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REPORTS ON LIFE TABLES AND 1986 BY-CENSUS PUBLISHED

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PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE LIVING LONGER THAN EVER BEFORE. THIS IS SUGGESTED BY A REPORT PUBLISHED RECENTLY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, ENTITLED "HONG KONG LIFE TABLES 1971 - 2006".

THE EXPECTATION OF LIFE AT BIRTH FOR MALES IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE FROM 73.8 YEARS IN 1985 TO 77.3 YEARS IN 2006; FOR FEMALES, WHO USUALLY HAVE A LONGER LIFE EXPECTANCY, TO INCREASE FROM 79.2 YEARS TO 82.9 YEARS.

EXPECTATION OF LIFE AT BIRTH IS A SINGLE INDEX OF MORTALITY FOR DESCRIBING THE MORTALITY CONDITION OF THE POPULATION OVER TIME AND FOR COMPARISON.

ACCORDING TO THE MORTALITY CONDITION IN HONG KONG IN 1971, THE EXPECTATION OF LIFE AT BIRTH WAS 67.8 YEARS FOR MALES AND 75.3 YEARS FOR FEMALES.

THE INCREASE IN THE EXPECTATION OF LIFE AT BIRTH SUGGESTS A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN MORTALITY OVER THE PERIOD 1971 - 85.

THE REPORT CONTAINS 20 SETS OF LIFE TABLES WHICH PORTARY PEOPLE'S SURVIVAL HISTORY AND LIFE EXPECTANCY ON THE BASIS OF PAST AND PROJECTED DEATH DATA. APART FROM OTHER RELATED STATISTICS, THE REPORT ALSO DESCRIBES THE METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIFE TABLE.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO PUBLISHED A REPORT SHOWING THE 1986 BY-CENSUS RESULTS IN STATISTICAL CHARTS.

THE REPORT, ENTITLED "HONG KONG 1986 BY-CENSUS - GRAPHIC GUIDE", IS A BILINGUAL PUBLICATION CONSISTING 31 CHARTS ON SUCH TOPICS AS POPULATION, AGE AND SEX, PLACE OF BIRTH, MARITAL STATUS, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, OCCUPATION, INCOME, HOUSING AND INTERNAL POPULATION MOVEMENT.

"THIS PUBLICATION, WHICH IS DESIGNED FOR THE GENERAL READERS, WILL BE A USEFUL REFERENCE FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF HONG KONG'S POPULATION," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"STATISTICAL GRAPHS AND CHARTS ARE USED TO HIGHLIGHT THE SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS OF THE BY-CENSUS".

BOTH REPORTS ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE "HONG KONG LIFE TABLES 1971 - 2006" IS PRICED AT \$16 PER COPY AND THE "HONG KONG 1986 BY-CENSUS - GRAPHIC GUIDE" IS PRICED AT \$10 PER COPY.

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PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL, SPORTS FACILITIES IMPROVED

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A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE PROVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES, THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS NECESSARY TO TAKE STOCK OF THE SITUATION TO TAKE A CRITICAL LOOK AT THE CURRENT STRUCTURE, ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF SPORT AND PHYSICAL RECREATION SO AS TO CONSIDER THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED FURTHER, HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR FOR SPORTS LEADERS AT THE SHA TIN JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE THIS MORNING, MR CHUI SAID THE SEMINAR WOULD ENABLE A FRANK AND OBJECTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND THAT HE WAS ENCOURAGED TO SEE INCREASING LIAISON AND CONSULTATION AMONG VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, THE AMATEUR SPORT FEDERATION AND THE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG FOR THEIR WORK IN ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH PROMOTION OF RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE TERRITORY.

THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, THE GOVERNING BODIES OF SPORT AND MANY OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS HAD ALSO CONTRIBUTED IN VARIOUS WAYS TO THIS SUCCESS.

HE NOTED THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL NOW MANAGED OVER 500 HECTARES OF OPEN SPACE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OVER 300 HECTARES.

"MANY MORE PROJECTS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR IN VARIOUS STAGES OF PLANNING.

"VERY SUBSTANTIAL EXPENDITURE, CAPITAL AND RECURRENT, ARE ALLOCATED TO THIS IMPORTANT AREA. FACILITIES INCLUDE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS OF VARIOUS SIZES, SWIMMING POOLS, BEACHES AND INDOOR GAMES HALLS," MR CHUI SAID.

HE SAID COUNTRYSIDE RECREATION WAS NOW ACCEPTED AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR WAY OF LIFE.

"ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF OUR LAND AREA HAS BEEN DESIGNED AS COUNTRY PARKS WHICH ARE USED EXTENSIVELY FOR MORNING WALKING, TAI-CHI, JOGGING, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES. OVER 10 MILLION VISITS WERE MADE TO THEM IN 1987," HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION, MR CHUI POINTED OUT THAT CAMPS AND YOUTH HOSTELS RUN BY SUBVENTED VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WERE REGULARLY AND FULLY USED BY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

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ALSO, THE HONG KONG OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL PROVIDED LAND AND SEA BASED STRESS CHALLENGE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

TODAY'S SEMINAR WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING SPORTS LEADERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF RECREATION AND SPORTS IN HONG KONG. ATTENDING THE SEMINAR WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNING BODIES OF SPORT.

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LYDIA DUNN CALLS ON ELECTORS TO VOTE

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THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON ELECTORS TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 10.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A LARGE-SCALE CYCLING PARADE ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROMOTE THE ELECTIONS, MISS DUNN SAID THE GOVERNMENT, WHILE IMPLEMENTING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

"THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SCHEME IS EVIDENT IN RECENT YEARS," SHE SAID.

"THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, IN PARTICULAR, HAS BEEN DOING WELL IN ESTABLISHING GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE RESIDENTS TO PROMOTE VARIOUS COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS AND CIVIC EDUCATION.

"I SINCERELY HOPE THAT BOTH INDIGENOUS AND NEW RESIDENTS OF SHA TIN WILL CAST THEIR VOTES ON MARCH 10."

ELEVEN TEAMS PARTICIPATED IN THE CYCLING PARADE TODAY. THEY STARTED FROM THE CYCLE PARK IN TAI WAI AND RODE ALONG SHING MUN RIVER PASSING THROUGH ALL NINE CONSTITUENCIES OF THE DISTRICT.

TEAM MEMBERS, INCLUDING TVB ARTISTES, REPRESENTATIVES OF AREA COMMITTEES AND SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF, WERE CHEERED BY CYCLISTS AND SPECTATORS AS THEY APPEALED FOR VOTING ALONG THE WAY.

BEFORE THE PARADE, SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, AND TVB ARTISTES DISTRIBUTED SOUVENIRS SUCH AS CAPS, BOOKMARKS AND POSTERS TO CYCLISTS AND RESIDENTS WHO ATTENDED THE FUNCTION.

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BUS PARADE IN YMT TO PROMOTE ELECTIONS

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YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG WENT ON A DISTRICT TOUR TODAY (SATURDAY) AND DISTRIBUTED PAMPHLETS TO REMIND RESIDENTS TO CAST THEIR VOTES ON THURSDAY (MARCH 10).

THROUGH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, RESIDENTS CAN COMMUNICATE TO THE ADMINISTRATION THEIR VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT CONDITIONS AND MATTERS CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND BEAUTIFICATION, MR CHENG SAID.

ELECTORS SHOULD USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE A COMPETENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS AND WELFARE, HE ADDED.

DURING TODAY'S PARADE, 5,000 PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS AND 5,000 BALL-PENS BEARING A 'VOTE ON MARCH 10' MESSAGE WERE DISTRIBUTED AT THE STOPS AT NEW WORLD CENTRE, UC CENTENARY GARDEN, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, PARK LANE BOULEVARD AND ARTHUR STREET.

THE DISTRICT BOARD THEME SONG AND APPEAL MESSAGES WERE ALSO BROADCAST AT THE FIVE STOPS.

ON THE SAME DAY, A VIDEO WALL COMPRISING 16 MONITORS WAS ALSO SET UP IN THE NEW WORLD CENTRE TO BROADCAST UNTIL SUNDAY THE THEME SONG AND APPEAL MESSAGES CONCERNING THE ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY.

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PUBLICITY TEAM TOURS SOUTHERN TO PROMOTE DB ELECTIONS

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, AND STAFF OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL VISIT THE DISTRICT'S SEVEN CONSTITUENCIES TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO PROMOTE THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

MR LORD AND HIS PUBLICITY TEAM WILL RIDE IN A DOUBLE-DECKER OPEN TOP BUS DECORATED WITH ELECTION MESSAGES AND STOP AT BUSY AREAS TO URGE ELECTORS TO CAST THEIR VOTES ON MARCH 10.

"THE BUS TOUR WILL START WITH THE ABERDEEN CONSTITUENCY AT 9.30 AM," A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BUS WILL THEN VISIT THE OTHER CONSTITUENCIES IN TURN, NAMELY, TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN; WAH FU; POK FU LAM; AP LEI CHAU; WONG CHUK HANG; AND STANLEY, SHEK O AND BAYS.

THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH CHOIR WILL ASSIST IN THE PUBLICITY DRIVE BY PERFORMING THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION THEME SONG AT EACH STOP.

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WHILE THE DISTRICT OFFICER WILL APPEAL TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS, THE CANDIDATES WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO GREET ELECTORS AT THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCY.

PUBLICITY MATERIALS SUCH AS LEAFLETS, BOOKMARKS, RULERS AND CALENDER CARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON THE SPOT.

APART FROM THE BUS TOUR, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALSO LINED UP A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES TO PUBLICISE THE ELECTIONS.

THESE INCLUDE CANDIDATES' FORUMS, THE DISPLAY OF PUBLICITY BANNERS AND BUNTING THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF SOUVENIRS AT VARIOUS FUNCTIONS.

IN ADDITION, IT HAS PRODUCED 110,000 COPIES OF ELECTION SUPPLEMENT WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ALONG WITH THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER AND MAILED TO THE 79,900 REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS PUBLICITY DRIVE IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT TOMORROW (SUNDAY). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE BY 9.10 AM AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE, ABERDEEN.

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MR MARTIN LEE'S MOTION

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SAW MR MARTIN LEE THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING. THE REQUEST FOR THE MEETING WAS MADE BY MR LEE.

FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF THE POINTS PUT TO HIM BY MR LEE THE PRESIDENT CONFIRMED HIS DECISION THAT MR LEE'S MOTION FOR A DEBATE IN THE COUNCIL ON MARCH 9, 1988 WAS OUT OF ORDER.

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SEMINAR FOR TV HOME VIEWING GROUPS

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MEMBERS OF THE TELEVISION HOME VIEWING GROUPS FROM THE 19 DISTRICTS ATTENDED A SEMINAR AND SPRING RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, MR DARWIN CHEN, TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE EVENT WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TWO TELEVISION STATIONS.

IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, MR CHEN THANKED MEMBERS OF THE TV HOME VIEWING GROUPS FOR THEIR VALUABLE OPINIONS ON THE QUALITY OF TELEVISION BROADCAST OVER THE YEARS.

HE SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR WAS TO FOSTER A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG MEMBERS AND TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS RELATING TO THE QUALITY OF TELEVISION PROGRAMMES.

MR CHEN ALSO ISSUED LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE 19 DISTRICTS' TV HOME VIEWING GROUPS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR EFFORTS IN LIAISING WITH THEIR MEMBERS AND COLLECTING THEIR VIEWS ON TELEVISION BROADCAST.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY, MR ALLEN LEE, SAID AT THE SEMINAR THAT THE TV HOME VIEWING GROUP MEMBERS HAD CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARDS THE FORMULATION OF BROADCASTING POLICY, THE ASSESSMENT OF THE QUALITY OF TELEVISION BROADCAST AND THE SETTING OF APPROPRIATE REGULATORY STANDARDS BY THE AUTHORITY.

HE HOPED MEMBERS WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO THE TV HOME VIEWING GROUPS SCHEME.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TWO TELEVISION STATIONS ATTENDING THE SEMINAR WERE ALSO VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE VIEWS PUT FORWARD BY MEMBERS OF THE HOME VIEWING GROUPS.

DURING THE SEMINAR, GROUP MEMBERS EXCHANGED VIEWS AMONG THEMSELVES AS WELL AS WITH MEMBERS OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TELEVISION STATIONS.

THE TV HOME VIEWING GROUPS SCHEME WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1982. IT HELPS THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY AND THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE PUBLIC IN RESPECT OF TELEVISION PROGRAMMES AND ADVERTISING STANDARDS.

NINETEEN TV HOME VIEWING GROUPS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, ONE IN EACH OF THE 19 DISTRICTS, AND MEMBERS COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

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TWO REPRESENTATIVES ARE APPOINTED FROM EACH GROUP TO ASSIST IN LIAISING WITH GROUP MEMBERS AND TO REPORT THEIR VIEWS TO THE THREE REGIONAL ADVISORY PANELS OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CHAIRMEN OF THE THREE REGIONAL ADVISORY PANELS ARE MEMBERS OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR JANUARY PUBLISHED
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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW MORE SLOWLY IN JANUARY 1988 THAN IN DECEMBER 1987, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINED IN JANUARY COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

IN LINE WITH THE SLOWDOWN IN THE GROWTH OF HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS INCREASED LESS RAPIDLY IN JANUARY.

THE RATE OF INCREASE IN TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS ALSO DECELERATED CONSIDERABLY IN JANUARY.

LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG, WHICH PROVIDED AN IMPORTANT IMPETUS FOR GROWTH OF TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN EARLIER MONTHS, DECLINED SLIGHTLY IN JANUARY.

LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE ALSO DECLINED SLIGHTLY DURING THE MONTH WHILE OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW MODERATELY.

A TABLE SETTING OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR JANUARY 1988 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE AND BOXED.

DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 2.9 PER CENT IN JANUARY 1988, AFTER A FALL OF 0.7 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER AND AN INCREASE OF 6.4 PER CENT IN DECEMBER 1987.

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WITHIN THESE DEPOSITS, DEMAND DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 3.5 PER CENT AND 8.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE TIME DEPOSITS FELL BY 3.5 PER CENT. DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1988, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 28.1 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS DROPPED BY 3.1 PER CENT IN JANUARY 1988 FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 2.3 PER CENT AND 2.5 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1987 RESPECTIVELY.

AMONG THESE DEPOSITS, U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS FELL BY 6 PER CENT WHILE NON-U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS EDGED UP BY 0.7 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW BY 23.1 PER CENT.

CONTINUING THE TREND IN THE PREVIOUS TWO MONTHS, FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS DECREASED BY 25.1 PER CENT IN JANUARY.

WITH AN EASING OF THE MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF 1987 AND IN MOST OF JANUARY 1988, INTEREST YIELDS ON SWAP DEPOSITS FELL BELOW THE DEPOSIT RATES SET BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS, THUS DISCOURAGING NEW DEPOSITS OF THIS TYPE. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE BY 1.1 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND BY 20.8 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

ON THE OTHER HAND, FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, ADJUSTED TO EXCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS, DECLINED BY 1.9 PER CENT IN JANUARY. OVER THE YEAR, IT ROSE BY 29.7 PER CENT.

DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN JANUARY WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY 10.4 PER CENT. DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1988, THE FORMER INCREASED BY 28.4 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER DROPPED BY 2.1 PER CENT.

MONEY SUPPLY

CONSISTENT WITH THE SLOWDOWN IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS ROSE LESS RAPIDLY IN JANUARY 1988. HK\$M1, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 ROSE BY 3.2 PER CENT, 4.7 PER CENT AND 3.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING RATES OF 13.8 PER CENT, 8.2 PER CENT AND 6.5 PER CENT IN DECEMBER 1987.

DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1988, HK\$M1, M2 AND M3 GREW BY 31.4 PER CENT, 30.8 PER CENT AND 26.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF SWAP DEPOSITS, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 GREW BY 2.8 PER CENT AND 1.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN JANUARY 1988 AND BY 23.2 PER CENT AND 19.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE YEAR.

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TOTAL M1 AND TOTAL M2 GREW BY 4.2 PER CENT AND 0.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN JANUARY 1988, AFTER INCREASES OF 10.8 PER CENT AND 5.0 PER CENT IN DECEMBER 1987. HOWEVER, TOTAL M3 FELL BY 0.5 PER CENT, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 4.3 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1988, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 35.9 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 27.4 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 23.9 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW BY 0.3 PER CENT IN JANUARY.

THIS REPRESENTED A CONSIDERABLE SLOWDOWN WHEN SET AGAINST THE RESPECTIVE GROWTH RATES OF 4.6 PER CENT AND 4.9 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1987.

OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS, THOSE DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLAR EDGED UP BY 1.3 PER CENT WHILE THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES DROPPED BY 0.3 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG DROPPED BY 0.6 PER CENT IN JANUARY 1988, FOLLOWING STRONG INCREASES OF 11.8 PER CENT AND 8.3 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING TWO MONTHS; OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 87.7 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG DECLINED BY 0.1 PER CENT IN JANUARY AFTER INCREASES OF 1.0 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER AND 1.4 PER CENT IN DECEMBER; OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 20.4 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 1.3 PER CENT IN JANUARY, AFTER A DECLINE OF 0.2 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER AND A RISE OF 1.7 PER CENT IN DECEMBER; OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 28.4 PER CENT.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS, LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 154, 35 AND 232 RESPECTIVELY.

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MONETARY STATISTICS - JANUARY 1988

(HK\$bn)

	Jan 1988	Earlier months (% change to January 1987)		
		Dec 1987	Oct 1987	Jan 1987
Money Supply				
M1 - HK\$	76,189	73,826 (3.2 %)	66,279 (15.0 %)	57,967 (31.4 %)
Foreign currency	9,190	8,076 (13.8 %)	7,416 (23.9 %)	4,875 (88.5 %)
Total	85,379	81,902 (4.2 %)	73,694 (15.9 %)	62,842 (35.9 %)
M2 - HK\$	325,630	319,910 (4.7 %)	287,356 (13.3 %)	249,029 (30.8 %)
Foreign currency	356,252	366,132 (-2.7 %)	349,216 (2.0 %)	286,233 (24.5 %)
Total	681,881	677,042 (0.7 %)	636,571 (7.1 %)	535,262 (27.4 %)
M3 - HK\$	353,608	342,847 (3.1 %)	323,380 (9.3 %)	200,358 (26.1 %)
Foreign currency	385,716	400,506 (-3.7 %)	382,139 (0.9 %)	316,343 (21.9 %)
Total	739,324	743,353 (-0.5 %)	705,519 (4.8 %)	596,727 (23.9 %)
Notes and coins in circulation	30,748	28,766 (6.9 %)	26,342 (16.7 %)	29,254 (5.0 %)
of which held by public	25,422	24,764 (2.7 %)	23,021 (10.4 %)	25,367 (0.2 %)
Deposits				
Demand deposits	59,958	57,138 (4.9 %)	50,674 (18.3 %)	37,475 (60.0 %)
Savings deposits	195,781	181,109 (8.1 %)	146,069 (34.0 %)	130,241 (50.3 %)
Time deposits with banks	389,041	403,439 (-3.6 %)	407,337 (-4.5 %)	334,388 (16.3 %)
Time deposits with dtcs	55,454	61,924 (-10.4 %)	64,646 (-14.2 %)	56,658 (-2.1 %)
HK\$ deposits	318,402	309,543 (2.9 %)	292,880 (8.7 %)	248,477 (28.1 %)
US\$ deposits	209,208	222,603 (-6.0 %)	229,173 (-8.7 %)	202,978 (3.1 %)
Other foreign currency deposits	172,624	171,464 (0.7 %)	146,673 (17.7 %)	107,308 (60.9 %)
All deposits	700,234	703,609 (-0.5 %)	668,726 (4.7 %)	558,763 (25.3 %)
Foreign currency swap deposits	15,834	21,151 (-25.1 %)	34,912 (-54.6 %)	28,178 (-43.8 %)
Loans and advances				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	44,224	44,255 (-0.1 %)	43,230 (2.3 %)	36,717 (20.4 %)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	6,979	7,002 (-0.3 %)	6,721 (3.8 %)	4,408 (58.3 %)
Other loans for use in H.K.	357,264	352,685 (1.3 %)	347,481 (2.8 %)	278,341 (28.4 %)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	310,651	312,530 (-0.6 %)	258,153 (20.3 %)	165,510 (87.7 %)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	62,120	62,308 (-0.3 %)	54,020 (15.0 %)	32,213 (92.8 %)
Loans in HK\$	313,247	309,345 (1.3 %)	312,607 (0.2 %)	257,712 (21.5 %)
Loans in foreign currencies	467,989	469,436 (-0.3 %)	396,998 (17.9 %)	259,476 (80.4 %)
Total loans and advances	781,237	778,781 (0.3 %)	709,605 (10.1 %)	517,188 (51.1 %)

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GROWING DEMANDS ON POLICE IN NT

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THE DRAMATIC GROWTH NOW TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES IN TERMS OF POPULATION, TRAFFIC AND NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT IS HAPPENING AT A RATE NEVER BEFORE EXPERIENCED IN HONG KONG.

NEW TERRITORIES POPULATION, NOW TWO MILLION, IS EXPANDING AT THE RATE OF 100,000 PEOPLE A YEAR AND VAST BUILDING, TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENTS ALSO PRESENT GROWING NEEDS IN POLICING THE REGION.

"THIS SORT OF GROWTH HAS NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE IN SUCH A SHORT TIME," SAID THE POLICE NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL COMMANDER, MR RICHARD SMALLSHAW.

"IT IS PARALLEL TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHING NEW TOWNS AND PART AND PARCEL OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT THAT WITH IT GROWS THE NEED TO KEEP ON TOP OF LAW AND ORDER."

MR. SMALLSHAW SAID THAT LAST YEAR SAW A 10 PER CENT INCREASE IN CRIME IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE INCREASE IN CRIME IN THE REGION TOOK PLACE IN FOUR DISTRICTS WHERE DEVELOPMENT WAS AT ITS GREATEST - TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, SHATIN AND TSUEN WAN.

"I ANTICIPATE THAT WITH FUTURE INCREASES IN POPULATION WE ARE LIKELY TO SEE A FURTHER RISE IN CRIME. THAT IS WHY WE NEED TO INCREASE RESOURCES AND FACILITIES IN SUCH A BIG WAY OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS."

MR. SMALLSHAW SPOKE AGAINST A BACKDROP OF FORCE EXPANSION ALREADY IN PROGRESS IN TERMS OF BUILDINGS AND MANPOWER AND IN PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE.

HE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE NEEDS FOR THE FUTURE IN TERMS OF THE CONTINUING GROWTH OF NEW TERRITORIES TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.

"I WOULD SAY THAT 1997 ALREADY HAS A BEARING ON US, IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHENZHEN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HONG KONG-CHINA BORDER.

"THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE HAS A BIG IMPACT ON US IN TERMS OF CROSS BORDER TRAFFIC WHICH WE NOW SEE IN THE REGION OF 11,000 VEHICLES EACH WAY DAILY AND UP TO 100,000 PEOPLE A DAY GOING IN AND OUT OF CHINA."

DEVELOPMENTS NOW TAKING PLACE AND THOSE IN GESTATION WOULD TAKE THE POLICING OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WELL INTO THE 1990S, HE SAID.

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FIVE MAJOR PROJECTS ALREADY IN PROCESS OF BECOMING REALITY WERE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW TAI PO DISTRICT NOW OPERATIONAL; THE NEW SIU LEK YUEN DIVISION WITHIN SHATIN DISTRICT; THE NEW BORDER DIVISION HEADQUARTERS DUE TO OPEN THIS SUMMER; SHATAUKOK POLICE POST OPENED THIS MONTH; AND TSING YI ISLAND DIVISION, ALSO TO BECOME OPERATIONAL WITHIN THREE MONTHS.

FURTHER PLANS IN THE PIPELINE CULMINATED WITH THE DIVISION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES INTO NORTH AND SOUTH REGIONS FIVE YEARS HENCE.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE, MR. SMALLSHAW EXPLAINED: "SHATIN WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME A THREE DIVISION DISTRICT, COMPRISING SHATIN, TIN SUM AND SIU LEK YUEN."

THE NEW POLICE STATION AT TSING YI, TO BE ESTABLISHED AS A NEW DIVISION OF KWAI CHUNG, WOULD EVENTUALLY BE UPGRADED AS A DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS FOR THE FAST GROWING INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL ISLAND.

"IT'S A HUGE STATION BUILT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ENORMOUS DEVELOPMENT ON THE ISLAND, WHICH IS RAPIDLY INCREASING IN POPULATION BUT HAS NOT YET REACHED THE SCALE FOR ITS POLICE HEADQUARTERS TO OPEN AS A DISTRICT.

TO COMPENSATE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW TSING YI DIVISION, SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG, NOW PART OF KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT, WOULD TRANSFER TO TSUEN WAN AS LEI MUK SHUE, GIVING THE DISTRICTS TWO DIVISIONS EACH.

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT WOULD MOVE INTO A NEW HEADQUARTERS BEING CONSTRUCTED ADJACENT TO NEW TERRITORIES TRAFFIC HEADQUARTERS AND EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR OCCUPATION IN TWO YEARS.

MR. SMALLSHAW WENT ON: "THERE IS A LOT OF URGENCY IN GETTING TSUEN WAN POLICE STATION FINISHED BECAUSE THE PRESENT BUILDING IS FAR TOO SMALL AND PARTICULARLY BECAUSE ITS PRESENT SITE IS THE SITE OF THE NEW REGIONAL SOUTH HEADQUARTERS."

THE PROPOSED REGIONAL NORTH HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE AT TAI PO.

THE REGIONAL COMMANDER ADDED: "THE NEED TO INCREASE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS IS WITH US ALL THE TIME - WE DON'T OFTEN GET FIVE POLICE STATIONS OPENING AT ONCE.

"BUT IT RECOGNISES THE POPULATION GROWTH IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, NOW 100,000 A YEAR, AND WE HAVE TO INCREASE COMMENSURATE WITH THAT."

FURTHER EXPANSION WOULD TAKE PLACE IN POLICE TACTICAL UNIT, WHEN POLICE TOOK OVER RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE BORDER NOW UNDERTAKEN BY THE ARMY, AND A SECOND NEW TERRITORIES EMERGENCY UNIT WOULD ALSO BE MOUNTED.

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FOLLOWING THE NEW TAI PO AND TSING YI DISTRICTS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW MA ON SHAN DISTRICT AT THE END OF 1990 WILL SEE THE INCREASE FROM SEVEN TO NINE THE NUMBER OF POLICE DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDED A NEW TAI HING DIVISION IN TUEN MUN AND POSSIBLY LAI KING DIVISION IN KWAI CHUNG, TIN SHUI WAI DIVISION IN YUEN LONG AND TSUEN WAN CENTRAL DIVISION.

VITAL LINKS BETWEEN NEW TOWNS IN THE REGION WOULD COME WITH THE COMPLETION OF NEW ROADS WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY FORM A CONTINUOUS LINK FROM SAI KUNG IN THE EAST TO YUEN LONG IN THE WEST VIA THE NEW ROUTE FIVE.

"THE VAST MAJORITY OF VEHICLES AND PEOPLE PASSING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA GO ACROSS AT LOWU AND MANKAMTO, WHERE THERE IS HEAVY CONGESTION. TO EASE IT THE GOVERNMENT IS BUILDING A ROAD CROSSING AT LOKMACHAU WHICH SHOULD OPEN EARLY NEXT YEAR.

"IT WILL REQUIRE A HEAVY POLICE COMMITMENT. WE HAVE REACHED SATURATION POINT AT MANKAMTO AND THERE IS A DESPERATE NEED FOR THE NEW CROSSING.

"THE NEW TERRITORIES SEGREGATED ROAD NETWORK WILL REQUIRE SPECIAL EXPERTISE."

TURNING TO THE CRIME PROBLEM, MR. SMALLSHAW SAID: "ALTHOUGH WE STILL HAVE 700 VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THEY ARE NOT THE PLACES WHICH GIVE US THE GREATEST HEADACHE.

"ONE OF OUR PROBLEMS IS THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ARE NEW TO THE AREA IN THE NEW TOWNS AND IT TAKES TIME TO BUILD UP THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT TO GOOD POLICING.

"WE ARE HELPED TO A LARGE EXTENT BY THE DESIGN OF THE NEW TOWNS BEING MUCH BETTER, WITH RECREATION AND OTHER FACILITIES BUILT INTO THEM TO ALLOW AN OUTLET FOR THE PEOPLE - BUT THEY STILL NEED TO BE POLICED AND THE POPULATION INCREASES CONSIDERABLY AT WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS WITH VISITORS COMING FROM KOWLOON AND THE HONG KONG ISLAND."

ALSO RELEVANT TO POLICING THE REGION WAS THAT MANY PEOPLE HAD KEPT THEIR JOBS IN TOWN AND THERE WERE INSUFFICIENT SCHOOLS IN THE REGION. THE RESULT WAS HEAVY COMMUTING BY ADULTS AND CHILDREN. MANY CHILDREN HAD BOTH PARENTS WORKING.

"WE HAVE A SERIOUS JUVENILE CRIME PROBLEM. THIRTY-SEVEN PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S CHILDREN LIVE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, YET WE HAVE 49 PER CENT OF JUVENILE CRIME.

"THE NEW TERRITORIES IS WHERE IT'S ALL HAPPENING IN HONG KONG TODAY. KEEPING PACE WITH THE EXPANSION IS DIFFICULT - BUT WE ARE KEEPING OUR HEADS ABOVE WATER."

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DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION MEETS HEAD OF PHILIPPINE
OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION

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THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER, AND THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK, TODAY (SATURDAY) MET THE HEAD OF THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION, MR TOMAS ACHACOSO.

ALSO PRESENT WERE THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF POEA, MRS LUZVIMINDA PADILLA, AND THE LABOUR ATTACHE OF THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE, MR DANTE SANTANA.

MR CARTER AND MR KWOK BRIEFED MR ACHACOSO ON THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF DOMESTIC HELPERS FROM OVERSEAS.

THEY EXPLAINED TO MR ACHACOSO THE MECHANISMS FOR THE PROTECTION OF DOMESTIC HELPERS FROM OVERSEAS AND FOR SAFEGUARDING THEIR WELFARE UNDER HONG KONG'S LAWS.

IT WAS AGREED THAT MEETINGS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE PHILIPPINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE HONG KONG LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS SHOULD BE HELD FROM TIME TO TIME TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

THEY SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING OUT IN WRITTEN FORM THE SAFEGUARDS FOR FOREIGN DOMESTIC HELPERS.

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MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS MAY BE TRAINED FOR EMPLOYMENT

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RECENT EXPERIENCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES CONFIRMS THE BELIEF THAT MANY SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS MAY BE TRAINED, NOT ONLY IN SELF-CARE AND DAILY LIVING SKILLS, BUT EVEN TO COPE WITH SIMPLE REMUNERATIVE EMPLOYMENT.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, MADE THIS REMARK TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ROUND TABLE NO. 3 DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE RUN BY ST. JAMES SETTLEMENT IN WAN CHAI.

THOUGH THE TRAINEES' PROGRESS MIGHT BE VERY SLOW, AND WAS MEASURED IN SMALL STEPS, THESE STEPS WERE STILL ACHIEVEMENTS AND SHOULD BE SEEN AS SUCH, HE SAID.

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HE SAID THAT DAY ACTIVITY CENTRES OF THIS KIND SERVED TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS WHO WERE UNABLE TO BENEFIT FROM VOCATIONAL TRAINING OR FROM SHELTERED OR OPEN EMPLOYMENT.

THE SERVICES AIMED TO ASSIST MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE WHO LIVE AT HOME TO LEAD AS NORMAL LIVES AS POSSIBLE, TO HELP THEM TO BECOME MORE USEFUL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY DESPITE THEIR DISABILITY, TO KNOW HOW TO LIVE A MORE MEANINGFUL AND ENJOYABLE LIFE AND ALSO TO BE LESS OF A BURDEN TO THEIR FAMILIES.

"WITH THESE OBJECTIVES IN MIND, NEW MEMBERS' DAILY LIVING SKILLS AND PSYCHOSOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ARE FIRST ASSESSED AND INDIVIDUALISED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES ARE THEN DESIGNED FOR EACH TRAINEE ACCORDING TO HIS OR HER ABILITY," MR CHAMBERS SAID.

THESE TRAINING PROGRAMMES COVERED A WIDE VARIETY OF SKILLS IN DAILY LIVING, SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP AS WELL AS READING, WRITING AND CULTIVATING HOBBIES.

SIMPLE WORK AND OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING WERE ALSO PROVIDED TO HELP TRAINEES ACQUIRE JOB SKILLS AND GOOD WORK HABITS.

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NORTH DISTRICT ORGANISATION PRAISED FOR PROMOTING ARTS

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AN ORGANISATION THAT HAVE BEEN PLAYING A VITAL ROLE IN PROMOTING ART AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL WAS PRAISED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CHINESE PAINTING, CALLIGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION (NDAAA) AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG SAID THE NDAAA WAS ACTIVE IN FOSTERING RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN VARIOUS FORMS OF ART.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1980, THE ASSOCIATION HAD SET UP FIVE COMMITTEES ON MUSIC, DANCE, DRAMA, CULTURE AND HORTICULTURE, OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF TRAINING COURSES, HE ADDED.

WORKS BY TUTORS AND STUDENTS OF A CHINESE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY TRAINING CLASS ORGANISED BY THE CULTURE COMMITTEE ARE NOW DISPLAYED AT THE EXHIBITION WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD. ALSO ON DISPLAY ARE WORKS OF LOCAL ARTISTS.

MR CHEUNG NOTED THAT THE PROMOTION OF ART AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WAS ONLY PART OF COMMUNITY BUILDING, WHICH DEPENDED ON RESIDENTS' ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.

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HE SAID THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN IMPROVING RESIDENTS' LIVELIHOOD AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT.

HE THEREFORE REITERATED HIS CALL THAT REGISTERED ELECTORS SHOULD VOTE ON MARCH 10 TO CHOOSE CANDIDATES WHOM THEY THOUGHT COULD REPRESENT THEM ON THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR RAYMOND PANG.

THE EXHIBITION HELD AT THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL IN SHEUNG SHUI IS OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM UNTIL MONDAY (MARCH 7). ADMISSION IS FREE.

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MANUAL OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES PUBLISHED
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THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS COMPILED A MANUAL OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR PRINCIPAL JOBS AT TECHNOLOGIST LEVEL IN THE INDUSTRY.

THE MANUAL CONTAINS TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR 12 PRINCIPAL TECHNOLOGIST JOBS IN THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY SUCH AS ARCHITECT, CIVIL ENGINEER, LAND SURVEYOR AND TOWN PLANNER.

PROGRAMMES LISTED IN THE MANUAL ARE MEANT TO BE USED AS GUIDELINES BY EMPLOYERS IN DRAWING UP DETAILED TRAINING PLANS FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

"IN THE COURSE OF PREPARING THE PROGRAMMES, THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS COMMENTS AND ADVICE FROM RELEVANT GOVERNMENT OFFICES HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION," THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, MR JOHN LOK, SAID.

"THE TRAINING BOARD RECOMMENDED THAT A TRAINEE SHOULD RECEIVE ADEQUATE TRAINING IN MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED IN THE PROGRAMMES.

"IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT ALL TRAINEES SHOULD BE SUPERVISED BY COMPETENT PERSONNEL AND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED THROUGHOUT THE TRAINING PERIOD," HE ADDED.

THE MANUAL, ENTITLED "TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR THE PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY - VOLUME ONE: TECHNOLOGIST JOBS", IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT \$11.50 A COPY.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT REQUEST

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS FOR IMPROVING THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT AT SAN TSING STREET AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY (MARCH 7).

A GROUP OF RESIDENTS HAVE REQUESTED THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED TO WIDEN AND IMPROVE THE PAVEMENT OF SAN TSING STREET AND SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF DRAIN BLOCKAGE.

OTHER MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE AN APPLICATION FOR DB FUNDS FROM THE CLEAN TUEN MUN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, PROGRESS OF LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS, AND THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE ON MONDAY (MARCH 7) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN. THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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SYMPOSIUM ON ELDERLY IN SOUTHERN

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A SYMPOSIUM ON HIP FRACTURES IN THE ELDERLY AND CARE FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE GRANTHAM HOSPITAL IN WONG CHUK HANG.

SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE FUNCTION IS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM. OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 9.30 AM WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG; DEAN OF THE MEDICAL FACULTY, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR J.C.Y. LEONG; AND MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF GRANTHAM HOSPITAL, DR K.L. TAM.

SCHOLARS AND PROFESSIONALS IN THE MEDICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES SECTORS WILL GIVE TALKS ON EIGHT TOPICS COVERING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ELDERLY HIP FRACTURES AND CARE FOR THE ELDERLY.

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MEANWHILE, A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD FROM 11 AM TO 2 PM, IN THE HOSPITAL GROUNDS, OFFERING GAMES AND BLOOD PRESSURE MEASUREMENT SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SYMPOSIUM AND THE CARNIVAL.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR KOWLOON STATION IMPROVEMENT WORKS

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT THE KCR KOWLOON STATION.

THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT INVOLVES THE LAYING OF ABOUT 500 METRES OF WATER PIPES, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUS REGULATOR OFFICE AND THE RELOCATION OF A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

THE PROJECT FOLLOWS WORKS ON THE EXTENSION OF THE PODIUM WHICH INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUS TERMINUS AND COACH PARK. THESE WORKS ARE DUE TO BE COMPLETED SOON.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT WORK ON THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WILL START IN MAY AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 25.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON NGAU TAU KOK ROAD

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THE EXISTING 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON NGAU TAU KOK ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE MOVED EASTWARDS FOR ABOUT 40 METRES FROM 11 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 8).

THE NEW RESTRICTION WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE SECTION OF NGAU TAU KOK ROAD EASTBOUND FROM A POINT ABOUT 110 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KWUN TONG ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 220 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY.

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WATER CUT IN EAST KOWLOON, WONG TAI SIN

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF ON TUESDAY (MARCH 8) FROM 9.30 AM TO 8 PM FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT KWUN TONG, NGAU TAU KOK, KOWLOON BAY, NGAU CHI WAN, SAU MAU PING, SHUN CHI COURT, AND SHUN LEE TSUEN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

ALSO AFFECTED WILL BE A NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES - NGAU TAU KOK, JORDAN VALLEY, SHUN LEE, SHUN TIN, SHUN ON, WO LOK, LAM TIN, KWUN TONG (LEI YUE MUN ROAD), CHOI WAN AND SAU MAU PING ESTATES.

MEANWHILE, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 9) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED WILL BE TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD, WAN WAH STREET, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, YUK WAH STREET, YUK WAH CRESCENT, PO MING LANE, PO WAI LANE, PO TIN LANE, PO HANG LANE, PO YING LANE, PO KING LANE, PO FONG LANE, KOON WAH LANE, FONG WAH LANE AND TSZ WAH LANE.

ALL BLOCKS OF TSZ MAN ESTATE, AND ON YAN HOUSE, ON KEI HOUSE, ON YEE HOUSE AND ON KA HOUSE OF TSZ ON ESTATE WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN WAN CHAI, YAU MA TEI

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR ROAD CLOSURES IN WAN CHAI AND YAU MA TEI ON TUESDAY (MARCH 8).

IN WAN CHAI, A SECTION OF HARBOUR ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH FENWICK STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM ON TUESDAY FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

AT THE SAME TIME, HARBOUR ROAD BETWEEN FLEMING ROAD AND FENWICK STREET WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A CUL-DE-SAC. VEHICLES ON FENWICK PIER STREET EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LUNG KING STREET, FENWICK PIER STREET WESTBOUND TO GLOUCESTER ROAD.

IN YAU MA TEI, THE SECTION OF YUNNAN LANE BETWEEN SHEK LUNG STREET AND MAN MING LANE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY.

THE MEASURE, WHICH WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT 10 WEEKS, IS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

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