DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL: 5-233191

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1985

CONTENTS PAGE NO.

GOVERNOR OPENS LATEST POWER CONTROL SYSTEM 1

GOVERNOR'S LUNAR NEW YEAR MESSAGE 2

USD CONCERNED OVER ABUSE OF NITRATE 3

MORE SEEK INJURIES PAYMENTS FROM BOARDS 3

QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION 5

TEXTILE +SWING+ SUSPENDED 6

HISTORICAL BUILDINGS STAMPS OUT MARCH 14 6

LUNAR NEW YEAR TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS 8

LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD REVOKES ONE LICENCE 9

FLYOVER TO EASE TUNNEL TRAFFIC FLOW 10

PRIZES FOR BIGGEST CATCHES 11

CHE KUNG FESTIVAL TRAFFIC PLAN 12

VOTERS TO RECEIVE PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS 12

JOSS-STICKS TO BE OFFERED 13

WINDMILL CHURNS IN HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY 13

SHA TIN FESTIVE LIGHTINGS PHOTO CONTEST 14

NT SPORTS VENUES CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS 14

PUBLIC URGED TO HELP EASE AIRPORT TRAFFIC 15

WATER FIGURES 15

GOVERNOR OPENS LATEST POWER CONTROL SYSTEM

* * * * *

THE NEW SYSTEM CONTROL CENTRE OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY WOULD HOUSE THE CORE OF THE LARGEST ENERGY CONTROL INSTALLATION OF ITS TYPE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE CENTRE, WHICH WOULD BE AT THE HEART OF A SUPPLY NETWORK EXTENDING TO ALL PARTS OF THE FAST DEVELOPING NEW TERRITORIES AND KOWLOON, WOULD ALSO BE EQUIPPED WITH THE FIRST LIGHTNING STRIKE MONITORING DEVICE TO BE INSTALLED IN HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID AT THE OPENING OF STRAFFORD HOUSE.

BY SWIFTLY PINPOINTING SUCH STRIKES, DAMAGE TO THE TRANSMISSION NETWORK WOULD BE MINIMISED.

EXPLAINING THAT ELECTRICITY WAS +THE LIFE-BLOOD+ OF HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT MAJOR INVESTMENT IN NEW GENERATING PLANT READILY CAUGHT PUBLIC ATTENTION. BUT LESS WAS HEARD OF THE INCREASINGLY COMPLEX EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO CONTROL THE GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY.

+THIS IS A VITALLY IMPORTANT PART OF THE WHOLE SUPPLY SYSTEM. IT MEETS THE RISE AND FALL IN DEMAND, COPES WITH EMERGENCIES AND ENSURES THAT SUPPLY REACHES WHERE IT IS NEEDED,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR NOTED THAT INTERCONNECTION WITH THE SYSTEMS OF THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY AND, ACROSS THE BORDER, WITH THE GUANGDONG POWER COMPANY, HAD MADE THE JOB OF SYSTEM MANAGEMENT EVEN MORE COMPLEX.

THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TO BE BUILT AT DAYA BAY WAS A SYMBOL OF THE RAPIDLY GROWING ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC; AND AS THE LARGEST JOINT VENTURE IN WHICH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC HAD ENGAGED IT HAD A SIGNIFICANCE WHICH WENT WELL BEYOND THAT.

+IN PRACTICAL TERMS IT WILL REPRESENT A FURTHER CHALLENGE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SYSTEM IN THE EARLY 1990S. IN PARALLEL WITH THE EXPANSION OF OUR ECONOMY AND AN IMPROVING STANDARD OF LIVING, THE NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS OF HONG KONG'S ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS ARE BOUND TO INCREASE,+ HE SAID.

+THE INAUGURATION OF THIS ADVANCED COMPUTER CONTROL SYSTEM AT STRAFFORD HOUSE WAS GOOD EVIDENCE THAT CHINA LIGHT AND POWER HAD BOTH THE FORESIGHT AND IMAGINATION TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE AND TO MEET THE CHALLENGES WHICH THE GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY AND THE EXPANDING ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WILL PRESENT,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/2 .....

GOVERNOR'S LUNAR NEW YEAR MESSAGE
* * * * *

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL DELIVER HIS NEW YEAR MESSAGE ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY, WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 20).

THE MESSAGE WILL BE BROADCAST AS FOLLOWS:

TELEVISION

	DATE AND TIME	
STATION	FEB 20 (WED)	* FEB 21 (THUR)
TVB JADE	6.55 PM	1.15 PM
TVB PEARL	7.25 PM	12 NOON
ATV 1	7.25 PM	1.15 PM
ATV 2	7.50 PM	12.20 PM

* REPEAT

RADIO

	DATE AND TIME	
CHANNEL	FEB 20 (WED)	* FEB 21 (THUR)
RTHK 1 AND 2 (CHINESE)	7 PM	1.03 PM
RTHK 3 AND 4 (ENGLISH)	6.50 PM	7.09 AM
COMMERCIAL RADIO (CHINESE 1 AND 2)	7 PM	12 NOON
COMMERCIAL RADIO (ENGLISH)	6.50 PM	-

* REPEAT

- - - - 0 - - - -

/3 .....

USD CONCERNED OVER ABUSE OF NITRATE

* * * *

THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED OVER THE EXCESSIVE USE OF SODIUM NITRATE OR SODIUM NITRITE IN PREPARING MEAT PRODUCTS IN HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THIS WAS A MOST UNDESIRABLE PRACTICE AND THE DEPARTMENT TOOK A SERIOUS VIEW OF SUCH MALPRACTICE, WHICH COULD RESULT IN HAZARDOUS EFFECTS TO HEALTH.

DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, NEARLY 500 SAMPLES OF MEAT PRODUCTS WERE TAKEN FROM FOOD FACTORIES, RESTAURANTS AND OTHER FOOD RETAIL OUTLETS FOR ANALYSIS IN RESPECT OF THESE CHEMICALS.

SUBSEQUENT TESTS RESULTED IN THE PROSECUTION OF 31 OFFENDERS THE DESTRUCTION OF OVER 70 KG OF UNSATISFACTORY MEAT PRODUCTS SUCH AS CHINESE PRESERVED PORK, STUFFED PIG'S KNUCKLES, SPICED DRIED BEEF AND PORK AND THE ISSUE OF FIVE WARNING LETTERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE PROPER USE OF THESE CHEMICALS IN FOOD IS GOVERNED BY THE PRESERVATIVES IN FOOD REGULATIONS, CAP. 132, LAWS OF HONG KONG. THAT IS TO SAY ONLY THOSE MEAT PRODUCTS WHICH ARE SPECIFIED IN THESE REGULATIONS ARE PERMITTED TO HAVE SODIUM NITRATE/NITRITE ADDED TO THEM AT THE SPECIFIED CONCENTRATIONS.+

FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, CIRCULAR LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO OPERATORS OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS ADVISING THEM OF THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE MEAT PRODUCTS THEY MANUFACTURE OR SELL DO NOT CONTAIN EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF THESE CHEMICALS. IN CASE OF DOUBT, THEY ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER (FOODS) AT 5-95573.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MORE SEEK INJURIES PAYMENTS FROM BOARDS

XXX

APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES INCREASED LAST YEAR - FOR THE FIFTH SUCCESSIVE YEAR.

THE 1983-84 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION (CLEIC) BOARDS, SHOWS THAT 1 328 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED IN THE YEAR, COMPARED WITH 1 300 IN THE YEAR BEFORE.

THESE MADE UP ABOUT 17.5 PER CENT OF THE 7 580 CASES OF CRIMINAL INJURIES REPORTED IN THE YEAR.

/LIKE IN .....

LIKE IN PREVIOUS YEARS, VICTIMS OF ROBBERY, THEFT, BURGLARY AND ASSAULT AND WOUNDING MADE UP 90 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE APPLYING FOR COMPENSATION.

THERE WERE ALSO SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN APPLICATIONS ARISING FROM ARSON - 19 AGAINST FOUR PREVIOUSLY - AND FAMILY VIOLENCE CASES - 25 AGAINST FOUR THE YEAR BEFORE.

TWENTY-SIX VICTIMS OF RAPE AND INDECENT ASSAULT APPLIED FOR COMPENSATION, AGAINST 24 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

OF ALL THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR, 574 HAD BEEN DIRECTLY SUBMITTED BY THE VICTIMS OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, AND 677 REFERRED BY POLICE. THE OTHERS WERE FROM HOSPITALS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

+DIRECT APPLICATIONS INCLUDED THOSE INVITED BY THE BOARD'S STAFF IN RESPONSE TO REPORTS OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE IN THE MASS MEDIA,+ THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDS, MR MARTIN LEE, SAID IN HIS REPORT.

HE SAID THAT POLICE STATIONS WERE STILL THE MAIN CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH THE COMPENSATION SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED TO VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS.

+CONTINUED EFFORTS WERE MADE TO INVITE PERSONS WHO SUSTAINED SERIOUS INJURIES AND FAMILIES WHICH SUFFERED THE LOSS OF WAGE-EARNERS IN CRIMINAL INCIDENTS TO SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE BOARDS,+ HE ADDED.

DURING THE YEAR, PAYMENTS OF $3.26 MILLION WERE MADE IN 583 CRIMINAL INJURY CASES, TWO LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURY CASES AND 140 REVIEW CASES.

THE HIGHEST SINGLE AWARD OF $40 050 WAS GIVEN TO THE WIDOW AND HER FOUR CHILDREN OF A VICTIM KILLED IN A HOMICIDE CASE IN SEPTEMBER 1983. THE FAMILY WAS ALSO REFERRED FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

MR LEE SAID THE BOARDS HAD THE DISCRETION TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION UP TO 100 PER CENT IF THE VICTIM SUFFERED INJURY OR DEATH IN TAKING POSITIVE STEPS TO PREVENT CRIME OR HELP IN THE ARREST OF AN OFFENDER OR A SUSPECT.

THE BOARDS LAST YEAR USED THEIR DISCRETIONARY POWERS TO INCREASE THE NORMAL AWARDS TO 32 CASES.

THE CLEIC SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN 1973, PROVIDES CASH ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS IN CRIMES OF VIOLENCE, OR THROUGH THE ACTION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE EXECUTION IN HIS DUTY.

- - - - o - - - -

/5 .....

QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION
* * * * *

THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF LAST YEAR, AT 144.5, WAS 22 POINTS OR 18.0 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 10.7 PER CENT. THE THIRD QUARTER IS NORMALLY THE PEAK SEASON FOR MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION, TO MEET THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR DEMAND.

INDUSTRIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PRODUCTION OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983 INCLUDED TOBACCO (+37.8 PER CENT); PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (+41.8 PER CENT); PLASTIC PRODUCTS (+57.0 PER CENT); FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (+59.2 PER CENT); CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+33.7 PER CENT); AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (+58.5 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, SEVERAL INDUSTRIES REPORTED SIGNIFICANT DECLINES IN PRODUCTION OVER THE SAME PERIOD. THESE INCLUDED NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (-13.6 PER CENT); BASIC METALS (-18.2 PER CENT); NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (-16.0 PER CENT); PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-17.1 PER CENT); AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR (-12.5 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984, THERE WERE CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN THE PRODUCTION OF CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+27.2 PER CENT), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (+33.9 PER CENT), AND CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+22.6 PER CENT). THIS WAS PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER SEASONAL DEMAND FOR SUCH PRODUCTS AS CANDLES, PLASTIC TOYS, PLASTIC FLOWERS AND DECORATIVE ARTICLES FOR CHRISTMAS, ELECTRONIC TOYS, AND OTHER CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS.

TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY ALSO REGISTERED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OVER THE PRECEDING QUARTER (+31.2 PER CENT).

(TWO TABLES ON THE QUARTERLY INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK. ONE IS A SUMMARY TABLE FOR BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS; THE OTHER GIVES MORE DETAILED INDUSTRY BREAKDOWNS.)

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE +REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, 3RD QUARTER 1984+.

THE PUBLICATION WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY AT $2 A COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT G/F, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-7224504.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/6 .....

TEXTILE +SWING+ SUSPENDED

* * *

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, THE DEPARTMENT HAD DECIDED TO SUSPEND WITH EFFECT FROM 8.45 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) OPERATION OF THE 1985 SWING SCHEME IN RESPECT OF BENELUX CATEGORY 6 (TROUSERS/SHORTS) AND CATEGORY 6P (TROUSERS).

+THIS MEANS THAT SWING INTO BENELUX CAT. 6 AND SWING INCREASE IN BENELUX CAT. 6P ARE NOT ALLOWED,+ A SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HOWEVER, BENELUX CAT. 6 CAN STILL BE USED AS A SOURCE CATEGORY FOR SWING INTO OTHER CATEGORIES UNDER THE 1985 SWING SCHEME.+

- - - - 0 - - - -

HISTORICAL BUILDINGS STAMPS OUT MARCH 14

* * * *

FOUR SPECIAL STAMPS, DEPICTING HISTORICAL BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG, WILL BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE ON MARCH 14.

THE FOUR STAMPS TO BE ISSUED ARE:

* HUNG SING TEMPLE - 40 CENTS

THE TEMPLE, SITUATED AT QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FOUNDED IN 1860. IT HAS AN EXCELLENT GRANITE WORK SCREEN WITH A BALUSTRADE ALONG THE WHOLE FRONT OF THE TEMPLE. OTHER INTERESTING FEATURES INCLUDE THE SHEK WAN POTTERY DECORATIONS ON ITS ROOF AND THE LARGE BOULDER INSIDE THE BUILDING.

* ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL - $1

THE CATHEDRAL WHICH HAD ITS FOUNDATION STONE LAID IN 1847, WAS OPENED FOR DIVINE SERVICES ON MARCH 11, 1849 BY SIR JOHN DAVIS, THEN THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG. IT IS ONE OF THE OLDEST BUILDINGS STILL STANDING IN HONG KONG.

* THE OLD SUPREME COURT BUILDING - $1.30

THIS BUILDING, WHICH WAS OPENED IN 1911, IS A TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF EDWARDIAN PUBLIC BUILDING ARCHITECTURE WITH NEO-CLASSICAL COLUMNS, ARCHES AND A DOME.

* WAN CHAI POST OFFICE - $5

KNOWN AS +WAN TSAI POST OFFICE+ WHEN IT WAS OPENED ON MARCH 1, 1915, THE POST OFFICE IS THE OLDEST OF ALL THE EXISTING POST OFFICES IN HONG KONG. THE SPELLING OF ITS NAME WAS CHANGED TO THE PRESENT FORM IN NOVEMBER 1952.

/THE STAMPS .....

THE STAMPS WERE DESIGNED BY LOCAL DESIGNER MEL HARRIS AND PRINTED BY WADDINGTONS SECURITY PRINT LTD ON +UNWATERMARKED+ PAPER WHICH WILL BE USED TO REPLACE THE WATERMARKED PAPER IN ALL FUTURE STAMP ISSUES.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG, ARTWORKS OF THE STAMPS HAD BEEN REPRODUCED IN SETS ON HIGH QUALITY A4 SIZE PAPER WITH MATCHING STAMPS.

PRINT SETS ARE CONTAINED IN RED AND GOLD PRESENTATION FOLDERS AND WILL BE FOR SALE AT $50 PER SET AT THE PHILATELIC COUNTERS OF GENERAL POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI, GRANVILLE ROAD, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, PEAK AND AIRPORT POST OFFICES FROM MARCH 15.

THE STAMPS AND HIGH QUALITY PRINTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE AND IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, MIDDLE ROAD, DAILY FROM 9.30 AM TO 4.30 PM FROM MARCH 5 TO 13.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ON SALE ON MARCH 1, AT 50 CENTS EACH. INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIAL STAMPS WILL BE PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THE COVERS.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICING FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM MARCH 1 TO 9 AT ALL POST OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN THEIR REQUIRED FIRST DAY COVERS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

HE ALSO SAID THAT STARTING FROM THIS SPECIAL ISSUE, POSTMARKED OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WOULD NO LONGER BE SOLD AT PHILATELIC COUNTERS AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE. HOWEVER, SOUVENIR COVERS WOULD BE ON SALE AT PHILATELIC COUNTERS AND THESE WOULD BE POSTMARKED WITH THE DATE OF PURCHASE.

----0----

/8 .....

LUNAR NEW YEAR TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

* * * *

SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WAN CHAI AND CAUSEWAY BAY TOMORROW (FEBRUARY 19) TO COPE WITH THE CROWDS FLOCKING TO THE FLOWER FAIR AT VICTORIA PARK.

A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS NEAR VICTORIA PARK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 6 PM ON NEW YEAR'S EVE UNTIL 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. THEY INCLUDE LOCKHART ROAD EAST OF PERCIVAL STREET; JAFFE ROAD EAST OF PERCIVAL STREET; KESWICK STREET (EXCEPT MAXICAB ROUTES 14 AND 21); CANNON STREET; PATERSON STREET BETWEEN KINGSTON STREET AND YEE WO STREET; GREAT GEORGE STREET; SUGAR STREET; KINGSTON STREET BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND CLEVELAND STREET; GLOUCESTER ROAD BETWEEN CAUSEWAY ROAD AND THE SOUTHERN END OF THE VICTORIA PARK ROAD FLYOVER; CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN COTTON PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD; ROXY ROUNDABOUT; TAI HANG ROAD FLYOVER SOUTHBOUND LEADING FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD TO TAI HANG ROAD; SUN WUI ROAD AND CANAL ROAD EAST BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THE SECTION OF PERCIVAL STREET BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD AND THE SECTION OF TUNG LO WAN ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND TAI HANG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 PM.

FROM 6 PM ONWARDS, HYSAN AVENUE BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND YUN PING ROAD, AND LEIGHTON ROAD BETWEEN CANAL ROAD EAST AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND. KESWICK STREET, LAU LI STREET BETWEEN ELECTRIC ROAD AND HING FAT STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD BETWEEN PENNINGTON STREET AND HYSAN AVENUE, AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD BETWEEN MORETON TERRACE AND THE RAMP TO TAI HANG ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BECOME ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

VEHICLES ON HENNESSY ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR NORTH POINT SHOULD PROCEED VIA MARSH ROAD FLYOVER AND VICTORIA PARK ROAD. THEY SHOULD USE PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND BLUE POOL ROAD TO REACH TAI HANG.

WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, HEADING FOR WAN CHAI SHOULD USE TSING FUNG STREET FLYOVER AND VICTORIA PARK ROAD.

BECAUSE OF THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FLOWER FAIR AT VICTORIA PARK, SOME BUS ROUTES AND MAXICAB ROUTES ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL HAVE TO BE DIVERTED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE FLOWER FAIR ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

MEANWHILE, PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATORS WILL EXTEND SERVICES UNTIL EARLY THE NEXT MORNING.

/TRAMS WILL .....

TRAMS WILL RUN ALL NIGHT BETWEEN WHITTY STREET AND NORTH POINT; BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND WESTERN MARKET AND BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND HAPPY VALLEY. SERVICES BETWEEN KENNEDY TOWN AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL CLOSE AROUND MIDNIGHT WHILE THOSE BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND KENNEDY TOWN AND BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND WESTERN MARKET AROUND 4.30 AM.

MTR AND STAR FERRY SERVICES WILL RUN ALL NIGHT. HYF FERRIES ON THE JORDAN ROAD TO JUBILEE STREET, NORTH POINT TO KWUN TONG AND NORTH POINT TO HUNG HOM ROUTES WILL OPERATE UNTIL 1 AM. PEAK TRAM SERVICES WILL BE EXTENDED TO 1.30 AM.

SERVICES ON CMB ROUTES 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 11M, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 20M, 21, 23, 25, 37, 38, 47, 48, 70, 71, 73, 81, 83, 90M AND 95 WILL CLOSE ABOUT AN HOUR LATER THAN USUAL. ROUTE 5B WILL RUN ON UNTIL 2 AM. SPECIAL ROUTES 86 (CAUSEWAY BAY - CHAI WAN) AND 305M (CAUSEWAY BAY - ADMIRALTY MTR STATION) WILL OPERATE FROM 8 PM WHILE SPECIAL ROUTES 304 (CAUSEWAY BAY - WAH FU) AND 308 (CHAI WAN - CAUSEWAY BAY) WILL START RUNNING SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT. ROUTE 86 WILL CEASE OPERATION AT 0.40 AM, BUT ROUTES 305M, 304 AND 308 WILL RUN ON UNTIL AROUND 5 AM.

SERVICES ON MORE THAN 60 KMB ROUTES WILL BE EXTENDED, WITH ROUTES 1A, 2, 3A, 5, 5C, 6, 6C, 9, 11, 14, 15, 15C, 26, 27K, 31, 32B, 34A, 35, 36, 37M, 39M, 43, 43M, 46A, 59 AND 67M FINISHING ABOUT AN HOUR-AND-A-HALF AFTER NORMAL SERVICE SCHEDULES.

AS FOR CROSS-HARBOUR SERVICES, BUSES ON ROUTE 102 WILL CONTINUE TO RUN FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS AFTER NORMAL FINISHING TIME WHILE TWO SPECIAL ROUTES - 111A (CAUSEWAY BAY - CHOI HUNG) AND 112A (CAUSEWAY BAY - MONG KOK) WILL BE IN OPERATION FROM 0.30 AM UNTIL 6 AM.

THE OPERATING HOURS OF NINE MAXICAB ROUTES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 18 IN KOWLOON AND 32 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED. IN SOME CASES, A FLAT FARE WILL BE CHARGED DURING THE EXTENSION PERIOD.

----0----

LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD REVOKES ONE LICENCE

****

THE URBAN COUNCIL'S LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD TODAY APPROVED THE APPLICATION FOR REVOCATION OF THE LIQUOR LICENCE IN RESPECT OF YIM YEUNG TIN NIGHTCLUB BAR AT PORTLAND STREET.

DURING ITS MONTHLY MEETING TODAY, THE BOARD ALSO DECIDED TO ADJOURN THE APPLICATION FOR THE NEW ISSUE OF A LIQUOR LICENCE IN RESPECT OF CITY GARDEN LOUNGE AT ELECTRIC ROAD AT THE REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT.

TODAY'S MEETING WAS PRESIDED BY THE BOARD'S CHAIRMAN, MR PETER C.K. CHAN.

----0----

FLYOVER TO EASE TUNNEL TRAFFIC FLOW

* * * *

A 660-METRE STRETCH OF ELEVATED ROADWAY IN KOWLOON TONG, WHICH SHOULD GREATLY IMPROVE LION ROCK TUNNEL TRAFFIC FLOW, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

KNOWN AS THE CORNWALL STREET-WATERLOO ROAD-JUNCTION ROAD FLYOVER, IT WILL ALSO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG THE EAST-WEST LINK OF CORNWALL STREET AND JUNCTION ROAD.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR STEPHEN CHEONG, WHO OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING, SAID THAT MUCH OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME WAS DEVOTED TO IMPROVING HONG KONG'S ROAD NETWORKS, SO AS TO COPE WITH THE EXPANDING ECONOMY OF THE TERRITORY AS WELL AS MEETING THE INCREASING TRANSPORT NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC.

+FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, WE HAVE SPENT ABOUT $5 124 MILLION ON NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTIONS AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. IT IS CERTAINLY GOVERNMENT'S FIRM INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO INVEST HEAVILY BUT WISELY IN THE COMING YEARS, SO THAT THE ROAD NETWORKS OF THE TERRITORY CAN BE FURTHER IMPROVED WHERE NECESSARY,+ HE SAID.

+BARRING UNFORESEEN ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS EXPECTED THAT $5 160 MILLION WILL BE SPENT OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.+

MR CHEONG SAID THAT GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY COMMISSIONED DETAILED TRANSPORT STUDIES TO IDENTIFY FUTURE IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ROAD SYSTEM IN THE NORTH KOWLOON REGION, TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT HIGHWAY FACILITIES FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THAT AREA.

APART FROM THE NEW FLYOVER, PLANNING FOR THE WIDENING OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WAS ALREADY IN AN ADVANCED STAGE, AND CONSIDERATION WAS ALSO GIVEN TO PROVIDING GRADE-SEPARATED FACILITIES ACROSS WATERLOO ROAD TO SERVE LOCAL TRAFFIC IN KOWLOON TONG, HE ADDED.

MR CHEONG SAID THE NEW FLYOVER HAD BEEN COMPLETED THREE MONTHS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, DESPITE THE LIMITED WORKING SPACE, CONGESTED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND THE NOISE RESTRICTIONS NECESSARY IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT.

HAVING INSPECTED THE WORKMANSHIP OF THE FLYOVER, HE COMMENDED THE CONTRACTOR AND STAFF OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE WHO HAD DESIGNED THE FLYOVER AND SUPERVISED THE CONSTRUCTION, FOR +A JOB WELL DONE+.

SPEAKING ALSO, THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, DR NIP KAM-FAN SAID THAT IN THE PAST TEN YEARS, THERE HAD BEEN RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TOWNS AND IN NORTH KOWLOON AREAS SUCH AS CHUK YUEN, WONG TAI SIN AND MA CHAI HANG.

/+THESE DEVELOPMENTS .....

+THESE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE ADDED TO THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC ALONG WATERLOO ROAD, CORNWALL STREET AND JUNCTION ROAD. IN 1982, GOVERNMENT APPROVAL WAS GIVEN TO COMMENCE THIS JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT WHICH BASICALLY PROVIDES A NORTH-SOUTH ELEVATED ROAD LINK,+ HE SAID.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE DUAL TWO-LANE FLYOVER, AT A COST OF $80 MILLION, THIS SECTION OF WATERLOO ROAD WOULD BE UPGRADED TO A STANDARD COMPATIBLE WITH THE REST OF ROUTE 1, WHICH RUNS FROM ABERDEEN TUNNEL AND THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL IN THE SOUTH TO JOIN LION ROCK TUNNEL AND FORMS PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROUTE IN THE NORTH.

DR NIP SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD A LARGE PROGRAMME OF ITEMS UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHICH WOULD IMPROVE THE ROAD NETWORK IN THE TERRITORY TO KEEP PACE WITH GROWING DEVELOPMENT AND TRAFFIC DEMAND.

+LATER THIS YEAR WE SHOULD SEE THE PROGRESSIVE COMPLETION OF LARGE SECTIONS OF ROUTE 1 STRETCHING AS FAR AS FANLING,+ HE ADDED.

THE NEW FLYOVER WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

----0----

PRIZES FOR BIGGEST CATCHES

****

TWENTY-EIGHT FISHERMEN WHO LANDED THE MOST FISH AT MARKETS OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION LAST YEAR ARE TO RECEIVE PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES AT A CEREMONY AT THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED BY MRS J.M. RIDDELL-SWAN, WIFE OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

AND DR RIDDELL-SWAN WILL PRESENT PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES TO FOUR FISHERMEN WHO HAD SAVED A TOTAL OF 12 LIVES AT SEA IN THE PAST YEAR.

NINETEEN EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE EACH SERVED THE FMO FOR 25 YEARS, WILL ALSO RECEIVE LONG SERVICE MEDALS FROM DR RIDDELL-SWAN.

----0----

/12 .....

CHE KUNG FESTIVAL TRAFFIC PLAN

* * * *

CHE KUNG MIU ROAD, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH SHA TIN TAU ROAD AND CHUI TIN STREET, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT KMB BUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 7 PM ON THURSDAY TO 7 PM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 22), FOR THE CHE KUNG FESTIVAL IN SHA TIN.

TRAFFIC HEADING FOR TIN SUM AND HIN TIN WILL BE DIVERTED ONTO TSUEN NAM ROAD AND HUNG MUI KUK ROAD.

DURING THE FESTIVAL, BUS AND TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE STRENGTHENED. WORSHIPPERS GOING TO CHE KUNG TEMPLE SHOULD USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AS THERE IS LIMITED PARKING SPACE IN THE AREA.

VEHICLES PARKED ILLEGALLY WILL BE TOWED AWAY BY POLICE WITHOUT WARNING.

- - - - 0 - - - -

VOTERS TO RECEIVE PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS

* * * * *

REGISTERED VOTERS WOULD BE RECEIVING PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS ON THE CANDIDATES STANDING FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN THEIR OWN CONSTITUENCY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY.

MORE THAN 1.3 MILLION COPIES OF PAMPHLETS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED ON A DISTRICT BASIS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, HE SAID.

THE PAMPHLETS CONTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS, PERSONAL PARTICULARS AND THE POLITICAL PLATFORMS OF THE CANDIDATES.

THERE IS ALSO A DISTRICT MAP WITH THE VARIOUS CONSTITUENCIES MARKED OUT, NOTES FOR ELECTORS ON VOTING PROCEDURES AND THE ADDRESS OF POLLING STATIONS.

+THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAS SPENT ABOUT $110 000 PRINTING THE PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS TO PROVIDE REGISTERED VOTERS WITH BASIC INFORMATION ON THE CANDIDATES IN THEIR CONSTITUENCIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT IS PART OF THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE ELECTORS TO GO TO THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY -- MARCH 7,+ HE ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/13 .....

JOSS-STICKS TO BE OFFERED

* * *

THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM WOON-KWONG, AND VILLAGE LEADERS WILL OFFER JOSS-STICKS TO CHE KUNG ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 21) - THE SECOND DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THEY WILL BE LED BY DANCING LION AND UNICORN, ON THEIR WAY TO THE CHE KUNG TEMPLE.

THEN, ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF SHA TIN, MR LAM WILL PICK A +FORTUNE-STICK+ CONCERNING THE DISTRICT'S PROSPECTS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THIS TRADITIONAL CEREMONY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 8.30 AM AT TAI WAI VILLAGE OFFICE IN CHIK FUK STREET, TAI WAI.

- - - - 0 - - - -

WINDMILL CHURNS IN HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY

* * * *

A CHINESE-STYLE WINDMILL HAS BEEN PUT UP AT THE KWUN TONG FERRY CONCOURSE TO WISH PEOPLE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS YEAR OF THE OX.

PAINTED IN RED AND GOLD, THE FIVE-METRE-HIGH WINDMILL ALSO BEARS A REMINDER TO RESIDENTS TO CAST THEIR VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 7.

THE WINDMILL IS PART OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT'S LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AND THE ELECTIONS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN. THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND A PRIVATE SPONSOR HAVE CONTRIBUTED ABOUT $200 000 TO BOTH THE CAMPAIGN AND THE WINDMILL.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/14 .....

SHA TIN FESTIVE LIGHTINGS PHOTO CONTEST

* * *

PEOPLE WHO LIVE, WORK OR STUDY IN SHA TIN ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE DISTRICT'S FESTIVE LIGHTING PHOTO COMPETITION.

THE FIRST +SHA TIN FESTIVE LIGHTING PHOTO CONTEST+, ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN FESTIVE LIGHTING SUB-COMMITTEE, IS SPONSORED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, AND KODAK (FAR EAST) LTD, WHICH WILL DONATE THE PRIZES.

PARTICIPANTS MAY SUBMIT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CHRISTMAS AND LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVE LIGHTS. THEY SHOULD SEND IN THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS TO SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, 6TH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 26.

THIS YEAR'S FESTIVE LIGHTING ON SAND MARTIN BRIDGE NEAR SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE, FEATURING A FARMER AND AN OX, WILL BE ON FOR ONE MONTH.

- - - - o - - - -

NT SPORTS VENUES CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

* * *

ALL RECREATION AND SPORT FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 20) AND THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 21), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE FACILITIES ARE:-

ISLANDS DISTRICT : CHEUNG CHAU SPORTS GROUND.

KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT : KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND,
KWAI SHING SQUASH COURTS,
NORTH KWAI CHUNG TANG SHIU KIN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE,
OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL, AND
WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTS GROUND.

NORTH DISTRICT : FANLING RECREATION GROUND, AND
FANLING NEW TOWN SQUASH COURTS.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT : SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

SHA TIN DISTRICT : SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SQUASH AND TENNIS COURTS,
YUEN WO PLAYGROUND TENNIS COURTS, AND
SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND.

TUEN MUN DISTRICT : TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

/TSUEN WAN .....

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT : TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND,
TSUEN KING CIRCUIT PLAYGROUND TENNIS COURTS, AND
SHA TSUI ROAD TENNIS COURTS.

YUEN LONG DISTRICT : YUEN LONG STADIUM,
SIR DENYS ROBERTS SQUASH COURTS, AND
TAI KIU MARKET SQUASH COURTS.

MEANWHILE, THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL WILL BE CLOSED FROM WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 20) TO FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 22).

----0----

PUBLIC URGED TO HELP EASE AIRPORT TRAFFIC
****

PUBLIC COOPERATION IS BEING SOUGHT TO HELP EASE PASSENGER TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE AIRPORT DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY RUSH.

TO HELP MAKE MOVEMENT EASIER, A SPECIAL CHECK-IN AREA HAS BEEN PROVIDED AT THE AIRPORT FOR GUANGZHOU-BOUND TRAVELLERS.

THE AREA IS SITUATED AT THE WESTERN END OF THE DEPARTURES HALL OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING, AND WILL BE OPERATING FROM TODAY (MONDAY) UNTIL SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE ARRANGEMENT WOULD HELP REDUCE +UNNECESSARY CROSS-FLOW OF PEOPLE AND BAGGAGE MOVEMENT IN THE DEPARTURES HALL+.

DEPARTING PASSENGER TRAFFIC WAS EXPECTED TO INCREASE GREATLY OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS AND THEN EASE OFF ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

ARRIVING PASSENGER TRAFFIC WAS EXPECTED TO BUILD UP ON THE THIRD OR FOURTH DAY OF THE NEW YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED TRAVELLERS TO ARRIVE AND CHECK-IN EARLY AT THE AIRPORT.

THEY SHOULD ALSO TRAVEL BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM SEEING THEM OFF AT THE AIRPORT, HE SAID.

----0----

WATER FIGURES
***

STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 68.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 405.189 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 492.120 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 84.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

----0----