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EVERYONE HOPING FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) HE WAS SURE THAT EVERYONE IN HONG KONG HOPED THAT THE SITUATION IN CHINA WOULD BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY AND WITH GOOD SENSE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS BEFORE ATTENDING THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, SIR DAVID SAID PEOPLE HERE WERE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA WITH INTENSE INTEREST AND WITH GREAT CONCERN.

"IT'S VERY UNDERSTANDABLE THAT HERE IN HONG KONG PEOPLE HAVE WANTED TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS.

"THEY'VE DONE IT WITH GREAT INTENSITY OF FEELING, BUT ALSO WITH A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND WITH GOOD ORDER," SIR DAVID SAID.

"WE MUST NOW WAIT TO SEE HOW THE SITUATION IN CHINA RESOLVES ITSELF. THE WAY IN WHICH THAT IS DONE IS BOUND TO AFFECT THE PERCEPTIONS PEOPLE HERE HAVE ON CHINA," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT WHILE PEOPLE WERE LOOKING AT CURRENT EVENTS, THEY MUST ALSO LOOK BEYOND IMMEDIATE EVENTS.

"THINGS LIKE THE BASIC LAW AND WHAT GOES INTO THE BASIC LAW REMAIN ENORMOUSLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY ARE THE BASIS FOR HONG KONG WELL BEYOND THE PRESENT DEVELOPMENTS FOR 50 YEARS AFTER 1997," HE SAID.

"WHEN THE IMPORTANT EVENTS THAT ARE HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT ARE INTO THE HISTORY BOOKS, AFTER THAT THE BASIC LAW WILL STILL BE OF SIGNIFICANCE TO HONG KONG FOR A WHOLE OF 50 YEARS AFTER 1997.

"SO GETTING THE BASIC LAW RIGHT, GETTING THE DETAILS OF IT AS RIGHT AS WE CAN REMAINS VERY IMPORTANT," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HONG KONG HAD AN IMMENSE ABILITY TO BOUNCE BACK, WITH THINGS SUCH AS THE STOCK MARKET, AND THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE ECONOMIC REALITIES AND ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS WOULD ALWAYS RE-ASSERT THEMSELVES.

"THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN THE SITUATION IN HONG KONG. I'M SURE IT ALWAYS WILL BE," HE SAID.

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EXCO APPROVES ADVERTISING BREAKS IN TV NEWS PROGRAMMES

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECIDED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT ADVERTISING BREAKS DURING TELEVISION NEWS PROGRAMMES SHOULD IN FUTURE BE PERMITTED. THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL BE REVIEWED AFTER ONE YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH (ASIB) SAID THAT EXCO'S DECISION WAS BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY (BA) IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

"LOCAL AND OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE MAIN NEWS PROGRAMMES BEYOND THE CURRENT DURATION OF 22-25 MINUTES WITHOUT BREAKS WILL PRESENT THE PROBLEM OF THE AUDIENCE LOSING CONCENTRATION AS NEWS IS GENERALLY A NON-THEMATIC PROGRAMME OF HEAVY INFORMATION," HE SAID.

"A SHORT BREAK WOULD ALLOW THE TELEVISION STATIONS MORE EFFECTIVELY TO CO-ORDINATE 'LIVE' REPORTS, TO COMMUNICATE WITH LOCATION CREW, TO CHECK TAPES LINE UP AND TO INTERFACE MIX-MEDIA PRESENTATION.

"EXCO AGREED WITH THE BA THAT ANY BREAK DURING A NEWS PROGRAMME SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THREE-AND-A-HALF MINUTES DURING WHICH ADVERTISEMENTS, STATION PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL OR GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST (API'S) CAN BE BROADCAST.

"THE CURRENT OVERALL CEILING OF 10 MINUTES OF ADVERTISING, TWO MINUTES OF STATION/PROGRAMME PROMOTION AND ONE MINUTE OF API TIME PER CLOCK HOUR REMAINS UNCHANGED. THE MINIMUM PROGRAMME SEGMENT OF 10 MINUTES ALSO REMAINS UNCHANGED."

AS REGARDS SPONSORSHIP OF NEWS PROGRAMMES, EXCO DECIDED THAT THE CURRENT PROHIBITION SHOULD REMAIN, SO THAT THE PERCEIVED IMPARTIALITY OF NEWS PROGRAMMES WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED.

TO GIVE EFFECT TO EXCO'S DECISION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AMENDMENTS WOULD NEED TO BE MADE TO THE TELEVISION (ADVERTISING) REGULATIONS.

"THE TELEVISION STATIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BROADCAST ADVERTISEMENTS DURING NEWS PROGRAMMES UNTIL THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS ARE MADE," HE SAID.

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SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THE FOLLOWING SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS:

MR PETER LOK KUNG-NAM, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, WILL SUCCEED MR J.T. THORPE AS DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION ON JUNE 28 THIS YEAR WHEN MR THORPE PROCEEDS ON END OF AGREEMENT LEAVE BEFORE LEAVING THE GOVERNMENT.

MR R.A.F. SIEGEL, AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER, WILL SUCCEED MR LOK AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTED ON THESE OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MR J.T. THORPE, OBE, JP

AGED 56, MR THORPE JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS BRIEFING OFFICER IN THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IN 1956. HE BECAME THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION IN 1984. ON RETIREMENT, MR THORPE WILL HAVE COMPLETED NEARLY 33 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

MR PETER LOK KUNG-NAM, JP

AGED 53, MR LOK JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL ASSISTANT IN THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IN 1956. HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION IN JULY 1982 AND TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION IN MARCH 1988. MR LOK HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

MR R.A.F. SIEGEL

AGED 45, MR SIEGEL JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN AIRPORT MANAGER IN THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IN 1973. HE WAS PROMOTED TO AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER IN JULY 1982 AND HAS ACTED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

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MEMBERSHIP OF NEW-TERM ACAF ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE 1989/90 TERM OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (ACAF).

THE NON-GOVERNMENT MEMBERS WHO WERE APPOINTED TO THE NEW TERM FOR ONE YEAR WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 20, 1989 ARE:

MR ANDREW WONG WANG-FAT,
MR LAU WONG-FAT,
MR CHAN KWOK-WAI,
MR LEUNG CHIK,
MR YUNG TIN-TACK,
MR SO MOON-CHEUNG,
MR CHENG FOR-YAU,
MR HO TAK-YAU,
DR ZEE SZE-YONG,
MR LEUNG TIN-PUI,
DR LAM KIN-CHE,
DR STAN CHEUNG TSANG-KAY, AND
MR IP YEUK-LAM.

THE NEW-TERM ACAF ALSO COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH, THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AS OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES IS A GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED BODY CHAIRED BY DR LAWRENCE LEE, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

IT WAS FIRST FORMED IN MAY LAST YEAR TO PROVIDE A FORMALISED CONSULTATION MECHANISM TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES PRODUCTION, ON THE FORMATION OF THEIR LONG-TERM POLICIES AND ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION AND MARKETING OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES PRODUCTS.

/ITS MEMBERS

ITS MEMBERS ARE DRAWN FROM THE AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND MARKETING SECTORS AND EXPERTS IN THE RELATED FIELDS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF OMELCO, THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT BRANCHES AND DEPARTMENTS.

THE ACAF IS ASSISTED IN ITS WORK BY ITS FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES ON CROP FARMING, LIVESTOCK, AQUACULTURE, CAPTURE FISHERIES AND MARKETING.

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF THESE SUB-COMMITTEES WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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TAC DISCUSSES URBAN TAXI SERVICE

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) TODAY (TUESDAY) RECOMMENDED THAT THE ISSUING OF NEW TAXI LICENCES SHOULD REMAIN AT 200 THIS YEAR.

MEMBERS MADE THE RECOMMENDATION AFTER ASSESSING THE LEVEL OF URBAN TAXI SERVICES BASED ON THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY ON THE UTILISATION AND PROFITABILITY OF THE TRADE BETWEEN EARLY FEBRUARY AND MID-MARCH THIS YEAR.

THE SURVEY ON THE UTILISATION OF TAXI SERVICES COMPRISED ROADSIDE OBSERVATIONS OF VACANT TAXIS AND STUDIES AT TAXI STANDS TO RECORD THE WAITING TIME OF PASSENGERS. IT SHOWED THAT THE DEMAND FOR URBAN TAXIS HAD BEEN RELATIVELY STABLE AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO EXAMINED THE IMPACT OF ANY INCREASE IN TAXI NUMBERS ON THE PROFITABILITY OF TAXI OPERATIONS.

THE TAC NOTED THAT DESPITE THE INCREASE IN TAXI FARES, UTILISATION OF TAXIS HAD NOT BEEN AFFECTED.

MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY INVESTIGATION FOR IMPROVEMENT TO THE MID-LEVELS EAST-WEST ROAD CORRIDOR.

CONSULTANTS WERE COMMISSIONED IN SEPTEMBER 1987 TO INVESTIGATE PRACTICAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS THAT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED TO INCREASE TRAFFIC CAPACITY OF THE ROAD NETWORK IN THE MID-LEVELS, AND THEREBY QUANTIFY THE CORRESPONDING LIMIT OF BUILDING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT THAT COULD BE REASONABLY TOLERATED.

APART FROM CONSIDERING EXISTING ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS, NINE NEW TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES, 16 NEW JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES, 10 NEW ROAD WIDENING SCHEMES AND 41 NEW ROAD LINK SCHEMES WERE IDENTIFIED FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SHORT, MEDIUM AND LONG TERMS.

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THESE SCHEMES WERE EVALUATED AND SCREENED UNDER VARIOUS CRITERIA INCLUDING ENGINEERING, TRAFFIC, LAND AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS.

THE TAC WAS INFORMED THAT THE SHORT TERM SCHEME WOULD START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE SOME RELIEF TO THE ROAD NETWORK IN THE MID-LEVELS.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDIUM TERM SCHEME SHOULD BE EFFECTED BEFORE 1996 WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO RELIEVE THE CRITICAL PARK ROAD/LYTTLETON ROAD/BREEZY PATH JUNCTION, WHILE THE LONG TERM SCHEME WAS RECOMMENDED TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH REDEVELOPMENT.

AS A FURTHER ATTEMPT TO ALLEVIATE THE FUTURE TRAFFIC SITUATION AT THE MID-LEVELS, A PILOT HILLSIDE ESCALATOR LINKING CENTRAL DISTRICT WITH THE MID-LEVELS IS BEING PLANNED FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

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11 QUESTIONS ON LEGCO AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 11 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER SIX BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

TWO BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THEY ARE THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1989 AND THE SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989.

SECOND READING DEBATES ON FOUR BILLS WILL BE RESUMED, AFTER WHICH EACH BILL IS DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

THESE ARE THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989; THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989; THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 AND THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG BILL 1989.

IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT WILL MOVE THREE MOTIONS -- UNDER THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING ORDINANCE, THE MAGISTRATES ORDINANCE AND THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR APRIL 1989

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR APRIL 1989.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR APRIL 1989 WERE 127.3 AND 127.0 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 9.6 PER CENT AND 9.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER APRIL 1988.

THESE RATES OF INCREASE WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE RECORDED FOR MARCH 1989, WHEN THEY WERE 9.5 PER CENT AND 9.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING APRIL WITH MARCH 1989, THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED BY 1.5 PER CENT, LARGELY BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF MOST FOODSTUFFS AND OUTERCLOTHING AND HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED APRIL 1989, AT 121.3 AND 121.1 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 8.4 PER CENT AND 8.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED APRIL 1988.

DURING THE 3-MONTH PERIOD ENDED APRIL 1989, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.8 PER CENT PER MONTH.

THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR APRIL 1989 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1989 AND APRIL 1988, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

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(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)
CPI(A) CPI(B)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR APR.89	%CHANGE OVER MAR.89	%CHANGE OVER APR.88	INDEX FOR APR.89	%CHANGE OVER MAR.89	%CHANGE OVER APR.88
FOODSTUFFS	128.3	+1.9	+11.8	129.3	+1.8	+12.0
HOUSING	120.5	+1.9	+6.9	115.8	+1.3	+5.2
FUEL AND LIGHT	96.2	+0.5	+3.4	96.8	+0.6	+3.6
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	132.9	+1.0	+7.4	133.8	+1.1	+7.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	134.9	+4.3	+9.4	138.1	+5.1	+9.7
DURABLE GOODS	121.2	+0.1	+4.1	120.6	+0.2	+4.2
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	131.5	+0.3	+8.5	131.0	+0.3	+8.0
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	131.7	+0.4	+10.6	130.8	+0.4	+10.7
SERVICES	136.7	+0.9	+9.6	137.2	+1.0	+10.3
ALL ITEMS	127.3	+1.5	+9.6	127.0	+1.5	+9.3

COMPARED WITH MARCH 1989, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 1.9 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.8 PER CENT IN CPI(B).

THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUIT AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 1.9 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.3 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PRIVATE DWELLINGS AND FOR SOME FLATS IN HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATES.

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) INCREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.1 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF BEER AND CIGARETTES.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY 4.3 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 5.1 PER CENT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF OUTER CLOTHING.

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THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.0 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR PACKAGE TOURS AND MEDICAL TREATMENT.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR APRIL 1989, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.5 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 133.3 IN APRIL 1989, UP BY 1.8 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1989 AND UP BY 11.0 PER CENT OVER APRIL 1988. THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT HK\$10,000-24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

* FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN 1 DECIMAL PLACE.

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1988 SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS STARTED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS FOR 1988 HAS JUST COMMENCED.

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED ANNUALLY AND REPRESENTS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME IN THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT ECONOMIC STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS IN HONG KONG.

THE AIMS OF THE SURVEY ARE TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE DATA FOR EVALUATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, AND FOR ASCERTAINING THEIR COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTPUT LEVELS.

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RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ARE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

ABOUT 6,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE PRESENT ROUND OF THE SURVEY, INCLUDING A FULL COVERAGE OF PROMINENT ESTABLISHMENTS AND A RANDOM SAMPLE OF SMALLER UNDERTAKINGS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS :-

- * BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION;
- * REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT;
- * ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING; AND
- * REAL ESTATE LEASING, BROKERAGE AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT

A DIFFERENT VERSION OF SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE IS USED FOR EACH OF THE FOUR CATEGORIES.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE SURVEY INCLUDES : TYPE OF OWNERSHIP; NUMBER OF DIRECT EMPLOYEES; COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES; CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES; PAYMENTS FOR SUB-CONTRACT WORK; OPERATING EXPENSES; VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED; VALUES OF PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND THE ASSOCIATED PROJECT OUTLAYS (INCLUDING LAND VALUES); OTHER FORMS OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS; CAPITAL EXPENDITURE; FLOOR AREA OCCUPIED FOR BUSINESS OPERATION; AND ORIGIN OF INVESTMENT.

THE SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS) ORDER 1984, MADE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND GAZETTED IN A LEGAL NOTICE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS SAMPLED FOR THE SURVEY. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31 THIS YEAR.

IF REQUIRED, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES. THESE OFFICERS WILL CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY WHILE ON DUTY.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALED TO THE MANAGERMENTS OF ALL SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES PROMPTLY AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COURSE OF ENUMERATION, SO AS TO FULFIL THEIR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY.

HE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE. ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION, WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, WILL BE RELEASED.

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THE COMMISSIONER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUPPLY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DATA REQUIRED IN THE SURVEY.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATES WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE RETURNS, IF AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-8234844.

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NEW PACKAGE FOR KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN

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A NEW PUBLICITY PACKAGE, COMPLETE WITH A NEW SLOGAN OF "BE A SPORT - PITCH IN", HAS BEEN FORMULATED TO FURTHER BOOST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, DR PANG HOK-TUEN, ANNOUNCED THIS TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE CAMPAIGN FOR 1989-90, DR PANG SAID THE NEW PACKAGE, INCLUDING A SERIES OF ANNOUNCEMENTS IN PUBLIC INTEREST (API'S) AND POSTERS, CARRIED A STRONGER "CALL FOR ACTION" MESSAGE.

"IT AIMS TO TURN THE PITCH-IN ACTIVITY INTO A FAVOURITE 'SPORT' IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

THE NEW THEMATIC API, TO BE LAUNCHED SHORTLY, WILL FEATURE CELEBRITIES DEMONSTRATING IN A SPORTING WAY HOW TO PUT LITTER INTO THE BIN.

"SIMILARLY, WE HOPE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL, IN THEIR OWN WAYS, MAKE THE BUSINESS OF KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN A POPULAR SPORT.

"IN FACT, JUST LIKE ANY OTHER SPORT WHICH CALLS FOR TEAM SPIRIT AND CO-OPERATION IN MAKING A SCORE, THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN ALSO NEEDS THE PARTICIPATION OF ITS TEAM MEMBERS, WHO IN OUR CASE ARE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IN STRIVING FOR THE GOAL, WHICH IN OUR CASE IS A CLEANER HONG KONG," DR PANG SAID.

BESIDES PUBLICITY AND EDUCATION, WHICH WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE PRIME AREAS OF WORK, THE STEERING COMMITTEE ALSO ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ITS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME, DR PANG SAID.

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LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 60 CORPORATIONS AND LOCAL BODIES RESPONDED TO THE CAMPAIGN IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, SUCH AS BY PUTTING "KEEP CLEAN" MESSAGES ON THEIR PRODUCTS OR ORGANISING CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES FOR THEIR STAFF.

"WE HOPE THAT MORE CORPORATIONS WILL COME FORWARD THIS YEAR WITH DIFFERENT FORMS OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN," HE SAID.

ANOTHER AREA OF WORK FOR THE COMMITTEE IN THE COMING YEAR WOULD BE A SERIES OF CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS CO-ORDINATED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

"THE COMMITTEE ALSO SUPPORTS LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST LITTERING OFFENCES WHICH, WE THINK, SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE WELL-BEING OF OTHER RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS," DR PANG SAID.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, MR TONG KAM-BIU, TOLD THE PRESS CONFERENCE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WOULD BE ORGANISED IN PHASES.

AMONG THESE WAS A TERRITORY-WIDE BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP OPERATION NOW BEING CARRIED OUT, WHICH WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL JULY.

"WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF CLEANSING STAFF FROM RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS, RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO KEEP THEIR LIVING AREA CLEAN AND TIDY," MR TONG SAID.

WITH THE APPROACH OF SUMMER, THE PUBLICITY FOCUS WOULD SHIFT TO THE CLEANLINESS OF THE HARBOUR, AND TO THE COUNTRYSIDE IN THE AUTUMN PERIOD, MR TONG SAID.

THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP WOULD ROUND UP ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE YEAR.

"WE HOPE THAT MORE PEOPLE WILL RESPOND TO OUR CALL AND BE A SPORT AND PITCH IN TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN," MR TONG ADDED.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM QE FOUNDATION

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VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE QUEEN ELIZABETH FOUNDATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS FROM THE FOUNDATION INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED; THE PRODUCTION OF MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED; AND THE STAGING OF AN EXHIBITION AND THE PRODUCTION OF A VIDEO FILM ON EMPLOYMENT FOR THEM.

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES CAN APPLY TO CONDUCT SURVEYS ON SPECIAL SCHOOLS REQUIRING PHOTOCOPIERS AND VIDEO CAMERAS, AND ON SHELTERED WORKSHOPS REQUIRING MUSICAL EQUIPMENT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

A LIMITED AMOUNT OF FUNDS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR OTHER WORTHWHILE PROJECTS WHICH DID NOT FALL INTO THE CATEGORIES MENTIONED ABOVE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE FOUNDATION ALLOCATED A TOTAL OF \$1.85 MILLION TO FINANCE 20 PROJECTS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR.

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDES TO APPLICATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY, COUNCIL OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH FOUNDATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, REHABILITATION DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT OF THE FOUNDATION NOT LATER THAN JULY 21 THIS YEAR.

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STANDING COMMITTEE VISITS CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

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MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE VISITED THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE SIX-MEMBER GROUP WAS LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE, MR JOHN SWAINE. THE OTHER MEMBERS WERE MRS NELLIE FONG, MRS MIRIAM LAU, MR ANTHONY CHEUNG, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI AND MR TANG KWAI-NANG.

THE GROUP WAS RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR P.J. WILLIAMSON, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, MR TONG KANG-SING, AND SENIOR STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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THE MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE WORK AND THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THEY LOOKED OVER THE NARCOTICS MUSEUM OF THE CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION BUREAU, AND ALSO WATCHED CUSTOMS OFFICERS SEARCHING A RECENTLY ARRIVED SHIP AND CUSTOMS DIVERS AT WORK.

DURING THE VISIT, THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS HELD INFORMAL TALKS WITH THE COMMISSIONER AND OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS STAFF.

TODAY'S VISIT WAS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF PLANNED FAMILIARISATION VISITS TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SERVICE AT ID CARD OFFICE

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THE TUEN MUN NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICE AT CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN, WILL NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS AS SOME ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN DAMAGED IN THE HEAVY RAIN LAST SATURDAY.

HOWEVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE ALREADY APPLIED FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS CAN COLLECT THEIR CARDS AT THIS OFFICE AS SCHEDULED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

RESIDENTS IN TUEN MUN WHO ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS MAY MAKE USE OF THE SERVICES AT THE YUEN LONG AND TSUEN WAN NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES.

THE ADDRESSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

YUEN LONG NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICE

HOP YICK CENTRE
2ND FLOOR
31 HOP YICK ROAD
YUEN LONG

TEL: 0-4771543

TSUEN WAN NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICE

EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE
GROUND FLOOR
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET
TSUEN WAN

TEL: 0-4980117

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VBP PROBLEM ON DB AGENDA

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THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD ON THURSDAY (MAY 25).

MEMBERS' VIEWS ON EXISTING POLICIES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, A CONSULTATION PAPER OUTLINING PROPOSALS TO RESTRICT THE USE, SALE AND ADVERTISEMENT OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH, DR JUDITH MACKAY, AND DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL, DR CHRISTOPHER LEUNG.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOBACCO INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG LTD. WILL GIVE VIEWS ON THE PAPER.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO HEAR MEMBERS' OPINION ON THE PROPOSALS TO REMEDY UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN EXISTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT.

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

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING BEGINNING AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 25) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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SPORTS, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO MARK QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

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A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL IN PLAYGROUNDS, SPORTS VENUES, PARKS AND SWIMMING POOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ON JUNE 17 (SATURDAY).

IN A CARNIVAL-LIKE ATMOSPHERE, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, YOUNG AND OLD, ARE EXPECTED TO SHARE A DAY OF FUN AND GAMES.

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ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE BAND PARADES, ALL STAR VARIETY SHOWS, DANCES, CHILDREN'S GAMES AND SPORTS MATCHES FOR PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT AGES.

MORE THAN 65 RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS EVENTS AS WELL AS VARIOUS PERFORMANCES WILL BE ORGANISED SIMULTANEOUSLY AT VARIOUS VENUES.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND THE CHIEF JUSTICE WILL SEPARATELY VISIT VENUES TO WATCH THE PROGRAMMES. THEY WILL VISIT MORSE PARK, VICTORIA PARK, FANLING RECREATION GROUND AND TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND RESPECTIVELY.

THE GOVERNOR WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR STEPHEN LAU, AND THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, WHEN HE VISITS MORSE PARK IN WONG TAI SIN.

THERE HE WILL JOIN SPECTATORS IN WATCHING A BAND DISPLAY BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE PIPE BAND, AN AEROBIC DANCE PERFORMANCE, ROLLER SKATING, CHINESE CHESS AND PONY RIDING.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A TELEMATCH FOR YOUTH, AN ARTISTIC CYCLING DEMONSTRATION, A VARIETY SHOW FOR CHILDREN, A GATEBALL GAME FOR THE ELDERLY, AND GAMES FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED.

THE GOVERNOR WILL ALSO SEE OTHER SPORTS COMPETITIONS, INCLUDING TENNIS, TABLE TENNIS, HANDBALL, VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL.

AT THE MORSE PARK SWIMMING POOL, THERE WILL BE A CANOE POLO DEMONSTRATION, A SWIMMING GALA, A LIFE-SAVING COMPETITION AND AQUATIC FUN GAMES.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, OUTDOOR CELEBRATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE MAINLY AT VICTORIA PARK WHERE THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL G.D. JOHNSON, WILL WATCH THE ACTIVITIES.

THE PROGRAMME WILL START WITH A BAND PERFORMANCE BY THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH ROYAL REGIMENT BAND AT 9.45 AM.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF FUN ACTIVITIES AND GAMES, SUCH AS A MINI TRAIN RIDE FOR FAMILIES, PONY RIDING FOR CHILDREN, MODEL BOATING, FUN FISHING, A FUN KART FOR YOUTH AND TAI CHI FOR ADULTS.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, WILL WATCH THE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND IN NORTH DISTRICT.

HE WILL ARRIVE AT 10.30 AM AND BE MET BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR HAIDER BARMA.

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THERE WILL BE A BAND PARADE BY THE BRIGADE OF GURKHAS, TAI CHI AND TAEKWONDO DEMONSTRATIONS, ROLLER SKATING, TRAMPOLINING, CHILDREN'S DANCE PERFORMANCES, SPORTS FUN DAY FOR THE ELDERLY, AND AN ALL STAR SHOW.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL INCLUDE A WATER SPORTS CARNIVAL AND AQUATIC FUN GAMES TO BE HELD AT THE FANLING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

THERE WILL BE A SQUASH FUN DAY AND A SPORTS FUN DAY FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, TO BE HELD AT FANLING NEW TOWN SQUASH COURT AND THE FANLING ROTARY YOUTH CENTRE RESPECTIVELY.

OTHER QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND, WITH THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE PIPE BAND GOING ON PARADE AT 10.30 AM AND THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI LIANG YANG, IN ATTENDANCE.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A WHEELCHAIR DANCE, A TAI CHI SWORD DISPLAY, ORIENTAL DANCE, AEROBIC DANCE, SPORTS FOR CHILDREN, FUN GAMES AND FITNESS PROGRAMMES FOR THE ELDERLY, A GATEBALL COMPETITION AND AN ALL STAR SHOW.

RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN ANY OF THESE EVENTS FREE OF CHARGE ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

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REFUSE COLLECTION POINT FOR TSZ WAN SHAN
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IN TSZ WAN SHAN.

SITUATED AT YUK WAH CRESENT, THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WILL CONSIST OF A STORE ROOM, A STAFF TOILET AND A PUMP ROOM FOR THE FIRE SERVICES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN AUGUST AND BE COMPLETED IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JUNE 9.

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SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY FOR CAREERS TEACHER
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A SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY FOR CAREERS TEACHERS WILL BE HELD AT THE LECTURE THEATRE OF GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON FRIDAY (MAY 26) AT 2.15 PM.

THE SEMINAR AIMS TO PROMOTE THROUGH CAREERS TEACHERS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AMONG STUDENTS WHO MIGHT TAKE UP SUMMER JOBS DURING THEIR LONG VACATION.

THE SEMINAR IS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY A WORKING COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY FOR STUDENTS ESTABLISHED JOINTLY BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

POSTERS AND INFORMATION PAMPHLETS WILL BE PRODUCED AND TALKS ORGANISED TO BRING HOME INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MESSAGES TO THE STUDENTS.

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SPEED LIMIT ON ROAD, FLYOVER IN TSIM SHA TSUI
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 25), THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SALISBURY ROAD BETWEEN HONG CHONG AND SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD, AND ON THE CHATHAM ROAD FLYOVER BETWEEN CHEONG WAN ROAD AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, WILL BE 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

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LANE CLOSURES IN SHA TIN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK ON SHA TIN ROAD, PART OF THE NORTHBOUND SLOW LANE OF SHA TIN ROAD NEAR SHA TIN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 25) TO 6 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND FROM 7 PM ON FRIDAY (MAY 26) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE ERECTION OF A GANTRY COLUMN, PART OF THE FAST LANE ON THE NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR TAI WAI IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY TO 6 PM ON JUNE 8.

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