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GOVT TO CONSULT HOSPITAL STAFF SHORTLY ON SERVICE TERMS

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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE GOVERNMENT WOULD START VERY SHORTLY TO CONSULT HOSPITAL STAFF FULLY ON THE NEW TERMS OF SERVICE UNDER THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

ADDRESSING A LUNCH MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY, MRS WONG SAID STAFF WERE NATURALLY CONCERNED TO KNOW HOW THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WOULD AFFECT THEIR JOBS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

"I BELIEVE THAT MANY OF THE STAFF WILL FIND THE NEW TERMS ATTRACTIVE.

"HOWEVER, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REMAIN ON THEIR PRESENT TERMS AS CIVIL SERVANTS IF THEY SO PREFER. THUS NO ONE WILL BE WORSE OFF THAN THEY ARE AT PRESENT. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE QUESTION OF WINDFALL PAYMENTS SHOULD NOT ARISE," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG SAID THE AIM IN SETTING UP THE AUTHORITY WAS THREEFOLD, THE FIRST BEING TO BRING GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS TOGETHER WITHIN A SINGLE INTEGRATED SYSTEM.

"THE PRESENT DIFFERENCES HAVE LED TO MUCH DISCONTENT WITHIN THE SUBVENTED HOSPITAL SYSTEM AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE SITUATION WHERE THERE IS GROSS OVERCROWDING IN CERTAIN HOSPITALS AND UNDER-UTILISATION OF BEDS IN OTHERS.

"BY APPLYING RESOURCES MORE FAIRLY AND ENABLING EACH HOSPITAL TO DEVELOP IN WAYS TO WHICH IT IS BEST SUITED, WE BELIEVE THAT THESE PROBLEMS CAN BE OVERCOME," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG SAID THE SECOND AIM WAS TO INTRODUCE MORE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS BY RUNNING PUBLIC HOSPITALS OUTSIDE THE CIVIL SERVICE ACCORDING TO PRINCIPLES CLOSER TO THOSE OF PRIVATE SECTOR MANAGEMENT.

"WE SHALL ALSO BE INJECTING CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES INTO STRENGTHENING MANAGEMENT CONTROL TO ENABLE PUBLIC HOSPITALS TO BE MORE EFFICIENTLY RUN.

"THERE SHOULD ALSO BE GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO DEPLOY RESOURCES TO WHERE THEY CAN ACHIEVE MAXIMUM EFFECT.

"THE THIRD AIM IS TO INCREASE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM AND TO ENSURE THAT HOSPITALS PROVIDE PATIENTS WITH A SERVICE THAT IS BETTER ATTUNED TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND PREFERENCES, AND IS ALERT AND RESPONSIVE TO THEIR COMPLAINTS," SHE SAID.

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ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, MRS WONG SAID A MAJOR WORKING PARTY CHAIRED BY PROF ROSIE YOUNG WAS REVIEWING EXISTING SERVICES AND EXAMINING THE ROLES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

"THIS REVIEW HAS COME AT A RIGHT TIME AND WILL HELP TO REDRESS THE PREVIOUS IMBALANCE IN THE ORGANISATION OF OUR MEDICAL SERVICES WHICH HAS SO FAR BEEN VERY MUCH HOSPITAL-ORIENTATED.

"THE WORKING PARTY HAS MADE GOOD PROGRESS, AND I EXPECT TO HAVE ITS REPORT BY THE END OF THIS YEAR," SHE SAID.

ON THE ACCREDITATION OF POST-GRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAMMES, MRS WONG POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG HAD HITHERTO RELIED PRIMARILY ON THE LEARNED COLLEGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA.

"THIS IS NO LONGER SUFFICIENT, AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT TRAINING SHOULD BE GEARED MORE SPECIFICALLY TO LOCAL NEEDS, WITH A SYSTEM OF ACCREDITATION THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED ON A LOCAL BASIS," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE AND A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY PROF DAVID TODD WAS NOW DOING THE PREPARATORY WORK.

"THIS INCLUDES DRAFTING THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR THE ACADEMY, MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FORMATION OF COLLEGES, FACULTIES AND BOARDS RESPONSIBLE FOR INDIVIDUAL SPECIALTIES, AND CONSIDERING OTHER ASPECTS OF POST-GRADUATE AND CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXAMINATIONS.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THE ACADEMY WILL BE FUNCTIONING AS AN INDEPENDENT STATUTORY BODY BY THE MIDDLE OF 1991," SHE SAID.

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GOVT TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL NT
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SPEND \$4 BILLION IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF RESIDENTS LIVING IN RURAL AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, WHEN ADDRESSING A MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, HONG KONG, THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

HE SAID THE AMOUNT WAS THE BUDGET FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS MAPPED OUT FOR RURAL AREAS UNDER THE RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY.

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MR HSU SAID THE IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY, TOGETHER WITH THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, WOULD BE THE MAIN FEATURE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NT IN THE NEXT DECADE.

NOTING THAT NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NT HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS SINCE THE EARLY 1970'S, HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE RURAL AREAS, MOST OF WHICH ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE NEW TOWNS.

"THE GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE, ANNOUNCED THE RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY LAST SUMMER FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION. A LOT OF PUBLIC VIEWS HAD BEEN RECEIVED, INDICATING THAT IT WAS WIDELY WELCOMED BY NT RESIDENTS," HE ADDED.

A MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY WAS GIVING PRIORITY TO CARRYING OUT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ACCESS ROADS, FOOTPATHS, RECREATION FACILITIES AND WATER SUPPLY, MR HSU SAID.

ANOTHER COMPONENT WAS LAND USE PLANNING AND POLICY, WHICH WOULD NOT ONLY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES AND LAND WITH BASIC FACILITIES TO MEET DEVELOPMENT NEEDS BUT ALSO PREVENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, POLLUTION AND FLOODING.

"A 10-YEAR PLAN HAS BEEN MAPPED OUT UNDER THE IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY, AND THE BUDGET OF THE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WILL AMOUNT TO \$4 BILLION.

"IN THE FIRST FOUR YEARS, THE AUTHORITIES WILL SPEND ABOUT \$600 MILLION ON VARIOUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF VILLAGES, SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS, IMPROVED VILLAGE ACCESS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE.

"THE AUTHORITIES WILL ALSO GIVE PRIORITY TO DEALING WITH THE URGENT PROBLEMS RELATING TO FLOODING AND THE PROBLEM OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN THE NORTHWESTERN AND NORTHEASTERN PARTS OF THE NT BEING USED AS OPEN WAREHOUSES.

"TO MEET THE NEEDS OF MANUFACTURERS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER DESIGNATING AREAS FOR THESE OPEN WAREHOUSES," MR HSU ADDED.

TURNING TO NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS, MR HSU SAID A THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR JUNK BAY, AND THAT WORK WOULD BE UNDERWAY IN TUEN MUN IN THE COMING YEARS TO FACILITATE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

"THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE 1990'S, AND SO FAR ITS EXPENDITURE AMOUNTED TO ABOUT \$25 BILLION.

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"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE WILL BE \$58 MILLION ON COMPLETION OF THE PLAN," MR HSU SAID.

MR HSU BELIEVED THAT THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTERN PORT AND THE NORTHWESTERN PART OF THE NT.

"THE AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK AND THE TWO PROPOSED SATELLITE TOWNS IN TUNG CHUNG AND TAI WOR WILL PROVIDE A FACELIFT FOR THE NORTHERN AND NORTHWESTERN PARTS OF LANTAU, AS WELL AS MA WAN," HE NOTED.

MR HSU POINTED OUT THAT IN THE YEARS TO COME, THE NT WOULD HAVE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS, MORE EFFICIENT ROAD NETWORKS AND IMPROVED FLOOD PROTECTION MEASURES.

"I HOPE PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS WILL ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES. I AM CONVINCED THAT EVERYBODY HERE IS FULL OF CONFIDENCE IN TAKING UP THE CHALLENGE," HE CONCLUDED.

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SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION MEETING TODAY

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THE 19TH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION WAS HELD TODAY (THURSDAY, MARCH 22).

THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THE LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME FOR THE 1990-91 FINANCIAL YEAR SHOULD AMOUNT TO 128.27 HECTARES.

THE PROGRAMME COMPRISES 24 HECTARES FOR COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT; 21.26 HECTARES FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME, HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT AND VILLAGE HOUSING; 17.89 HECTARES FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES, EDUCATIONAL, WELFARE, RELIGIOUS, RECREATIONAL AND OTHER USES; AND 65.12 HECTARES AS SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING 50 HECTARES FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 8.

THE TWO SIDES ALSO AGREED TO SET ASIDE FIVE HECTARES OF LAND IN A SUPPLEMENTARY LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME.

THE LAND COMMISSION WILL DECIDE DURING THE YEAR ON THE AMOUNT OF LAND TO BE RELEASED FROM THE SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMME IN THE LIGHT OF DEMAND.

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INTEGRATED EUROPEAN MARKET OFFERS ADVANTAGES TO HK

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THE POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES FOR HONG KONG ARE LIKELY TO OUTWEIGH THE POSSIBLE DISADVANTAGES UPON THE COMPLETION OF AN INTEGRATED EUROPEAN MARKET BY THE END OF 1992.

THIS VIEW WAS EXPRESSED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, WHEN HE SPOKE ON "EUROPE 1992 - IMPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG'S TRADE AND INDUSTRY" AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

MR LEUNG SAID THE ELIMINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND CUSTOMS PAPERWORK, FRONTIER DELAYS AND DIVERGENT RULES FOR FREIGHT TRANSPORT UNDER THE 12 SEPARATE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY WAS LIKELY TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF DELIVERY OF GOODS TO THE COMMUNITY.

HE SAID THE REMOVAL OF FRONTIER CONTROL ON THE FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS SHOULD LEAD TO BETTER MARKET PENETRATION BY HONG KONG'S PRODUCTS IN THE MAJOR MARKETS.

"EUROPE 1992" WOULD ALSO RESULT IN THE HARMONISATION OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO QUALITY, HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF GOODS.

"IT SHOULD EXPAND MARKETS FOR EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY IN SO FAR AS SUCH EXPORTS ARE ABLE TO MEET THESE HARMONISED STANDARDS. AND A MORE BUOYANT ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE COMMUNITY MIGHT ENABLE IT TO ADOPT A MORE LIBERAL TRADE POLICY, WHICH SHOULD BENEFIT HONG KONG'S EXPORT-ORIENTED ECONOMY," MR LEUNG SAID.

HE SAID ONE POSSIBLE DISADVANTAGE FOR HONG KONG IN THE CREATION OF A SINGLE EUROPEAN MARKET WAS THAT INCREASED COMPETITION MIGHT LEAD TO THE INTENSIFICATION OF PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES FROM INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE EEC.

ACCORDING TO MR LEUNG, ONE IMPORTANT IMPLICATION OF "EUROPE 1992" FOR HONG KONG'S TOY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WAS THAT IF HONG KONG MADE TOYS WERE MANUFACTURED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE HARMONISED EUROPEAN STANDARDS, THEY WOULD SATISFY THE ESSENTIAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND THE "CE" MARK, WHICH DENOTES CONFIRMITY WITH THE STIPULATED SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, COULD BE AFFIXED ON THEM BY THE MANUFACTURERS.

"TO ENSURE CONFORMITY, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS HAVE THEIR TOYS TESTED BY LABORATORIES ACCREDITED UNDER THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS).

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"THIS IS BECAUSE HOKLAS HAS ALREADY SIGNED A MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENT UNDER THE LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME WITH THE NATIONAL MEASUREMENT ACCREDITATION SERVICE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM (NAMAS), AND THE EC COMMISSION HAS CONFIRMED IN WRITING THAT TESTING IN HOKLAS ACCREDITED LABORATORIES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE," HE SAID.

TURNING TO RECENT EVENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE, MR LEUNG SAID OF THE POSSIBLE IMPACTS ON HONG KONG'S TRADERS AND MANUFACTURERS: "FIRSTLY, THE EEC ARE LIKELY TO BE SYMPATHETIC TOWARDS REQUESTS FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND INCREASED MARKET ACCESS.

"THE NET EFFECT IS THEREFORE TO INCREASE TRADE WITHIN EUROPE AS A WHOLE, POSSIBLY AT THE EXPENSE OF SOME MARKET SHARE OF NON-EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOR PRODUCTS OF COMPARABLE QUALITY/PRICE RATIOS.

"SECONDLY, EASTERN EUROPE COULD ALSO BE VIEWED BY EUROPEAN MANUFACTURERS AS A VAST HINTERLAND OF SUB-CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES.

"THIRDLY, HIGHER CAPITAL FLOWS TO EASTERN EUROPE CAN ALSO BE EXPECTED. THIS COULD LEAD TO TIGHTER WORLD LIQUIDITY AND FIRMER INTEREST RATES. THIS COULD DIVERT SOME INVESTMENT ATTENTION FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD INCLUDING THE ASIA PACIFIC."

ON THE OTHER HAND, MR LEUNG POINTED OUT, EASTERN EUROPE, WITH A POPULATION OF 420 MILLION, WAS A MARKET OF TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL, PARTICULARLY FOR GOODS IN THE LOWER PRICE RANGES.

"THE INABILITY TO MEET DEMAND FOR CONSUMER GOODS BY LOCAL PRODUCTION WOULD PRESENT CONSIDERABLE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES TO FOREIGN SUPPLIERS. MOREOVER, REFORMS IN TRADE LIBERALISATION WOULD ALSO PROVIDE NEW SALES CHANNELS," HE SAID.

HE CONCLUDED THAT, ON BALANCE, IT WOULD SEEM EASTERN EUROPE PRESENTED ITSELF MORE AS AN OPPORTUNITY RATHER THAN A THREAT.

"AS THE EEC ACCOUNTS FOR 36.6 PER CENT OF ALL WORLD TRADE (COMPARED WITH 13.3 PER CENT FOR THE U.S. AND 7.7 PER CENT FOR JAPAN), IT HAS A LARGE STAKE IN FREE AND OPEN INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

"ONE CAN THEREFORE REASONABLY EXPECT THE COMMUNITY TO REMAIN ESSENTIALLY AN OPEN MARKET INSTEAD OF DEVELOPING INTO A 'FORTRESS EUROPE'.

"ONE THING IS CERTAIN: WHETHER MANUFACTURERS OUTSIDE THE EEC ARE ABLE TO REAP BENEFITS FROM THE SINGLE EUROPEAN MARKET ULTIMATELY DEPENDS ON THEIR FLEXIBILITY AND CAPABILITY.

"HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS ARE RENOWNED FOR THESE QUALITIES. I HAVE THEREFORE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THE NEW CHALLENGES AHEAD," MR LEUNG SAID.

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HK COMMISSIONER POINTS TO BIG OPPORTUNITIES

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BRITISH BUSINESSMEN CANNOT AFFORD TO IGNORE OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY HONG KONG AND THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION, HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR JOHN YAXLEY, HAS SAID.

SPEAKING TO AN AUDIENCE OF LEADING BUSINESSMEN AND INDUSTRIALISTS IN ENGLAND'S NORTH EAST, MR YAXLEY SAID THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION HAD SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER ECONOMIC GROWTH THAN THE REST OF THE WORLD.

"JAPAN IS AND WILL REMAIN THE DOMINANT ECONOMIC POWER IN THE REGION FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, BUT HONG KONG HAS A UNIQUE ROLE AS THE HUB OF THE REGION AND PARTICULARLY AS A GATEWAY TO CHINA, A COUNTRY CONTAINING ONE QUARTER OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION.

"JAPAN CERTAINLY RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG BY INVESTING AT LEAST TWICE AS MUCH THERE AS IN THAILAND, SINGAPORE OR INDONESIA," HE SAID.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID HONG KONG'S IMPRESSIVE ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN RECENT YEARS, COUPLED WITH ITS RE-EMERGENCE AS AN ENTREPOT AND INCREASING TRADE WITH THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING ASIA PACIFIC REGION, LEFT NO DOUBT THAT ITS EXTERNAL TRADE WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE 1990'S.

HE SAID THE EVENTS IN CHINA LAST YEAR HAD HAD SOME PASSING EFFECT ON HONG KONG'S ECONOMY, BUT THERE WAS NO PANIC AND NOW THE SITUATION WAS BACK TO NORMAL, IF AT A SLOWER GROWTH RATE.

ON ECONOMIC LINKS WITH CHINA, MR YAXLEY SAID HONG KONG AND CHINA WERE NOW EACH OTHER'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER, NOTING THAT LAST YEAR TRADE WAS VALUED AT ABOUT 26 BILLION POUNDS STERLING, COMPARED WITH ONE BILLION POUNDS STERLING IN 1978.

TRADE IN SERVICES HAD ALSO GAINED PROMINENCE IN RECENT YEARS.

"HONG KONG IS BELIEVED TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE OF CHINA'S OVERALL TOURIST RECEIPTS, ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 1.25 BILLION POUNDS STERLING IN 1988," HE SAID.

"WE ARE ALSO THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE OF EXTERNAL INVESTMENT IN CHINA AND ACCOUNT FOR AROUND 70 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL REALISED DIRECT FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CHINA.

"TO DATE, THIS SUM HAS AMOUNTED TO NEARLY EIGHT BILLION POUNDS STERLING," HE SAID.

MR YAXLEY SAID THAT WHILE HONG KONG'S ECONOMY WAS INEXTRICABLY LINKED TO CHINA, THERE WERE HUGE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THAT WOULD COST TWO AND A HALF TIMES MORE THAN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL TUNNEL.

THE COMMISSIONER'S THREE-DAY VISIT TO THE NORTH EAST INCLUDED A RECEPTION FOR CHINESE COMMUNITY LEADERS AND AN ADDRESS TO HIS ALMA MATER, THE UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.

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WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY TOMORROW
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TOMORROW (FRIDAY) HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THIS YEAR'S WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY. THE THEME CHOSEN FOR THE 1990 WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY CELEBRATIONS IS "NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION: HOW METEOROLOGICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL SERVICES CAN HELP".

THIS DAY ALSO MARKS THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION CONVENTION. IT WAS IN 1950, THE FORMER INTERNATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION, A NON-GOVERNMENTAL BODY SINCE 1873, WAS TRANSFORMED INTO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION (WMO) OF TODAY.

THIS YEAR'S THEME ECHOES THE CURRENT GLOBAL EMPHASIS ON NATURAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, AND HERALDS THE BEGINNING OF THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION.

THE OCCASION WILL BE COMMEMORATED THE WORLD OVER. THE AIM IS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF NATURAL DISASTERS SO THAT WE CAN REDUCE THE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION THEY WILL CAUSE.

IN HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY WILL ORGANISE A RESEARCH FORUM ON SATURDAY (MARCH 24) TO BE HELD IN THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE. THE SUBJECT OF THE FORUM IS TOPICALLY "NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION: THE ROLE OF METEOROLOGY AND HYDROLOGY".

THE SOCIETY WILL ALSO CO-HOST WITH THE SPACE MUSEUM A SERIES OF SIX PUBLIC LECTURES ON CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS, COMMENCING ON JUNE 3. THE LECTURES WILL ALL BE ON RELATED SUBJECTS.

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SEMINAR ON STAFF SHORTAGE AND RETIREMENT SCHEMES
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A SEMINAR ON APRIL 3 (TUESDAY) TO HELP SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF TACKLE THEIR STAFF SHORTAGE PROBLEM AND SET UP STAFF RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEMES.

THE HALF-DAY SEMINAR WILL ALSO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR PARTICIPANTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COMMERCIAL AND ACADEMIC SECTORS WILL BE INVITED TO TALK ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE SUBJECT.

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THEY INCLUDE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CARLINGFORD SWIRE ASSURANCE GROUP, MR ROBERT HO; A PRINCIPAL LECTURER OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC, MRS SARA TANG; REGIONAL PERSONNEL MANAGER OF WARDLEY LTD, MR K.S. YEUNG; AND PERSONNEL MANAGER OF THE ELECTRONIC DEVICES LTD, MR PETER CHEUNG.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE OPENED BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR YIU YAN-NANG, AT THE MARRIOTT HOTEL, QUEENSWAY AT 2 PM. THE CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER, MR JAMES YEUNG, WILL LEAD THE CONCLUDING DISCUSSION SESSION.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE AND THE ENROLMENT FEE IS \$150 PER HEAD.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION AT NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

ENROLMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 528 2526.

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\$56.9M SOUGHT FOR DB PROJECTS
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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) PLANS TO SPEND \$56.9 MILLION IN THE 1990-91 FINANCIAL YEAR TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF RESIDENTS AND TO RUN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE AMOUNT, BARMARKED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS, HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN CNTA'S DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1990-91. IT IS \$2.4 MILLION MORE THAN THAT ALLOCATED FOR 1989-90.

HE SAID SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE SUM BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, \$26.6 MILLION WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE 10 DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON, AND THE BALANCE OF \$30.3 MILLION TO THE NINE DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN 1990, A TOTAL OF 519 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY DISTRICT BOARDS, COMPARED WITH 474 PROJECTS IN 1989.

THE PROJECTS IN 1990 WILL INCLUDE ENVIRONMENTAL BEAUTIFICATION, DEVELOPMENT OF TEMPORARY AMENITIES ON VACANT GOVERNMENT LAND, MINOR WORKS TO DEAL WITH CRIME BLACK SPOTS, REMOVAL OF "EYESORES" AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF MINOR ACCESS ROADS AND PATHS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HE ADDED THAT A TOTAL OF 4,371 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR 1990.

THROUGH THE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, 3,946 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES WERE IMPLEMENTED IN 1989.

THE FUNDS WERE SPENT ON CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, SURVEYS AND SIMILAR PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS AND PROMOTE THEIR COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MONG KOK DB FUNDS OPEN FOR APPLICATION
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE IS INVITING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING ACTIVITIES BETWEEN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE SECOND FLOOR, TUNG PING BUILDING, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON, BEFORE APRIL 10.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES SHOULD MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES: PROMOTE RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES; ENHANCE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND SOCIAL COHESION; HELP MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO DEVELOP GOOD HOBBIES, INTERESTS AND CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS; OR BE EDUCATIONAL.

THE COMMITTEE HAS SENT LETTERS TO ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT, GIVING DETAILS AND INVITING THEM TO APPLY FOR FUNDS.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 3815291.

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COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SHOW ON AGENDA
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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS DETAILS OF STAGING A LARGE-SCALE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SHOW WILL BE HELD FROM MAY 26 TO 28 AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND.

THE EXHIBITION WILL COVER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ON LOK TSUEN, FUTURE PROSPECTS OF AGRICULTURE AND MARICULTURE IN THE DISTRICT, AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN.

THE AIM IS TO GIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS AN INSIGHT INTO DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT AND TO ENHANCE THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WORK PLAN
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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS ITS PROPOSED WORK PLAN FOR 1990-91 AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO STUDY REPORTS ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 6 TUNG YAN STREET.

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CHINESE REFERENCE GUIDE FOR TRADE CLASSIFICATION LIST
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A PUBLICATION IN CHINESE HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AS A REFERENCE GUIDE IN COMPLETING IMPORT/EXPORT DECLARATIONS.

IMPORTERS/EXPORTERS WILL FIND THE PUBLICATION USEFUL AS IT CONTAINS A COMPLETE AND UP-TO-DATE COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION WITH HARMONIZED SYSTEM CODES AND CHINESE COMMODITY DESCRIPTIONS, AS WELL AS COUNTRY CODES AND NAMES OF COUNTRIES IN CHINESE.

THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMODITY CODES AND COUNTRY CODES ARE ESSENTIAL INFORMATION WHICH IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS HAVE TO PROVIDE ON IMPORT/EXPORT DECLARATION FORMS.

AN ENGLISH PUBLICATION, "HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST (HARMONIZED SYSTEM)", HAS BEEN AVAILABLE WITH ENGLISH COMMODITY DESCRIPTIONS AND NAMES OF COUNTRIES IN ENGLISH.

THE NEW PUBLICATION IN CHINESE OFFERS AN ADDITIONAL CHOICE OF REFERENCE MATERIAL FOR IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS IN LOOKING UP THE CORRECT HARMONIZED SYSTEM CODES AND COUNTRY CODES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT NOT ALL COMMODITIES AS DEFINED IN THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM HAVE WELL-ACCEPTED CHINESE TRANSLATION.

THE CHINESE TERMS GIVEN IN THE PUBLICATION ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY. IF IN DOUBT, THE ORIGINAL ENGLISH DESCRIPTIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO IN COMPLETING IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS.

BESIDES THE COMMODITY AND COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION LISTS, THE NEWLY PUBLISHED CHINESE REFERENCE GUIDE CONTAINS OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATION.

IT INCLUDES EXPLANATIONS ON THE LEGAL REQUIREMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR LODGING IMPORT/EXPORT DECLARATIONS, CALCULATION SCHEME FOR AD VALOREM CHARGES AND IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE IN COMPLETING IMPORT/EXPORT DECLARATION FORMS.

THE PUBLICATION ALSO INCLUDES SPECIMEN OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF DECLARATION FORMS.

THE NEW PUBLICATION IS NOW ON SALE AT \$50 PER COPY AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:-

- * GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE
GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR,
CONNAUGHT PLACE,
HONG KONG.

/* KOWLOON COLLECTION

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- * KOWLOON COLLECTION OFFICE,
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT,
STAR HOUSE, SECOND FLOOR,
3 SALISBURY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI,
KOWLOON.
- * HONG KONG COLLECTION OFFICE,
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT,
HARBOUR BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR,
38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL,
HONG KONG.
- * PUBLICATIONS SECTION,
CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT,
WANCHAI TOWER 1, 19TH FLOOR,
12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI,
HONG KONG.

ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE SAME LOCATIONS ARE THE ENGLISH PUBLICATION "HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST (HARMONIZED SYSTEM)" AT \$30 PER COPY.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE ABOVE PUBLICATIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 823 4919.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF CITICORP ASIA PACIFIC LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (THURSDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN SHEUNG SHUI TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE CERTAIN UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN SHEUNG SHUI SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

THEY ARE AT LOT 937 AND ON THE ADJACENT CROWN LAND HELD UNDER A SHORT-TERM TENANCY AGREEMENT IN DEMARCATION DISTRICT 92, KAM TSIN.

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THE CLOSURE FORMS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN OCTOBER 1987 REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF THESE UNAUTHORISED WORKS.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON JUNE 7 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE PREMISES TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL START IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER IS MADE.

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KEEN BIDDING FOR NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED ABOUT 40 APPLICATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF 15 NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WHEN THE LATEST GREEN MINIBUS OPERATORS SELECTION EXERCISE CLOSED ON MARCH 6.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THERE WAS KEEN BIDDING FOR ROUTES BETWEEN NAM CHEONG ESTATE AND SHAM SHUI PO MTR STATION; FAT TSEUNG STREET TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND CHEUNG SHA WAN MTR STATION; RIVIERA GARDEN AND TSUEN WAN FERRY; FO TAN AND TSUEN WAN CENTRAL; AND ALL-NIGHT SERVICE BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN.

"ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND A PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

A SELECTION BOARD, COMPRISING AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS FROM THE TRANSPORT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, WILL SELECT THE APPLICANTS ON THE BASIS OF THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA LAID DOWN BY THE BOARD.

THESE CRITERIA INCLUDE EXPERIENCE OF THE APPLICANT IN TRANSPORT SERVICE, HIS FINANCIAL RESOURCES, HIS MANAGEMENT RIGHT OVER THE VEHICLES, THE MAINTENANCE RECORD OF THE VEHICLES AS WELL AS THE QUALITY OF HIS VEHICLES TO BE DEPLOYED, INCLUDING THE AVAILABILITY OF AIR-CONDITIONING.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN NT FOR CHING MING FESTIVAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL PERIOD.

ROAD CLOSURE

WO HOP SHEK, FANLING

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE SPECIFIED, ON MARCH 25 AND 31 AND ON APRIL 1, 5, 7, 8, 13 TO 16, AND 21, 22 DURING THE TIMES SPECIFIED BELOW:

(I) FROM 4 AM TO 8 PM

- * KIU TAU ROAD EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES, FRANCHISED BUSES AND HEARSEs;
- * THE SECTION OF ROAD L100 BETWEEN FANLING SOUTH ROUNDABOUT AND ROAD A100 EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES (PLB'S) AND TAXIS;
- * THE SECTION OF ROAD A100 BETWEEN ROAD L110 AND ROAD D6 EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES;
- * THE SECTION OF ROAD A100 BETWEEN ROAD L110 AND ROAD L100 EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES, PLB'S AND TAXIS;
- * ROAD L110 EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES, PLB'S AND TAXIS;
- * ROAD W100 EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND FRANCHISED BUSES; AND
- * THE UNNAMED ROADS BETWEEN ROAD B200 AND KIU TAU ROAD EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES;

(II) FROM 7 AM TO 8 PM

- * THE SECTION OF ROAD L100 BETWEEN ITS TWO JUNCTIONS WITH ROAD D6 EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES, FRANCHISED BUSES, TAXIS, COACHES AND SCHOOL BUSES.

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FANLING KCR STATION FORECOURT

THE FANLING KCR STATION FORECOURT WILL BE CLOSED AT ITS ACCESS FROM ROAD D5 TO ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES, TAXIS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES BETWEEN 7 AM AND 8 PM ON MARCH 25 AND 31 AND ON APRIL 1, 5, 7, 13 TO 16, AND 21, 22.

CHEUNG WAH ESTATE ACCESS ROAD

CHEUNG WAH ESTATE ACCESS ROAD WILL BE CLOSED AT ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D5 TO ALL TAXIS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 5 PM ON MARCH 25 AND 31 AND ON APRIL 1, 5, 7, 8, 13 TO 16, AND 21, 22.

LO WAI ROAD, TSUEN WAN

THE SECTION OF LO WAI ROAD BETWEEN LO WAI BUS TERMINUS AND YUEN YUEN HOK YUEN WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC; EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES, FROM 7 AM TO 4 PM ON APRIL 1, 5, 7 AND 8.

DURING THE PERIOD OF CLOSURE, THE LO WAI END TERMINATING POINT FOR NEW TERRITORIES PLB "SCHEDULED" SERVICE ROUTES 81 AND 81M WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE LO WAI BUS TERMINUS.

TSUEN WAN CEMETERY, TSUEN WAN

THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON MARCH 24, 25 AND 31 AND ON APRIL 1, 5, 7, 8 AND 13 TO 16:

- * WING SHUN STREET SECTION BETWEEN TSUEN WAN CEMETERY AND ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI HEI STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCEPT HEARSEs AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM;
- * A ONE-WAY SYSTEM WILL BE ADOPTED ON WING KEI ROAD, SECTION BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI HEI STREET AND WING KIN ROAD. VEHICLES WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO ENTER VIA WING KIN ROAD;
- * WING LAP, WING CHONG AND WING HAU STREETS WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC;
- * THE ROAD UNDER TSING TSUEN BRIDGE FROM RIVIERA GARDEN ONTO WING SHUN STREET IS NOT YET OPENED TO GENERAL TRAFFIC. NO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WILL BE ALLOWED;
- * NO PARKING WILL BE PERMITTED ON ALL APPROACH ROADS IN THE VICINITY OF THE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM. VEHICLES FOUND WILL BE SUBJECT TO BEING TOWED;

- * TEMPORARY TAXI STANDS WILL BE ERECTED ON KWAI HEI STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WING SHUN STREET AND WING KEI ROAD.

DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD, GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND GET OFF AT KWAI FONG STATION.

STOPPING RESTRICTIONS

ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SET DOWN OR PICK UP PASSENGERS BETWEEN 6 AM AND 7 PM ON THE FOLLOWING ROADS ON MARCH 25 AND 31 AND ON APRIL 1, 5, 7, 8, 13 TO 16 AND 21, 22:

- * SECTION OF ROAD D6 BETWEEN ROAD D3 AND ROAD L100;
- * WO HOP SHEK ROAD;
- * ROAD B200;
- * SECTION OF ROAD L100 BETWEEN ROAD D6 AND ROAD A100;
- * SECTION OF ROAD A100 BETWEEN ROAD L100 AND ROAD L110; AND
- * SECTION OF TAI WO SERVICE ROAD WEST BETWEEN WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDBOUT AND A POINT OF 300 METRES SOUTH OF KIU TAU ROAD.

CARPARK FACILITIES AND PRIVATE TRANSPORT

THE CARPARK ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FANLING KCR STATION WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND FRANCHISED BUSES BETWEEN 4 AM AND 7 PM ON MARCH 25 AND ON APRIL 1, 5, 8, AND 15. THE CAR PARKING SPACES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM MARCH 25 TO APRIL 15.

THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO GO TO THE CEMETERIES AS THERE WILL BE NO PARKING FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE VICINITY OF WO HOP SHEK; AND PARKING SPACES IN SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING (IN ON LOK TSUEN) AND AROUND TSUEN WAN CEMETERY ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED.

VEHICLES PARKED ILLEGALLY ON THE ROAD OR PAVEMENT WILL BE TOWED AWAY WITHOUT WARNING.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

KCRC ELECTRIC TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE STRENGTHENED AND OPERATED AT FANLING AT FIVE MINUTE FREQUENCY DURING PEAK PERIODS FROM 7 AM TO 9.30 AM AND FROM 5 PM TO 7.30 PM; AND AT EIGHT MINUTE OR NINE MINUTE FREQUENCY DURING OFF PEAK PERIODS FROM 9.30 AM TO 5 PM ON APRIL 1, 5, 8, 13 AND 15.

A SPECIAL SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 70R, WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN FANLING KCR STATION AND WO HOP SHEK TO CARRY GRAVE-SWEEPERS TO AND FROM THE CEMETERY AT ABOUT THREE MINUTE FREQUENCY AND AT \$1.80 SINGLE FARE ON MARCH 25, APRIL 1, 5, 8 AND 15.

ROUTE 70R WILL PICK UP AND SET DOWN PASSENGERS AT THE PAIR OF BUS BAYS ON ROAD D6 ADJACENT TO FANLING KCR STATION AND WILL BE OPERATED VIA ROAD D6 AND ROAD L100 TO TERMINATE AT ROAD W100 NEAR FANLING SOUTH ROUNDABOUT.

ANOTHER SPECIAL BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 70S, WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN JORDAN ROAD FERRY BUS TERMINUS AND WO HOP SHEK VIA TOLO HIGHWAY ON MARCH 25, APRIL 1, 5, 8 AND 15. THIS EXPRESS BUS SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED AT ABOUT SIX MINUTE FREQUENCY AND AT \$6 SINGLE FARE.

A NEW SPECIAL BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 74R, WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN KWUN TONG TSUI PING ROAD AND WO HOP SHEK VIA TOLO HIGHWAY ON APRIL 5. THIS EXPRESS BUS SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED AT ABOUT SIX MINUTE FREQUENCY AND AT \$6 SINGLE FARE.

GRAVE-SWEEPERS WISHING TO GO TO SANDY RIDGE FROM MARCH 31 TO APRIL 16 CAN TAKE KMB ROUTE 73K PLYING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND SAN UK LING OR THE ELECTRIC TRAIN SERVICE TO LO WU.

DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD, PLB'S, TAXIS AND COACHES CARRYING PASSENGERS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO SET DOWN PASSENGERS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AND WAITING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM THE SOUTH TO WO HOP SHEK ARE REMINDED TO USE TAI WO SERVICE ROAD WEST AT HONG LOK YUEN.

FOOTPATH FROM FANLING KCR STATION TO WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY

A DIRECT AND CONVENIENT PEDESTRIAN ROUTE IS AVAILABLE BETWEEN FANLING KCR STATION AND WO HOP SHEK. GRAVE-SWEEPERS CAN USE THE FOOTPATH AND SUBWAY SYSTEM ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FANLING KCR STATION AND ALONG ROAD D6. PEDESTRIANS SHOULD ALSO USE THE NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ACROSS ROAD L100, ROAD B200 AND ROAD W100 FOR GOING TO THE CEMETERY.

IF TRAFFIC SITUATION SO REQUIRES, EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURE MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE POLICE ON ANY OTHER DAYS DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD.

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NO-ENTRY BAN IN KOWLOON TONG
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MARCH 24), VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM EDE ROAD EASTBOUND TO WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND, IN KOWLOON TONG.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN SAN PO KONG
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE DOWN-RAMP OF THE FLYOVER LINKING CHOI HUNG ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND THE OUTER TWO LANES OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST WESTBOUND (LEADING TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST) WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE PERIODS SPECIFIED BELOW TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIR WORKS:

- FROM 2 PM ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24, TO 7 AM ON MONDAY, MARCH 26;
- FROM 2 PM ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31, TO 7 AM ON MONDAY, APRIL 2;
- FROM 2 PM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 7, TO 7 AM ON MONDAY, APRIL 9;
- FROM 2 PM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 14, TO 7 AM ON MONDAY, APRIL 16;
- FROM 2 PM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 21, TO 7 AM ON MONDAY, APRIL 23.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON CHOI HUNG ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA CHOI HUNG ROAD, FLYOVER, THE INNER LANES OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST WESTBOUND AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS ON LAI KING HILL ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MARCH 24), SECTIONS OF LAI KING HILL ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THEY ARE THE SECTION OF THE ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 800 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LAI WAN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 1.10 KILOMETRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND A SECTION OF THE ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE FOOTPATH LEADING TO LAI CHI KOK AMUSEMENT PARK TO A POINT ABOUT 180 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS ON THESE SECTIONS.

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