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GOVERNOR COMPLETES FIRST LEG OF NZ VISIT

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HONG KONG AS A CENTRE OF THE DYNAMIC ASIA PACIFIC REGION - THE FASTEST GROWING IN THE WORLD - WAS EMPHASISED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, DURING A MAJOR NATIONAL RADIO BROADCAST IN NEW ZEALAND.

IN A LIVE INTERVIEW ON RADIO NEW ZEALAND'S HIGHLY RESPECTED "MORNING REPORT", SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS IN NEW ZEALAND TO TELL BUSINESSMEN AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS THAT HONG KONG WAS DOING VERY WELL AND WAS A GOOD PLACE TO "GET INVOLVED IN".

"IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN GETTING INTO ONE OF THE LARGEST AREAS OF GROWTH IN THE WORLD, SOUTHERN CHINA, THEN HONG KONG IS A VERY GOOD PLACE AS A BASE TO OPERATE FROM."

SIR DAVID DESCRIBED HONG KONG AS A DYNAMIC INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CENTRE ON THE COAST OF CHINA, AND SAID THAT WHILE THERE WOULD BE SOME CHANGES, HONG KONG'S FRAMEWORK WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED, AND THAT INCLUDED ITS VERY HARD-WORKING PEOPLE.

THE WIDE-RANGING INTERVIEW HEARD THROUGHOUT NEW ZEALAND AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, TOUCHED ON SOME OF THE ISSUES FACING HONG KONG, INCLUDING THE PROBLEM OF THE VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS, THE FUTURE, AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRITORY.

THE THEME OF HONG KONG AS AN IDEAL BASE FOR ESTABLISHING A BRIDGE INTO CHINA WAS ALSO DISCUSSED AT MEETINGS THE GOVERNOR HELD WITH OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND TRADE, THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, MRS RUTH RICHARDSON, AND THE PRIME MINISTER, MR JIM BOLGER.

SIR DAVID SAID LATER THAT NEW ZEALAND OFFICIALS HAD IDENTIFIED NORTH ASIA AS THE AREA WHERE NEW ZEALAND SHOULD EXPAND ITS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.

"I HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING THEM TO LOOK AT HONG KONG AS A BASE FOR THOSE OPERATIONS AS WE ARE THE BEST SPRINGBOARD FOR THE REGION."

THE CHANGING NATURE OF NEW ZEALAND'S TRADING PATTERNS WAS ALSO OUTLINED AT A MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, MR PHILIP BURDON.

HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN A DRAMATIC SHIFT IN TRADE FROM THE TRADITIONAL MARKETS OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE TO THE ASIAN REGION, LAST YEAR TWO OUT OF NEW ZEALAND'S TOP 10 TRADING PARTNERS WERE FROM ASIA - THIS YEAR IT HAD JUMPED TO SIX OUT OF 10 AND WAS CONTINUING TO GROW.

TONIGHT THE GOVERNOR WOUND UP THE FIRST LEG OF HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND AT A RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, DAME CATHERINE TIZARD, AND AN OFFICIAL DINNER HOSTED BY THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, MR DAVID MOSS.

TOMORROW SIR DAVID FLIES TO AUCKLAND WHERE HE WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER AT A BUSINESS LUNCHEON ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG-NEW ZEALAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION. LATER IN THE AFTERNOON HE WILL BE INVOLVED IN ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS WITH SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S TOP BUSINESSMEN.

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SALARY INDEXES FOR MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES FOR JUNE 1991
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THE AVERAGE SALARY LEVEL FOR MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, AS INDICATED BY THE OVERALL NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A), WAS 10.6% HIGHER IN JUNE 1991 THAN IN JUNE 1990.

THE OVERALL NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B), WHICH MEASURES CHANGES IN THE AVERAGE SALARY LEVEL ONLY FOR THOSE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES WHO REMAINED IN THE SAME OCCUPATION AND IN THE SAME COMPANY IN BOTH 1990 AND 1991, ROSE BY 15.1% OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THE ABOVE RESULTS ARE SOME OF THE FINDINGS OF THE 1991 SURVEY OF SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES (EXCLUDING TOP MANAGEMENT) RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BOTH SALARY INDEXES (A) AND (B) ARE DESIGNED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEASURING CHANGES IN SALARY LEVELS.

HOWEVER, BY CONFINING TO THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO REMAINED IN THE SAME OCCUPATION AND IN THE SAME COMPANY IN 1990 AND 1991, THE SALARY INDEX (B) ONLY ACCOUNTS FOR SALARY CHANGES DUE TO GENERAL INCREMENT, MERITORIOUS INCREASE AND GAIN IN SENIORITY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SALARY INDEX (A) TAKES INTO ACCOUNT EFFECTS OF LABOUR MOBILITY AS WELL.

THE RATE OF INCREASE OF THE SALARY INDEX (B) IS USUALLY HIGHER THAN THAT OF THE SALARY INDEX (A) BECAUSE THE SALARY INDEX (A) INCLUDES THE SALARIES OF NEWLY RECRUITED AND NEWLY PROMOTED EMPLOYEES, WHO TEND TO BE PAID COMPARATIVELY LOWER SALARIES THAN THOSE ALREADY IN THE SAME RANK.

BETWEEN JUNE 1990 AND JUNE 1991, THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR LARGE COMPANIES INCREASED BY 10.2% AND THAT FOR MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES BY 10.7%.

AS REGARDS THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B), THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES WERE 15.9% AND 14.9% RESPECTIVELY.

THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) AND NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR JUNE 1991 ANALYSED BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTOR ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLE ATTACHED.

BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEXES BY THE HANG SENG CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, THE REAL SALARY INDEXES ARE OBTAINED TO MEASURE CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY EARNED.

ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON, THE REAL SALARY INDEX (A) REGISTERED A DECREASE OF 0.3% IN JUNE 1991, WHILE THE REAL SALARY INDEX (B) SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 3.8%.

AMONG THE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COVERED IN THE SURVEY, 69% OF THEM WERE ENTITLED TO PROFIT-SHARING BONUS, 38% TO HOUSING BENEFITS OF SOME KIND AND 77% TO PROVIDENT/RETIREMENT FUND OR PENSION. IT WAS ALSO FOUND THAT 84% OF THEM WERE ENTITLED TO GUARANTEED YEAR-END BONUS.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING THE ANNUAL SURVEY OF SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE (EXCLUDING TOP MANAGEMENT) SINCE 1984 TO MEASURE CHANGES IN SALARY RATES FOR THE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES.

A SAMPLE OF ABOUT 200 LARGE AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES IS COVERED IN THE SURVEY. BOTH LOCAL AND EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN COMMON OCCUPATIONS OF MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS ARE ENUMERATED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE SALARY RATE IS DEFINED TO INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO BASIC SALARIES, COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE, GUARANTEED YEAR-END BONUS, COMMISSION AND TIPS, AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH MAY CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE TOTAL PAY PACKAGE OF EMPLOYEES AT MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS, SUCH AS PROFIT-SHARING BONUS AND HOUSING ALLOWANCE, ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF THE SALARY RATE.

HOWEVER, STATISTICS ON FRINGE BENEFITS ARE SEPARATELY COMPILED. THEY ARE EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGES OF EMPLOYEES INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY ENTITLED TO THEM.

DETAILS OF THE SALARY MOVEMENT, AVERAGE SALARY RATE FOR MAJOR OCCUPATIONS AND STATISTICS ON EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENT TO VARIOUS FRINGE BENEFITS, TOGETHER WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE SURVEY METHODOLOGY, ARE PUBLISHED IN THE "1991 REPORT OF SALARY AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES (EXCLUDING TOP MANAGEMENT)".

THE REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT \$25 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND AT THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SALARY INDEXES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 582 4746 OR 582 4747.

NOMINAL SALARY INDEXES (A) AND (B) ANALYSED
BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTOR FOR JUNE 1991

(JUNE 1983 = 100)

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTOR	NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A)	NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B)
MANUFACTURING, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM	227.2 (+10.9)	283.7 (+13.9)
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES	236.8 (+11.4)	318.2 (+15.9)
WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES	238.0 (+9.4)	314.0 (+14.7)
TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION	209.9 (+13.4)	283.9 (+15.5)
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE	268.3 (+9.4)	334.5 (+15.3)
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	239.1 (+10.6)	310.5 (+15.1)

NOTE : ALL INDEXES ARE ROUNDED TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE

FIGURES IN BRACKETS ARE PERCENTAGE CHANGES FOR JUNE
1991 OVER JUNE 1990 AND ARE CALCULATED FROM INDEXES
ROUNDED TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

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HERITAGE TRAIL BEING PLANNED FOR PING SHAN
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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH IS PLANNING TO LINK UP
VARIOUS HISTORIC STRUCTURES IN PING SHAN TO FORM A HERITAGE TRAIL FOR
PUBLIC APPRECIATION AND EDUCATION, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND
CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"I AM GLAD TO LEARN THAT THE CONCEPT HAS GAINED THE SUPPORT OF
THE ELDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE TANG CLAN," HE SAID.

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OFFICIATING AT THE REHABILITATION CEREMONY OF THE TANG ANCESTRAL HALL AT PING SHAN, YUEN LONG, MR SO SAID HE HOPED THE HERITAGE TRAIL COULD COME INTO BEING VERY SOON.

MR SO SAID PING SHAN WAS RICH IN BUILDING HERITAGE AND VALUABLE RESOURCES FOR THE STUDY OF LOCAL HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT.

"HISTORICAL BUILDINGS IN PING SHAN ARE NUMEROUS. IN ADDITION TO THE MAIN ANCESTRAL HALL, THERE ARE THE YU KIU YI KUNG ANCESTRAL HALL, SHING HIN KUNG STUDY HALL, KUN TING STUDY HALL, SHUT HING STUDY HALL, YEUK HUI STUDY HALL, TSUI SHING LAU, HAU WONG TEMPLE, HUNG SHING TEMPLE AND MANY OTHERS," HE SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR P.J. CORSER; AND THE HEAD OF THE PING SHAN TANG CLAN, MR TANG YUN-FOOK.

DURING THE CEREMONY, MR SO RECEIVED A CERAMIC POT UNEARTHED DURING THE RESTORATION WORK ON PERMANENT LOAN TO THE GOVERNMENT BY MR TANG.

THE CEREMONY MARKS THE COMPLETION OF A MAJOR RESTORATION TO THE TANG ANCESTRAL HALL, WHICH IS SOLELY FUNDED BY THE TANGS OF PING SHAN.

SITUATED BETWEEN HANG TAU TSUEN AND HANG MBI TSUEN OF PING SHAN, THE TANG ANCESTRAL HALL IS ONE OF THE LARGEST ANCESTRAL HALLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND HAS A HISTORY OF NEARLY 700 YEARS.

THE HALL IS ONE OF THE FINEST EXAMPLES OF THE TYPE OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS. IT IS A MAGNIFICENT THREE-HALL STRUCTURE WITH TWO INTERNAL COURTYARDS.

THE BUILDING IS FRONTED BY TWO DRUM TERRACES, EACH WITH TWO COLUMNS SUPPORTING THE ROOF. THE INNER COLUMN IS MADE OF GRANITE AND THE OUTER ONE OF RED SANDSTONE.

ONE OF THE DISTINGUISHED FEATURES OF THE ANCESTRAL HALL IS THAT IT HAS NO THRESHOLD AT THE ENTRANCE.

THE ELEVATED RED PATHWAY IN THE FRONT COURTYARD INDICATES THAT A TANG CLANSMAN MIGHT ONCE HOLD HIGH RANKING POSITION IN THE QING IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT.

THE RECENT RESTORATION WORK INCLUDED RE-ROOFING, RE-POSITIONING OF THE STONE COLUMNS, STONE-PAVING, WALL PAINTING AND CLEANING OF THE CARVED WOODEN BRACKETS.

ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ARE USED AND TRADITIONAL SKILLS EMPLOYED WITH A VIEW TO BRINGING BACK THE GLAMOUR OF THE HISTORIC ANCESTRAL HALL.

THE \$4 MILLION RESTORATION WORK WAS EXECUTED UNDER THE ASSISTANCE AND SUPERVISION OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH AND THE ANTIQUITIES SECTION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

EARLY EDUCATION FOR DISABLED CHILDREN IMPORTANT

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EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRES (EETC'S) HAVE A KEY ROLE TO PLAY IN PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SPASTICS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG'S CHAN TSENG HSI EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRE, MR CARTLAND POINTED OUT THAT PARENTS OF CHILDREN SHOWING EARLY SIGNS OF HANDICAP SHOULD SEEK TO MAKE USE OF THE SERVICE OF AN EETC AT THE EARLIEST STAGE.

"THOSE WHO ARE OBSERVED TO HAVE SIGNS OF HANDICAP IN THEIR EARLY YEARS HAVE A MUCH BETTER CHANCE OF NORMAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IF THEY START TO BE TRAINED EARLY UNDER PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE," HE SAID.

EETC'S HAD BEEN SET UP TO SERVE THIS PURPOSE, HE SAID, ADDING THAT A MUTLI-DISCIPLINARY PROGRAMME, WITH PARAMEDICAL SUPPORT, WAS TAILOR-MADE TO MEET THE CHILDREN'S SPECIFIC NEEDS.

"APART FROM THIS INTENSIVE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING INPUT, PARENTS OF INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAMME AT HOME," HE SAID.

MR CARTLAND NOTED THAT EXPERIENCE HAD SHOWN THAT WITH PARENTS' PARTICIPATION, THE TRAINING PROGRAMME WAS MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE.

THE SPASTICS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG HAS BEEN RUNNING FIVE SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES, AMONG OTHER SERVICES.

MR CARTLAND SAID THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF THE CHAN TSENG HSI EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRE, THE FIRST EETC RUN BY THE ASSOCIATION, COMPLEMENTED ITS EXISTING CHILD CARE SERVICES.

"THROUGH A MORE COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK OF SERVICES, MORE OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE PROVIDED FOR DISABLED CHILDREN WITH BETTER CO-ORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION," HE ADDED.

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SPEL VISITS DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO TAKE A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS IN TACKLING ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK AND RESPONSIBILITIES BY ITS DIRECTORATE HEADED BY THE DIRECTOR OF DRAINAGE SERVICES, MR SIU CHUEN.

/MR BARNES

MR BARNES LATER WENT TO THE EFFLUENT TUNNEL BORING PROJECT UNDERNEATH TATE'S CAIRN WHICH FORMS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE TOLO HARBOUR EFFLUENT EXPORT SCHEME UNDER THE TOLO HARBOUR ACTION PLAN.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO INTERCEPT THE EFFLUENTS AT THE TREATMENT WORKS AT SHA TIN AND TAI PO AND TO DIVERSE THE FLOW TO VICTORIA HARBOUR WHICH IS MORE CAPABLE IN RECEIVING THE NUTRIENT LOAD OF THE EFFLUENTS THAN TOLO HARBOUR AS IS CURRENTLY THE SITUATION.

MR BARNES NOTED THAT A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE SCHEME IS THE USE OF A TUNNEL BORING MACHINE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TUNNEL, WHICH ALSO PLACES A PRECAST TUNNEL LINING.

IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT SUCH A MECHANISED METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN USED ON A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT.

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ELECTORS TO RECEIVE POLL CARDS FOR BY-ELECTION

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ELECTORS IN THE TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICTS WILL BE RECEIVING THEIR POLL CARDS THIS WEEK FOR THE COMING NEW TERRITORIES WEST BY-ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8.

"A TOTAL OF 198,817 POLL CARDS WILL BE SENT OUT BY THE END OF THIS WEEK," THE REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR LAI KWAN-TAT, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"POLLING HOURS WILL REMAIN TO RUN FROM 7.30 AM TO 10.30 PM," HE SAID.

"APART FROM ONE CHANGE IN VENUE, ELECTORS SHOULD ATTEND THE SAME POLLING STATION AS IN THE LAST LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ORDINARY ELECTION HELD IN SEPTEMBER."

MR LAI SAID ELECTORS RESIDING IN THE ON TING ESTATE AND THE SIU ON COURT, TUEN MUN SHALL NOW VOTE AT THE ON TING/YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE IN PLACE OF THE SHUN TAK FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION LEUNG KAU KUI COLLEGE.

ELECTORS WILL ALSO BE RECEIVING A GUIDE ON VOTING TOGETHER WITH AN INTRODUCTORY LEAFLET ON CANDIDATES BY EARLY NEXT MONTH.

ELECTORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING ALONG THEIR POLL CARD TO THE POLL. THEY MAY STILL BE ABLE TO VOTE WITHOUT PRODUCING THEIR POLL CARD SO LONG AS THEY MANAGE TO ARRIVE AT THE DESIGNATED POLLING STATION.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE ON TEL. 827 1122.

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EXISTING CONDITIONED HOURS OF WORK FOR FIREMEN MAINTAINED
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) INFORMED ITS STAFF OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION ON THE ISSUE OF FURTHER REDUCTION IN CONDITIONED HOURS FOR FIREMEN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID: "THE DECISION WAS THAT THE EXISTING CONDITIONED HOURS OF WORK (54 A WEEK) SHOULD NOT BE FURTHER REDUCED AT THIS TIME, AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SHOULD EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF ADOPTING A 24-HOUR SHIFT SYSTEM THAT WOULD PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AND BE COST-EFFECTIVE.

"THE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING WITH ITS DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TO COLLECT STAFF'S VIEWS ON A NEW 24-HOUR SHIFT SYSTEM, BEFORE MAKING A FORMAL SUBMISSION," HE SAID.

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CATERING INDUSTRY COMES UNDER SAFETY LAW
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BUSINESSES PREPARING FOOD FOR CONSUMPTION AND SALE WILL COME UNDER THE CONTROL OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LAWS NEXT MONTH.

THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1990, WHICH BRINGS CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS SUCH AS RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND COOKED FOOD SHOPS UNDER THE DEFINITION OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS, WILL TAKE EFFECT ON DECEMBER 1.

THE AMENDING LEGISLATION WILL ENSURE BETTER PROTECTION OF WORKERS' SAFETY AND HEALTH IN THE CATERING TRADE.

FACTORY INSPECTORS FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT EATING ESTABLISHMENTS TO SEE THAT EMPLOYERS COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS.

ANY PROPRIETOR IN THE CATERING TRADE WHO BREACHES THE SAFETY LEGISLATION WILL BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 AND 12 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, WHILE AN EMPLOYEE MAY BE FINED UP TO \$30,000 AND IMPRISONED FOR SIX MONTHS.

ARISING FROM THIS NEW LAW, THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1990 WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE SAME DATE TO EXCLUDE CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE PROHIBITION ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN WHICH APPLIES TO OTHER INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

THIS WILL ENABLE CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 13 AND 15 TO CONTINUE TO BE EMPLOYED IN A CATERING ESTABLISHMENT ON A PART-TIME BASIS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS.

HOWEVER, CHILDREN WILL STILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WORK IN THE KITCHEN AREAS OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS.

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'GARDEN CELEBRATION' TO PROMOTE CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

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VISITORS TO CENTRAL WILL HAVE A NICE SURPRISE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24) MORNING WHEN THEY SEE PART OF THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT TRANSFORMED OVERNIGHT INTO A GARDEN, THANKS TO EIGHT HOURS OF HARD WORK OF SOME 200 PEOPLE.

THE GARDEN, COMPRISING DIFFERENT PLOTS OF ATTRACTIVE LANDSCAPE, WILL BE THE PLATFORM FOR THE HIGHLIGHT FUNCTION OF THE 1991/92 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

THE EVENT, "THE GARDEN CELEBRATION", IS ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE THE MESSAGE "TAKE THE LEAD TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN".

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, MR GILBERT LEUNG KAM-HO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY): "GREENERY AND FLOWERS WILL BE ASSEMBLED DURING SATURDAY NIGHT, AND THE JOB IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE AT 8 AM ON SUNDAY.

"THE WHOLE CONCRETE AREA WILL BE OVERLAID WITH ARTIFICIAL GRASS. SOME OF THE DECORATIONS SUCH AS THE VICTORIAN-STYLE FOUNTAIN, ROMAN COLUMNS, ARCHWAYS AND A MINI-GREEN HOUSE WILL BE PRE-FABRICATED," HE SAID.

FLOWERS INCLUDING LILY, CARNATION AND CHRYSANTHEMUM WILL BE SPECIALLY FLOWN IN, WHILE PLANTS WILL BE SUPPLIED BY LOCAL GARDENS ON LOAN.

FEATURES OF THE GREEN PARK WILL INCLUDE A CHINESE GARDEN, A JAPANESE GARDEN, A LILY GARDEN, A CHRYSANTHEMUM GARDEN, A CARNATION GARDEN, A TROPICAL PLANTS GARDEN, A TOPIARY GARDEN, A CLIMBING PLANTS AND FERNS GARDEN, AND A MINI-GREEN HOUSE.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF "THE GARDEN CELEBRATION" WILL BE AN OPEN-AIR EXHIBITION GALLERY DISPLAYING THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE PROJECT WILL COST \$1 MILLION, OF WHICH 70 PER CENT IS CONTRIBUTED BY COMMERCIAL SPONSORS.

"THOUGH THE CITY GARDEN IS IN PLACE FOR JUST A DAY, THE PROJECT COST WILL BE WELL-SPENT IF IT COULD STRENGTHEN RESIDENTS' DETERMINATION TO MAKE HONG KONG A CLEANER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND RAISE THEIR CHILDREN," MR LEUNG SAID.

"WE WILL TRY TO REDUCE WASTE AND RE-USE THE MATERIALS. PLANTS ON LOAN WILL BE RETURNED TO LOCAL GARDENS," HE ADDED.

THE GARDEN WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY OMELCO MEMBER, MR ALLEN LEE, AT 11 AM.

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE GARDEN CELEBRATION TO BE HELD BETWEEN 11.45 AM AND 6.30 PM ON SUNDAY. ADMISSION IS FREE.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF "THE GARDEN CELEBRATION" TO BE HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT, CENTRAL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AT 11 AM.

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OPEN NIGHTCLUB TO MAKE WAY FOR CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI RECLAMATION
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THE "POOR MEN'S NIGHTCLUB AND DAY-TIME PARKING LOT" BORDERING THE WATERFRONT POLICE STATION IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED DOWN IN MARCH NEXT YEAR TO FACILITATE THE PROPOSED CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI RECLAMATION PROJECT.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SITE WAS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A WORKS AREA FOR THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MID-1992.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE MAMMOTH RECLAMATION WILL EXTEND FROM RUMSEY STREET TO BLAKE PIER IN CENTRAL.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE "NIGHTCLUB" HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE OVER THE YEARS AS A PLACE OF INEXPENSIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

HOWEVER, WITH THE RISING AFFLUENCE OF HONG KONG PEOPLE, ITS POPULARITY HAD GRADUALLY DIMINISHED, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP HAD FOUND THAT HALF OF THE SITE WAS OCCUPIED BY THREE LARGE UNLICENSED COOKED FOOD STALLS OPERATING A TOTAL OF 150 TABLES.

"THE REMAINING AREA IS OCCUPIED BY ABOUT 50 TO 60 DRY GOODS STALLS AND ACCORDING TO THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, QUITE A NUMBER OF THEM ARE HOLDERS OF ITINERARY HAWKING LICENCES.

"ADDITIONALLY, THE 'NIGHTCLUB' WITH ITS DIESEL-POWERED GENERATORS ARE SOURCES OF NOISE AND ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES AND THE UNLICENSED COOKED FOOD STALLS ALSO PRESENT POTENTIAL FOOD HYGIENE PROBLEMS," HE SAID.

OPERATORS WHO WISH TO CONTINUE THEIR BUSINESS AFTER THE CLOSING DOWN OF THE SITE COULD BID FOR THE VACANT STALLS IN THE URBAN COUNCIL MARKETS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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FESTIVE LIGHTING IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST

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TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WILL BE ILLUMINATED WITH FESTIVE LIGHTINGS TO CELEBRATE THE FORTHCOMING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY FOR THE THOUSANDS OF LIGHT BULBS ADORNING THE BUILDINGS AND THOROUGHFARES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN.

THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

A CONCERT FEATURING POP SINGERS SALLY YEH, ANDY LAU AND LEON LAI WILL BE STAGED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY AND WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RADIO 2, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (RTHK).

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE YAU TSIM AND MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG; RTHK'S HEAD OF CHINESE PROGRAMME SERVICE, MR RAYMOND NG; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PROPERTY DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION, MR LUI CHE-WOO.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PROPERTY DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION AND (RTHK), WITH YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AS CO-HOST.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY OF THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST FESTIVE ILLUMINATIONS AT 6 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN SHAM SHUI PO

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A SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) URGED RESIDENTS, BUILDING CARETAKERS AND MEMBERS OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT TO ATTEND A BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 23).

THE THREE-HOUR SEMINAR, ADMISSION TO WHICH IS FREE, WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, NAM CHEONG STREET.

"IT IS ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT AMONG RESIDENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATIONS) ORDINANCE, FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS AND LEGISLATION, AND THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON UNAUTHORISED BUILDING STRUCTURES.

THE SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR TO KUN-SUN; AN OFFICER FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU, MR LO KWOK-ON; AND A BUILDING SURVEYOR OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, MR KOO YAU-SAM.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A GROUP DISCUSSION SESSION.

AN EXHIBITION ON BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS WILL ALSO BE STAGED AT THE VENUE.

THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY WAI-SHEK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SEMINAR'S OPENING CEREMONY.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 23) AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, NAM CHEONG STREET.

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SLOGAN AND BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST FOR EASTERN STUDENTS
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AN ANTI-NARCOTICS SLOGAN AND BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION IS BEING HELD IN EASTERN DISTRICT TO AROUSE YOUNGSTERS' AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENT SECTIONS.

EACH PARTICIPANT IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A DRAWING, TOGETHER WITH AN ORIGINAL SLOGAN OF NO MORE THAN 16 CHINESE CHARACTERS, ON A BOOKMARK MEASURING 6.5 CENTIMETRES BY 18 CENTIMETRES.

THE TOP THREE WINNERS IN EACH SECTION WILL RECEIVE BOOK COUPONS WORTH \$500, \$300 AND \$200 RESPECTIVELY. TEN CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$100 COUPONS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN OUT TO OTHER OUTSTANDING ENTRIES.

THE WINNING DESIGNS WILL BE PRINTED ON BOOKMARKS AND DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS DURING THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME ACTIVITIES.

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ENTRIES SHOULD REACH THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, 29 TAI ON STREET, SAI WAN HO ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1.

RESULTS OF THE CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 886 6530.

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CAS MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT BIENNIAL INSPECTION
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THE BIENNIAL INSPECTION OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES (CAS) MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT (MRU) WILL BE HELD FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DECEMBER 5, A CAS SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE INSPECTOR OF LAND RESCUE OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE (RAF), SQUADRON LEADER BRIAN CANFER, WILL BE IN HONG KONG TO CARRY OUT THE INSPECTION AND TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS OF THE UNIT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INSPECTION WAS HELD TO OBTAIN A PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL OF THE PERFORMANCE OF MRU MEMBERS, THE EFFICIENCY OF THE UNIT, AS WELL AS THE SELECTION AND USE OF EQUIPMENT.

"APART FROM THE BIENNIAL INSPECTION, THE RAF ALSO ARRANGES A PHYSICAL TRAINING INSTRUCTOR, SERGEANT PETER BODEN, TO GIVE ADVICE AND ASSIST REGULARLY IN THE TRAINING OF MRU MEMBERS, WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING THAT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF MOUNTAIN RESCUE TECHNIQUE ARE REACHED," HE SAID.

AS PART OF THE INSPECTION, SQN LDR CANFER WILL VISIT SHEK O HEADLAND ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 26) TO WATCH MORE THAN 40 MRU MEMBERS IN ACTION IN A MOUNTAIN RESCUE DEMONSTRATION.

THEY WILL BE PRACTISING MOUNTAIN RESCUE TECHNIQUE ON OVERHANGING ROCK FACES AND RIDGES, WHILE HELICOPTERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE WILL BE DEPLOYED TO HELP IN THE EVACUATION OF "CASUALTIES".

EARLIER THAT MORNING, SQN LDR CANFER WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A NEWLY COMPLETED CLIMBING WALL AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE TRAINING OF BOTH MRU AND OTHER CAS MEMBERS.

THE RESIN WALL, CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH WAS FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, IS 13 METRES HIGH AND 4.7 METRES WIDE AND IS THE HIGHEST ARTIFICIAL CLIMBING WALL IN HONG KONG.

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JOINING SQN LDR CANFER AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CAS ACTING CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, MR LAM SUI-FAN; TACTICAL FORCE COMMANDER, MR WU MAN-KONG; TACTICAL FORCE DEPUTY COMMANDER, MR CHIU HIN-CHE; AND MRU COMMANDER, MR FONG CHEUNG-KEE.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAS CLIMBING WALL AT THE SERVICES' KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE AND THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE DEMONSTRATION AT SHEK O HEADLAND ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 26).

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM AT THE TRAINING CENTRE AT 204 ARGYLE STREET, KOWLOON. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THIS EVENT SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE CENTRE BEFORE 9.15 AM. THERE ARE AMPLE PARKING SPACES AT THE CENTRE.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, TWO CAS VANS WILL TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO SHEK O TO COVER THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE DEMONSTRATION. THE ESTIMATED TIME OF RETURN FROM SHEK O IS 12 NOON.

CAS PRESS LIAISON OFFICER, SENIOR TRAINING OFFICER (TACTICAL FORCE) MR AU YIN-SHAN WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST. HE CAN BE CONTACTED ON TEL. 805 6051 FOR ENQUIRIES.

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POLICE TRAINING IN FLUSHING HIGH RISE BUILDINGS

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A FUGITIVE FROM A ROBBERY IN THE CROWDED STREETS OF HONG KONG WHO SEEKS REFUGE IN THE ANONYMITY OF A HIGH RISE BUILDING MAY THINK HE IS SAFE FROM DETECTION - UNTIL HE FINDS HIS ONLY WAY OUT IS BLOCKED BY POLICE WHO ARE GRADUALLY AND CERTAINLY CLOSING IN ON HIM.

SURROUNDING AND FLUSHING HIGH RISE BUILDINGS IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF TRAINING AT THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT (PTU) WHERE TRAINEES USE REAL LIFE SCENARIOS AND ACTUAL LOCATIONS TO COUNTER CRIME IN A DENSELY POPULATED ENVIRONMENT.

"WE HAVE TO PRACTISE SOMEWHERE AND THE ONLY PLACE TO DO IT IS IN THE STREETS," THE STAFF OFFICER (TRAINING) AT PTU IN FANLING, MATT CORKER, SAID.

"UNFORTUNATELY SOMETIMES RESIDENTS OF HIGH RISE BUILDINGS MISUNDERSTAND OUR WORK AND COMPLAIN WHEN WE USE THEIR APARTMENT BLOCKS FOR TRAINING."

AN OFFICER WHO HAS JUST SPENT A MORNING RUNNING UP 33 FLIGHTS OF STAIRS IN HIS TRAINING TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM CRIME FINDS COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS A DISPIRITING REACTION TO A PUBLIC SERVICE.

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"WE GET ANONYMOUS CALLS AND LETTERS FROM HOUSING ESTATE MANAGERS IN OUR VICINITY," SENIOR STAFF INSPECTOR (TRAINING TEAM ONE) AT PTU, PATRICK SIN, SAID. "IT'S NOT VERY NICE TO BE COMPLAINED ABOUT WHEN WE ARE WORKING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC."

TRAINING AT THE UNIT INVOLVES EIGHT WEEKS OF INTERNAL SECURITY EXPERIENCE OF WHICH FOUR WEEKS ARE IN TACTICAL TRAINING, WHICH INCLUDES ANTI-RIOT DRILLS, WEAPONS TRAINING AND SUPPORT DUTIES. ONE PART OF THE 10 PHASE TACTICAL TRAINING INVOLVES HIGH RISE BUILDING SWEEPING.

"WE CARRY OUT A LOT OF OUR TRAINING IN THE QUIET CORNERS OF HONG KONG," MR SIN SAID, "BUT THERE IS NO WAY TO PRACTISE HIGH RISE EXERCISES WITHOUT USING HIGH RISE BUILDINGS."

THE HIGH RISE SWEEP INVOLVES THE CORDONING OF A BUILDING WHILE OFFICERS RUSH UPSTAIRS TO THE TOP TO FLUSH A WANTED SUSPECT DOWN TO GROUND.

WHEN A PRACTICE SWEEP TAKES PLACE IN A RESIDENTIAL ESTATE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, VERBAL AND WRITTEN WARNINGS ARE GIVEN IN THE ESTATE THAT THE PTU IS CARRYING OUT AN EXERCISE.

THE TRAINING PERIODS LAST LESS THAN A MORNING, WHEN CHILDREN ARE AT SCHOOL AND MANY RESIDENTS ARE AT WORK.

"IN A REAL SITUATION WE WOULD DISCONNECT THE LIFTS AND WE MIGHT WORK AT NIGHT," MR SIN SAID. "BUT ON AN EXERCISE WE NEVER INTERFERE WITH THE NORMAL LIFE OF RESIDENTS. WE DON'T TOUCH THE LIFTS AND WE DON'T EXERCISE AT NIGHT."

IF THE PTU MEN FIND THEMSELVES ENCOUNTERING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THEY IMMEDIATELY LOWER THEIR WEAPONS, WHICH ARE NOT LOADED DURING EXERCISES. NEITHER DO THEY CAUSE DAMAGE.

"YET WE STILL FIND THAT MANAGEMENT OFFICES ARE REPORTING COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS," MR SIN SAID. "IF I WERE A RESIDENT MYSELF I WOULD NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT THESE EXERCISES."

"AS A CITIZEN I AM OBLIGED TO PLAY MY PART IN HELPING THE POLICE TO DO A BETTER JOB WHEN THE DAY COMES THAT THEY ENCOUNTER A REAL LIFE SITUATION."

OFFICERS AT PTU CALCULATE THAT A RESIDENT IN THE FIVE HIGH RISE BLOCKS BEING USED FOR EXERCISES MIGHT EXPERIENCE AN EXERCISE ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH FOR ABOUT HALF A DAY.

"RESIDENTS IN THE LOCALITY MIGHT WELL REMEMBER THAT WITH US AROUND THEY ARE QUITE UNLIKELY TO COME UNDER THE ATTENTION OF ANY NORMAL ROBBERS," MR SIN SAID.

MR CORKER SAID: "IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE DOING IN HIGH RISE BUILDINGS. WE KEEP NOISE AND DISRUPTION TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM, ALTHOUGH SOME NUISANCE IS OBVIOUSLY INEVITABLE."

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN SHEK O TO BE CLOSED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AT HOUSE NO. 26, SHEK O VILLAGE SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 5 NEXT YEAR WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (THURSDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	20.11.91	500 MN
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	21.11.91	+79 MN
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-79 MN
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX	110.9 *+0.1* 21.11.91	

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1WEEK	3.57 PCT	24M	2311	6.25	101.26	5.65
1MONTH	3.65 PCT					
3MONTH	3.88 PCT					
6MONTH	4.19 PCT					
12MONTH	4.82 PCT					

TURNOVER - BILLS 1,840 MN, BONDS 15 MN

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