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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS RELEASED

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION IMPROVED WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION REMAINED STABLE IN THE QUARTER OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1986, COMPARED WITH THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1986, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1986 WAS 2.2 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE RATES OF 2.8 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1986 AND 3.1 PER CENT FOR THE SAME QUARTER IN 1985.

THE DECREASES OF 0.6 PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND OF 0.9 PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985 ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE PERIOD OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1986 WAS ESTIMATED AT 59 400, LESS THAN THE FIGURE OF 75 000 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1986 AND OF 83 300 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985.

A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT 2.2 PER CENT IS THE LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RECORDED SINCE THE NEW SERIES OF UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WAS INTRODUCED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985. WITH THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT SUCH A LOW LEVEL, THE LABOUR FORCE AS A WHOLE WAS EFFECTIVELY FULLY EMPLOYED.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1986 WAS 1.2 PER CENT, WHICH COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 1.3 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1986. THE RATE FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1985 WAS 2.3 PER CENT.

THE DECREASES OF 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PREVIOUS QUARTER IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT, WHILE THE DECREASE OF 1.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS BELOW THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985 IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1986 WAS 31 800, COMPARED WITH THE FIGURE OF 36 600 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1986 AND OF 62 100 FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1985.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (THAT IS PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

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THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY.

THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION. THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR NOVEMBER-JANUARY 1987 WAS 1.9 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.1 PER CENT. (THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1986 WAS 2.2 PER CENT.)

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 50 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 1986 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AROUND MARCH 20 AT \$8.50 PER COPY.

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TALKS END ON U.S. HARMONISED SYSTEM
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TRADE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ENDED THEIR FIRST FORMAL ROUND OF TALKS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON THE NEW TARIFF CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (U.S. HARMONISED SYSTEM) YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) IN GENEVA.

A FURTHER ROUND OF TALKS WILL BE HELD IN APRIL.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR TONY MILLER, WHO LED THE HONGKONG DELEGATION, SAID THE WEEK-LONG TALKS HAD BEEN USEFUL AND HAD ENABLED BOTH SIDES TO FOCUS ON AREAS OF CONCERN.

+SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE BUT NO CONCLUSION COULD BE REACHED AT THIS TIME BECAUSE THE U.S. SIDE STILL NEEDS TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ITS OTHER MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS. BOTH SIDES NEED TIME TO REFLECT FURTHER ON PROPOSALS MADE SO FAR,+ HE SAID.

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PUBLIC SUPPORT TO FIGHT CRIME STRESSED

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PUBLIC SUPPORT IS IMPORTANT TO FIGHT CRIME AND MAINTAIN A PEACEFUL COMMUNITY, CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR WONG WING-PIU, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

+IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO RELY SOLELY ON THE POLICE TO COMBAT CRIME. I HOPE THROUGH THIS KIND OF ACTIVITIES, IT CAN AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON FIGHTING CRIME AND TO STRENGTHEN THE TIE BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE PUBLIC,+ MR WONG SAID DURING THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL HELD AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

TODAY'S EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, KOWLOON LOK SIN TONG AND SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST.

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAD ORGANISED A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS DURING THE CARNIVAL. THESE INCLUDED GAMES STALLS ON THE THEME OF FIGHT CRIME, A LUCKY DRAW, PERFORMANCES BY THE TAI TAM GIRLS' PRECISION MARCHING TEAM AND DANCING BY SCHOOL PUPILS.

TWENTY-TWO KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WHO HAD HELPED THE POLICE TO FIGHT CRIME ALSO RECEIVED PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS TODAY DURING THE +FRIENDS OF THE POLICE AND CITIZENS AWARD+ PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

THE RECIPIENTS, 21 MEN AND A WOMAN AGED BETWEEN 17 AND 72, HAVE BEEN NOMINATED BY THE POLICE AND AREA COMMITTEES.

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FIRST GIRL GUIDE GROUP IN REFUGEE CAMP SET UP

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HONG KONG'S FIRST GIRL GUIDE GROUP OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WAS OFFICIALLY SET UP AT TUEN MUN CLOSED CENTRE TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE 243RD NEW TERRITORIES GIRL GUIDE COMPANY, WITH 20 MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 11 AND 16, IS THE FIRST GROUP ESTABLISHED IN CLOSED CAMPS RUN BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE YOUNGER REFUGEE GIRLS OF THE CAMP ALSO HAD THEIR BROWNIE PACK SET UP TODAY. THE 243RD NEW TERRITORIES BROWNIE PACK HAS 22 MEMBERS.

CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDE ASSOCIATION, LADY AKERS-JONES, WHO OFFICIATED AT THEIR INAUGURATION CEREMONY INSPECTED THE GUIDES AND BROWNIE TOGETHER WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK.

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THE GIRL GUIDE MOVEMENT INVOLVING VIETNAMESE REFUGEE GIRLS WAS INITIATED IN NOVEMBER 1985 WHEN THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, FORMED THE FIRST BROWNIE GROUP AT CHIMAWAN CLOSED CENTRE.

EARLY LAST YEAR, A BROWNIE PACK WAS SET UP AT THE REFUGEE UNIT OF THE CAPE COLLINSON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION. THE PACK WAS DISBANDED FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF THE UNIT IN APRIL.

AS A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF THE REFUGEES FROM CAPE COLLINSON WERE TRANSFERRED TO TUEN MUN CLOSED CENTRE, THE BROWNIE GROUP WAS RE-INSTATED.

IN HIS WELCOMING ADDRESS, MR CHAN SAID THE CEREMONY HERALDED A NEW ERA IN GUIDING DEVELOPMENT. +IT IS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR FIRST GIRL GUIDE COMPANY.+

MR CHAN THANKED LADY AKERS-JONES AND STAFF OF THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR VOLUNTARY EFFORTS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDING ACTIVITIES.

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SUPPORT TO SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND CONTINUES
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COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT CONTINUED TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND.

APART FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEES WHICH HAVE EARLIER GIVEN THEIR DONATIONS, SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT HAVE ALSO RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO THE FUND.

WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK, YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) RECEIVED A CHEQUE FOR \$14 700 FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMISTRESS OF THE ST. BONAVENTURE PRIMARY SCHOOL, MISS CHAN KIT-CHEUNG, REPRESENTING DONATIONS FROM STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.

HEADMASTER OF THE SCHOOL, MR AU KAI-YEE, SAID THAT STUDENTS WERE ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT THE FUND TO EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION OF SIR EDWARD'S DEVOTION TO THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY.

HE SAID THAT STUDENTS WOULD BE THE BENEFICIARY OF THE FUND WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

/MR YEK

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MR YEK SAID THAT MORE AND MORE DONATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT AND HE CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO GIVE THEIR DONATIONS THROUGH THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS THREE BRANCH OFFICES. CONTRIBUTIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A RECEIPT CAN BE PUT INTO DONATION BOXES PLACED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES, HE SAID.

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VARIETY SHOW TO BOOST HOME SAFETY
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A SPECIAL VARIETY SHOW FEATURING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HOME SAFETY WILL BE HELD IN KWUN TONG TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO AROUSE PEOPLE'S AWARENESS ON SAFETY ASPECTS IN HOUSEHOLDS.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDING DRAMAS AND POPULAR SONGS CARRYING THE MESSAGE THAT +A SAFE HOME IS A HAPPY HOME+ WILL BE STAGED IN THE MAIN SQUARE OF TELFORD CENTRE STARTING AT 3 PM.

THE SHOW, THE 13TH AND FINAL EPISODE OF THE INFORMATION '86 SERIES, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

SUBJECTS INCLUDED IN THE INFORMATION '86 SERIES WERE FIGHT CRIME, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, ANTI-NARCOTICS, CLEAN HONG KONG AND SEVERAL OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS.

TO SUPPLEMENT THE STAGE SHOW TOMORROW, AN EXHIBITION ILLUSTRATING THE SAFE USE OF GAS AND FIRE PREVENTION IN HOMES WILL ALSO BE HELD IN THE SHOPPING MALL OF THE TELFORD CENTRE FOR A WEEK UNTIL FEBRUARY 22.

RESIDENTS OF TELFORD GARDENS AND VISITORS TO THE TELFORD CENTRE ARE WELCOME TO THE SHOW AND THE EXHIBITION WHILE THE ENTIRE PROGRAMME WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK CHANNEL 5.

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CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE CONCEPT OF +QUALITY+
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MORE THAN 1 000 PEOPLE WILL BE TREATED TO AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND GAMES AT THE KWAI TSING INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE CARNIVAL TO BE HELD IN THE HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

SPONSORED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, THE CARNIVAL IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF +QUALITY+ AMONG WORKERS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR DAILY WORK AS WELL AS LEADING A MEANINGFUL LIFE.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN ABOUT IDEAS TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIP AMONG EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES AND TO ENHANCE BETTER FAMILY RELATIONSHIP THROUGH EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY AND BOOKLETS AVAILABLE AT THE CARNIVAL.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE VARIOUS GAMES STALLS, A TELE-MATCH, A QUIZ COMPETITION AND A LUCKY DRAW.

KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING, CHIEF OF LABOUR AND POPULATION TEAM FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC, MR K.S. BAWA, PRESIDENT OF CHINESE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MR LAWRENCE CHU, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR DARWIN CHAN, AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF FAMILY PLANNING SOCIETY, MRS PEGGY LAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

ALSO HELD ON THE SAME DAY WILL BE AN ALL-STAR SHOW FEATURING WELL-KNOWN SINGERS WHO WILL APPEAR ON THE SHOW WITH LIVE BAND MUSIC. THE SHOW WILL START AT 8 PM AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CARNIVAL AT 2 PM TOMORROW AT THE HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND IN KWAI SHING, ADJACENT TO THE KWAI HING MTR STATION.

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IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD FIVE PART-TIME IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS FOR THE YEAR 1987-88.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM SERVING UNTRAINED TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE FREE TRAINING COURSES IN EITHER CHINESE OR ENGLISH.

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THE COURSES INCLUDE TWO PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSES LASTING TWO YEARS AND THREE 12-WEEK DAY RELEASE OR EVENING COURSES RUN BY THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

ON COMPLETION OF THE TWO-YEAR COURSES OR THE 12-WEEK COURSES, TRAINEES WILL BE AWARDED THE STATUS OF +QUALIFIED KINDERGARTEN TEACHER+ AND +QUALIFIED ASSISTANT KINDERGARTEN TEACHER+ RESPECTIVELY. THEY WILL ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT'S REGISTER OF TEACHERS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT LEE GARDENS, THIRD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE; THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SIXTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, YAU MA TEI; AND THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ANNEXE ON THE NINTH FLOOR, ARGYLE CENTRE, PHASE 1, 688 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD REACH THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION JOINT SELECTION BOARD AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ANNEXE BY MARCH 4.

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FINED FOR WORKING ON SPECIFIED REST DAY
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED FACTORY PROPRIETORS THAT IT WAS AN OFFENCE TO EMPLOY WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS TO WORK ON SPECIFIED REST DAYS.

THIS FOLLOWS A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH THE PROPRIETOR OF A GARMENT FACTORY IN TO KWA WAN WAS FINED \$5 000 BY A SAN PO KONG MAGISTRATE FOR EMPLOYING 32 WOMEN ON A SUNDAY WHICH WAS THEIR SPECIFIED REST DAY.

+THE FINE IMPOSED WAS THE MAXIMUM PENALTY LAID DOWN UNDER THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE REGULATIONS, WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 EMPLOYED IN INDUSTRY ARE ENTITLED TO A DAY OFF EVERY WEEK AND ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WORK ON THAT DAY.

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+THE REST DAY SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED UNLESS THE EMPLOYER HAS NOTIFIED THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR OF HIS INTENTION TO MAKE SUCH A CHANGE 48 HOURS BEFORE IT COMES INTO OPERATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE REGULATIONS ALSO STIPULATE THAT SUCH CHANGE SHOULD NOT BE MADE MORE THAN ONCE IN EVERY MONTH, EXCEPT WITH THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A GUIDE BOOK WHICH IS DESIGNED TO HELP EMPLOYERS TO UNDERSTAND THEIR OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS IN INDUSTRY AND WORKERS TO KNOW THEIR ENTITLEMENTS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

IT IS AVAILABLE FREE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL, OR ANY OF ITS BRANCH OFFICES.

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NEW ROAD TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN KOWLOON TONG
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A NEW ROAD LINKING NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK ROADS IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE BUILT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AND MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY INTERCHANGE.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE NEW ROAD WHICH WILL BE BUILT ADJACENT TO THE KCR TRACKS.

IT WILL BE 180 METRES LONG AND 7.3 METRES WIDE WITH TWO-METRE-WIDE FOOTPATHS ON EACH SIDE.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES RECONSTRUCTION OF NORFOLK ROAD AND A PORTION OF SUFFOLK ROAD NEAR KENT ROAD.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND TAKE EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE NEW LINK WILL COMPLETE THE INTERNAL ROAD NETWORK IN WEST KOWLOON AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE KCR AND MTR STATIONS AT KOWLOON TONG AND ALSO RELIEVE WATERLOO ROAD OF LOCAL TRAFFIC.

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REGISTER OF FIRMS USEFUL FOR SURVEYS
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REGISTER OF AROUND 300 000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG TO SERVE MAINLY AS THE SAMPLING FRAME FROM ITS SURVEYS ON BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

MANY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ALSO MAKE USE OF THE REGISTER FOR PUBLICITY, SURVEY AND RESEARCH WORK, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE REGISTER BY MAKING USE OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT PARTICULARS RECORDED IN IT FOR MARKET RESEARCH, STATISTICAL SURVEY, BUSINESS AND PRODUCT PROMOTION PURPOSES.

IN THIS CONNECTION, APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF A PHOTOCOPY OR A MAGNETIC TAPE OF THE LISTING OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS THE NAME, THE ADDRESS, THE MAJOR TYPE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND THE EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

CHARGES LEVIED FOR THIS SERVICE ARE:

- (A) \$2.50 PER PHOTOCOPY CONTAINING ABOUT 10 ESTABLISHMENTS, AND
- (B) \$330 PER STREAM HOUR OF COMPUTER TIME IF THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON A MAGNETIC TAPE WHICH IS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-446389.

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MONG KOK ENVIRONMENT CAMPAIGN TO CLOSE
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THE FIVE-MONTH-LONG MONG KOK DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN WILL CLOSE WITH A VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT WILLOW STREET PLAYGROUND.

THE SHOW WILL LAST TWO HOURS, FEATURING SINGING AND DANCING PRESENTED BY POPULAR DISC JOCKEYS, SINGERS AND TELEVISION ARTISTES.

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MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EARNEST CHEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM IN THE WILLOW STREET PLAYGROUND, TAI KOK TSUI.

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NEW YEAR CARNIVAL AT KOWLOON PARK

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A LUNAR NEW YEAR CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION AT THE KOWLOON PARK SOCCER PITCH TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

TEN GAME-STALLS WILL BE SET UP, AND OTHER PROGRAMMES INCLUDE DANCING, SINGING, ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOWS, LANTERN RIDDLES, WORD PROPHECY AND FORTUNE-TELLING.

AMONG THOSE OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WILL BE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL WHICH STARTS AT 1.30 PM TOMORROW.

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PILED FOUNDATION CONTRACTS AWARDED
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED TWO SEPARATE CONTRACTS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PILED FOUNDATIONS FOR TWO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A \$2.74 MILLION CONTRACT HAD BEEN LET FOR THE FOUNDATION WORK FOR THE LIBRARY, POST OFFICE AND GARDEN OF TUEN MUN CIVIL AND CULTURAL COMPLEX PHASE III.

IT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN JULY.

THE OTHER FOUNDATION WORK, COSTING \$8.06 MILLION, IS FOR THE SHA TIN CONVALESCENT AND INFIRMARY HOSPITAL AND QUARTERS. WORK WILL START ON FEBRUARY 16 AND TAKE 11 MONTHS TO FINISH.

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NEW CARGO WORKING AREA FOR WESTERN
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A PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA IS TO BE BUILT ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

IT WILL BE 310 METRES LONG BY 30 METRES WIDE AND WILL BE CONSTRUCTED OF BITUMINOUS MATERIALS.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE A 340-METRE-LONG PERIMETER WALL AND ASSOCIATED ACCESS ROAD AND DRAINAGE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND WHEN COMPLETED IN EIGHT MONTHS IT WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA IN THE VICINITY.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT. THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S HIGHWAYS/HONG KONG REGION.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR YUEN LONG CLEARANCE

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN YUEN LONG ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 17) FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT CLEARANCE OPERATION IN YUEN LONG FOOK HONG STREET.

FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM, A NUMBER OF ROADS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. THESE ARE FOOK TAK STREET= FOOK HONG STREET BETWEEN FOOK TAK STREET AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD= AND SAU FU STREET BETWEEN TUNG LOK STREET AND FOOK HONG STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE TAXI STAND IN FOOK HONG STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

MEANWHILE, BETWEEN 5.45 AM AND 9 PM, SOME GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES WILL BE DIVERTED AND THEIR TERMINAL POINTS RELOCATED. THESE INCLUDE ROUTES 36, 37, 38, 73, 74, 75 AND 76.

ROUTES 36, 37 AND 38 WILL BE DIVERTED TO TERMINATE AT ON NING ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI KIU ROAD. ROUTES 73 AND 74 WILL BE DIVERTED TO TERMINATE AT WANG CHAU ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH ON NING ROAD, WHILE ROUTES 75 AND 76 WILL BE DIVERTED TO TERMINATE AT ON NING ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WANG CHAU ROAD.

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