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JANUARY ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED  
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN JANUARY 1989 INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH DECEMBER 1988 AND JANUARY 1988, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IN JANUARY 1989, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER THAT IN DECEMBER 1988 AS SOME MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED TO HAVE RECEIVED NEW ORDERS.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE ORDERS POSITION IMPROVED SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY, WHILE SHOWING LITTLE CHANGE IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. HOWEVER, A SLIGHT DECLINE IN THE ORDERS POSITION WAS RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1988, THE ORDERS POSITION IN JANUARY 1989 INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BUT DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY.

DECREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THE JANUARY 1989 LEVEL WAS LOWER BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1988 AND BY 6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1988.

COMPARING JANUARY 1989 WITH DECEMBER 1988, EMPLOYMENT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, EXCEPT FOR THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY WHICH SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT.

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1988, EMPLOYMENT IN JANUARY 1989 DECREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, WEARING APPAREL AND FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRIES. THERE WAS ALSO A SLIGHT DECREASE IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A SLIGHT INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

IN JANUARY 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED, IN MONEY TERMS, BY 44 PER CENT OVER DECEMBER 1988 AND BY 46 PER CENT OVER JANUARY 1988.

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CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN INTERPRETING THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THIS ROUND OF THE SURVEY RESULTS. THE MAIN FACTOR BEHIND THE LARGE INCREASES WAS THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE-PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES BY MOST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, THAT IS SLIGHTLY AHEAD OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

LAST YEAR, THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS WERE IN MID-FEBRUARY. THUS QUITE A LARGE NUMBER OF MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED HAD THEIR DOUBLE-PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES ISSUED IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR. THIS HAS TENDED TO DISTORT THE YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISONS FOR THE JANUARY 1989 FIGURES.

THE TIMING FOR THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE-PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES HAS ALSO MADE THE COMPARISON OF THE JANUARY 1989 FIGURES WITH THE DECEMBER 1988 FIGURES LESS STRAIGHT-FORWARD.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JANUARY 1989 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER DECEMBER 1988 IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH PARTICULARLY LARGE INCREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

HOWEVER, ONLY A MODERATE INCREASE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WAS REPORTED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY, AS A NUMBER OF COMPANIES SURVEYED IN THIS INDUSTRY HAD ALREADY ISSUED THE DOUBLE-PAY AND ANNUAL BONUSES IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

COMPARING JANUARY 1989 WITH JANUARY 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, MAINLY DUE TO THE DIFFERENCE IN THE TIMING OF ISSUING ANNUAL BONUSES BY SOME COMPANIES COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR. THE LARGEST INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT IN JANUARY 1989 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1988 BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1988. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JANUARY 1989 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH DECEMBER 1988 AND JANUARY 1988, AGAIN DUE TO THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE-PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS SECTOR COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SERVICE SECTORS SURVEYED, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN DECEMBER 1988, BUT INCREASED MODERATELY WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1988. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JANUARY 1989 INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER DECEMBER 1988. THE INCREASE RECORDED IN HOTELS WAS PARTICULARLY LARGE.

HOWEVER, A DROP IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WAS REPORTED IN THE BANKING SECTOR FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE-PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES IN THE PRECEDING MONTH BY MOST BANKS SURVEYED.

COMPARING JANUARY 1989 WAS JANUARY 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN ALL SERVICE SECTORS SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASE RECORDED IN HOTELS, BUT AGAIN SUCH A COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY THE TIMING FOR THE ISSUE OF BONUSES AND DOUBLE-PAY.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS CAN ONLY REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED; NEVERTHELESS THESE COULD PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JANUARY 1989 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$2 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234820.

TABLE 1: ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND	
	AS AT THE END OF JAN. 1989 (MONTHS)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH DEC. 88      JAN. 88 (%)            (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.38	+1      +1
WEARING APPAREL	4.72	*      -1
TEXTILES	2.42	+3      -14
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.03	+25     -4
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.60	-1      +9

ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.17	*	+4
OTHERS	4.21	*	*

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF JANUARY 1989	
	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	DEC. 88	JAN. 88
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-1	-6
FOOD AND DRINKS	-1	-4
WEARING APPAREL	-1	-6
TEXTILES	*	-2
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-2	-24
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	+2
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-2	-6
OTHERS	*	-3
CONSTRUCTION <sup>#</sup>	*	+2
SERVICES	*	+4
BANKS	-1	+3
HOTELS	-1	-1
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	-1
OTHERS	+1	+13

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

# PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

TABLE 3: PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN JANUARY 1989	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	(HK\$)	DEC. 88	JAN. 88
		(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	7,258	+44	+46
FOOD AND DRINKS	7,498	+7	+30
WEARING APPAREL	5,521	+27	+36
TEXTILES	7,422	+47	+64
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	7,670	+63	+93
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	7,128	+59	+43
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	6,553	+37	+33
OTHERS	10,907	+73	+56
CONSTRUCTION <sup>#</sup>	8,501	+22	+29
SERVICES	11,582	+10	+28
BANKS	10,400	-13	+27
HOTELS	16,825	+175	+81
PUBLIC UTILITIES	10,600	+10	+17
OTHERS	13,009	+16	+30

# PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTE TO TABLES 1-3: UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE FIRMS SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE FIRMS SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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CALL TO ALLAY CONCERN OVER UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR DOMINIC S. W. WONG, TODAY (SATURDAY) HOPED THE TWO UNIVERSITIES WOULD HELP ALLAY CONCERN OVER THEIR INTENTION TO ADOPT A JOINT ADMISSION SCHEME UNDER WHICH STUDENTS WOULD BE SELECTED FOR DEGREE COURSES DURING SECONDARY 6.

OFFICIATING AT THE INTER-SCHOOL DEBATING TROPHY COMPETITION 1988-89 HELD AT THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, MR WONG SAID IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS ATTENTION HAD FOCUSED ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY TO ADOPT A JOINT ADMISSION SCHEME.

"SOME SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAVE EXPRESSED WORRY ABOUT THE DISRUPTING EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED SCHEME, BOTH ON THOSE SELECTED FOR ADMISSION AND THOSE NOT GIVEN CONDITIONAL OFFERS.

"SOME REPORTS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE PROPOSED SCHEME COULD BE INTERPRETED AS A SIGN THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WOULD EVENTUALLY DROP THE REQUIREMENT FOR ADVANCED LEVELS, THAT THE PRESENT CONFUSION IN THE SIXTH FORM WOULD BE MADE WORSE AND THAT IT WOULD THEN BECOME DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE A SYSTEM OF UNIFIED ENTRY FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF SECONDARY 7.

"SUCH FEARS ARE VALID, AND I HOPE THAT THE TWO UNIVERSITIES WILL SOON DISPEL THAT FEAR BY EXPLAINING THE REAL PURPOSE BEHIND THEIR LATEST PROPOSITION AND THEIR FUTURE DIRECTION TO OTHER TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES," HE SAID.

HAVING NOTED THESE FEARS, MR WONG SAID HE HOPED THAT THIS PROPOSAL BY THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, IF IMPLEMENTED, WOULD ONLY BE AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT WHICH MUST VERY SOON BE CONVERTED TO COMPLY WITH ENTRY TO FIRST DEGREE COURSES ONLY AFTER SECONDARY 7 AT THE UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

"THIS WILL THEN BE IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENT DECISION, PROVIDED THAT THE DETAILS OF OPERATION ARE AGREED BETWEEN ALL THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS ON THE ONE HAND AND THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES ON THE OTHER.

"I NEED HARDLY POINT OUT THAT WHILE CONDITIONAL OFFERS HAVE SOME ATTRACTIVE FEATURES, THERE CAN ALSO BE RISKS AND FURTHER DISRUPTION," HE SAID.

HE THUS CALLED FOR MORE OPEN DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE PARTIES CONCERNED IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING AND TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENT.

HE NOTED THAT IN IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON THE STRUCTURE OF TERTIARY EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, THERE WOULD BE A TRANSITION PERIOD LASTING UNTIL THE END OF THE 1994-97 ACADEMIC TRIENNIUM FOR MAKING CHANGES.

/"GRADUALLY THEREFORE .....

"GRADUALLY THEREFORE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 1997, ALL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS FUNDED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE ARE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT STUDENTS FOR FIRST DEGREE COURSES ONLY AFTER SECONDARY 7, AND TO USE THE SAME ADMISSION PROCEDURES.

"WE EXPECT THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE AND MOVE INTO THE DIRECTION SET BY THE GOVERNMENT," HE ADDED.

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POLICE FORCE EXPECTED TO MEET CHALLENGE

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THE POLICE FORCE WILL BE EXPECTED TO MEET THE CHALLENGE DRAWING ON THE TRADITIONS OF SERVICE AND IMPARTIALITY WHICH IT HAS BUILT UP OVER 140 YEARS AND RELYING ALSO ON ITS COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI LIANG YANG SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THE NEXT FEW YEARS WOULD BE A PERIOD OF CHANGE AND TO SOME EXTENT UNCERTAIN, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE FORCE WOULD PLAY THEIR PART WELL.

SPEAKING AT A PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG, SIR TI LIANG TOLD THE GRADUATING OFFICERS THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER WAS A PRIME CONCERN OF ANY RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, AND WAS ESPECIALLY ESSENTIAL IN HONG KONG BECAUSE FROM THIS FLOWED STABILITY AND CONFIDENCE.

+IT IS THIS STABILITY AND CONFIDENCE UPON WHICH THE CONTINUING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG WILL BE BUILT. AND SO, TO A LARGE EXTENT, OUR FUTURE PROSPERITY DEPENDS UPON YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES, AND YOUR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER IN THE COMMUNITY,+ SAID SIR TI LIANG.

NOTING THAT THE OFFICERS HAD BEEN INVESTED WITH WIDE LEGAL POWERS, SIR TI LIANG REMINDED THEM TO EXERCISE THESE POWERS WITH RESTRAINT BECAUSE ABUSE OF THE POWERS WOULD NOT ONLY BRING THEM INTO CONFLICT WITH AUTHORITY BUT WOULD ALSO TARNISH THE IMAGE OF THE FORCE AND BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PUBLIC.

HE ALSO TOLD THE OFFICERS TO TREAT OTHERS AS THEY THEMSELVES WOULD WISH TO BE TREATED, AND TO MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE GOOD REPUTATION OF THE POLICE FORCE WHICH WAS DIFFICULT TO WIN BUT EASY TO LOSE.

/+BE SYMPATHETIC ●●●●●●

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+BE SYMPATHETIC AND UNDERSTANDING AND REMEMBER THAT ON MANY OCCASIONS THE PEOPLE YOU ARE DEALING WITH WILL BE FRIGHTENED, IMPATIENT OR EVEN HOSTILE. THEY WILL NOT BE THEMSELVES AND YOU MUST MAKE ALLOWANCE FOR THIS,+ SAID THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

+REMEMBER, ALSO, THAT YOU HAVE SWORN AN OATH TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG HONESTLY, FAITHFULLY AND DILIGENTLY,+ HE NOTED.

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 22 INSPECTORS AND 348 CONSTABLES AS WELL AS A CONTINGENT OF 344 RECRUITS NOW UNDER TRAINING IN THE SCHOOL.

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#### CAS WINS REPUTATION FOR ITS SERVICES

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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES HAS A JUSTIFIABLY PROUD REPUTATION OF SERVICE WON OVER THE YEARS - THE PUBLIC KNOW THAT WHEN THEY CALL FOR CAS HELP IT WILL BE THERE, IT WILL BE EFFICIENT AND AID WILL BE WILLINGLY GIVEN.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (OPERATIONS) OF THE CAS, MR JOHN FORTUNE, SAID THIS TONIGHT (SATURDAY) WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE 38TH CAS RECRUITS PASSING OUT PARADE.

MR FORTUNE DESCRIBED THE CAS AS A FAMILY OF LOYAL AND DEDICATED ORDINARY CITIZENS WHO WERE PREPARED TO SURRENDER MANY HOURS OF THEIR LEISURE TIME TO SERVE HONG KONG.

HE SAID HONG KONG WOULD DEMAND A GREAT DEAL FROM THE CAS MEMBERS WHO WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PERFORM DUTY WHEN OTHERS WERE COMFORTABLY AT HOME WATCHING TELEVISION, EATING A HEARTY MEAL, OR ENJOYING THEMSELVES ELSEWHERE.

"YOU MAY BE ON TYPHOON DUTY, OR IN THE HILLS FIGHTING A FOREST-FIRE, MOPPING UP OIL AT SEA, SEARCHING AND RESCUING LOST OR INJURED HIKERS OR ON REFUGEE DUTY IN REFUGEE CAMPS.

"BUT NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT OR TIRESOME - YOU MUST NEVER FORGET YOU HAVE JOINED AN UNIQUE GROUP OF PEOPLE DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

MR FORTUNE CONGRATULATED THE RECRUITS, SAYING: "TONIGHT SEES THE SUCCESSFUL CULMINATION OF MANY MONTHS OF HARD WORK BY BOTH THE VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS, PERMANENT CAS STAFF AND ALL OF YOU ON PARADE.

"YOUR BEARING, TURN OUT AND OBVIOUS PRIDE IN BEING MEMBERS OF THIS SERVICE IS JUST REWARD FOR THE EFFORT PUT INTO TRAINING YOU."

/HE POINTED .....

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN BECOMING FULLY FLEDGED MEMBERS OF THE CAS FAMILY, THE RECRUITS WERE EMBARKING ON A COMMUNITY SERVICE THE LIKES OF WHICH WERE SECOND TO NONE ANYWHERE.

"YOU ARE JUST STARTING YOUR CAREERS IN THE CAS - YOU HAVE CHOSEN WELL - NEVER LET THE PUBLIC AND OUR GOOD REPUTATION DOWN."

TONIGHT'S PARADE WAS MR FORTUNE'S LAST PARADE BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT. HE SAID THAT WHILE LEAVING WITH A SAD HEART, HE WAS ALSO HAPPY KNOWING THE CAS AND VOLUNTEERING IN HONG KONG WAS ASSURED AND IN GOOD HANDS.

"I WOULD LIKE TO ALIGN MYSELF WITH THE VOLUNTEERS ON PARADE TONIGHT, WHO HAVE RECEIVED THEIR LONG, EFFICIENT AND LOYAL SERVICE AWARDS AND THE FOUR VOLUNTEERS WHO WERE AWARDED THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATIONS.

"AFTER 34 YEARS AS A VOLUNTEER, 18 WITH THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT AND 16 WITH THE CAS, I CAN HONESTLY SAY HOW MUCH I HAVE ENJOYED MYSELF.

"IT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN EASY, IN FACT, SOMETIME DISTINCTLY DIFFICULT," HE SAID.

"BUT THE COMRADESHIP YOU WILL FIND AMONGST VOLUNTEERS AND PERMANENT STAFF IS WONDERFUL, THE ESPRIT DE CORPS AND MORALE HIGH, YOU WILL MAKE NEW FRIENDS, ACQUIRE NEW SKILLS AND ALL THE TIME BE MAKING YOUR HOME, HONG KONG, A BETTER AND SAFER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE," HE CONCLUDED.

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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE EARNS HIGH REPUTATION

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THROUGH THE HARD WORK AND PROFESSIONALISM OF ITS MEMBERS, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HAS RIGHTLY WON FOR ITSELF A VERY HIGH REPUTATION IN HONG KONG AND ABROAD, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DESIGNATE), MR JOHN CHAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) AT A CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE PASSING OUT PARADE.

MR CHAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD MADE EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROTECTING THE REVENUE, SUPPRESSING ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS AND OTHER CONTRABAND, SAFEGUARDING THE INTERNATIONAL CREDIBILITY OF THE EXPORT LICENSING AND ORIGIN CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS, AND ENFORCING COPYRIGHT AND TRADE DESCRIPTIONS LEGISLATION.

AS THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT WERE BECOMING WIDER, THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS ACQUIRED IN THE TRAINING COURSE WOULD ENABLE THE NEW RECRUITS TO CONTRIBUTE TO VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE SERVICE, HE ADDED.

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THE 45 INSPECTORS AND 86 CUSTOMS OFFICERS ON PARADE, HAVING COMPLETED THEIR INDUCTION TRAINING COURSE, WILL IMMEDIATELY JOIN THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK.

MR CHAN BECOMES SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY ON MONDAY (MARCH 20).

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ECONOMIC RELATIONS GROWING BETWEEN CHINA AND HK

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THE STRONG AND GROWING ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHINA AND HONG KONG REFLECTS THE GROWING INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN THE TWO ECONOMIES AS WELL AS THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE THAT HONG KONG IS PLAYING IN THE MODERNISATION OF THE CHINESE ECONOMY IN A BROADER SENSE.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WESTERN UNITED STATES, MR JACK CHAN, SAID THIS IN AN ADDRESS TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW CONFERENCE AT THE LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES YESTERDAY.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT AS CHINA'S ECONOMY CONTINUED TO DEVELOP, HONG KONG'S POSITION AS HER GATEWAY TO THE WORLD WOULD BE FURTHER ENHANCED.

"FURTHERMORE, HONG KONG HAS ALSO EMERGED AS THE PRINCIPAL INTERMEDIARY FOR TRADE BETWEEN CHINA AND TAIWAN AND KOREA.

"FOR EXAMPLE, LAST YEAR HONG KONG IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE HANDLED UP TO 80 PER CENT OF CHINA-TAIWAN TRADE, VALUED AT ABOUT US\$1.5 BILLION," MR CHAN NOTED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS FOR SUCH A REMARKABLE GROWTH IN HONG KONG'S EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA - UP 36.5 PER CENT AND 57.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER 1987 - WAS DUE TO HONG KONG'S SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN OUTWARD PROCESSING TRADE WITH CHINA.

"MUCH OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING IS BEING SUB-CONTRACTED BY HONG KONG BUSINESSES TO CHINA. AT THE MOMENT, SOME TWO MILLION WORKERS IN THE PEARL RIVER DELTA REGION ARE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY HONG KONG COMPANIES."

MR CHAN TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT HONG KONG WAS NOW THE LARGEST SOURCE OF OUTSIDE INVESTMENT IN CHINA, ACCOUNTING FOR SOME 60 PER CENT OF UTILISED FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE COUNTRY, WHILE HONG KONG ALSO PROVIDED ONE THIRD OF CHINA'S TOTAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, CHINA HAD ALSO INCREASED HER STAKE IN HONG KONG AND WAS NOW THE THIRD LARGEST SOURCE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

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TURNING TO THE FUTURE, MR CHAN SAID HE DID NOT DOUBT THE STRONG DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE UP TO AND BEYOND 1997.

AN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF MAJOR NEW PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROJECTS WERE GOING AHEAD IN HONG KONG AND MOST OF THEM WITH A PAY BACK DATE NOT UNTIL THE NEXT CENTURY.

THE PROJECTS, TOTALLING OVER US\$1 BILLION, INCLUDED A NEW UNIVERSITY, A NEW LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM, TWO NEW HOSPITALS, A MAJOR ROAD TUNNEL LINKING TWO LARGE TOWNS AND A NEW CULTURAL COMPLEX, HE NOTED.

THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS JUST AS ENCOURAGING, MR CHAN POINTED OUT, WITH PROJECTS TOTALLING OVER US\$3 BILLION.

"SUCH A SCALE OF INVESTMENT IS HARD TO FIND AMONG COMPARABLE ECONOMIES ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD AND IS REMARKABLE EVEN BY HONG KONG STANDARDS," MR CHAN EMPHASISED.

THE PREVIOUS WEEK MR CHAN HAD ADDRESSED A DINNER MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ALUMNI ON HONG KONG'S CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF 1997.

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VR CHILDREN HELP IN FLAG DAY  
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TWELVE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO CLOSED CENTRE THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING HELPED IN A FLAG DAY TO RAISE FUND FOR A WORLDWIDE ORGANISATION, OXFAM.

THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE CHARITY ACTIVITY WAS ARRANGED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND OXFAM.

THE 12 CHILDREN, WHO ARE AMONG THE 60-ODD BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL GUIDES IN THE SHAM SHUI PO CENTRE, SOLD FLAGS AT THE EXITS OF THE MTR STATION IN THE DISTRICT.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THE VR CHILDREN CAN SHARE THE SPIRIT OF HELPING OTHERS BY PARTICIPATING IN THE FLAG DAY," A CSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IN FACT, THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN PROVIDING VARIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICES TO VOLUNTARY AND WELFARE ORGANISATIONS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD," HE NOTED.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL GUIDES FROM THE CENTRE INCLUDED REGULAR VISITS TO THE HOME OF LOVE AND THE HOME OF ELDERLY AT LAI KOK ESTATE.

APART FROM PROVIDING CLEANING SERVICES, THEY ALSO HELPED ORGANISE PICNICS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY AT THE HOMES.

"THE VR CHILDREN HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM IN COMMUNITY EVENTS SUCH AS THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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#### MORE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES PLANNED

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO SET UP 60 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES OF WHICH 18 WILL BE LOCATED IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT COMPLEXES IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 228 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES IN THE TERRITORY, 14 OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN PRIVATE DEVELOPED PREMISES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A YOUTH CENTRE IN LUK YEUNG SUN CHUEN IN TSUEN WAN OPERATED BY THE YMCA, MR LAW INDICATED THAT CENTRES IN PRIVATE DEVELOPED PREMISES COULD SUPPLEMENT THOSE SET UP IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRESENT PACE OF PROVISION, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE DEMAND FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES IN THE TERRITORY WOULD BE MET WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR TO FIVE YEARS," HE SAID.

MR LAW POINTED OUT THAT CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES, CATERING FOR RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS, WERE AN INTEGRATED PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND PROVIDED AN ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH OUTSIDE SCHOOLS AND THEIR HOMES.

HE SAID THAT THESE CENTRES, SPREAD TERRITORY-WIDE AND IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OR PRIVATE DEVELOPED COMPLEXES, WERE EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO BOTH THE YOUTHS AND THEIR PARENTS.

"THIS WOULD ENABLE PARENTS TO GET TO KNOW THE NATURE OF THE ACTIVITIES THEIR CHILDREN ARE TAKING PART IN, AND TO REFLECT THEIR OPINIONS TO THE MANAGEMENT OR SOCIAL WORKERS CONCERNED.

"SOCIAL WORKERS IN THESE CENTRES ARE TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN ORGANISING AND ARRANGING SUITABLE ACTIVITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE YOUTHS AND DEMAND FROM VARIOUS TARGETTED GROUPS IN THE DISTRICT.

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"THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE THE HOME SAFETY MESSAGES, AND PUBLIC SPIRIT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION; AND SERVICES FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

"THESE ACTIVITIES ALSO HELP TO PROMOTE THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES, FOSTERING IN THEM A SENSE OF MUTUAL CO-OPERATION AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY," MR LAW SAID.

IN THE PAST 30 YEARS, THE YMCA HAD PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PROVIDING YOUTH SERVICES IN TSUEN WAN, WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE VARIOUS WELFARE AGENCIES IN THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE, HE SAID.

MR LAW ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR PROVIDING PIONEER SERVICES IN YOUTH WORK IN THE PAST 80 YEARS TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

BESIDES YOUTH SERVICES, THE ASSOCIATION ALSO OFFERED A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES SUCH AS OUTREACHING SOCIAL SERVICE, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK AND REHABILITATION SERVICES, HE NOTED.

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#### NEW CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE IN YUEN LONG

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THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR CARLOS LEUNG, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE USE OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES AS A PLACE TO SPEND THEIR LEISURE PROPERLY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LONG PING CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE IN YUEN LONG OPERATED BY THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING, MR LEUNG NOTED THAT THESE CENTRES COULD HELP YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 24 TO DEVELOP INTO MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.

THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THESE CENTRES COULD ALSO HELP ENHANCE YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNDERSTANDING OF AND PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

THROUGH GROUP WORK AND COUNSELLING, YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD LEARN HOW TO TACKLE PERSONAL PROBLEMS AS WELL AS DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY AND A PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE FAMILY.

MR LEUNG NOTED THAT WITH THE OPENING OF THE CENTRE TODAY, THERE WERE NOW TWO CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES TO SERVE THE 40,000 POPULATION OF LONG PING ESTATE.

"I HOPE YOUNG PEOPLE HERE WILL MAKE FULL USE OF THE CENTRE.

"PARENTS SHOULD ALSO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACTS WITH THE STAFF OF THE CENTRE SO THAT THEIR VIEWS CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO PROGRAMMES PLANNED BY THE CENTRE," HE SAID.

THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING IS NOW OPERATING SEVEN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LONG PING CENTRE HAS EXCEEDED 1,700 SINCE IT CAME INTO SERVICE IN MAY LAST YEAR.

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INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN KWAI TSING

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ABOUT 150 FACTORY OWNERS AND OPERATORS IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT TOOK PART IN AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING TEAM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, CHAIRMAN OF THE DB COMMITTEE, MR CHAN KWOK-WAI, SAID KWAI TSING DISTRICT WAS A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREA WITH MORE THAN 100 MULTI-STOREY INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, MOST OF WHICH WERE OVER 10 YEARS OLD.

AS MOST FACTORY OWNERS AND OPERATORS WERE INDIFFERENT TOWARDS BUILDING MANAGEMENT, IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO TAKE PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, HE SAID.

FOR THIS REASON, THE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE HAD ORGANISED THE SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION USING DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

A 44-PAGE HANDBOOK ON INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT WAS ALSO PRODUCED, MR CHAN SAID.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT TODAY'S SEMINAR INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, MR CHUNG PUI-LAM, WHO SPOKE ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S WORK; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INSTITUTE OF HOUSING (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR FRANK WONG, WHO INTRODUCED THE ROLE OF HOUSING MANAGERS.

A BUILDING SURVEYOR OF THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE, MR DAVY YUEN, AND A SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR C.M. CHAU, SPOKE RESPECTIVELY ON INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENT DISCHARGE AND AIR POLLUTION; WHILE A SENIOR CONSULTANT OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, MR K.L. TSANG, GAVE TECHNICAL ADVICE ON THESE TWO ASPECTS.

THE HOUSING MANAGER OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING TEAM, MR K.S. LEE, OUTLINED THE COMMON PROBLEMS IN INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING TEAM HAD ORGANISED SIMILAR SEMINAR AND TRAINING COURSES IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. THEY HAD PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR AMONG FACTORY OWNERS AND OPERATORS.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S SEMINAR WERE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT.

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COMMUNITY DAY IN SHA TIN

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MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD VISITED THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE IN WAN CHAI THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

THE VISIT WAS ONE OF THE EVENTS OF THE COMMUNITY DAY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MARGARET FONG, THE MEMBERS TOURED THE PURPOSE-BUILT CENTRE AND WERE BRIEFED ON ITS FACILITIES FOR HOLDING MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL CONVENTIONS AND EXHIBITIONS.

THE PARTY THEN RETURNED TO SHA TIN TO JOIN ABOUT 100 LOCAL COMMUNITY WORKERS INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN SPORTS AND ARTS ASSOCIATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THEY SPENT THE AFTERNOON AT THE HENG ON ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN MA ON SHAN EXCHANGING VIEWS ON THEIR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES AS WELL AS SHARING SOME FUN IN COMPETITIVE GAMES.

THE COMMUNITY DAY IN SHA TIN WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROVIDE AN INFORMAL GATHERING FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY WORKERS TO SHARE THEIR WORKING EXPERIENCES.

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PAMPHLET ON OUTLYING ISLANDS PUBLISHED BY DB

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PEOPLE WHO WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT TRAVELLING ON LANTAU, CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU AND LAMMA ISLAND CAN NOW GET A FREE COPY OF A COLOURFUL PAMPHLET ON THESE ISLANDS PUBLISHED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PAMPHLET FEATURES BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS ON SELECTED SCENIC SPOTS AND PLACES OF INTEREST ON THE FOUR ISLANDS, SUPPLEMENTED WITH COLOUR PICTURES AND MAP ILLUSTRATIONS.

HELPFUL INFORMATION SUCH AS THE DATES OF TRADITIONAL FESTIVALS AND FERRY TIMETABLES ARE ALSO GIVEN.

IN RECENT YEARS, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT'S POTENTIAL IN DEVELOPING TOURISM IS APPARENT AS THE NUMBER OF TOURISTS, BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS, SOARS.

MOST OF THE VISITORS ARE ATTRACTED BY THE TRANQUIL NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE ISLANDS AND THE RURAL LIFESTYLE OF THEIR PEOPLE.

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THE INFLUX OF TOURISTS, WHICH IS PARTICULARLY GREAT DURING HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS, HAS ALSO BROUGHT WITH IT JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY FOR THE ISLANDERS.

HENCE, THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WAS SET UP IN MID-1987 UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD TO ADVISE IT ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS RELATED TO TOURISM IN THE DISTRICT.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO HELPS IMPROVE THE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL PEOPLE IN MAKING THESE CHARMING ISLANDS A BETTER PLACE FOR HOLIDAYMAKERS.

PUBLICATION OF THE PAMPHLET IS PART OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN THE DISTRICT.

COPIES OF THE PAMPHLET CAN NOW BE OBTAINED FROM THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 38 PIER ROAD, HARBOUR BUILDING, 20TH FLOOR, CENTRAL, AND ITS COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICES AT MUI WO AND CHEUNG CHAU; TRAVEL OFFICES OF THE HONG KONG FERRY (HOLDINGS) CO. LTD.; HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION'S OFFICES; RURAL COMMITTEES' OFFICES; AND THE BUS TERMINAL AT MUI WO, LANTAU.

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KEEP HK CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY

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THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE CONTROL OF INDISCRIMINATE DUMPINGS IN CONSTRUCTION SITES AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY (MARCH 20).

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORT ON KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES, CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES ARRANGED FOR THIS MONTH, AND A REPORT ON THE "SEMINAR ON HONG KONG'S PLASTIC WASTE PROBLEM" HELD ON FEBRUARY 27.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE THE PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE "CAMPAIGN ON THE DISCRIMINATE USE/REUSE/RECYCLING OF PLASTIC BAGS" AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1989-90 KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, EDINBURGH PLACE, CENTRAL.

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INTERRUPTION OF WATER SUPPLIES

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (MARCH 20) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT AN AREA BOUNDED BY TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, CHUNG WUI STREET, LOK KWAN STREET, FUK LEE STREET, SYCAMORE STREET AND LARCH STREET INCLUDING WAI ON STREET, MEI ON STREET AND MAN ON STREET.

THE SUPPLY OF POTABLE WATER TO CERTAIN TSUEN WAN PREMISES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 21) TO 7 AM THE NEXT DAY BECAUSE OF WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG WO YI HOP ROAD FROM NGONG HOM ROAD TO CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, LO WAI ROAD, HILL TOP ROAD, YI PEI CHUN ROAD, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, ROUTE TWISK, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE, CHEUNG SHAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, KWU HANG CHUEN, HILL TOP COUNTRY CLUB, SAM TUNG UK, LO WAI, HOI PA CHUEN, PAK TIN PA CHUEN, MA SIN PAI CHUEN, SAI LAU KOK CHUEN, MUK MIN HA CHUEN, TUNG PO TO, FU YUNG SHAN, CHUK LAM SIM YUEN, YUEN YUEN HOK YUEN AND SAN CHUEN.

ALSO ON TUESDAY, FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN TSUEN WAN PREMISES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TO 10 AM THE NEXT DAY BECAUSE OF WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, LO WAI ROAD, HILL TOP ROAD, YI PEI CHUN ROAD, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE, CHEUNG SHAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, SAM TUNG UK, HOI PA CHUEN, LO WAI AND HILL TOP COUNTRY CLUB.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,011,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER DY1 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$600,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER BB8 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$340,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR DZ8980, DZ795, DZ7555 AND DY9394.

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## FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
DY148	36,000	DZ128	40,000	DY1	600,000	AA728	42,000
DZ1686	3,000	CK55	27,000	DY843	8,000	AB132	20,000
6779	30,000	DZ884	5,000	AZ690	3,000	DZ659	2,000
BY988	26,000	AZ786	7,000	AA2881	12,000	HK389	51,000
DX7	135,000	BB8	340,000	DZ168	100,000	8317	21,000
DZ1088	4,000	DZ5251	9,000	DZ9899	6,000	DZ8886	15,000
DZ381	3,000	DZ3888	13,000	BC6687	4,000	DZ795	1,000
AY161	21,000	CE182	28,000	DZ3	300,000	DY515	5,000
DZ8980	1,000	AR903	22,000	DY8302	6,000	DZ7555	1,000
AC938	20,000	DY887	8,000	AK47	35,000	DY9394	1,000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 136TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$82,255,532.

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## TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ON SHA TIN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, SECTIONS OF SHA TIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM TUESDAY (MARCH 21).

THE SLOW LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM SHA TIN ROAD TO TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON MARCH 21 AND 23.

IN ADDITION, THE FAST LANE AND CENTRE LANE OF THE SAME ROAD SECTION WILL BE CLOSED DAILY FROM 7 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY ON THESE TWO DAYS.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN FANLING

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE SOUTHWEST SLIP ROAD OF WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE LEADING FROM TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) NORTHBOUND TO FANLING WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 21).

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT NINE MONTHS FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED TO WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDBOUT VIA THE SLIP ROAD AT WO HOP SHEK CONNECTION OR TO KAI LENG INTERCHANGE.

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