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GOVERNOR CONGRATULATES YWCA FOR ITS COMMUNITY WORKS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THERE IS PROBABLY NO BETTER WAY TO ENCOURAGE A SENSE OF BELONGING IN A COMMUNITY THAN BY ENCOURAGING ITS MEMBERS TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG YWCA NEW HEADQUARTERS AT MACDONNELL ROAD, SIR DAVID SAID THE YWCA DID THIS IN A GREAT MANY WAYS.

"AFTER ITS FORMATION IN 1920, THE YWCA HELPED PIONEER THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN HONG KONG. SINCE THEN, IT HAS EXPANDED RAPIDLY," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE YWCA OFFERED HELPS IN YOUTH WORK, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, WELFARE SERVICES FOR WOMEN AND THE ELDERLY, ADULT AND FAMILY EDUCATION, IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISION OF REASONABLY PRICED ACCOMMODATION.

BY DOING ALL THESE, SIR DAVID SAID IT HELPED TO STRENGTHEN THE SOCIAL BONDS WHICH WERE SO IMPORTANT TO THE STABILITY AND WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG PEOPLE.

AS A MONUMENT TO ITS 70 YEARS OF COMMITMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT, THE YWCA NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING OPENED TODAY OFFERED A GOOD RANGE OF FACILITIES FROM DANCING ROOMS, A CHAPEL, CLASSROOMS TO A SWIMMING POOL.

"IN OTHER WORDS, THERE ARE FACILITIES HERE TO DEVELOP A WELL-ROUNDED INDIVIDUAL THROUGH EDUCATION, RECREATION AND CARE FOR OTHERS," SIR DAVID SAID.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNOR SAID THIS BUILDING WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT VERY SUBSTANTIAL DONATIONS FROM WELL-WISHERS AND THE PUBLIC.

"THE SUCCESS OF THE FUND-RAISING IS A MARK OF THE RESPECT PEOPLE HAVE FOR THE YWCA, AS WELL AS A DEMONSTRATION OF THE GENEROSITY AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP WHICH IS A NOTABLE FEATURE OF HONG KONG," SIR DAVID STRESSED.

SIR DAVID SAID THE YWCA WAS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF CHRISTIANITY AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY AND HE CONGRATULATED THE ASSOCIATION ON ITS IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT.

"I HOPE THAT THE OFFICES IN THIS NEW BUILDING WILL PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH INSPIRES PLANS FOR STILL MORE ACTIVITIES, AND STILL FURTHER EXPANSION.

"IN THIS WAY, THE YWCA WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE, ENCOURAGE AND INSPIRE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG BY ITS GOOD WORKS LONG INTO THE FUTURE," HE SAID.

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GOVT IS ACTIVELY PREPARING FOR 1991 ELECTIONS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY MAKING PREPARATION FOR THE ELECTIONS IN 1991, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR DARWIN CHEN, SAID AT A LUNCHEON MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR CHEN SAID SIX AMENDMENT BILLS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN JULY AND THE CORRESPONDING AMENDMENTS TO THE SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION WERE ALSO EXPECTED TO BE ENACTED WITHIN THIS YEAR, BEFORE THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS BEGAN ON JANUARY 7, 1991.

ON THE LOGISTICS OF THE ELECTIONS, MR CHEN SAID A TOTAL OF 356 POLLING STATIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THE COMING ELECTIONS.

"AN IDEAL POLLING STATION MUST BE SPACIOUS, CENTRALLY LOCATED AND CLOSE TO THE MAIN AREA OF POPULATION," HE SAID, "HOWEVER, NOT ALL CONSTITUENCIES HAVE THE SAME GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES AND DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

"THE POLLING STATIONS ARE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, EVEN AT REMOTE PLACES LIKE PO TOI ISLAND AND THE VILLAGES AT NORTHERN LANTAU.

"OWING TO THE REMOTENESS OF THESE AREAS, THE POLLING STAFF HAVE TO ARRIVE AT THE DESIGNATED POLLING STATIONS THE DAY BEFORE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT POLLING CAN START AT 7.30 AM ON POLLING DAY.

HOWEVER, MANY CIVIL SERVANTS, INCLUDING MANY SENIOR IN RANK, WERE QUITE HAPPY TO SERVE AT THESE REMOTE POLLING STATIONS, MR CHEN SAID.

"AS THE POLLING STATIONS ARE SET UP TEMPORARILY, ALL THE FACILITIES, SUCH AS THE INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING AND TELEPHONE AND THE ASSEMBLY OF POLLING EQUIPMENT, HAVE TO BE MADE READY WITHIN A VERY SHORT SPAN OF TIME IN ORDER NOT TO CAUSE ANY DISRUPTION TO THE NORMAL ACTIVITIES AT THESE PREMISES.

"GENERALLY, OVER 100 ITEMS ARE DISTRIBUTED, VARYING FROM A PACK OF THUMB PINS AND A BOX OF MOSQUITO COIL TO SET OF POLLING COMPARTMENTS."

MR CHEN SAID ABOUT 5,000 STAFF RECRUITED FROM WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE WOULD BE REQUIRED ON POLLING DAY TO MAN THE POLLING STATIONS AND TO COUNT VOTES.

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE ELECTORATE AND THE FREQUENCY OF ELECTIONS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD ASSESSED WHETHER IT WAS BETTER TO CONTINUE RELYING ON MANUAL PRACTICES OR TO COMPUTERISE POLLING AND VOTE COUNTING.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT COMPUTERISATION IS TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE, HOWEVER, A FULL COMPUTERISED SYSTEM WOULD COST ABOUT \$200 MILLION.

"AS ELECTIONS ARE CONDUCTED ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS, IT IS NECESSARY TO WEIGH CAREFULLY WHETHER SUCH AS INVESTMENT IS WORTH THE MONEY BEARING IN MIND THAT THE EQUIPMENT MAY LIE IDLE FOR MOST OF THE TIME," HE EXPLAINED.

"FURTHER EXAMINATION IS THEREFORE REQUIRED, ESPECIALLY TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF SHARING SUCH A SYSTEM WITH OTHER USERS IN THE GOVERNMENT," HE SAID.

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY FOR
AUGUST 1990 RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN AUGUST 1990, ESTIMATED AT \$9,556 MILLION, INCREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1989 WHILE THEIR VOLUME REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING WITH AUGUST 1989, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS ROSE BY 23 PER CENT IN VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT UP BY 17 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 12 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY 15 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND FIVE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED BY FIVE PER CENT IN VALUE AND 11 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WENT UP BY 24 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 15 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 11 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. SUPERMARKET SALES ROSE BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES WENT UP BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME.

COMPARING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO AUGUST 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT IN VALUE BUT REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN VOLUME. FUELS ROSE BY 17 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT UP BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME, WHILE SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY FOUR PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DROPPED BY THREE PER CENT IN VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY THREE PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS WENT UP BY 20 PER CENT IN VALUE AND NINE PER CENT IN VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES SALES ROSE BY 12 PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY NINE PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME, WHILE RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS ROSE BY FIVE PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DROPPED BY TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME.

COMPARING WITH JULY 1990, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR AUGUST 1990 DECREASED BY THREE PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF FUELS WENT UP BY FIVE PER CENT IN VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THAT OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT DOWN BY TWO PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME, WHILE CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY TWO PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT IN VALUE AND EIGHT PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES IN DEPARTMENT STORES INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS ROSE BY TWO PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WENT UP BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE BUT REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN VOLUME, WHILE THAT OF SUPERMARKETS WENT DOWN BY THREE PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR JULY 1990 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR AUGUST 1990.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN JULY 1990 AND AUGUST 1990 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF AUGUST 1990 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR JULY 1990 AND WITH THOSE FOR AUGUST 1989, AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY TO AUGUST 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, ARE ALSO GIVEN.

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THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF AUGUST 1990 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 802 1258.

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CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT STATISTICS FOR 2ND QUARTER OF 1990
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THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS (WHICH MAY BE GENERAL CONTRACTORS OR SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS) IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 AMOUNTED TO \$14,921 MILLION, WHICH WAS 8.2 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 AND 25.2 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MAIN CONTRACTORS MAY BE GENERAL CONTRACTORS OR SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS. WHEREAS GENERAL CONTRACTORS ARE ENGAGED IN NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK AND RENOVATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS ARE ENGAGED IN SPECIALISED JOB AREAS SUCH AS CONCRETING, SCAFFOLDING, CARPENTRY, PLUMBING AND GAS WORK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE INCREASE OF 25.2 PER CENT IN THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1989 WAS PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

NEVERTHELESS, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE COST INCREASES, THE REAL GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED SHOULD STILL BE SIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX OF GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 WAS 226.5, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 BEING TAKEN AS 100. THE CORRESPONDING INDEXES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 AND THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 WERE 209.4 AND 180.9 RESPECTIVELY.

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OF THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990, \$13,775 MILLION WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO WORK PERFORMED BY GENERAL CONTRACTORS. THIS WAS 7.7 PER CENT AND 26 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS WAS \$1,146 MILLION, WHICH WAS 14.4 PER CENT AND 15.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

OF THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY GENERAL CONTRACTORS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990, \$6,937 MILLION WAS RELATED TO NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK AT PRIVATE SECTOR CONSTRUCTION SITES, BEING 9.6 PER CENT AND 11.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

SOME \$3,904 MILLION WAS RELATED TO NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK AT PUBLIC SECTOR (INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION) CONSTRUCTION SITES, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 0.7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT AN INCREASE OF 30.1 PER CENT OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989.

THE REMAINING \$2,934 MILLION WAS RELATED TO NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK AT MINOR WORK LOCATIONS, AND RENOVATION AND MAINTENANCE AT ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES. THIS WAS 15.8 PER CENT AND 69.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

WHEN ANALYSED BY END-USE OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (INCLUDING COMBINED RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS) IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 WAS \$4,829 MILLION.

THIS REPRESENTED INCREASES OF 16.8 PER CENT AND 21.1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 WAS \$1,909 MILLION, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 3.6 PER CENT AND 34.6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF TRANSPORT PROJECTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 WAS \$1,483 MILLION, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 11.5 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT AN INCREASE OF 2.3 PER CENT OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989.

OWING TO THE WIDESPREAD SUB-CONTRACTING PRACTICE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, A CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENT CAN BE A MAIN CONTRACTOR FOR ONE CONTRACT AND A SUB-CONTRACTOR FOR ANOTHER CONTRACT SIMULTANEOUSLY.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS (WHICH MAY BE GENERAL CONTRACTORS OR SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS) REFERS TO THE OUTPUT OF THOSE CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PROJECTS IN WHICH THEY TAKE THE ROLE OF A MAIN CONTRACTOR, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT OF PROJECTS IN WHICH THEY PLAY THE ROLE OF SUB-CONTRACTORS.

HOWEVER, SUB-CONTRACTORS' CONTRIBUTION TO PROJECTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY THE MAIN CONTRACTORS FOR WHOM THEY WORKED.

MORE DETAILED STATISTICS ON CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT ARE GIVEN IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT, 2ND QUARTER 1990".

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT \$2.50 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, WANCHAI TOWER I, 19TH FLOOR, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 839 3265.

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BANKING LICENCE GRANTED TO DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SINGAPORE

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THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SINGAPORE LTD. HAS BEEN GRANTED A BANKING LICENCE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SINGAPORE IS THE LARGEST SINGAPOREAN BANK, AND 139TH IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF CAPITAL. IT HAS A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE, A DEPOSIT-TAKING SUBSIDIARY AND A STOCKBROKING SUBSIDIARY IN HONG KONG.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF FOREIGN BANKS IN ENTERING THE LOCAL MARKET REFLECTED HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

"GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG'S BILATERAL TRADE WITH SINGAPORE, IT IS MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR SINGAPORE TO HAVE AN APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION IN THE HONG KONG BANKING SECTOR," HE SAID.

THE GRANTING OF THE LICENCE BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS TO 167, OF WHICH 137 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG. A TOTAL OF FOUR BANKING LICENCES HAVE BEEN GRANTED SO FAR THIS YEAR.

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6 FINAL REPORT ON LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT SYSTEMS
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THE FINAL REPORT OF THE CONSULTANCY PROJECT ON "DEMONSTRATION WASTE TREATMENT PLANTS AT LIVESTOCK FARMS" HAS BEEN ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION TODAY (FRIDAY).

COPIES OF THE REPORT HAVE ALSO BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO OMELCO MEMBERS.

THE CONSULTATION WILL LAST FOR TWO MONTHS UNTIL THE END OF DECEMBER.

THE PROJECT WAS UNDERTAKEN BY CONSULTANTS AND INCLUDED THE SETTING UP OF LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT SYSTEMS IN NINE SELECTED PRIVATE FARMS.

IN THE FINAL REPORT, THE CONSULTANT CONCLUDED THAT ALL THE DEMONSTRATION WASTE TREATMENT SYSTEMS SHOULD BE TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE.

THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE IS A FORMAL COMMUNICATION CHANNEL BETWEEN THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE FINAL REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT ON 24TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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CENSUS TO TAKE PLACE NEXT MARCH
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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS DIRECTED UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (1991 POPULATION CENSUS) ORDER 1990 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), THAT A CENSUS OF POPULATION WILL BE TAKEN FOR HONG KONG FROM MARCH 15 TO 24 NEXT YEAR.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE CENSUS IS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE DEMOGRAPHIC, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION IN HONG KONG AT THE TIME THE CENSUS IS TAKEN," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID SUCH INFORMATION IS VITAL FOR GOVERNMENT PLANNING, PARTICULARLY IN SUCH AREAS AS HOUSING, EDUCATION, TRANSPORT, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR BUSINESS AND RESEARCH PURPOSES.

UNDER THE CENSUS ORDER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE OBLIGED BY LAW TO GIVE THE PARTICULARS SPECIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE IN RESPECT OF HIMSELF OR YOUNG PERSONS UNDER HIS GUARDIANSHIP TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE ORDER IS THE DATE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SCHEDULES.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED TO DESTROY ALL COMPLETED QUESTIONAIRES NOT LATER THAN MARCH 23, 1992, THAT IS, WITHIN THE YEAR AFTER THE CONDUCT OF 1991 CENSUS.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN REST ASSURED THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER THE CENSUS ORDER WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE. NO OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR ORGANISATIONS ARE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE CENSUS DATA SUPPLIED BY INDIVIDUALS. ALL CENSUS OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW NOT TO DISCLOSE SUCH INFORMATION TO ANY UNAUTHORISED PERSONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PREPARATION FOR THE 1991 CENSUS ARE IN FULL SWING. THE RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN FOR TEMPORARY ENUMERATION STAFF HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED AND THE TRAINING PROGRAMME WILL START SHORTLY.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT TO MAKE THE 1991 CENSUS A SUCCESS.

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ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT TODAY
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CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE 1990 AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS CAME INTO EFFECT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE LEGISLATION IS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY IN PARTICULAR THE SAFETY STANDARDS OF FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

DETAILS OF THE PROVISIONS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE PROVISIONS THAT BECAME EFFECTIVE INCLUDE:

- * THE POWER OF THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES TO REMOVE ANY ITEM FOR EXAMINATION FROM AN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION AFTER AN ACCIDENT, TO REQUIRE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION OWNERS TO RECTIFY SUBSTANDARD INSTALLATIONS AND TO DISCONNECT DANGEROUS ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS;

- * THE POWER OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS TO INSPECT AND DISCONNECT ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND TO REQUIRE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION OWNERS TO RECTIFY PROBLEM;
- * OBLIGATION OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS TO REPORT ELECTRICAL ACCIDENTS AND INTERRUPTIONS;
- * RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OWNERS OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS OF ELECTRICAL ACCIDENT PREVENTION; AND
- * ELECTRICAL REGISTRATION.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, A COMPULSORY REGISTRATION SYSTEM IS INTRODUCED TO ENSURE THAT ALL FUTURE ELECTRICAL WORK WILL AND ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN BY QUALIFIED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS. THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS ALSO BEGAN TODAY.

FROM MID-1992, OWNERS OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO EMPLOY REGISTERED WORKERS THROUGH THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS FOR CARRYING OUT ELECTRICAL WORK.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN A FINE OF \$50,000 ON FIRST CONVICTION AND A FINE OF \$100,000 ON A SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION FOR THE SAME OFFENCE AND IN EITHER CASE IS LIABLE TO IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

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MAKING BEST USE OF CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS

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AT PRESENT THERE ARE 11 CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR WHICH THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS INCORPORATED ACTS AS TRUSTEE, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR TSAO SAID ALL THESE FUNDS ARE USED FOR HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED ACCORDING TO THE OBJECTIVES OF ESTABLISHMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PAST CHAIRMEN OF TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR TSAO SAID EIGHT OF THEM ARE STATUTORY FUNDS GOVERNED BY ORDINANCES.

THEY ARE BREWIN TRUST FUND, SIR ROBERT BLACK TRUST FUND, GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND, LI PO CHUN CHARITABLE TRUST FUND, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE TRUST FUND, SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND, CHINESE TEMPLES FUND AND GENERAL CHINESE CHARITIES FUND.

"THE ASSET VALUE OF EACH OF THESE CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS IS SUBSTANTIAL; THAT OF THE LI PO CHUN CHARITABLE TRUST FUND, FOR ONE, HAS GROWN FROM AN INITIAL HK\$3 MILLION TO HK\$200 MILLION IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR."

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"THAT IS WHY I, AS THE TRUSTEE AND THE CHAIRMAN OR MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES OF THESE CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS, HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THEY ACHIEVE STEADY AND CONTINUOUS GROWTH THROUGH PRUDENT INVESTMENT AND ARE APPROPRIATELY UTILISED ACCORDING TO THE RESPECTIVE OBJECTIVES OF THE FUNDS AND THE NEEDS OF THE SOCIETY, SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG MAY TRULY BENEFIT FROM THE FUNDS," MR TSAO SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ALL STATUTORY FUNDS HAD PRESENTLY SET UP THEIR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE ORDINANCES. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO ADVISE ON MATTERS OF INVESTMENT AND THE AWARD OF GRANTS.

"FOR THE SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE TRUST FUND AND THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND, INVESTMENT MATTERS ARE EVEN PLACED IN THE HANDS OF INDEPENDENT INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS CLOSELY MONITORED BY THE RESPECTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES OF THE FUNDS."

"ALTHOUGH ALL INVESTMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO A CERTAIN RISK, EACH AND EVERY FINANCIAL INVESTMENT MADE ON BEHALF OF THE EIGHT STATUTORY FUNDS ADOPTS SAFE AND SOUND METHODS UNDER THE ADVICE AND SUPERVISION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE GROWTH IN THE ASSET VALUE OF THE FUNDS."

ON THE AWARD OF GRANTS, MR TSAO SAID EFFORT WAS MADE, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, TO UTILISE ONLY THE RECURRENT REVENUE OF THE CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS SO AS TO RETAIN THE CAPITAL FOR EARNING PURPOSES.

HE STRESSED THAT ALL CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS WERE USED FOR HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED ACCORDING TO THE OBJECTIVES OF ESTABLISHMENT.

"IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT EACH YEAR THE SIR ROBERT BLACK TRUST FUND FINANCES A GOOD NUMBER OF YOUTHS IN HONG KONG TO GO OVERSEAS AND TAKE COURSES WHICH ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY LOCALLY.

"UNDOUBTEDLY, THIS IS OF SOME HELP WHERE THE CURRENT ISSUE OF BRAIN DRAIN IS CONCERNED, SINCE ALL BENEFICIARIES OF THE FUND ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG TO WORK ON COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES." HE SAID.

FURTHERMORE, THE LI PO CHUN CHARITABLE TRUST FUND HAS RECENTLY GIVEN APPROVAL FOR THE ALLOCATION OF HK\$100 MILLION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LI PO CHUN UNITED WORLD COLLEGE IN SHATIN TO PROMOTE CULTURAL EXCHANGE AMONG COUNTRIES AND PROVIDE LOCALLY-NEEDED TRAINING.

MR TSAO BELIEVED THAT SUCH A PROJECT WOULD CERTAINLY STRENGTHEN HONG KONG'S POSITION AS AN INTERNATIONAL CITY.

HE SAID THERE WERE THREE NON-STATUTORY FUNDS, NAMELY THE TODD MEMORIAL FUND, THE SIR JACK CATER SCHOLARSHIPS FUND AND THE EX-CHINESE PUBLIC DISPENSARIES FUND, WITH INDIVIDUAL ASSET VALUE RANGING FROM \$0.36 MILLION TO \$5 MILLION.

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NOTING THAT QUITE A NUMBER OF THE CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS HAVE BEEN SET UP BY THE PUBLIC TO COMMEMORATE PAST GOVERNORS, MR TSAO SAID THIS SHOWED THAT BOTH THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED IT THEIR AIM TO TAKE CARE OF THE LESS FORTUNATE AND THE NEEDY IN THE SOCIETY.

"THIS VERY AIM COINCIDES WITH THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS' OBJECTIVE OF SERVING THE SOCIETY AND THE PUBLIC. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT AS THE PUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO COMBINE THEIR EFFORTS IN THE PURSUIT OF THIS COMMON OBJECTIVE, THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN IS ASSURED," HE SAID.

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LARGE-SCALE SEMINAR FOR 1991 ELECTIONS

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A LARGE-SCALE SEMINAR AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE 1991 ELECTIONS AND PROVIDING MORE INFORMATION ON COMPETING CANDIDATES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE 'SEMINAR ON LEGCO DIRECT ELECTION', ORGANISED BY THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNIT OF THE RTHK, WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM AT S1, RTHK BROADCASTING HOUSE.

THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE HON ALLEN LEE, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUEST AND WILL GIVE AN OPENING ADDRESS AT THE SEMINAR.

SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF UNITED DEMOCRAT OF HONG KONG, MR YEUNG SUM; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR ANDREW WONG; PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH, MR FRANCIS HO; CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION, MISS EMILY LAU; RESEARCH OFFICER OF HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ASIA-PACIFIC STUDIES, MR LOUIE KIN-SHEUN; AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION OF HONG KONG, MR RAYMOND WU.

POLITICAL GROUP REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, NEWS COMMENTATORS, EDITORS, TERTIARY INSTITUTION LECTURERS ARE ALSO INVITED TO BE FLOOR SPEAKERS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI OZP ANNOUNCED
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS, PLANNING CHANGES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN.

THE MAJOR AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN INCLUDE THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE NEW TOWN BOUNDARY NEAR AREA 35 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW ALIGNMENT OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD, ZONING OF THE SOUTH-EASTERN PORTION OF AREA 35 AS "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY", AND REZONING OF THE SOUTH-WESTERN PART OF AREA 35 FROM "GREEN BELT" TO "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA".

THERE ARE ALSO SOME OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTES ATTACHED TO THE PLAN.

NOTES FOR "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA" ARE INCLUDED WHEREAS SERVICE APARTMENT IS ADDED TO THE NOTES UNDER FOLLOWING ZONES, NAMELY, "COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL", "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA", "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)", "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)", "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)", "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY", AND "OTHER SPECIFIED USES" ANNOTATED "TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE WITH COMMERCIAL USES ABOVE".

THE AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT PLAN ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL NOVEMBER 23 AT:

- * THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG.
- * PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.
- * THE DISTRICT OFFICE (NORTH), THIRD FLOOR, FANLING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.
- * SHA TIN AND NORTH EAST DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE, SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GROUND FLOOR, TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY NOVEMBER 23, 1990.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR AT THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 FOR EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$60 FOR EACH COLOURED COPY.

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552 VRS LEFT HK FOR OVERSEAS RESETTLEMENT

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A TOTAL OF 552 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES LEFT HONG KONG FOR RESETTLEMENT OVERSEAS LAST MONTH (OCTOBER).

OF THOSE WHO LEFT FOR OVERSEAS RESETTLEMENT, 11 DEPARTED FOR AUSTRIA, 125 FOR AUSTRALIA, 151 FOR CANADA, ONE FOR FINLAND, 77 FOR FRANCE, THREE FOR GERMANY, 42 FOR JAPAN, 12 FOR NORWAY, 31 FOR SWEDEN, 57 FOR UNITED KINGDOM AND 42 FOR USA.

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EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN IN SHAM SHUI PO

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AN EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS WILL BE LAUNCHED NEXT FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 9).

ANNOUNCING DETAILS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, ITS ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LEUNG KAM-TAO, SAID IT WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING COMMUNITY RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY.

"THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL DECEMBER 5, IS DIVIDED INTO TWO MAJOR PARTS: EYE TESTS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES ON EYE-CARE," MR LEUNG SAID.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A TALK ON GENERAL EYE-CARE AND RELATED EXHIBITIONS.

"WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION, THE ORGANISERS WILL BE PROVIDING FREE TESTS FOR 3,000 RESIDENTS WHO ARE 60 YEARS OLD OR ABOVE.

"IF NECESSARY, THEY WILL BE PROVIDED WITH FREE SPECTACLES TO IMPROVE THEIR EYE-SIGHT. IF THEY ARE FOUND TO HAVE EYE DISEASES, THEY WILL BE REFERRED TO THE KWONG WAH HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT," HE ADDED.

THE EYE-TESTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, NAM CHEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE, TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE LAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL IN THE DISTRICT.

AS TO COMMUNITY EDUCATION, MR LEUNG SAID THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAD PUBLISHED 15,000 PAMPHLETS TO EXPLAIN THE CAUSES OF COMMON EYE DISEASES AND THEIR PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK, SAID ABOUT 16 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION IN SHAM SHUI PO WERE ELDERLY PEOPLE.

THIS NUMBER WAS THE THIRD HIGHEST AMONG THE 19 DISTRICTS IN THE TERRITORY.

HE SAID THERE IS A NEED FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO STEP UP SERVICES FOR THESE PEOPLE, TO ASSURE THEM THAT THE SOCIETY IS CARING FOR THEM.

HE SAID THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD ALWAYS ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ELDERLY SERVICES.

DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS WERE GRANTED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO SUBSIDISE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO STAGE ELDERLY ACTIVITIES.

A PREFERENTIAL SCHEME WAS ESTABLISHED AND A FESTIVAL WAS ORGANISED IN NOVEMBER FOR THE AGED, HE ADDED.

MR TAI PAID TRIBUTE TO THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION, THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ELDERLY SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THEIR HELP IN ORGANISING THE CAMPAIGN.

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SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY TO KICK OFF YAU TSIM FESTIVAL

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THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FESTIVAL '90 WHICH WILL OFFER A HOST OF ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS WILL BE LAUNCHED NEXT FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 9).

TO MARK THE GRAND OPENING, A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE KOWLOON PARK ARCADE TO BRIGHTEN UP THE EXTRAVAGANZA.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

A TELEVISION VARIETY SHOW FOCUSING ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND FEATURES OF THE DISTRICT WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON TVB JADE FROM 10.20 PM.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHIU YU-HEI, SAID THE FESTIVAL AIMS TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TO ENHANCE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO PROMOTE A BETTER DISTRICT AND A PROSPEROUS HONG KONG.

TO THIS END, MORE THAN 50 EVENTS WILL BE HELD DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL MID-JANUARY NEXT YEAR, HE SAID.

THESE WILL INCLUDE A CARE-FOR-ELDERLY ACTIVITIES DAY; AN EXHIBITION ON MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT; A PICNIC DAY FOR 300-PLUS FAMILIES; A ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL; A FUN-FOR-ALL CARNIVAL AND A STAR-STUDED CONCERT AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM.

AN INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL NIGHT FEATURING INDIAN AND KOREAN DANCE PERFORMANCES WILL ALSO BE HELD TO REFLECT THE COSMOPOLITAN NATURE OF THE DISTRICT POPULATION.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE ACTIVITIES SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO CULTIVATE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERN AND INTERESTS IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

AMONG THEM WILL BE A GOOD CITIZEN IMPLEMENTATION FORUM; A QUIZ FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND A YOUTH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMME TO ENABLE YOUNGSTERS TO IDENTIFY AND EXPLORE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS IN THEIR DISTRICT.

MR CHIU SAID THE FESTIVAL, THE SECOND ORGANISED IN THE DISTRICT, WAS THE CONCERTED EFFORT OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AREA COMMITTEES, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE FESTIVAL IS ESTIMATED TO COST MORE THAN \$1 MILLION, \$300,000 OF WHICH WILL BE FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; AND YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG.

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EXHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT LAW
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION ON THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA.

THIS WILL FORM PART OF A SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS STAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN VARIOUS COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES TO ENHANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING ON EMPLOYEES' STATUTORY WELFARE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL INTRODUCE IN SIMPLE LANGUAGE AND THROUGH INTERESTING ILLUSTRATIONS THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE SUCH AS PAID ANNUAL LEAVE, MATERNITY PROTECTION, TERMINATION OF AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, YEAR-END BONUS, LONG SERVICE PAYMENT AND SEVERANCE PAY.

IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 11 AM TO 7 PM TOMORROW AND FROM 9.30 AM TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY.

LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES ON LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A QUIZ ON LABOUR LAWS TO AROUSE VISITORS' INTEREST. WINNERS MAY JOIN A LUCKY DRAW AT THE END OF THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITIONS IN DECEMBER.

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MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES FOR SAI KUNG RESIDENTS
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A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ON MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION WILL BE LAUNCHED IN SAI KUNG ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 4).

QUIZ THE ACTIVITIES, WHICH WILL INCLUDE A CARNIVAL, EXHIBITIONS, TALKS, COMPETITIONS AND VISITS TO ORGANISATIONS OFFERING REHABILITATION SERVICES, ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, AREA COMMITTEES AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS IN TSEUNG KWAN O.

THE TWO-WEEK PROGRAMME IS AIMED AT ENHANCING THE MENTAL HEALTH KNOWLEDGE AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS AND INCREASING THEIR AWARENESS ON REHABILITATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES AS WELL AS MEASURES TO RELIEVE PRESSURE.

THE OPENING CEREMONY TO KICK OFF THE ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD AT TSUI LAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, TSEUNG KWAN O, AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY. OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WILL BE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALEXANDER FUNG.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT'S MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION CARNIVAL OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT TSUI LAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, TSEUNG KWAN O ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 4), BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER.

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CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION IN TAI PO
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RESIDENTS IN TAI PO ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AN EXHIBITION ON CIVIC EDUCATION TO BE HELD AT TAI PO CENTRE L18 SQUARE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO AND ITS DISTRICT BOARD ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES FOR THE 1991 ELECTIONS.

IT WILL BE HELD FROM 3 PM TO 9 PM ON SATURDAY AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM ON SUNDAY.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND THE 1990-91 TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

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OTHER PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE A QUIZ ON CIVIC EDUCATION AND PERFORMANCES BY THE TAI PO CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND WINNERS OF A LOCAL KARAOKE COMPETITION.

ASSISTANT TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS JOYCE TAM, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE, MR TANG KWONG-WING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 2.30 PM AT THE TAI PO CENTRE L18 SQUARE.

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RECLAMATION LOT FOR SALE BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF A LAND LOT IN SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION, HONG KONG.

MEASURING ABOUT 112 SQUARE METRES, THE LOT IS FOR USE AS A MARINE FUELLING STATION FOR THE SALE OF DIESEL OIL ONLY (EXCLUDING ANY LUBRICATING OR SERVICING FACILITIES).

IT IS SPECIFIED THAT THE FUELLING STATION SHOULD START OPERATION ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 12, 1992.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

TENDER DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE VARIOUS DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 30.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A GOVERNMENT LOT AT THE JUNCTION OF KAI CHEUNG ROAD AND WANG KWONG ROAD, KOWLOON BAY, KOWLOON.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 9,250 SQUARE METRES, THE LOT IS FOR FEE-PAYING PUBLIC PARKING AREA FOR LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES INCLUDING CONTAINER VEHICLES.

/THE TENANCY

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE TENDER DOCUMENTS OF THE LOT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON AND THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE DEADLINE FOR TENDER SUBMISSION IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 16.

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AGRICULTURAL LOTS IN TUEN MUN TO BE RESUMED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME 10 PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS IN TUEN MUN TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DRAINAGE CHANNEL SYSTEM AT SO KWUN WAT TSUEN WHICH IS PROGRAMMED TO START IN EARLY 1991.

RESUMPTION OF THE LOTS, WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 642.9 SQUARE METRES, IS REQUIRED NOW IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC WORKS TO BEGIN ON TIME AFTER THE THREE MONTHS' RESUMPTION NOTICE HAS EXPIRED.

A NOTICE ON THE RESUMPTION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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A SECTION OF KOK CHEUNG STREET IN MONG KOK TO BE RESUMED AND REBUILT
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND RECONSTRUCT A SECTION OF KOK CHEUNG STREET BETWEEN IVY STREET AND FUK CHAK STREET IN MONG KOK.

THIS SECTION OF KOK CHEUNG STREET IS, AT PRESENT, A POORLY MAINTAINED AND MANAGED PRIVATE STREET WHICH GIVES RISE TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND ACCESS PROBLEMS.

IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY, FOR PUBLIC INTEREST, TO RESUME IT FOR PROPER MAINTENANCE AND USE.

THE PROPOSED WORKS WILL COMPRISE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CARRIAGEWAYS, FOOTWAYS, AND RELATED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

/THE WORKS

THE WORKS WILL START IN MID NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * KOWLOON WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON;
- * MONGKOK DISTRICT OFFICE, TUNG PING BUILDING, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1991.