELOPMENT

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING FOR SALE BY TENDER A SITE IN MA ON SHAN TOWN CENTRE, SHA TIN, FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENT.

THE SITE IS LOCATED IN AREA 100 OF THE TOWN CENTRE AND COVERS ABOUT 5,300 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN AND CINEMA) PURPOSES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 19.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS FOR THE LOT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON. THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED THERE.

TENDER DOCUMENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT KENNEDY ROAD

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO IMPROVE THE ALIGNMENT AND CAPACITY OF KENNEDY ROAD BETWEEN MONMOUTH TERRACE AND BORRETT ROAD, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

A NEW CARRIAGEWAY WILL ALSO BE BUILT CONNECTING KENNEDY ROAD, DIRECTLY TO THE WEST OF BOWEN DRIVE, WITH JUSTICE DRIVE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH SUPREME COURT ROAD.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE:

- * CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ACROSS THE VALLEY TO THE NORTH OF ELECTRIC HOUSE:
- * WIDENING NEAR BOTH ENDS OF THE PROPOSED BRIDGE AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING KENNEDY ROAD:
- * CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-LANE CARRIAGEWAY CONNECTING KENNEDY ROAD TO JUSTICE DRIVE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH SUPREME COURT ROAD:
- * CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD FROM SUPREME COURT ROAD TO COLVIN HOUSE:

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- * RECONSTRUCTION OF SECTIONS OF EXISTING CARRIAGEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED CARPARKING SPACES, FOOTPATHS, STAIRCASES AND RETAINING WALLS;
- * ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE AND SLOPE WORKS; AND
- * PERMANENT CLOSURE OF SECTIONS OF EXISTING CARRIAGEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS AND TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF KENNEDY ROAD EAST OF ELECTRIC HOUSE.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME 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;
- * HONG KONG WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI;
- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, HONG KONG.

THOSE WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 23.

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NEW ROADS TO BE BUILT IN TAI PO
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO BUILD NEW ROADS TO IMPROVE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION IN AREA 17 OF TAI PO.

THE WORKS ARE PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO NEW TOWN.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VEHICULAR ROAD CONNECTING TING KOK ROAD AND ON PO ROAD TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, LANDSCAPED AREAS AND A LAY-BY.

A SECTION OF EXISTING FOOTPATH AND CYCLE TRACK ALONG TING KOK ROAD WILL ALSO BE RECONSTRUCTED.

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THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LIMITED, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, ON BEHALF OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * TAI PO DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.

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, BY JANUARY 23.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR LAI CHI KOK ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL IMPROVE A SECTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE A TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEME IN SHAM SHUI PO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THAT THE PROJECT WOULD INVOLVE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD BETWEEN YEE KUK STREET EXTENSION AND TONG MI ROAD AND ITS SIDE STREETS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS DESIGNED THE WORKS AND WILL SUPERVISE THEIR CONSTRUCTION.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN MID 1991.

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT. A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

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PROPOSED LAYING OF SUBMARINE CABLES

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT A WAYLEAVE TO A POWER COMPANY FOR THE LAYING OF SUBMARINE CABLES.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY INTENDS TO LAY THREE 132 KILOVOLT SUBMARINE CABLES WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 366 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND SHAM SHUI KOK.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE AN INCREASED AND SECURED SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO LANTAU ISLAND TO MEET THE RAPIDLY INCREASING DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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 JANUARY 23 NEXT YEAR.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE U-TURN LOOP ROAD ON HARCOURT ROAD OUTSIDE FAR EAST FINANCE CENTRE IN CENTRAL WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 26).

VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON WESTBOUND HARCOURT ROAD CAN MAKE USE OF THE NEW ROAD TO MAKE U-TURNS ONTO EASTBOUND HARCOURT ROAD.

ON THE OTHER HAND, GRAHAM STREET BETWEEN STAUNTON STREET AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD HAS BEEN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE URGENT REPAIR OF A BURST SEWER.

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

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WATER CUT IN YUEN LONG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YUEN LONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 26) TO FACILITATE WATERWORKS AT MA WANG ROAD, NEAR LONG PING ESTATE.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THE PREMISES AT TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, YEUNG UK TSUEN, LAM UK TSUEN, SAI TAU WAI, TUNG TAU TSUEN, CHUNG SAM WAI, FUK HING TSUEN, CHU WONG LING, NG UK TSUEN, TAI TSENG WAI, SHING UK TSUEN, MON TSENG WAI, SHA KIU HA TSUEN AND LONG PING ESTATE.

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