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SIR DAVID STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE COMPETENCY
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HONG KONG IS VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT IF THE TERRITORY IS TO RETAIN ITS POSITION AS A LEADING INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF FINANCE, TRADE AND INDUSTRY, ITS PEOPLE MUST BE COMPETENT IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS CONSCIOUSNESS EXISTED EVEN THOUGH THE PATTERN OF LANGUAGE TEACHING IN SCHOOLS WAS ALREADY VERY COMPLEX, SIR DAVID SAID WHEN OPENING THE LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG'S CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE POLICY AND PLANNING, BEING HELD AT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC.

HONG KONG HAD A FASCINATING AND COMPLEX LANGUAGE SITUATION, WITH A JUXTAPOSITION OF CHINESE DIALECTS WITH CANTONESE PREDOMINATING BUT WITH VIRTUALLY NO INTERDIALECT BORROWING, HE SAID.

REFERRING TO DEVELOPING STANDARDS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HE SAID:

+WE HAVE TAKEN ACTION TO STRENGTHEN THE LEARNING AND TEACHING OF BOTH BY INTRODUCING NEW TEACHING MATERIALS AND TEXTS, PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL TEACHER-TRAINING STAFF AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH AND ESTABLISHING AN INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION.

+THE INSTITUTE HAS PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARRYING OUT RESEARCH INTO LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING IN HONG KONG SCHOOLS, SERVING AS A RESOURCE CENTRE FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS AND RUNNING IN-SERVICE LANGUAGE TEACHER EDUCATION COURSES.

+FROM JUNE 1987, IT WILL EXPAND ITS FULL-TIME RETRAINING COURSES FOR ENGLISH TEACHERS TO 23 WEEKS, OF WHICH 19 WEEKS WILL BE SPENT IN HONG KONG AND FOUR WEEKS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.+

SIR DAVID SAID THE INSTITUTE WAS ALSO EXTENDING ITS TRAINING COURSES IN PUTONGHUA, THE COMMON LANGUAGE OF CHINA, AND, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR FULL-TIME REFRESHER COURSES FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS, WOULD OFFER COURSES, FROM NEXT YEAR, IN THE USE OF CHINESE FOR THE TEACHING OF SUBJECTS OTHER THAN ENGLISH.

HE NOTED THAT THE INSTITUTE'S SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE TEACHER EDUCATION WAS HELD HERE EARLIER THIS WEEK AND WAS ATTENDED BY 300 SCHOLARS FROM 18 COUNTRIES AND HONG KONG.

SIR DAVID SAID THE FINDINGS OF SEVERAL RESEARCH PROJECTS CONDUCTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE TWO UNIVERSITIES HAD ESTABLISHED THAT, ALL OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL, TEACHING AND LEARNING WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION WAS CHINESE AND THAT THE CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF EXPOSURE TO ENGLISH MIGHT RESULT IN A FALL IN THE STANDARD OF ENGLISH.

/+AGAINST THIS

+AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, WE ARE ENCOURAGING INDIVIDUAL SECONDARY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES TO ADOPT CHINESE AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION WHILST, AT THE SAME TIME, PROVIDING RESOURCES TO STRENGTHEN THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH,+ HE SAID.

THE PLANS RELATING TO THE USE OF LANGUAGES IN EDUCATION THAT HAD BEEN FORMULATED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT YEARS WERE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE AND THERE WAS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THEM WOULD LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN SOCIETY.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC, THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE ORDINANCE ENACTED IN 1974 STIPULATED THAT BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE WERE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES.

IN PURSUIT OF THIS POLICY, CHINESE WAS NOW WIDELY USED IN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WERE NOT AT HOME WITH ENGLISH.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS WERE PUBLISHED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION FROM ENGLISH TO CHINESE AND VICE VERSA WAS PROVIDED IN ALL MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, URBAN COUNCIL, REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

+WE ARE ALSO GRADUALLY STRENGTHENING, THROUGH TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT, THE LEARNING AND TEACHING OF BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH IN THE CIVIL SERVICE,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

+A HIGH STANDARD OF CHINESE IS BEING DEMANDED FROM RECRUITS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE AND WE ARE NOW PLANNING NEW TRAINING COURSES WHICH FOCUS ON THE LANGUAGE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT GRADES OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE.

+THE PURPOSE OF ALL THESE EFFORTS IS TO ENSURE THAT MOST CIVIL SERVANTS ARE ABLE TO ENHANCE THEIR ABILITY TO SPEAK AND WRITE BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE. COURSES ARE ALSO BEING RUN TO TRAIN OFFICERS WHO HAVE A FUNCTIONAL NEED TO SPEAK PUTONGHUA.+

SIR DAVID SAID THAT PERHAPS THE GREATEST CHALLENGE LAY IN THE DRAFTING OF THE LAW.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS FOCUSING, IN PARTICULAR, ON THE PROBLEM OF DRAFTING AN AUTHENTIC VERSION OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG SO THAT BOTH THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS COMMUNICATED AN EQUIVALENT MESSAGE IN THEIR OWN FASHION AND THE TEXT IN EACH LANGUAGE ACCURATELY REFLECTED THE MEANING OF THE OTHER.

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LANGUAGE RESOURCES MUST BE EXPLOITED
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING THAT HONG KONG MUST EXPLOIT ITS RESOURCES INVOLVING BILINGUALISM AND THE USE OF ENGLISH IF IT IS TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITION INTERNATIONALLY.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING A CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE POLICY AND LANGUAGE PLANNING, SIR DAVID SAID:

+THIS IS A CHINESE CITY BUT IT'S ALSO AN INTERNATIONAL CITY. AND IF WE ARE TO KEEP OUR POSITION IN THIS INTERNATIONAL WORLD, AND I SINCERELY HOPE WE WILL, BECAUSE WE LIVE HERE, BECAUSE WE ARE FIVE MILLION PEOPLE, WE HAVE NO OTHER RESOURCES BUT THOSE PEOPLE, AND WE MUST EXPLOIT THOSE RESOURCES TO THE FULL. AND I BELIEVE EXPLOITATION OF THE RESOURCES INVOLVES BILINGUALISM AND THE USE OF ENGLISH.+

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT A DIFFICULT PROBLEM EXISTED IN HONG KONG WHERE THE SPOKEN LANGUAGE WAS DIVERGING MORE AND MORE AND WHERE THE WRITTEN STANDARD CHINESE WAS DIFFERENT AGAIN FROM PUTONGHUA AND THE LANGUAGE OF CHINA.

+SO WE HAVE REALLY GOT A VERY INTERESTING PROBLEM AND IT IS ONE WHICH CONFERENCES LIKE THIS WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS A SOLUTION,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON A SPEECH BY DR WANG GUNGWU, WHO ALSO ADDRESSED THE CONFERENCE, ABOUT LANGUAGE POLICY IN HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID:

+I WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN WHAT DR WANG HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE EFFECT THAT THE CHANGE IN USE OF LANGUAGE IN OUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THAT IS THE GREATER USE OF CHINESE IN SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS, AND ITS KNOCK-ON EFFECT TO THE UNIVERSITY, AND I THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT WHAT HE HAS SAID VERY, VERY CAREFULLY, THIS DISJUNCTIVE EFFECT OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEMS.+

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EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES URGED TO HEED SAFETY DUTIES
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE TO SPECIFY THE RESPECTIVE DUTIES OF BOTH THE EMPLOYER AND THE EMPLOYEE IN RESPECT OF SAFETY AND HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE.

IT IS ALSO LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF INTRODUCING PRISON TERMS FOR CERTAIN OFFENCES UNDER THE ORDINANCE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR HAMMOND STRESSED THAT WHILE VIGOROUS EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT WERE ESSENTIAL, THEY ALONE COULD NOT ENSURE HIGH STANDARDS OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

+IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES ARE ALSO CONSTANTLY AWARE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH,+ HE ADDED.

OUTLINING THE DUTIES OF THE EMPLOYER, MR HAMMOND SAID, HE MUST:

- * PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN PLANT AND SYSTEMS OF WORK THAT ARE SAFE AND WITHOUT RISKS TO HEALTH;
- * MAKE PROPER ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE SAFETY IN THE USE, HANDLING, STORAGE AND TRANSPORT OF ARTICLES AND SUBSTANCES;
- * PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION, INSTRUCTION, TRAINING AND SUPERVISION AS IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK OF HIS EMPLOYEES;
- * MAINTAIN HIS PREMISES IN A SAFE CONDITION, AND KEEP THE PASSAGEWAYS AND EXITS FREE AND SAFE; AND
- * PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORKING ENVIRONMENT WITH ADEQUATE WELFARE FACILITIES.

AS REGARDS THE EMPLOYEE, MR HAMMOND SAID HE SHOULD:

- * TAKE REASONABLE CARE WITH REGARD TO HIS OWN SAFETY AND HEALTH AND THAT OF OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY HIS WORK;
- * ADOPT SAFE WORKING PRACTICES AND OBSERVE THE SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ARE MADE BY HIS EMPLOYER; AND
- * CO-OPERATE WITH HIS EMPLOYER AT ALL TIMES TO ENABLE HIM TO FULFILL HIS DUTIES PROPERLY.

/+IN SHORT,

+IN SHORT, FOR ANY SUBSTANTIAL AND LASTING IMPROVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TO BE ACHIEVED, CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IS ESSENTIAL,+ MR HAMMOND SAID.

+TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS TRYING ITS BEST TO CONSOLIDATE THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE SO FAR AND TO WORK TOWARDS REDUCING THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCUR, AND IMPROVING SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK.+

MR HAMMOND SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO WORKING ON A PROPOSAL TO STRENGTHEN THE VOLUNTARY SAFETY MOVEMENT BY ESTABLISHING AN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL.

+THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THIS COUNCIL WAS PRESENTED TO THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION WHEN IT MET ON DECEMBER 5,+ HE SAID.

+THE BOARD GAVE ITS FULL SUPPORT TO THE PROPOSAL AND, PROVIDED THAT WE CAN RAISE THE MONEY TO SUPPORT THE COUNCIL'S OPERATIONS, I HOPE IT WILL BE SET UP SOON.+

THE COUNCIL WOULD SEEK TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORKPLACES IN BOTH THE INDUSTRIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL SECTORS.

IT WOULD ALSO ORGANISE TRAINING COURSES, UNDERTAKE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES THROUGH PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS, PROVIDE CONSULTANCY SERVICES, AND CONDUCT RESEARCH INTO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE BOARD'S TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND ITS SIX INDUSTRY-BASED SUB-COMMITTEES WOULD CONTINUE TO BRING TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES AND THE GOVERNMENT TO WORK FOR THE COMMON OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING SAFETY AND HELATH AT WORK.

REFERRING TO LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT, MR HAMMOND SAID THREE SETS OF SAFETY REGULATIONS HAD BEEN INTRODUCED THIS YEAR.

THESE INCLUDED THE ASBESTOS SPECIAL REGULATIONS, SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS REGULATIONS, AND CARCINOGENIC SUBSTANCES REGULATIONS. A NEW SET OF REGULATIONS DEALING WITH THE CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF HARMFUL SUBSTANCES WAS BEING PREPARED.

ON ENFORCEMENT, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT PLANNED TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE AND THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE, AND TO OFFER MORE SAFETY TRAINING COURSES TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMANDS OF INDUSTRY.

DURING THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, HE SAID, FACTORY INSPECTORS CARRIED OUT ALMOST 63 000 INSPECTIONS OF FACTORIES, INCLUDING A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS INTO INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES.

AS A RESULT, 1 388 PROSECUTIONS WERE TAKEN OUT FOR BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAD SET UP A TELEPHONE HOTLINE TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS ABOUT INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MATTERS AND TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON SAFETY AND HEALTH PROBLEMS.

MR HAMMOND URGED WORKERS TO MAKE USE OF THE HOTLINE TO REPORT UNSAFE WORKING SITUATIONS, AND ASSURED CALLERS THAT THE IDENTITY OF COMPLAINANTS AND THE INFORMATION RECEIVED WOULD BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

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TRUANCY A MAJOR FACTOR IN JUVENILE CRIME
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A JUVENILE COURT MAGISTRATE, MISS COLETTE VAN DER EB, HAS DESCRIBED TRUANCY AS A SERIOUS PROBLEM AND A MAJOR CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR IN JUVENILE CRIME TODAY.

OFFICIATING AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME TODAY (FRIDAY), SHE SAID: +CHILDREN WHO LEAD FULL, WELL-ORGANISED AND WELL-SUPERVISED LIVES DO NOT, AS A RULE, FALL PREY TO THE MANY TEMPTATIONS TO WHICH TRUANTS SUCCUMB.+

MISS VAN DER EB POINTED OUT THAT ONE IN THREE OF THE CHILDREN WHO CAME BEFORE THE COURTS WERE PERSISTENT TRUANTS.

SHE SAID THAT IT WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE CHILDREN THAT THEY ATTENDED SCHOOL REGULARLY AND BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN INTERESTING AND WHOLESOME ACTIVITIES IN THEIR LEISURE HOURS.

+THE FACT THAT LACK OF RESOURCES MEANS THAT MANY CHILDREN ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL ON A WHOLE DAY BASIS MAKES TRUANCY FAR EASIER AND THE TASK OF THE POLICE IN IDENTIFYING TRUANTS SO MUCH THE HARDER.

+THE ONUS LIES IN THE FIRST PLACE ON THE PARENTS AND IN THE SECOND ON THE SCHOOLS,+ SHE SAID.

+CLEARLY IT IS THE PARENTS' DUTY NOT ONLY TO FEED AND CLOTHE THEIR CHILDREN BUT TO EDUCATE THEM AND IN SO DOING TO MINIMISE THE CHANCES OF THEIR FALLING PREY TO EVIL INFLUENCES,+ SHE ADDED.

HOWEVER, SHE APPRECIATED THAT VERY OFTEN PARENTS HAD TO WORK SUCH LONG HOURS BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL NECESSITY THAT THEY WERE LEFT NEITHER THE TIME NOR THE ENERGY TO CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

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+THIS IS WHY IT IS SO VITALLY NECESSARY FOR THE SCHOOLS, TO PLAY THEIR PART; TO ENSURE CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH THE PARENTS, TO ANALYSE THEIR PUPILS' PROBLEMS AND, MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT THE NAME OF EVERY CHILD WHO IS NO LONGER ATTENDING SCHOOL BE MADE KNOWN TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,+ SHE SAID.

+IT IS MY STRONGLY FELT VIEW THAT CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT MADE TO ATTEND SCHOOL ARE NEGLECTED AND DEPRIVED CHILDREN AND IT BEHOVES US ALL TO DO OUR UTMOST TO ENSURE THAT TRUANCY IS DETECTED AT ONCE.

+THE LONGER IT IS ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, THE MORE DIFFICULT IT IS FOR THE CHILD IN QUESTION TO BE RE-ASSIMILATED INTO THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM,+ MISS VAN DER EB STRESSED.

THE BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME IS A MULTI-PURPOSE INSTITUTION FOR BOYS UNDER 16. APART FROM BEING A PLACE OF DETENTION FOR THOSE HELD ON REMAND BEFORE APPEARING IN COURT, IT ALSO SERVES AS A HOME FOR PROBATIONERS REQUIRING RESIDENTIAL TRAINING AND AS A PLACE OF REFUGE FOR JUVENILES IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION.

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LATEST REPORT ON LABOUR FORCE SURVEY OUT

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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1986 IS NOW AVAILABLE.

IT CONTAINS STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOR THE QUARTER.

IT ALSO PROVIDES A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

THE REPORT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$8.50 PER COPY.

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NEW CUSTOMS CLASSIFICATION LIST ON SALE

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THE NEW HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST (REVISED EDITION JANUARY 1986) IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$45 PER COPY.

THIS NEW EDITION INCORPORATES AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE 1982 EDITION IN 1983, 1984, 1985 AND 1986.

THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST IS MADE UP OF TWO PARTS - A COUNTRY LIST AND A COMMODITY LIST.

THE COMMODITY LIST IS BASED ON THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION, REVISION 2 (SITC, REV. 2) AND SETS OUT THE DESCRIPTIONS OF SOME 3 600 COMMODITY ITEMS.

AS THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL NOMENCLATURE (CCCN) IS WIDELY USED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, PARTICULARLY AS THE BASIS FOR CUSTOMS TARIFFS, THE EQUIVALENT CCCN CODES ARE ALSO SHOWN FOR GENERAL REFERENCE.

UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS, IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ARE REQUIRED TO LODGE WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DECLARATION OF ALL IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS FROM HONG KONG.

THE APPROPRIATE CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES AND COMMODITIES AND THE CORRESPONDING SITC CODE NUMBERS IN THE LIST SHOULD BE USED BY IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS WHEN COMPLETING THE DECLARATION FORMS.

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DIVIDEND PROPOSED FOR DEAK CREDITORS

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THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE PROPOSES TO PAY A DIVIDEND TO ORDINARY UNSECURED CREDITORS OF DEAK PERERA FAR EAST LIMITED (DPFE) BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY 1987, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE RECALLED THAT A DIVIDEND OF 100 PER CENT, AMOUNTING TO \$963 000, HAD BEEN PAID TO 72 PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS IN APRIL 1986. THERE WERE NO SECURED CREDITORS IN THE LIQUIDATION.

THE REDEMPTION OF ALL THE PRECIOUS METALS CERTIFICATES, HELD BY SOME 300 CUSTOMERS OF DPFE WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF ABOUT \$50 MILLION, HAD BEEN COMPLETED BY THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE.

MR GLEESON SAID THAT NOTICES HAD BEEN SENT TO CLAIMANTS WHOSE CLAIMS AGAINST DPFE HAD BEEN REJECTED. THESE INCLUDED THE CLAIMS MADE AGAINST DPFE BY DEPOSITORS OF MONEY WITH DEAK AND CO. (MACAU).

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THESE CLAIMS WERE REJECTED ON THE BASIS OF THE LEGAL VIEW THAT THE DEPOSITORS WERE NOT CREDITORS OF DPFE AND SHOULD PURSUE THEIR CLAIMS IN THE LIQUIDATION OF DEAK AND CO. (MACAU).

THE ASSOCIATION OF DEAK CREDITORS, REPRESENTING A GROUP OF THE DEPOSITORS WITH DEAK AND CO. (MACAU), HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF THIS DECISION. THOSE WHOSE CLAIMS WERE REJECTED COULD APPEAL TO THE COURT IN HONG KONG IF THEY BELIEVED THEY HAD VALID GROUNDS FOR SO DOING.

SUBJECT TO ANY APPEALS BY REJECTED CLAIMANTS, IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE 330 CREDITORS WHOSE CLAIMS HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO PROOF IN THE LIQUIDATION WOULD BE ABOUT \$85 MILLION, AND THIS WOULD PROVIDE A DIVIDEND IN THE REGION OF 45 CENTS IN THE DOLLAR.

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BLANKETS FOR STREETS SLEEPERS
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FIELD STAFF OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL MOUNT AN OPERATION TONIGHT (FRIDAY) TO DISTRIBUTE BLANKETS TO STREETS SLEEPERS AND OTHERS IN NEED DUE TO THE COLD SPELL.

THE DISTRIBUTION WILL START AT ABOUT 8 PM IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES INTERESTED IN FILMING THE OCCASION MAY ASSEMBLE AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, YAU MA TEI, BY 7.15 PM.

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ADVANCED LENDING COURSE TO START NEXT MONTH
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BANKING PERSONNEL ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR AN ADVANCED LENDING COURSE ORGANISED BY THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL NEXT MONTH.

THE 30-HOUR INTENSIVE COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC BETWEEN JANUARY 12 AND 21 IN THE EVENINGS.

THE COURSE IS TO PROVIDE BANKING CREDIT AND LENDING OFFICERS WITH THE NECESSARY TOOLS FOR QUANTITATIVE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRACTISING THESE SKILLS IN REAL-LIFE CREDIT SITUATIONS.

CONTENTS OF THE COURSE INCLUDE CORPORATE LENDING, PROJECT FINANCING, ANALYSIS OF CORPORATE FAILURE AND CASE STUDIES.

COURSE FEE IS \$700 BUT THE COUNCIL WILL REIMBURSE HALF OF THE FEE TO QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS. CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 25. DEADLINE FOR ENROLMENT IS DECEMBER 22.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT THE SECRETARY OF THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD AT 5-8932341 EXT. 255 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION MOVES TO TSUEN WAN
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A FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN THIS SUNDAY (DECEMBER 21) TO ALERT THE PUBLIC OF THE NEED TO PREVENT FIRE IN THE DRY WINTER SEASON.

THE EXHIBITION IS PART OF THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN WHICH CARRIES THE THEME +SMOKE KILLS+.

FROM NOON TO 3 PM, VISITORS TO THE CENTRE WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN ABOUT THE DANGER OF SMOKE FROM PANEL DISPLAYS. THEY WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO SEE AN ARRAY OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND RESCUE APPLIANCES.

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO PICK UP A FREE CALENDAR CARD AND A LEAFLET CONTAINING USEFUL INFORMATION ON HOW TO MINIMISE HARM IN THE EVENT OF FIRE.

FREE GIVE-AWAYS SPONSORED BY KWONG ON BANK WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED.

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AMS TO HOLD GRAND PARADE ON SUNDAY
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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMS) WILL HOLD A GRAND PARADE AT VICTORIA PARK THIS SUNDAY (DECEMBER 21).

MORE THAN 400 AMS MEMBERS FROM 18 DISTRICTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE PARADE WITH ANOTHER 2 000 MEMBERS ATTENDING AS SPECTATORS.

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE AMS, DR K.L. THONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PARADE AND TAKE THE SALUTE.

AFTER THE PARADE, DR THONG WILL PRESENT CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE CLASPS AND MEDALS TO 21 AMS MEMBERS FOR THEIR SERVICES TO THE FORCE.

DURING THE CEREMONY, TROPHIES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE INTER-REGIONAL COMPETITION WHICH TAKES PLACE BEFORE THE PARADE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT THE NO. 1, 2 AND 3 PITCHES OF VICTORIA PARK ON SUNDAY. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE BY 11 AM.

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REMINDER ON ANIMAL IMPORT BAN
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAKING TRIPS ABROAD AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ARE REMINDED NOT TO BRING BACK ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS, OR THEY WILL FACE PROSECUTIONS AND HEAVY FINES.

THE ADVICE COMES FROM THE SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR M. K. CHEUNG, TODAY (FRIDAY).

+ SO FAR THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAS INTERCEPTED SOME 340 CASES IN BREACH OF THE IMPORTATION RESTRICTIONS UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE. THERE WERE 302 CASES LAST YEAR.

+AMONG CASES IN RECENT MONTHS, SOME INVOLVED SUCH HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES AS GIANT SALAMANDER WHILE MANY OTHERS INVOLVED PANGOLIN AND PANGOLIN MEAT,+ HE SAID.

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THE REST WERE CONNECTED WITH THE ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF OWLS, KESTRELS, BUZZARDS, LEOPARD CATS, AND STUFFED SPECIMENS OF SEA TURTLES AND CROCODILES.

THE LAW PROVIDES FOR A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE AND \$10 000 AND SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE. IN ADDITION, THE SPECIMENS INTERCEPTED WILL BE FORFEITED, HE SAID.

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WATER BILLING SYSTEM TO BE UPDATED
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS UPDATING AND RECOMPUTERISING ITS WATER BILLING SYSTEM AND THIS WILL INCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SETTLING ACCOUNTS BY AUTO-PAY FOR CONSUMERS WISHING TO DO SO.

IT WILL ALSO SPEED UP PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FROM NEW CONSUMERS.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR K.L. WONG, AT THE OPENING OF THE NGAU TAU KOK CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE -- THE SEVENTH SUCH CENTRE OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM WATER CHARGES.

MR WONG SAID THE CENTRE, LOCATED AT NGAU TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, HAD BEEN EQUIPPED WITH COMPUTER FACILITIES TO ENABLE QUICK REPLIES. IT INCLUDED A SHROFF OFFICE.

ALL THE DEPARTMENT'S ENQUIRY CENTRES ARE OPEN FROM 8.30 AM TO 4.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAYS. SHROFF OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAYS.

A TOTAL OF 311 838 CASES OF COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH BETWEEN MARCH AND NOVEMBER THIS YEAR BY THE SIX ENQUIRY CENTRES NOW IN OPERATION AT LEIGHTON CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY; ARGYLE STREET DEPOT, MONG KOK; TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING IN TING KOK ROAD; KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HOUSE, SHA TIN; SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES; AND KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TSUEN WAN.

OTHERS WHO TOOK PART IN TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY INCLUDED KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN.

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NT SITES SOLD BY LETTERS A AND B
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SEVEN NON-INDUSTRIAL LOTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE BEEN SOLD BY VINTAGE LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A AND B) BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

FOUR OF THE SITES ARE IN YUEN LONG AND THE OTHERS ARE IN TAI PO, SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN.

THE TAI PO SITE, ABOUT 7 804 SQUARE METRES IN AREAS, IS IN PLOVER COVE ROAD. IT WAS BOUGHT BY SHUNG KING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED, EVERCOT ENTERPRISE COMPANY LIMITED, CAMLEIGH INVESTMENT LIMITED, EGERIA INVESTMENT LIMITED AND MILLAP LIMITED.

A MARKET WITH A MINIMUM GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 4 400 SQUARE METRES, RETAIL SHOPPING WITH A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 4 700 SQUARE METRES AND A RESIDENTIAL GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 23 400 SQUARE METRES ARE TO BE DEVELOPED ON THE SITE.

THE SHA TIN SITE, IN THE TOWN CENTRE, COVERS 3 450 SQUARE METRES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE BUYERS - HINTLINE INVESTMENTS LIMITED AND TUXEDOS COMPANY LIMITED - HAVE TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 10 350 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BY MARCH 31, 1991.

A CINEMA IS NOT PERMITTED.

THE SITE IN TUEN MUN WAS BOUGHT BY DONORA COMPANY LIMITED. MEASURING 2 000 SQUARE METRES, IT LIES TO THE SOUTH OF THE OLD DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING BESIDE CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 7 000 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 31, 1990.

ONE OF THE YUEN LONG SITES IS IN YAU SAN STREET AND COVERS 251.7 SQUARE METRES. THE DEVELOPER, NAN FUNG TEXTILES LIMITED, IS REQUIRED TO BUILD AT LEAST 827 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BY MARCH 31, 1990.

TWO OF THE OTHER SITES ARE IN SHUI CHE KWUN STREET AND MEASURE 1 120 AND 823.5 SQUARE METRES.

THE BUYERS ARE HINTLINE INVESTMENTS LIMITED, AND CHEUK WING COMPANY LIMITED AND MR CHAN WAI-DAN.

GROSS FLOOR AREAS OF NOT LESS THAN 3 678 AND 2 705 SQUARE METRES ARE TO BE BUILT ON THE SITES BY MARCH 31, 1991.

THE LAST SITE, OF 1 023 SQUARE METRES AT YUEN LONG TAI CHEUNG STREET WAS SOLD TO RAINFORCE LIMITED.

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A MINIMUM GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 3 360 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 31, 1991.

NO GODOWN DEVELOPMENT WILL BE ALLOWED ON ANY OF THE SEVEN SITES.

A BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID A TOTAL OF 429 088.25 SQUARE FEET OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 6 012.7 SQUARE FEET OF BUILDING LAND HAD BEEN REDEEMED BY THE SURRENDER OF THE LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS.

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CHEUNG CHAU SITES FOR TENDER
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TWO NON-INDUSTRIAL SITES ON CHEUNG CHAU ARE BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

KNOWN AS CHEUNG CHAU LOT NO. 1772, ONE OF THE LOTS IS AT KIN SAN LANE AND MEASURES ABOUT 190 SQUARE METRES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 380 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BEFORE MARCH 31 1989.

THE OTHER LOT, CHEUNG CHAU LOT NO. 1773, IS LOCATED AT TAI HING TAI ROAD.

THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 250 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE 125-SQUARE-METRE SITE BEFORE MARCH 31 1989.

TENDERS HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON JANUARY 16.

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CARNIVALS ARRANGED FOR CENTRAL, WESTERN
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A SERIES OF FESTIVE ACTIVITIES AND CARNIVALS HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN RESIDENTS.

TOMORROW (SATURDAY), A CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE COVERED PLAYGROUND ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE CAINE ROAD CARITAS CENTRE IN CENTRAL.

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THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE STALL GAMES, FILM SHOWS, SONGS FOR CHILDREN, PHOTO-WITH-SANTA, AND CORNERS FOR DRAWING AND HANDICRAFTS.

WINNERS OF A CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES AT A CEREMONY BEFORE THE CARNIVAL BEGINS AT 2.30 PM.

THE CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CAINE ROAD CARITAS CENTRE, MID-LEVEL CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE AND MID-LEVEL WEST AREA COMMITTEE. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN).

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD IN THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND IN KENNEDY TOWN. MORE THAN 3 000 CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE CARNIVAL WHICH WILL START AT 2.15 PM.

THERE WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW, GAMES STALLS, CHOIR SINGING, FOLK SONGS, MARTIAL ARTS PERFORMANCES, ORIENTAL DANCE, AND MAGIC AND ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES.

ALSO SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, KENNEDY TOWN AREA COMMITTEE AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 23) EVENING, A FAMILY BUFFET DINNER WILL BE HELD AT 7.30 PM AT THE CAINE ROAD CARITAS RESTAURANT IN CENTRAL.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND 10 DISTRICT COMPANIES, THE DINNER IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE CHUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE.

TICKETS AT \$45 FOR ADULTS AND \$30 FOR CHILDREN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523486 OR 5-8523488.

ADMISSION TO THE CHRISTMAS CARNIVALS ARE FREE FOR RESIDENTS.

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COLOURFUL PROCESSION TO MARK FESTIVAL OPENING
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A COLOURFUL PROCESSION OF FLOATS, LION DANCE AND ORCHESTRAL BAND WILL LAUNCH THE THREE-WEEK-LONG SHA TIN FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY (DECEMBER 21) AFTERNOON.

SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY IN THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND AT 2 PM.

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THE PROCESSION WILL START FROM TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD, PASSING THROUGH SAND MARTIN BRIDGE, YUEN WO ROAD TO THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM IN THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND ON SUNDAY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES INTERESTED IN COVERING THE PROCESSION SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE STARTING POINT AT TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD (OPPOSITE THE HOTEL REVERSIDE PLAZA) BY 1.25 PM.

AS SEPARATE PRESS BADGES ARE REQUIRED FOR BOTH FUNCTIONS, GIS OFFICERS WILL BE AT THE STARTING POINT AND ENTRANCE OF THE SPORTS GROUND.

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STAR CONCERT TO ENTERTAIN KWAI TSING
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KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE KWAI TSING FESTIVAL '86 OPENING CEREMONY AND STAR CONCERT AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 7.30 PM.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, CHAIRMAN AND HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE KWAI TSING FESTIVAL CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WING-CHUN AND MR LAM KIN-MING; AND KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING.

THE STAR CONCERT, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 7.30 PM IN THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND (NEXT TO THE KWAI FONG MTR STATION) TOMORROW.

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FESTIVE LIGHTS TO DECORATE TSUEN WAN
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DECORATIVE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING WILL BE TURNED ON FROM DECEMBER 23 (TUESDAY) IN TSUEN WAN TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE SEASON.

THE MAIN ATTRACTION OF THE LIGHTING WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE ROUNDABOUT OF SHA TSUI ROAD AND THE TSUEN WAN TOWN SQUARE ADJACENT TO THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION.

THE LIGHTS WILL BE ON EVERY EVENING UNTIL JANUARY 3 FROM 6 PM TO 10 PM.

THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY WILL BE PERFORMED BY MRS MABEL HAYES, WIFE OF THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, AT THE PODIUM OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 23).

MEANWHILE, A CHRISTMAS DISCO NIGHT, SPONSORED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

APART FROM DANCING, WELL-KNOWN SINGERS WILL PERFORM UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

AT THE END OF THE EVENT, THERE WILL BE A LUCKY DRAW WITH VALUABLE PRIZES FOR PARTICIPANTS.

FIRST PRIZE WILL BE TWO RETURN AIR TICKETS TO TAIWAN.

ADMISSION TICKETS AT \$20 PER COUPLE ARE AVAILABLE AT OFFICES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

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EAST KWAI CHUNG AREA DAY FOR SUNDAY
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HUNDREDS OF KWAI TSING RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN AN AREA DAY PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE EAST KWAI CHUNG AREA COMMITTEE AND THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 21).

THE PROGRAMMES INCLUDE A GAMES COMPETITION AT THE SHEK LEI EXTENSION AREA, A FUN FAIR IN THE SHEK LEI PLAYGROUND AND A VARIETY SHOW AT THE PLAYGROUND IN THE EVENING.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND TICKETS FOR THE FUN FAIR ARE AVAILABLE AT THE EAST KWAI CHUNG SUB-OFFICE, NO 8-10, GROUND FLOOR, BLOCK 14, SHEK LEI ESTATE.

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AREA DAY PROGRAMMES ORGANISED ON SUNDAYS BY SEVEN AREA COMMITTEES IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI ARE PART OF THE FIVE-WEEK-LONG KWAI TSING FESTIVAL 86.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE SUB-OFFICE ON 0-238684.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE AREA DAY IN THE SHEK LEI EXTENSION AT 9.30 AM ON SUNDAY.

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'CARE FOR THE OLD' CAMPAIGN OPENING TOMORROW
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ABOUT 800 OLD PEOPLE IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT WILL ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S 'CARE FOR THE OLD' CAMPAIGN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 2 PM AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY HEALTH TALKS AND AN EXHIBITION ON HEALTH CARE FOR THE ELDERLIES.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHOW WAI-KAM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY TOMORROW AT 2 PM AT TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY SCHOOL IN OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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CIVIC EDUCATION WINNERS TO GET PRIZES

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO REPRESENTATIVES OF WINNING SCHOOLS IN THE INTER-SCHOOL CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT COMPETITION.

A TOTAL OF 36 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE PRIZES FOR OUTSTANDING ENTRIES IN THE COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION.

A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS RITA FAN, WILL ATTEND THE PRESENTATION. SHE WAS CHIEF ADJUDICATOR OF THE COMPETITION AND WILL MAKE REMARKS ON THE QUALITY OF THE ENTRIES.

THE COMPETITION WAS DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SECTIONS. THE MAIN WINNER IN EACH SECTION WILL RECEIVE BOOK COUPONS WORTH \$5 000.

BOOK COUPONS VALUED AT BETWEEN \$3 000 AND \$200 WILL BE AWARDED TO SCHOOLS THAT PRODUCED THE 34 OTHER OUTSTANDING ENTRIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ANNEXE AT ROOM 1108, ARGYLE CENTRE, PHASE ONE, 688 NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK, AT 9.40 AM TOMORROW.

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COOKING CONTEST ORGANISED FOR ELDERLY

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SEVENTEEN ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR TECHNIQUES IN THE WINTER HOT POT DISH COOKING COMPETITION AT THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB, SHING TAK STREET, TO KWA WAN, TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

EACH PARTICIPANT, ACCOMPANIED BY AN ASSISTANT, WILL PREPARE A HOT POT DISH COSTING NOT MORE THAN \$40.

THE CRITERIA FOR ADJUDICATION INCLUDE COOKING SKILL, RECIPE DESIGN, TASTE, TIDINESS AND TEAM CO-OPERATION.

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GIFT COUPONS WORTH \$250 TO \$700 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE WINNING TEAMS AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE PRESENTED TO ALL TEAMS.

THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY, THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S CLUB AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WINTER HOT POT DISH COOKING COMPETITION TO BE HELD FROM 2-4 PM TOMORROW IN THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB AT 42 SHING TAK STREET, TO KWA WAN.

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DANCE COMPETITION OPEN TO ALL
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DANCE ENTHUSIASTS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS IN A COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE DANCE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD IN THE CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE ON JANUARY 4.

IT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS: ORIENTAL DANCE, WESTERN DANCE AND CREATIVE DANCE, CATERING TO THE DIFFERENT INTERESTS OF PARTICIPANTS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT LIM PO YEN CENTRE AT 110 BEECH STREET AND AT THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE (RECREATION, AMENITIES AND SPORTS) AT ROOM 503-506, 610 NATHAN ROAD.

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JAPANESE BAND ARRIVES FOR CONCERT
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A JAPANESE GIRLS SCHOOL BAND WILL PROVIDE AN INTERNATIONAL FLAVOUR WHEN THE 1986 HONG KONG YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL HOLDS ITS OPENING CONCERT IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) NIGHT.

THE HAKATA GIRLS' COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL WIND BAND OF FUKUOKA ARRIVED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO TAKE PART IN THE CONCERT.

PERFORMING WITH THE MUSIC OFFICE'S YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND, THE MORE THAN 60-STRONG GIRLS BAND WILL PLAY SUCH POPULAR PIECES AS +DANCE OF THE YAO+ AND +WHITE CHRISTMAS+.

TICKETS AT \$5 EACH ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOX OFFICE OF TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND AT ALL COMPUTERISED BOX OFFICES OF THE URBAN COUNCIL. THE CONCERT STARTS AT 8 PM.

THE VISITING BAND IS LED BY ITS CONDUCTOR, MR KATSUHIKO IKESUE.

THE YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, BEGINS TODAY AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL DECEMBER 23.

AS PART OF THE FESTIVAL, A PUBLIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT WILL BE GIVEN AT NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN ON SUNDAY, STARTING AT 1 PM. A PRIVATE CONCERT WILL BE GIVEN AT THE PO LEUNG KUK ON SUNDAY MORNING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CONCERT OF THE YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AT 8 PM TOMORROW.

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FIRE SERVICES STAFF SHOW THEIR BEST FORM
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DESPITE THE COLD AND STRONG WINDS, FIRE SERVICES ATHLETES SHOWED THEIR BEST FORM TO BREAK A NUMBER OF RECORDS DURING THEIR ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET AT WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE MACAU FIRE BRIGADE ALSO SENT A TEAM TO TAKE PART IN SOME TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WAS THE 4 X 100 METRE INVITATION RELAY WHICH WAS CONTESTED BY 11 OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND THE MACAU FIRE BRIGADE.

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