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PLASTICS INDUSTRY HAS ROOM TO GROW

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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG KIN-PONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT HONG KONG'S PLASTICS INDUSTRY COULD DO EVEN BETTER IF IT CONTINUED TO INVEST IN PRODUCTIVITY, QUALITY AND INNOVATIVE CAPABILITY.

ADDRESSING THE ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE CHIU CHAU PLASTIC MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, MR LEUNG SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS THAT LOCAL PLASTICS INDUSTRY HAD ENCOUNTERED.

HE SAID HE KNEW MANY PLASTICS MANUFACTURERS WERE SUFFERING FROM LABOUR CONSTRAINT, THE RISING COST OF RAW MATERIALS, THE SHORTAGE OF SKILLED MOULD AND DIE MAKERS AS WELL AS THEIR OWN DEPENDENCE ON CONTRACT MANUFACTURING.

BUT, MR LEUNG SAID, THE VARIOUS CONSTRAINTS AND DIFFICULTIES WERE BEING ADDRESSED.

TO MEET THE LABOUR SHORTAGE CHALLENGE, THE PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE WERE READY TO ASSIST MANUFACTURERS TO CONSERVE LABOUR THROUGH OPTIMAL MECHANISATION AND BETTER ORGANISATION OF WORK.

AS REGARD THE SHORTAGE OF PLASTIC RESINS, MR LEUNG SAID THIS CONSTRAINT WAS EXPECTED TO BE EASED AS GROWTH IN WORLD DEMAND HAD RESULTED IN INCREASED PRODUCTION CAPACITY.

"WE KNOW THAT DOW'S PLANT IN HONG KONG HAS ALMOST DOUBLED ITS OUTPUT OF POLYSTYRENE.

"WE ALSO KNOW THAT OTHER PRODUCERS OF PLASTIC MATERIALS, INCLUDING MONTEDISON, HIMONT, DU PONT AND GE PLASTICS, ARE STARTING UP IN HONG KONG, THANKS TO THE PROMPT RESPONSE OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION," MR LEUNG SAID.

TURNING TO THE DEFICIENCY IN THE SUPPLY OF SKILLED MOULD AND DIE MAKERS, MR LEUNG SAID, AT THE TECHNOLOGY LEVEL, THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY AND THE PRECISION TOOLING TRAINING CENTRES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WERE CURRENTLY PROVIDING EXTENSION COURSES ON MOULD AND EXTRUSION DIE DESIGNS.

AT THE TECHNOLOGIST LEVEL SIMILAR COURSES WERE BEING PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL.

"IN ADDITION, WE ARE SPONSORING THE TWO UNIVERSITIES IN APPLIED RESEARCH ON THE USE OF INTEGRATED CAD/CAM TECHNOLOGY IN THE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE OF MECHANICAL ELEMENTS, WITH A VIEW TO SPEEDING UP THE TURNAROUND TIME FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MOULDS AND DIES.

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"THE PROJECT, THOUGH NOT YET COMPLETED, PROMISES TO PRODUCE HIGHLY MARKETABLE TECHNOLOGY," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG ALSO WARNED MANUFACTURERS NOT TO DEPEND WHOLLY ON ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURE (OEM) PRODUCTION.

HE SAID THAT THE PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE WOULD OFFER INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ADVICE ON THE RANGE OF TECHNOLOGIES AND PLASTIC MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PRODUCTS AND EVENTUALLY ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROTOTYPES.

MR LEUNG EXPLAINED IN DETAIL HOW THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WAS ADDRESSING THE PRODUCT SAFETY STANDARDS ISSUE WITH VIGOUR.

MANUFACTURERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE USE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PRODUCTS STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU, THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS) AND WERE INFORMED OF THE MAJOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED THIS YEAR TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF COMPREHENSIVE QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.

IN THE PAST 28 YEARS THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY HAS ACHIEVED AN AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE IN EXPORTS OF 14.3 PER CENT IN DOLLAR TERMS, WHILE PRODUCTIVITY - MEASURED BY GROSS OUTPUT PER WORKER - HAS RECORDED AN AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF 15.4 PER CENT BETWEEN 1973 AND 1986.

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#### WAGE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER 1988

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THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR DECEMBER 1988, AT 166.6, INCREASED BY 10.2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1987 AND BY 1.2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE DECEMBER 1988 AND DECEMBER 1987 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 8.3 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 12.2 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 11.8 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 19.0 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 21.9 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE DECEMBER 1988 AND SEPTEMBER 1988 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 3.0 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.2 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.7 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 4.3 PER CENT.

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THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1987 TO DECEMBER 1988 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1. DETAILED BREAKDOWNS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

THE OVERALL REAL WAGE INDEX, AT 109.3 IN DECEMBER 1988, WAS 2.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN DECEMBER 1987 AND 0.1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1988.

THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1987 TO DECEMBER 1988 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

THESE NOMINAL AND REAL WAGE INDEXES ARE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED EACH QUARTER BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, COVERING BOTH MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS (EXCLUDING WORKERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS) IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR, THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR.

SUCH INDEXES MEASURE CHANGES IN WAGE RATES BY HOLDING THE STRUCTURAL PATTERN OF THE LABOUR FORCE WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, SEX AND MODE OF PAYMENT THE SAME AS THAT OF MARCH 1982, WHICH IS THE BASE PERIOD OF THE WAGE INDEXES.

WHILE THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGE RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), MEASURES CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE WAGES RECEIVED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT DREW ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAGE INDEXES AND THE INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WHICH ARE ALSO PUBLISHED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WAGE RATES PROVIDE A MEASURE OF THE UNIT PRICE OF LABOUR, PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS A MEASURE OF PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

WAGE RATES REPRESENT THE AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION FOR NORMAL HOURS OF WORK, AND ARE DEFINED TO INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AND SALARIES, COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE, MEAL BENEFITS, COMMISSION AND TIPS, GOOD ATTENDANCE BONUS AND NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE.

IN ADDITION, YEAR-END BONUS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES THAT ARE PAID LESS FREQUENTLY THAN MONTHLY, ARE CONVERTED TO AN EQUIVALENT MONTHLY RATE WHEN COMPILING THE WAGE RATE INDEXES.

TOTAL PAYROLL, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT CASH PAYMENTS THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FROM EMPLOYERS. APART FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED CASH RECEIPTS, IT ALSO INCLUDES OVERTIME PAY AND OTHER NON-GUARANTEED AND IRREGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

HENCE, STATISTICS ON PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED TEND TO BE SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED, THE TIMING OF THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND BACK-PAY, AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE LABOUR FORCE.

AS A RESULT, MOVEMENTS IN WAGE RATES DO NOT NECESSARILY CONFORM WITH THOSE IN PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN A REPORT OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATISTICS VOL. I, DECEMBER 1988 WHICH WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

THE VOL. II ISSUE OF THE REPORT CONTAINING DETAILED OCCUPATIONAL STATISTICS, SUCH AS WAGE RATES, NUMBER OF NORMAL HOURS OF WORK AND NUMBER OF STANDARD WORKING DAYS IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN EARLY MAY 1989.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WAGE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NOS. 5-8234744 OR 5-8234747.

TABLE 1 : NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				% CHANGE	
	DEC. 1987	MAR. 1988	JUN. 1988	SEPT. 1988	DEC. 1988	DEC.88/ DEC.87
MANUFACTURING	149.5	154.6	158.3	161.1	161.9	+ 8.3
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	146.5	151.6	154.8	159.6	164.4	+12.2
TRANSPORT SERVICES	170.3	177.9	184.6	188.2	190.4	+11.8
BUSINESS SERVICES	155.8	168.2	178.2	182.3	185.4	+19.0
PERSONAL SERVICES	146.6	155.3	160.5	171.3	178.7	+21.9
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	151.2	156.9	161.0	164.7	166.6	+10.2

TABLE 2 : NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				% CHANGE	
	DEC. 1987	MAR. 1988	JUN. 1988	SEPT. 1988	DEC. 1988	DEC.88/ DEC.87
GARMENTS	133.1	135.7	138.0	139.7	140.0	+ 5.2
GLOVES	153.9	159.5	164.2	169.3	170.1	+10.5
HANDBAGS	142.8	147.2	146.9	151.4	151.1	+ 5.8
COTTON SPINNING/WEAVING	165.5	172.0	173.6	174.7	175.0	+ 5.7
KNITTING	148.2	150.0	152.4	152.9	153.8	+ 3.8
BLEACHING AND DYEING	169.3	175.2	180.1	181.9	182.4	+ 7.7
PRINTING	164.1	170.5	182.5	186.7	190.9	+16.3
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	146.4	151.2	156.5	159.9	160.4	+ 9.6
METAL PRODUCTS	154.3	160.9	166.3	170.4	174.8	+13.3
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	168.6	177.2	182.5	186.7	189.4	+12.3
ELECTRONICS	165.0	175.3	180.4	183.9	183.9	+11.5
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	176.1	182.8	187.3	191.0	190.9	+ 8.4
MANUFACTURING	149.5	154.6	158.3	161.1	161.9	+ 8.3

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TABLE 3 : REAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				% CHANGE	
	DEC. 1987	MAR. 1988	JUN. 1988	SEPT. 1988	DEC. 1988	DEC.88/ DEC.87
MANUFACTURING	105.6	107.7	108.0	106.8	106.2	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	103.4	105.6	105.6	105.8	107.9	+ 4.4
TRANSPORT SERVICES	120.2	124.0	125.9	124.7	124.9	+ 3.9
BUSINESS SERVICES	110.0	117.2	121.6	120.8	121.7	+10.6
PERSONAL SERVICES	103.6	108.2	109.5	113.5	117.3	+13.2
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	106.8	109.4	109.8	109.2	109.3	+ 2.3

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## HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION IN SHEUNG SHUI

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A MOBILE EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED AT CHOI YUEN ESTATE, IN SHEUNG SHUI TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE SHOPPING CENTRE FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY COMMITTEE SAID: "IN MANY CASES, ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME ARE CAUSED BY CARELESSNESS AND IGNORANCE."

"THE EXHIBITION IS PART OF THE PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES TO REMIND THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE HIDDEN DANGERS IN THE HOME AND GIVE THEM ADVICE ON PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES," HE SAID.

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"THE DISPLAY WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A MOCK KITCHEN HIGHLIGHTING POTENTIAL DANGERS AT THIS HAZARDOUS SPOT," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

A NEW BOOKLET "SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME" WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE FOR VISITORS TO COLLECT.

CHOI YUEN ESTATE IS THE FOURTH STOP OF THE MOBILE EXHIBITION. TO CONVEY HOME SAFETY MESSAGES TO MORE HOUSEHOLDS, THE EXHIBITION WILL PROCEED TO FIVE OTHER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES ON CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS UNTIL THE END OF MAY.

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ISLANDS DB TO DISCUSS ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE REPORT ON ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS PREPARED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH (COSH) AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY (APRIL 17).

MEMBERS WILL COMMENT ON THE MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY COSH, SUCH AS EXTENDING THE NO-SMOKING AREAS IN PERFORMANCE VENUES, PUBLIC VEHICLES AND GOVERNMENT PREMISES; BANNING THE SALE OF CIGARETTES TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18; AND INCREASING THE SIZE OF HEALTH WARNINGS ON CIGARETTE PACKETS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON LOCAL CRAFT SAFETY AND CONTROL PREPARED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED. MEMBERS' VIEWS WILL BE SOUGHT ON THE PROPOSALS OF PROVIDING REASONABLE CONTROL WITHOUT OVER-REGULATION OR COMPROMISING SAFETY.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS, MR ARTHUR GARCIA, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE WORK OF HIS OFFICE.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE LAND ZONING FOR DEVELOPMENT ON LAMMA, THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, AND THE PROPOSED APPORTIONMENT OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR 1989-90.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (APRIL 17) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

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WONG TAI SIN WORKING GROUP ON REDEVELOPMENT MEETS MONDAY

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A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE REDEVELOPMENT OF KOWLOON CENTRAL ESTATES WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING ON MONDAY (APRIL 17) OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON REDEVELOPMENT.

MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE EXTENDED REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TSZ OI AND TSZ MAN ESTATES.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE MARK 1 AND 2 ESTATES TENANTS TO PURCHASE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS, THE PROVISION OF LIGHTING FOR HOARDINGS AT LOK FU REDEVELOPMENT SITES AND A PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE SHA TIN PASS ESTATE IN THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON REDEVELOPMENT MEETING, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 17) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

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WAN CHAI RESIDENTS URGED TO SUPPORT CHARITY CAMPAIGN

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WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST AND TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO BEAUTIFY THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S CLEAN AND PLANT FOR CHARITY CAMPAIGN, MR MANN SAID THE AIM OF THE FUNCTION WAS TO ASSIST THE COMMUNITY CHEST TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NEEDY AND TO PROMOTE THE IDEA OF CREATING MORE GREENERY TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE CAMPAIGN, HELD ANNUALLY IN WAN CHAI, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AND A COMMITTEE COMPRISING DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR FANG KWONG-CHUNG, SAID SO FAR ABOUT \$20,000 WERE RAISED FOR THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY CHEST.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE SYMBOLIC PLANTING AND CLEANSING OPERATIONS WERE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY CHEST, MR DENIS BRAY; WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM AND MISS HONG KONG 1988, MISS MICHELE REIS.

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URBCO SPENDS \$11.1 MILLION ON DISTRICT SPORTS EVENTS

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THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL SPEND \$11.1 MILLION THIS YEAR TO ORGANISE 8 544 RECREATION AND SPORTS EVENTS IN THE URBAN AREA -- AN INCREASE OF 26 AND 7.7 PER CENT IN FUNDING AND THE NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES RESPECTIVELY OVER LAST YEAR.

"THIS \$2.3 MILLION INCREASE IS IN LINE WITH THE COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE SPORTS AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL AND TO ENABLE MORE RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES," THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES SUB-COMMITTEE, MR RONNIE WONG, SAID TODAY.

"LAST YEAR, THE COUNCIL SPENT \$8.8 MILLION TO ORGANISE 7 929 DISTRICT EVENTS.

"THE EXTRA FUNDING THIS YEAR MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE MORE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED IN VARIOUS FIELDS, INCLUDING SOME INNOVATIVE SPORTS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS GATEBALL, INDOOR ARCHERY AND MINI-TENNIS."

TO FOSTER BETTER LINKS WITH DISTRICT BOARDS AND TO MAKE USE OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH DISTRICT SPORTS ORGANISATIONS, A TOTAL OF 291 JOINT PROJECTS WITH LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND DISTRICT BOARDS ARE PLANNED FOR 1989/90.

THESE INCLUDE DISTRICT COMPETITIONS, LEARN-TO-PLAY COURSES, FUN DAYS AND DISTRICT FESTIVALS.

OTHER PROGRAMMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

SQUASH, BADMINTON AND TENNIS -- 302 SQUASH, 332 BADMINTON AND 382 TENNIS COURSES (COMPARED WITH 268 SQUASH, 299 BADMINTON AND 367 TENNIS COURSES IN 1988/89).

FITNESS AND DANCE -- 4 857 FITNESS AND DANCE COURSES FOR 152 832 PARTICIPANTS (COMPARED WITH 3 218 COURSES FOR 93 438 PARTICIPANTS IN 1988/89).

LEARN-TO-SWIM SCHEME -- 1 512 COURSES FOR 30 941 PARTICIPANTS (COMPARED WITH 1 511 COURSES FOR 28 669 PARTICIPANTS IN 1988/89).

ACTIVITIES FOR THE DISABLED -- 120 ACTIVITIES FOR 7 166 PARTICIPANTS (COMPARED WITH 109 ACTIVITIES FOR 5 268 PARTICIPANTS IN 1988/89).

ACTIVITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS -- 503 ACTIVITIES FOR 18 904 PARTICIPANTS (COMPARED WITH 382 ACTIVITIES FOR 14 612 PARTICIPANTS IN 1988/89).

MR WONG SAID THAT THE LEI YUE MUN PARK IS EXPECTED TO ENTERTAIN A TOTAL OF 47 000 DAY CAMPERS AND 48 000 OVERNIGHT CAMPERS IN 1989/90.

"THE PARK WHICH IS OFFICIALLY OPENED LAST NOVEMBER, IS THE FIRST CAMPING FACILITY UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL," HE ADDED.

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TEAMS INVITED FOR TUEN MUN DRAGON BOAT RACES

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DRAGON BOAT TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE TUEN MUN DRAGON BOAT RACES ON JUNE 8 TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF A COLOURFUL TUEN NG FESTIVAL.

AS IN LAST YEAR, THE RACES WILL TAKE PLACE ALONG THE WATERFRONT FACING SAM SHING ESTATE IN THE CASTLE PEAK BAY TYPHOON SHELTER.

THE \$630,000 BUDGET FOR THE RACES COMPRISES SPONSORSHIP FROM THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL PERSONALITIES. PART OF THE AMOUNT WILL COME FROM ENTRY FEES.

BOTH PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE WELCOME TO FORM TEAMS FOR THE RACES.

THE LENGTH OF THE RACECOURSE FOR THE LARGE AND MEDIUM DRAGON BOAT RACES IS 400 METRES AND THAT FOR THE PHOENIX BOAT RACES IS 200 METRES.

A LARGE DRAGON BOAT TEAM SHOULD COMPRISE NOT MORE THAN 54 MEMBERS, INCLUDING A COXSWAIN AND A DRUMMER. THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS FOR EACH MEDIUM DRAGON BOAT AND PHOENIX BOAT TEAM SHOULD NOT EXCEED 22 AND 12 PEOPLE RESPECTIVELY.

ENTRY FEE FOR EACH PARTICIPATING TEAM IN THE MEDIUM DRAGON BOAT AND PHOENIX BOAT RACES IS \$500. ENTRY FOR THE LARGE BOAT CATEGORY IS FREE.

THE RACE COMMITTEE WILL SUPPLY THE BOATS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MEDIUM DRAGON BOAT AND PHOENIX BOAT TEAMS, BUT NOT FOR TEAMS COMPETING IN THE LARGE DRAGON BOAT RACE AND THOSE TAKING PART IN INVITATION RACES.

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TUEN HI ROAD. THEY SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY MAY 5.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4513046 OR 0-4513050.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACE

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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR TEAMS TO TAKE PART IN THE MEDIUM-BOAT DIVISION OF THE ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACES TO BE HELD ON JUNE 8 IN CELEBRATION OF THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL.

THE RACE, AN ANNUAL EVENT WITH A LONG TRADITION IN THE OLDEST FISHING PORT OF HONG KONG, IS OPEN TO BUSINESS FIRMS, FACTORIES, REGISTERED ASSOCIATIONS AND RESIDENTS' BODIES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT AND ALL OVER THE TERRITORY.

THE RACE IS ORGANISED BY THE ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACE ORGANISING COMMITTEE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

"IT WILL TAKE PLACE ALONG A 300-METRE CHANNEL OFF THE WATERFRONT BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM ON THE DAY OF TUEN NG FESTIVAL," THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR HO CHUN-TUNG SAID.

"THE RACE IS DIVIDED INTO MEN'S OPEN, LADIES' OPEN AND AMATEUR SECTIONS," MR HO SAID.

TEAMS COMPETING IN THE DIVISION WILL EACH CONSIST OF 22 MEMBERS, INCLUDING A DRUMMER AND A COX. THEY WILL BE PROVIDED WITH DRAGON BOATS, PADDLES AND DRUMS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON THE RACE ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT ABERDEEN CENTRE, AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN LEI TUNG ESTATE, WAH FU ESTATE AND STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS MAY 6. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-540271.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON TUESDAY (APRIL 18) AND THURSDAY (APRIL 20) FOR THE DELIVERY OF ESCALATORS AT CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAZA.

CHEUNG LAI STREET BETWEEN CHEUNG SHUN STREET AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON TUESDAY.

MOTORISTS FROM CHEUNG SHUN STREET EASTBOUND HEADING FOR CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WESTBOUND ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA CHEUNG YUE STREET, CHEUNG YEE STREET, CHEUNG LAI STREET, LAI CHI KOK ROAD EASTBOUND AND FAT TSEUNG STREET NORTHBOUND.

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MOREOVER, TAI NAM WEST STREET NORTHBOUND BETWEEN CHEUNG SHUN STREET AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM ON THURSDAY.

MOTORISTS FROM CHEUNG SHUN STREET EASTBOUND HEADING FOR CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHEUNG YUE STREET, CHEUNG YEE STREET, CHEUNG LAI STREET, LAI CHI KOK ROAD EASTBOUND, THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING FROM LAI CHI KOK ROAD EASTBOUND TO LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND OUTSIDE KIN YIP FACTORY BUILDING, LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND AND THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING FROM LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND TO CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD EASTBOUND NEAR MEI FOO BUS TERMINUS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT CERTAIN TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI PO ROAD/SHA TIN CENTRE STREET/LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 17) FOR ABOUT NINE MONTHS.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAMP JOINING TAI PO ROAD (SHA TIN SECTION) AND ROUTE 5.

VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL STRAIGHT AHEAD FROM TAI PO ROAD (SHA TIN SECTION) TO LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND VICE VERSA.

THE RIGHT-TURNS FROM TAI PO ROAD (TAI WAI SECTION) TO LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD; AND FROM SHA TIN CENTRE STREET TO TAI PO ROAD (SHA TIN SECTION) WILL ALSO BE BANNED.

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URBAN CLEARWAY ON WAH LAM PATH, WAH FU

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 17), THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WAH LAM PATH BETWEEN WAH FU ROAD AND WAH LOK PATH WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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