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GOVERNOR TO VISIT PEKING AND TIANJIN

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR WILL VISIT PEKING AND TIANJIN FROM JANUARY 21 TO 25.

HE WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS IN PEKING ON A RANGE OF CURRENT ISSUES WITH SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS DEALING WITH HONG KONG AFFAIRS.

IN TIANJIN, HE WILL MEET SENIOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND BE BRIEFED ON TIANJIN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

THE GOVERNOR WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT BY LADY WILSON, THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR WILLIAM EHRMAN, AND HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR RICHARD HOARE.

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FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS

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THE TOTAL COST FOR THE KEY PROJECTS NECESSARY TO OPEN THE FIRST RUNWAY OF CHEK LAP KOK AIRPORT IN 1997 IS ESTIMATED TO BE OF THE ORDER OF \$79 BILLION AT 1990 PRICES, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

SOME OF THE PROJECTS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION AND EXPRESSWAY, AND THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, ARE REQUIRED EVEN WITHOUT THE AIRPORT.

A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE MET BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THE COSTS WILL ALSO BE OFFSET BY CONSIDERABLE REVENUE ARISING FROM THE AIRPORT PROJECTS. THIS INCLUDES POTENTIAL REVENUE, AT 1990 PRICES, OF NEARLY \$40 BILLION FROM LAND SALES AT EAST KOWLOON UPON THE CLOSURE OF KAI TAK AIRPORT, SALES OF LAND FORMED BY RECLAMATION AT WEST KOWLOON AND NORTH LANTAU ALONG THE APPROACHES TO THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT.

DETAILS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL APPROACH WERE MADE KNOWN TODAY TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGCO AD HOC GROUP ON PADS.

"WHEN COMPLETED, THE INVESTMENT IN THE AIRPORT AND RELATED FACILITIES WILL BRING TO HONG KONG LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL BENEFITS FAR GREATER THAN THE COST OF THE INVESTMENT, AND THESE BENEFITS WILL BE ENJOYED WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE NEW FIGURE OF \$79 BILLION AT 1990 PRICES, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT WHEN THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED AT THE OPENING OF THE 1989-90 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION THE DECISION TO PROCEED WITH THE AIRPORT, IT WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF A BROAD STRATEGY FOR BOTH PORT AND AIRPORT EXPANSION GOING WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

THE TOTAL COST OF THESE PROJECTS, INCLUDING THOSE TO BE FINANCED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WAS THEN ESTIMATED AT SOME \$127 BILLION AT 1989 PRICES OVER THE PERIOD UP TO 2006.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOW REFINED A LIST OF THOSE PROJECTS WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE PRIMARY AIM OF HAVING THE FIRST RUNWAY OF THE NEW AIRPORT OPEN IN 1997. THESE ARE THE AIRPORT ITSELF, THE BRIDGES, THE TRANSPORTATION LINKS AND ASSOCIATED RECLAMATION.

THE ESTIMATED ORDER OF COSTS OF THESE KEY AIRPORT PROJECTS IS AS FOLLOWS :

PROJECT -----	ORDER OF COST ----- (\$ MILLION AT 1990 PRICES IN PERIOD TO 1997)
WESTERN KOWLOON RECLAMATION	9,500
WESTERN KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY	2,500
WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING	4,000
ROUTE 3 (SECTION LINKING TSING YI, KWAI CHUNG AND WEST KOWLOON)	5,000
CHEK LAP KOK AIRPORT	38,000
NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY (INCLUDING RAIL RESERVE)	5,000
TUNG CHUNG DEVELOPMENT PHASE I	3,000
CROSSING BETWEEN LANTAU AND TSING YI	
- TWO BRIDGES	7,000
- RAIL PORTION OF BRIDGES & ROUTE 3 INTERCHANGE	3,000
UTILITIES & OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	2,000
	----- 79,000 -----

(THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE, AS MOST OF THE PROJECTS ARE CURRENTLY AT THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN STAGE. ALSO THE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE ALLOWANCE FOR CONTINGENCIES. THE AIRPORT RAILWAY HAS ALSO BEEN EXCLUDED. A STUDY OF THE RAILWAY IS CURRENTLY IN HAND, WHICH WILL REVIEW THE SCOPE AND TARGET COMMISSIONING DATE OF THE PROJECT).

IN ITS FINANCIAL STRATEGY FOR THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTS CONSIDERABLE REVENUE FROM THE AIRPORT PROJECTS.

DIRECT REVENUE GOING TO THE GOVERNMENT WILL INCLUDE REVENUE FROM THE LANTAU BRIDGE, TOLLS AND/OR FROM SALE OF THE FRANCHISE, AS WELL AS TOLLS FROM OTHER ROADS SUCH AS ROUTE 3. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE POTENTIAL REVENUE FROM LAND SALES.

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ASIDE FROM THIS AMOUNT, SOME REVENUE WILL EVENTUALLY GO TO THE GOVERNMENT INDIRECTLY IN THE FORM OF DIVIDEND AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT AS THE SHAREHOLDER OF THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND THE AIRPORT RAILWAY, AS THEIR REVENUES REACH A LEVEL WHICH ENABLES THEM TO MORE THAN SERVICE THEIR DEBT.

"WITH CAREFUL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, THE MAJOR SPENDING ON THE KEY AIRPORT PROJECTS CAN BE MANAGED WHILST STILL KEEPING GROWTH OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE TO A REASONABLE LEVEL AND KEEPING HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL POSITION HEALTHY THROUGH 1997 AND BEYOND," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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GOVT LAND SOLD FOR \$610M
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FOUR LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL OF \$610 MILLION AT A PUBLIC AUCTION THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

A LOT AT AREA 6, MA WO, TAI PO WAS BOUGHT BY MERRY MILES LTD FOR \$197 MILLION. BIDDING OPENED AT \$100 MILLION.

THE LOT, WHICH MEASURES 9,820 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 14,140 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1994.

THE SECOND LOT, WITH AN AREA OF 5,194 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT LAM WAH STREET, KOWLOON BAY. IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$180 MILLION AND THE LAND WAS BOUGHT BY SHIN CHAK DEVELOPMENT LTD FOR \$184 MILLION.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 31,800 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1994.

THE THIRD LOT, AT THE JUNCTION OF SUN YIP STREET AND ON YIP STREET, CHAI WAN, IS ALSO FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$80 MILLION AND THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY KENEVA COMPANY LTD FOR \$104 MILLION.

THE LOT COVERS AN AREA OF 2,383 SQUARE METRES AND THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA NOT OF LESS THAN 21,447 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1994.

THE FOURTH LOT, FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, IS LOCATED AT ON PING STREET, SHA TIN. IT MEASURES 4,724 SQUARE METRES.

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THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY PITALIGHT COMPANY LTD AT THE OPENING PRICE OF \$125 MILLION.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 26,930 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1994.

MR ROGER HARDING, THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT WHO CONDUCTED THE AUCTION, SAID HE WAS "SATISFIED" WITH THE RESULTS.

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FS VISITS CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, VISITED THE CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY AT MERCER STREET, SHEUNG WAN THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

DURING HIS VISIT, SIR PIERS TOURED THE TRADING HALL AND THE ASSAYER'S ROOM. HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY, MR ZEE KWOH-HUNG, ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN GOLD TRADING.

SIR PIERS WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY MAINTAIN ACTIVE DAILY TRADING IN GOLD AND SILVER AND THE SOCIETY IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT MONEY LAUNDERING ACTIVITIES.

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SHA CALLS FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING CALLED ON RESIDENTS OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS SO AS TO CREATE A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

MR TSAO MADE THE APPEAL AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1990-91 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM.

HE NOTED THAT THE DISTRICT HAD REGISTERED MORE THAN 19,000 NEW VOTERS, REPRESENTING AN EIGHT PER CENT INCREASE, IN THE RECENT VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

MR TSAO POINTED OUT THAT ENROLLING AS AN ELECTOR WAS JUST THE FIRST STEP IN EXERCISING A PERSON'S CIVIC RIGHTS AND CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN THE THREE-TIER ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR.

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NOTING THAT SHAM SHUI PO HAD BECOME ONE OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CENTRES IN THE TERRITORY, MR TSAO SAID THIS WAS THE RESULT OF JOINT EFFORTS BY LOCAL RESIDENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT IN COMMUNITY BUILDING.

HE SAID THE THEME OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WAS TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO VOTE IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS, AND IN ORDER TO PUT ACROSS THIS MESSAGE, THE FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE HAD INVITED 46 SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS TO HOLD A TOTAL OF 61 EVENTS DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD.

"AND MORE THAN 60,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART," HE ADDED.

MR TSAO ALSO PRAISED LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR SPONSORING THE FESTIVAL.

"THEIR ENTHUSIASM AS WELL AS THEIR EFFORTS WILL CERTAINLY HELP IN THE PROMOTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION," HE SAID.

THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WITH A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, WILL RUN UNTIL JANUARY 13.

ABOUT 8,000 RESIDENTS ATTENDED THIS EVENING'S OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW WHICH INCLUDED PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND BANDS, THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ARTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS, AND A DRAMA ON THE SUBJECT OF ELECTIONS.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN; SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; AND THE FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU MUN.

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INAUGURAL MEETING OF HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

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THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY HELD ITS INAUGURAL PLENARY MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE AUTHORITY'S OFFICES IN THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE.

THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY SIR S.Y. CHUNG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY, WHO REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE TREMENDOUS TASKS AHEAD.

THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WILL BE ONE OF HONG KONG'S LARGEST PUBLIC ORGANISATIONS, SECOND ONLY TO THE GOVERNMENT IN THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES - AT PRESENT THERE ARE SOME 34,000 STAFF IN THE GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS.

AFTER BEING TAKEN OVER BY THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY IN ABOUT SIX TO NINE MONTHS' TIME, THE GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS WILL BE FULLY INTEGRATED UNDER THE AUTHORITY AND WILL BE KNOWN AS PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

ALL PUBLIC HOSPITALS WILL HAVE THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT FOR THEIR STAFF AND WILL AIM TO HAVE THE SAME MEDICAL AND SERVICE STANDARDS.

THE AUTHORITY DEALT WITH A NUMBER OF URGENT AND IMPORTANT ITEMS OF BUSINESS AT ITS FIRST MEETING. ONE OF THE MAJOR DECISIONS TAKEN WAS TO RATIFY THE OVERALL STRUCTURE OF THE AUTHORITY RECOMMENDED IN THE PHA REPORT, WHICH WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE AUTHORITY WILL FUNCTION THROUGH A COMMITTEE SYSTEM AND A TOTAL OF EIGHT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES ARE BEING ESTABLISHED AND WILL FUNCTION SHORTLY; THESE WILL DEAL WITH MEDICAL SERVICES DEVELOPMENT, SUPPORTING SERVICES DEVELOPMENT, STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT, PERSONNEL, PATIENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS, FINANCE, TEACHING HOSPITALS AND INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC HOSPITAL SERVICES.

"THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES WILL INCLUDE BOTH MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS FROM OUTSIDE, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INPUT FROM OPERATIONAL OR OTHER EXPERIENCE," SIR S.Y. SAID.

AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF THE CHAIRMEN AND WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES, HAS BEEN SET UP TO CO-ORDINATE THE WORK OF THESE COMMITTEES AND TO DEAL WITH MATTERS WHICH ARISE BETWEEN PLENARY MEETINGS OF THE AUTHORITY.

IT HAS ALREADY HELD ITS FIRST MEETING THIS AFTERNOON AFTER THE PLENARY SESSION. THE FUNCTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT AS THE AUTHORITY WILL OPERATE WITHOUT A CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN ITS INITIAL YEARS.

THE AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS WILL HAVE A TRIPARTITE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE COMPRISING OPERATIONS, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS FUNCTIONS.

THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE THREE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS HEADING THESE THREE FUNCTIONS WERE ALSO RATIFIED AT THE MEETING - DR E.K. YEOH AS THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, MR S.M. PANG AS CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AND MR JOHN CHAMBERS AS SECRETARY GENERAL.

"RECRUITMENT OF THE 15 DEPUTIES TO THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS IS PROGRESSING WELL AND THE AUTHORITY HAS APPROVED THE OFFER OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE MAJORITY OF CANDIDATES," SIR S.Y. SAID.

SOME OF THE RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES ARE SERVING SENIOR STAFF OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHEREAS OTHERS ARE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, BOTH LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS.

AT THE MEETING, THE AUTHORITY ALSO RATIFIED THE PHA RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC HOSPITAL SERVICES.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY THE FORMER SUBVENTED HOSPITALS WILL BE ABLE TO RETAIN AS MUCH OF THEIR PRESENT CHARACTERISTICS AND TRADITIONS AS POSSIBLE AND WILL BE ACCORDED A HIGH DEGREE OF MANAGEMENT AUTONOMY.

TO FAMILIARISE MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY WITH THE WORKING CONDITIONS AND RANGE OF SERVICES PROVIDED IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS, A PROGRAMME OF WEEKLY VISITS IS TO BE ARRANGED FOR AUTHORITY MEMBERS.

ALL THE PUBLIC HOSPITALS WILL BE VISITED DURING THE NEXT FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE TAKE-OVER.

"THE VISITS WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HOSPITAL STAFF TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND CONCERNS ABOUT THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT REFORMS DIRECT TO AUTHORITY MEMBERS, AND FOR AUTHORITY MEMBERS TO EXPLAIN THE MISSION, PHILOSOPHY AND WORK PLAN OF THE AUTHORITY TO HOSPITAL STAFF," SIR S.Y. SAID. THE FIRST VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 10, 1991.

THE NEXT PLENARY MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY WILL BE HELD IN FOUR WEEKS' TIME.

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PETITION FOR WINDING-UP OF GRAND UNION INSURANCE COMPANY LTD

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THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY HAS TODAY (TUESDAY) PRESENTED A PETITION TO THE HIGH COURT FOR THE WINDING-UP OF GRAND UNION INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED ("THE COMPANY").

THE DATE FOR THE HEARING OF THE PETITION HAS BEEN FIXED AT JANUARY 21, 1991.

THE COURT HAS IN THE MEANTIME APPOINTED THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER TO BE THE PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR OF THE COMPANY.

THE COMPANY WAS INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG IN FEBRUARY 1966. HOWEVER, IT HAD BEEN REQUIRED BY THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY TO STOP WRITING DIRECT INSURANCE BUSINESS AS FROM JANUARY 14, 1989, AND SUBSEQUENTLY, ON AUGUST 8, 1989, TO CEASE WRITING ALL INSURANCE BUSINESS AND TO ENGAGE IN A RUN-OFF OF ITS OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES.

THE COMPANY WAS MAINLY ENGAGED IN WRITING OVERSEAS REINSURANCE BUSINESS, ALTHOUGH A SMALL VOLUME OF DIRECT BUSINESS HAD BEEN WRITTEN IN HONG KONG. THERE ARE NO CURRENT POLICIES IN FORCE.

THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE STATED THAT THE ACTION AGAINST THE COMPANY WAS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE COMPANY'S INSURANCE CREDITORS.

THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY WAS NOT SATISFIED THAT THE COMPANY WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE ITS RUN-OFF OF OUTSTANDING CLAIMS IN AN ORDERLY MANNER.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE WINDING-UP OF THE COMPANY WERE IN THE MAIN THAT IT WAS UNABLE TO PAY ITS DEBTS WHEN DUE, THAT IT HAD NOT KEPT PROPER BOOKS OF ACCOUNT, AND THAT IT WAS EXPEDIENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT IT SHOULD BE WOUND UP.

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INDUSTRIALISTS URGED TO INSTALL WATER PRE-TREATMENT FACILITIES

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OWNERS OF POLLUTION-CAUSING FACTORIES IN TSUEN WAN WERE URGED TO INSTALL WATER PRE-TREATMENT FACILITIES, AS THE DISTRICT IS TO BE DECLARED A WATER CONTROL ZONE IN 1992/93, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND YOUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR YOUNG SAID IN ORDER TO ALLOW LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WATER PRE-TREATMENT SYSTEMS, VISITS HAD BEEN ARRANGED BY THE TSUEN WAN INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM TO THE CENTRE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY FOR INDUSTRY (CETI) AT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION ON INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

"THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING AS SOME FACTORY OWNERS HAVE ALREADY COMMISSIONED CONSULTANTS OR AUTHORISED PERSONS TO DESIGN ANTI-POLLUTION SYSTEMS TO SUIT THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS," MR YOUNG SAID.

"AND IT IS HOPED THAT WITH THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRIALISTS, AN OVERALL IMPROVEMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED," HE ADDED.

THE EVENT, ATTENDED BY ABOUT 100 FACTORY OPERATORS, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDED THE MANAGER OF CETI, MR PETER LIU, WHO EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE VARIOUS COST-EFFECTIVE AND SPACE-SAVING METHODS TO CONTROL INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION.

ALSO ATTENDING THE SEMINAR WERE THE SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, DR ELLEN CHAN; THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR CHAN CHI-MIN; AND THE BUILDING SURVEYOR OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, MR DAVY YUEN.

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPT ON THE MOVE

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THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 15) FROM ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO THE OCEAN CENTRE IN CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH ITS TRADE MARKS AND PATENTS REGISTRIES, WILL OCCUPY OFFICES ON THE 15TH FLOOR OF THE CURVED BLOCK.

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THE PRESENT REGISTRIES WILL OFFICIALLY CLOSE FOR BUSINESS FROM 12.30 PM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 14). BUT IT WILL REMAIN OPEN TO RECEIVE TRADE MARK APPLICATIONS CLAIMING CONVENTION PRIORITY; NOTICES OF OPPOSITION TO ADVERTISED TRADE MARK APPLICATIONS, ANY DOCUMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FILED IN CONNECTION WITH OPPOSITION PROCEEDINGS OR RECTIFICATION PROCEEDINGS WHICH HAVE ALREADY COMMENCED; PATENT APPLICATIONS FILED WITHIN FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF GRANT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR FROM ITS TAKING EFFECT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM; AND COPIES OF DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE COURT RELATING TO TRADE MARK RECTIFICATION AND APPEAL PROCEEDINGS.

THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT AND ITS REGISTRIES WILL RESUME FULL SERVICES AT THE NEW OFFICES FROM NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 17).

THE NEW ENQUIRY NUMBER FOR THE DEPARTMENT IS 737 2622.

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CENSUS EXHIBITION STARTS TOMORROW

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A SERIES OF MOBILE EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED IN MAJOR SHOPPING ARCADES AND MTR STATIONS FROM MID DECEMBER TO EARLY MARCH NEXT YEAR TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE FORTHCOMING 1991 POPULATION CENSUS AND TO CALL FOR THEIR COOPERATION.

THE FIRST IN THE SERIES WILL COMMENCE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE MONG KOK MTR STATION.

ORGANISED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND DESIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE EXHIBITION FEATURES THROUGH ATTRACTIVE PHOTOGRAPHS AND DESIGN USEFUL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE 1991 POPULATION CENSUS.

APART FROM SETTING OUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT, IT ELUCIDATES THE ENUMERATION METHODS TO BE USED IN THE CENSUS AND HOW THE DATA COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

"THE SELF-ENUMERATION METHOD, IN PARTICULAR, IS THE FIRST TIME TO BE USED IN HONG KONG," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SIX OUT OF SEVEN HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE ENUMERATED THIS WAY WHILE THE OTHER ONE-SEVENTH HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE ENUMERATED BY THE TRADITIONAL INTERVIEWING METHOD.

"WE THEREFORE HOPE THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC CAN GAIN A FAIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE METHODS THROUGH VISITING THE EXHIBITIONS," HE ADDED.

THE MOBILE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN PROMINENT LOCATIONS SUCH AS SHOPPING ARCADES OF POPULATED TOWN AREAS AND MTR STATIONS WHERE THE MESSAGE CAN BE EFFECTIVELY CONVEYED TO THE LARGEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION IN THE MONG KOK MTR STATION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 11.30 AM TO 7.30 PM DAILY EXCEPT DECEMBER 14 (WHICH CLOSES AT 4 PM). AFTER THAT, THE EXHIBITS WILL BE MOVED TO KWUN TONG MTR STATION ON DECEMBER 28.

THE 1991 POPULATION CENSUS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN MARCH 15 AND 24 IN 1991.

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FARMERS' FESTIVAL TIES IN WITH OPEN DAY
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HONG KONG'S SECOND FARMERS' FESTIVAL WILL BE LAUNCHED THIS FRIDAY (DECEMBER 14) AT THE TAI LUNG FARM OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD).

TO TIE IN WITH THE FESTIVAL, THE TAI LUNG FARM AT LIN TONG MEI, SHEUNG SHUI, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM FRIDAY AFTERNOON TO SUNDAY (DECEMBER 14 TO 16). THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE TAI LUNG FARM IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

"THE FARMERS' FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY AFD AND THE JOINT FEDERATION OF THE HONG KONG AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND MARKETING SOCIETIES TO PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP AMONGST FARMERS," THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (AGRICULTURE) OF THE DEPARTMENT, MISS VERA SO, SAID.

"IT ALSO PROVIDES FARMERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE AND TECHNIQUES."

OFFICIATING AT THE FESTIVAL'S LAUNCHING CEREMONY WILL BE THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, AND THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU.

ACCORDING TO MISS SO, THE TAI LUNG FARM OPEN DAY WILL FEATURE DISPLAYS ON HONG KONG'S AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS THE LATEST FARMING TECHNIQUES.

THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS ON MODERN CHICKEN FARMING, EXOTIC VEGETABLE CROPS, THE PIG-ON-LITTER METHOD AND THE USE OF SPENT SAWDUST AS SOIL CONDITIONER.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO VISITORS WILL INCLUDE:

- A ROSE GARDEN WHERE OVER 40 SPECIES, INCLUDING SOME VERY RARE ONES, OF ROSES ARE CULTIVATED;
- AN INSECT MUSEUM PLUS A DISPLAY ON INSECT TRAPS;
- AN ORCHARD WITH ITS RICH COLLECTION OF FRUIT TREES PLUS DEMONSTRATIONS ON GRAFTING TECHNIQUES;

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- A DISPLAY OF FARMING MACHINERY AND IRRIGATION SYSTEMS;
- A MUSHROOM LABORATORY;
- LABORATORY DEMONSTRATIONS ON METHODS TO TEST PESTICIDE RESIDUE ON VEGETABLES; AND
- FIELD DEMONSTRATION OF PLANT PROTECTION AND PLANT NUTRITION EXPERIMENTS.

IN ADDITION, FRESH LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE WILL BE ON SALE AT THE FARM.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THE OPEN DAY WILL ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND BETTER HOW FRESH FOODSTUFFS ARE PRODUCED LOCALLY, THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO FARMERS AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE FARMING COMMUNITY TO HONG KONG," MISS SO SAID.

SHE HOWEVER URGED VISITORS TO MAKE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF PARKING FACILITIES AT TAI LUNG.

"THE JOINT FEDERATION WILL PROVIDE FREE SHUTTLE COACH TO FERRY VISITORS FROM THE KCR SHEUNG SHUI STATION NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF CHOI YUEN ESTATE AND OUTSIDE KWONG WAH THEATRE AT YUEN LONG TO TAI LUNG FARM DURING THE OPEN DAY PERIOD, THAT IS FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM DAILY BETWEEN FRIDAY TO SUNDAY.

"ALTERNATIVELY, THE PUBLIC MAY GO TO TAI LUNG FARM VIA FAN KAM ROAD BY TAKING NO. 77K OR NO. 18 PUBLIC LIGHT BUS LINKING SHEUNG SHUI WITH YUEN LONG," SHE ADDED.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

TO FACILITATE MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE OPEN DAY, A PRESS TOUR OF TAI LUNG FARM WILL BE ORGANISED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND WILL LEAVE AFD HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, AT 1.30 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO JOIN THE TOUR. STAFF OF AFD'S INFORMATION UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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CHANGE OF PARKING METER COMPLAINTS TELEPHONE NUMBER
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S PARKING METER COMPLAINTS TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE CHANGED TO 824 2111 FROM THURSDAY (DECEMBER 13) FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF THE METER COMPLAINTS UNIT FROM 37TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TO WANCHAI TOWER II, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID ACTION WOULD BE UNDER TAKEN TO CHANGE THE OLD TELEPHONE NUMBER CURRENTLY POSTED ON ALL PARKING METERS.

CHANGE-NUMBER INCEPTION SERVICE THROUGH THE TELEPHONE COMPANY WOULD BE PROVIDED, PENDING THE COMPLETION OF THE ABOVE WORKS.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED MOTORISTS, WHEN LODGING A COMPLAINT ON A DEFECTIVE PARKING METER, TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON METER NUMBER, LOCATION, NATURE OF COMPLAINTS AND THE VEHICLE NUMBER.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD AN AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 15) AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

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

EM1888	EE3	EM882	EM1338
EL608	EL3228	EM5	DH777
EM3268	AU116	DG163	HK450
DH11	EM8162	EM318	AK747
EM1228	EM3389	AR19	EM619
EM661	EE77	AA1883	EL9332
XX9112	EM8288	EM911	EM635
EG171	EL908	CC87	EL8890
EM1168	DD8628	EM1118	AS2339
AA812	3866	EM128	EL3988

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

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

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

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

THE AUCTION WILL BE THE 158TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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PHOTO CONTEST IN YAU TSIM

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A "GET TO KNOW YAU TSIM BETTER" PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST IS BEING HELD TO PROMOTE THE DISTRICT'S CULTURE AND ARTS FESTIVAL NEXT MONTH.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION (YTCAA), THE URBAN COUNCIL AND SHRIRO (CHINA) LIMITED WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

IT AIMS AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT AND PROMOTING THE ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

THE ENTRIES CAN BE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DISTRICT'S SCENERY, ARTIFACTS, RESIDENTS' LIFESTYLE AND SOCIAL AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES. THEY SHOULD BE IN COLOUR AND 40.5 CENTIMETRES BY 50.8 CENTIMETRES IN SIZE.

A PANEL OF JUDGES, HEADED BY YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER MISS ANNIE TONG, WILL SELECT THE WINNERS ON JANUARY 19 AND THE RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON JANUARY 22.

THE TOP THREE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED CAMERAS WHILE THE AWARDS FOR THE 10 OTHER OUTSTANDING ENTRIES AND 150 CONSOLATION PRIZES WILL BE TELESCOPES OR ALARM CLOCKS.

THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE AND THE YTCAA ACTIVITY CENTRE AT 33 SALISBURY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EARLY NEXT YEAR.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE ACTIVITY CENTRE AND THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 15 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES IS JANUARY 15.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 301 2130 AND 724 4361.

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