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COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS BILL PUBLISHED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS BILL 1987 IN THE FORM OF A WHITE BILL FOR FURTHER PUBLIC DISCUSSION BEFORE ITS INTRODUCTION INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE CONSULTATION PERIOD WILL LAST FOR TWO MONTHS, UNTIL DECEMBER 31.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE BILL MAY WRITE TO THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE BILL WAS DRAWN UP IN THE LIGHT OF THE PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT, "REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES", PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON AUGUST 20 LAST YEAR.

THE DOCUMENT INVITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ADEQUACY OF THE EXISTING SYSTEMS FOR THE REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES AND ON THE OPTIONS SET OUT IN THE DOCUMENT FOR IMPROVING THOSE SYSTEMS.

"A CLEAR MAJORITY OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED FAVOURED THE INTRODUCTION OF AN INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS ALLEGING MALADMINISTRATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, SEEKS TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS, WHOSE FUNCTION WOULD BE TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS ABOUT ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS REACHED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS LISTED IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE BILL.

"IT IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE, FOR THE ORDINARY CITIZEN, SOME MEANS WHEREBY A PERSON INDEPENDENT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE CAN INVESTIGATE, AND REPORT ON, GRIEVANCES ARISING FROM ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS, ACTS, RECOMMENDATIONS OR OMISSIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER IS DESIGNED TO SUPPLEMENT AND STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING CHANNELS FOR THE REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES BUT NOT TO REPLACE THEM," HE ADDED.

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER WILL BE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS, THOUGH HE MAY BE RE-APPOINTED. HIS REMUNERATION AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, WHICH ARE TO BE EQUATED WITH THOSE OF A HIGH COURT JUDGE, ARE TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE DUTY OF THE COMMISSIONER WILL BE TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS INTO ACTIONS RELATING TO MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, TAKEN BY ANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT SPECIFIED IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

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THE BILL PROPOSES THAT THE COMMISSIONER MAY START AN INVESTIGATION INTO ANY MATTER WITHIN HIS JURISDICTION ON A COMPLAINT REFERRED TO HIM BY A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"THE REASON WHY COMPLAINTS ARE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IS THAT OMELCO IS ALREADY WIDELY RECOGNISED AS THE PRINCIPAL CHANNEL FOR COMPLAINTS AGAINST MALADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS OTHER TYPES OF REPRESENTATIONS AND APPEALS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT IS THUS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE THAT THIS SHOULD CONTINUE AND THAT OMELCO SHOULD SORT OUT, FROM THE MANY REPRESENTATIONS AND APPEALS RECEIVED, THOSE COMPLAINTS ALLEGING MALADMINISTRATION WHICH WOULD BE PASSED ON TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE COMMISSIONER," HE ADDED.

THIS WOULD PREVENT THE COMMISSIONER BEING INUNDATED WITH COMPLAINTS WHICH FALL OUTSIDE HIS TERMS OF REFERENCE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL STIPULATES THE METHOD OF MAKING A COMPLAINT AND THE CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED BY COMPLAINANTS.

IT ALSO SPECIFIES THOSE COMPLAINTS WHICH THE COMMISSIONER MAY, IN HIS DISCRETION, DECIDE NOT TO INVESTIGATE AND THOSE WHICH HE SHALL NOT INVESTIGATE.

"FOR EXAMPLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID, "THE COMMISSIONER IS PREVENTED FROM LOOKING INTO COMPLAINTS WHERE THE COMPLAINANT HAS A RIGHT TO APPEAL UNDER ANY ORDINANCE, OR A REMEDY THROUGH THE COURTS, UNLESS HE IS SATISFIED THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE IT IS NOT REASONABLE TO EXPECT THE COMPLAINANT TO EXERCISE THAT RIGHT OR PURSUE THAT REMEDY."

"THERE IS ALSO PROPOSED PROVISION REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER TO INFORM A COMPLAINANT, AND THE MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY WHOM THE COMPLAINT WAS REFERRED, OF HIS DECISION NOT TO INVESTIGATE AND GIVE REASONS," HE SAID.

UNDER THE BILL, THE COMMISSIONER, WITH VERY LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, IS EMPOWERED TO REQUIRE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED TO HIM. A PERSON WHO IS PROHIBITED BY ANY LAW FROM DISCLOSING ANY INFORMATION MUST NEVERTHELESS MAKE DISCLOSURE TO THE COMMISSIONER. ANOTHER PROPOSED CLAUSE DEPRIVES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RIGHT TO WITHHOLD DOCUMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONER ON GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST GROUNDS.

"THIS GIVES THE COMMISSIONER A VERY BROAD RIGHT OF ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT FILES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ON REPORTING PROCEDURES, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE COMMISSIONER MUST REPORT HIS OPINION TO THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT CONCERNED, WITH HIS RECOMMENDATIONS, IF HE CONSIDERS THAT THERE IS EVIDENCE OF MALADMINISTRATION.

THE REPORT MAY SUBSEQUENTLY BE SENT TO THE GOVERNOR IF NOT ACTED UPON. IT WOULD THEN BE UP TO THE GOVERNOR TO TAKE ACTION IN WHATEVER MANNER HE SEES FIT, BEARING IN MIND THAT THE COMMISSIONER CAN, IF NO ACTION IS FORTHCOMING, PUBLICISE HIS FINDINGS.

THE COMPLAINANT, AND THE MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHO REFERRED THE COMPLAINT, MUST BE TOLD OF THE RESULT OF ANY INVESTIGATION AND OF THE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

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AG CALLS FOR GREATER VIGILANCE

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, HAS WELCOMED MOVES BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSION TO REPORT EVIDENCE OF BUSINESS FRAUD AT AN EARLY STAGE.

SPEAKING AT THE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL DINNER TONIGHT (FRIDAY), MR THOMAS SAID ACCOUNTANTS HAD A ROLE TO PLAY IN PROMOTING THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF HONG KONG.

"ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS NOT JUST THE PRICE OF FREEDOM, IT IS THE PRICE THAT HAS TO BE PAID FOR A FREE MARKET.

"A FREE MARKET IS NOT A FREE-FOR-ALL. THE PLAYERS IN THE MARKET HAVE TO PLAY ACCORDING TO THE RULES," HE SAID.

THE GREATER THE VIGILANCE OF THOSE ABLE TO BLOW THE WHISTLE ON THE FINANCIAL CON-MAN OR THE CORRUPT DIRECTOR OR THE INSIDER DEALER, THE MORE LIKELY THEY WERE TO KEEP TO THE RULES, HE SAID.

"HOWEVER MANY TRAINED POLICE INVESTIGATORS THERE ARE, OR LAWYERS SPECIALISING IN THE FIELD OF COMMERCIAL CRIME - AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT GOVERNMENT HAS FAR MORE IN THE WAY OF RESOURCES AND ACQUIRED SKILLS THAN IT HAD SEVEN YEARS AGO - THEY ACTUALLY SPEND A LOT OF THEIR TIME (AND NOW I SHALL ENJOY MIXING MY METAPHORS) RUMMAGING ABOUT AN EMPTY CUPBOARD AMONG THE SKELETONS LONG AFTER THE BIRD HAS FLOWN LEAVING A MOUNTAIN OF DEBT - AND THE INVESTOR HOLDING THE BABY - WITHOUT ANY BATHWATER," HE SAID.

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"WHAT IS NEEDED IS MORE SUCCESS IN STOPPING FINANCIAL HANKY-PANKY IN ITS TRACKS AND CLEAR THINKING FELLOW DIRECTORS, COURAGEOUS ASSOCIATES, ASTUTE BANKERS AND ROBUST PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS WHO ARE PREPARED TO DO SOMETHING WHEN THEIR SUSPICIONS ARE FIRST AROUSED."

THE POLICE TENDED ONLY TO BECOME INVOLVED WHEN THERE HAD BEEN A TOTAL DEBACLE, SUCH AS INSOLVENCY ON A MASSIVE SCALE, HE SAID. THAT WAS FAR TOO LATE TO PREVENT HEAVY LOSSES TO INNOCENT VICTIMS, LARGE AND SMALL. HE COMMENTED: "IF ONLY IRREGULARITIES WERE CHECKED SOON AFTER THE LOANS WERE DISHONESTLY MADE, OR THE BOOKS HAD BEEN FALSELY WRITTEN UP, OR THE SECURITIES HAD BEEN DOUBLY PLEDGED."

MR THOMAS SAID HE KNEW THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOCIETY TO ENCOURAGE ACCOUNTANTS TO REPORT EVIDENCE OF FRAUD AT AN EARLY STAGE.

THIS FOLLOWED THE FIRST OF 57 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE LAST YEAR BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS WITH THE SOCIETY AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES WAYS TO FACILITATE THE REPORTING BY ACCOUNTANTS OF SUSPECTED FRAUD.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID HE WAS GLAD PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE AND THAT GUIDELINES WOULD SHORTLY BE ISSUED BY THE SOCIETY TO ITS MEMBERS.

"AT FIRST THIS WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE BANKING AND DEPOSIT-TAKING SECTOR WHERE GOVERNMENT IS MUCH INVOLVED. I HOPE IT WILL NOT BE TOO LONG BEFORE THE PRACTICES THAT EMERGE CAN BE EXTENDED INTO OTHER AREAS OF BUSINESS LIFE," HE SAID.

MR THOMAS SAID THE INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION OF HONG KONG LAY WITH THOSE ENGAGED IN BUSINESS LIFE.

"I PAY TRIBUTE TO THIS SOCIETY FOR THE WAY IN WHICH THEY HAVE RECOGNISED THAT SIMPLE TRUTH AND HAVE RISEN TO THE CHALLENGE OF RAISING THE STANDARDS OF THEIR MEMBERS AND THEIR CLIENTS.

"THE RIGHT OF AN HONOURABLE PROFESSION TO ENJOY THEIR INDEPENDENCE RESTS UPON THE QUALITY OF THE SERVICES THEY HAVE TO OFFER TO THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE TOPIC OF LIMITED LIABILITY, MR THOMAS SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SOCIETY WOULD BE MAKING FURTHER SUBMISSIONS TO HIM ON THE SUBJECT.

BUT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WARNED THEM NOT TO EXPECT TOO MUCH. "THE JUSTIFICATION FOR STATUTORY PROTECTION FOR WELL-PAID PROFESSIONAL MEN IS ONE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL FIND DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND," HE SAID.

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MR THOMAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WHERE STATUTORY LIMITATION OF LIABILITY HAD BEEN REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL, NOTABLY IN THE FIELDS OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MERCHANT SHIPPING, IT HAD FOLLOWED A GREAT DEAL OF WORK AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES LEADING TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND LEGISLATION IN EACH OF THE SIGNATORY STATES.

"SO YOUR PLEAS ON THIS TOPIC NEED TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE LAWMAKERS IN ALL THOSE COMMUNITIES WHERE YOU PRACTICE AND MAY BE SUED," HE SAID

ON THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION AND TRIAL OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIME CASES, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID PROCEDURAL REFORMS WERE BADLY NEEDED IF BUSINESS FRAUDS WERE GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE TREATED AS CRIMES TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE CRIMINAL COURTS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THEY WERE VASTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE OLD FELONIES OF MURDER, RAPE, AND ROBBERY FOR WHICH THE RULES WERE ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED.

NEARLY EVERYTHING TO BE DISCUSSED WAS IN THE FORM OF DOCUMENTS, SOMETIMES TENS OF THOUSANDS OF THEM, AND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND MONEY COULD BE WASTED IN PROVING THEM WHEN THEY SPOKE FOR THEMSELVES.

A BILL TO MAKE THE MODEST REFORMS RECOMMENDED IN 1986 BY A SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES HAD BEEN PROMISED BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EARLIER THIS MONTH.

COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES WERE ALSO DIFFICULT TO BRING TO TRIAL FOR OTHER REASONS.

THE MULTINATIONAL FEATURES OF BUSINESS LIFE OFTEN MADE IT DIFFICULT TO SHOW THAT ANY PARTICULAR COURT HAD JURISDICTION TO TRY AN OFFENCE WHERE DIFFERENT ACTS TOOK PLACE IN DIFFERENT PLACES. AND JUST AS MONEY TRAVELLED EASILY, SO COULD WITNESSES AND THOSE ACCUSED OF CRIME.

"MY COUNSEL AND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SPEND A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT IN EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS SEEKING THE RETURN FROM ABROAD OF THOSE WANTED IN HONG KONG TO ANSWER CRIMINAL CHARGES," MR THOMAS SAID.

"IN 1987 ALONE, WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS IN UK, USA, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, THE NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE."

HE SAID COMMERCIAL FRAUDS WERE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER CRIMES.

"THEY ARE FIRST OF ALL HARD TO DETECT, EVEN BY THE MOST ASTUTE AUDITOR OR INVESTIGATOR. THE VICTIM OF THE CRIME IS NEVER THERE TO SHOUT 'STOP THIEF' OR 'RAPE' AND RUSH OFF TO THE POLICEMAN, POINTING A FINGER.

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"THE ONE WHO HAS LOST OUT IS A SHAREHOLDER OR THE STOCKHOLDER IN A UNIT TRUST OR A PENSION FUND, OR A DEPOSITOR WHO HAS LOST HIS MONEY IN GOOD FAITH AND HAS NO IDEA WHAT THE BORROWER HAS DONE," HE SAID.

SECOND, COMMERCIAL CRIME DID NOT LOOK LIKE CRIME. "THERE ARE NO CORPSES OR POOLS OF BLOOD ON THE FLOOR FOR THE CLEANER TO FIND. THE CRIMINAL SHIFTS A MILLION DOLLARS FROM A TRUST ACCOUNT TO A SHELL COMPANY, AND GIVES HIS BOOKKEEPER AN INVOICE NUMBER. NO ONE KNOWS AT THAT MOMENT THAT A SERIOUS THEFT HAS BEEN COMMITTED," MR THOMAS SAID.

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YOUDE FUND COUNCIL ANNOUNCES AWARDS SCHEME

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THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND COUNCIL ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) AN OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP AWARDS SCHEME FOR 1988-89.

IT ALSO ANNOUNCED THE RESULTS OF ITS SELECTION OF LOCAL STUDENTS AT SENIOR SECONDARY, UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE LEVEL FOR THE AWARD OF PRIZES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS FOR 1987-88.

THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR STEPHEN CHEONG, SAID THE OVERSEAS SCHEME WAS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING THE EDUCATION OF HONG KONG'S BEST STUDENTS IN THE FINEST UNIVERSITIES OVERSEAS.

"WE EXPECT OUR SCHOLARS AND FELLOWS TO HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND TO BE FULLY COMMITTED TO ITS FUTURE WELL-BEING WHEN THEY RETURN FROM THEIR STUDIES ABROAD. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE THEM TO ACT AS GOODWILL AMBASSADORS PROMOTING THE IMAGE OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

THESE WILL BE FULL-COST AWARDS COVERING TUITION FEES, PERSONAL LIVING EXPENSES AND A RETURN AIR PASSAGE.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE FOR STUDIES LEADING TO A FIRST DEGREE AND THE FELLOWSHIPS FOR A POSTGRADUATE DEGREE WHETHER BY RESEARCH OR COURSEWORK OR BOTH. THEY WILL COVER THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE COURSE OF STUDY AND WILL BE TENABLE AT ANY RECOGNISED TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL OR ACADEMIC INSTITUTION OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

MR CHEONG SAID THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFUL IN ITS EXPENDITURE AS OVERSEAS EDUCATION WAS INVARIABLY EXPENSIVE AND THE COUNCIL COULD ONLY USE THE INCOME OF THE FUND.

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"BEARING THIS IN MIND, WE HAVE DECIDED TO OFFER ABOUT FOUR TO SIX SCHOLARSHIPS OR FELLOWSHIPS IN 1988-89. WE HOPE THAT THE FUND'S INCOME WILL INCREASE SO THAT WE MAY HAVE A LARGER NUMBER OF AWARDS IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS," MR CHEONG ADDED.

ALL ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES ARE INVITED TO APPLY. APPLICATION FORMS AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND COUNCIL SECRETARIAT: (M/F, LOW BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, HONG KONG) AND SHOULD BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 30, 1987.

SELECTION COMMITTEES CONSISTING OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WILL MEET SHORT-LISTED APPLICANTS IN ABOUT JANUARY OR FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE RESULTS OF THE AWARDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER.

AS REGARDS THE LOCAL SCHEME, MR CHEONG SAID THERE WERE 19 FELLOWSHIPS, 60 SCHOLARSHIPS AND 466 PRIZES FOR 1987-88. THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE AWARDS AMOUNTS TO NEARLY \$2 MILLION.

MR CHEONG SAID THE LOCAL AWARDS SCHEME WAS A FIRST STEP WHICH THE COUNCIL TOOK FOR PROMOTING THE EDUCATION AND LEARNING OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND ENCOURAGING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

IN PARTICULAR, PRIZES FOR SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO ATTAIN A HIGH STANDARD OF LEARNING AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY.

HE SAID THE SELECTION COMMITTEES HAD FOUND THE STANDARD OF THE STUDENTS TO BE VERY HIGH.

"THOSE AWARDED THE FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS REPRESENT A BROAD SPECTRUM OF THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES OFFERED AT THE LOCAL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS," HE SAID.

"OVERALL, THE COUNCIL IS CONFIDENT THAT THOSE SELECTED HAVE THE POTENTIAL OF MAKING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT OF THE TERRITORY AND THE ENHANCEMENT OF HONG KONG AS AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE," HE ADDED.

THE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO RECIPIENTS BY LADY YOUDE IN FEBRUARY, 1988 AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

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DETAILS OF THE CATEGORIES OF AWARDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

- * SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR FORM 5 STUDENTS AND STUDENTS FROM EITHER FORM 6 OR 7. STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF GOOD ACADEMIC RESULTS AND PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN THEIR SCHOOL OR IN THE COMMUNITY. THE PRIZE VALUE IS \$400.
- * SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FINAL YEAR DIPLOMA AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE. THE COUNCIL HAS CHOSEN STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT ONLY EXCELLED ACADEMICALLY, BUT HAVE ALSO CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE LIFE OF THE STUDENT BODY IN THEIR INSTITUTION OR TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG. THE SCHOLARSHIP VALUE IS \$10,000.
- * SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS STUDYING FOR THEIR HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC; THESE ARE THE THREE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS WHICH OFFER POST-GRADUATE DEGREES AT PRESENT. THE COUNCIL HAS CHOSEN STUDENTS IN RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND TO ENCOURAGE RESEARCH OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG. THE FELLOWSHIP VALUE IS \$25,000 EACH YEAR.

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TIN SHUI WAI SITE FORMATION STARTS MONDAY

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SITE FORMATION WORK ON THE TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN YUEN LONG WOULD START ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 2) TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR AN ENVISAGED POPULATION OF ABOUT 140,000 PEOPLE IN THE 1990'S, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

AT THE SAME TIME DREDGING OF THE BORROW AREA IN DEEP BAY WOULD BE CARRIED OUT TO OBTAIN SAND FOR FILLING PONDS AT THE SITE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE MARINE TRANSPORTATION ROUTE LINKING THE BORROW AREA AND THE SITE WAS AN IMPORTANT LINK TO THIS MAJOR PROJECT WHICH CANNOT BE DELAYED BECAUSE OF THE ENORMOUS ECONOMIC AND CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS INVOLVED, HE SAID.

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AS THE MARINE TRANSPORTATION ROUTE WOULD AFFECT OYSTER CULTIVATION IN THE AREA, THE GOVERNMENT TOOK MEASURES, INCLUDING MAKING AVAILABLE MORE THAN \$4 MILLION IN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES, TO HAVE FARMERS REMOVE THEIR OYSTERS FROM THE SEABED SO THAT WORK WOULD COMMENCE ON SCHEDULE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"SO FAR, 49 OUT OF 90 FARMERS HAVE COLLECTED EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES," HE SAID.

"IN ADDITION, AN OFFER OF \$140,000 WAS MADE TO THE YUE WO POND WHICH HAD HELPED DEVELOP OYSTER CULTIVATION IN THE AREA."

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT SINCE DECEMBER 1985, THE DISTRICT OFFICE BEGAN A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF LAU FU SHAN OYSTER INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, THE NEW TERRITORIES OYSTER AND CRUSTACEAN UNITED ASSOCIATION AND OTHER CONCERNED BODIES TO DISCUSS COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS.

"AS EARLY AS FEBRUARY 1986, THE FIRST COMPENSATION OFFER WAS MADE TO THE FARMERS AND THEN AGAIN IN LATE AUGUST AND EARLY OCTOBER 1987," HE SAID.

"THE RATE OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE WAS ALSO INCREASED BY ABOUT 10 PER CENT," HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT CARRIED OUT A FREEZING SURVEY IN JANUARY 1986 AT A TIME WHEN THE OYSTERS WERE READY FOR HARVESTING IN PREPARATION FOR THE DEMAND DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, WHICH MEANT THERE WAS AN ABUNDANCE OF OYSTERS IN THE SEABED TO MERIT ACCURATE ASSESSMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE SIDE SCAN SONAR, WHICH IS INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED AS AN ACCURATE AND PRACTICABLE METHOD OF IDENTIFYING THE PATTERN AND DISTRIBUTION OF SUBMARINE OBJECTS, WAS USED TO CARRY OUT THE SURVEY," HE SAID.

"A SIMILAR SURVEY AND ANOTHER USING DIVERS WERE CARRIED OUT IN JULY THIS YEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF INVITED OYSTER FARMERS," HE ADDED.

"TOTAL OYSTER PRODUCTION HAS BEEN STEADILY ON THE DECLINE OVER THE PAST YEARS. EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO IDENTIFY AND COMPENSATE ACTIVE OYSTER FARMERS WITHIN THE MARINE DREDGING AREA," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PHASE III OF EASY TRAVEL SCHEME BEGINS

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT PHASE III OF THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME WILL COMMENCE ON SUNDAY WHEN THE COMPUTERISATION OF THE IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS AT MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK BECOMES OPERATIONAL.

A TOTAL OF FOUR COMPUTERS, WHICH ARE LINKED WITH 40 SMALL TERMINALS AT THE KIOSKS AND IMMIGRATION COUNTERS AT MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK, HAVE BEEN INSTALLED, PROVIDING A MODERNISED SYSTEM TO FURTHER FACILITATE HONG KONG RESIDENTS TRAVELLING TO AND FROM CHINA.

"STARTING FROM SUNDAY, PASSENGERS USING THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS (HKIC) AT MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CARDS. HOLDERS OF HKIC BEARING *** SYMBOL WILL FURTHER BENEFIT FROM BEING EXEMPTED FROM PRODUCING A HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMIT FOR JOURNEYS TO AND FROM CHINA VIA THESE TWO CONTROL POINTS.

"HOWEVER, DRIVERS AND AUTHORISED PERSONNEL WHO ARE IN POSSESSION OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS BEARING VALID ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PASSING THROUGH THESE TWO CONTROL POINTS WILL STILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE SUCH DOCUMENTS", A SPOKESMAN FROM THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE REMINDED THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC THAT ALL CHILDREN AGED BELOW 18 AND THOSE ADULT TRAVELLERS WHOSE HKIC'S HAVE BEEN PERFORATED, DEFACED, LOST OR THOSE WHO ARE EXEMPTED FROM OBTAINING HKIC SHOULD TRAVEL ON HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMITS OR OTHER TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WHEN PASSING THROUGH ANY OF THE COMPUTERISED CONTROL POINTS.

"TO FACILITATE THEIR TRAVEL THROUGH CONTROL POINTS, PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO COMPLETE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS ON BEHALF OF THEIR CHILDREN WHO DO NOT HAVE HKIC'S BEFORE PRESENTING THEMSELVES FOR IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE", HE ADDED.

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REPRIEVE FOR YUNG SHUE AU MARICULTURISTS

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MARICULTURISTS WHO HAD MOVED OUT OF THEIR ALLOCATED SITES IN THE YUNG SHUE AU FISH CULTURE ZONE FOLLOWING A MAJOR FISH KILL IN THE AREA IN JULY WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) GIVEN A TEMPORARY REPRIEVE FROM PROSECUTION FOR CONTRAVENING THE MARINE FISH CULTURE ORDINANCE.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FISHERIES) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, DR CHRISTOPHER LEE, SAID THE DECISION WAS MADE AFTER A MEETING HELD THIS MORNING BETWEEN OMELCO AND SENIOR STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

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DR LEE SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE PREDICAMENT OF THE AFFECTED CULTURISTS, THE DEPARTMENT WAS PREPARED TO WITH-HOLD PROSECUTION ACTION AND TO COMPLETE EFFORTS TO FIND ADDITIONAL FISH CULTURE AREAS.

"WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF CONSULTING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED. A DECISION WILL BE EXPECTED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR," HE SAID.

IN LATE JULY, 31 OF THE 100 OPERATORS IN YUNG SHUE AU FISH CULTURE ZONE MOVED TO YIM TIN TSAI EAST, SHAM WAN AND SAI KUNG AFTER A MAJOR FISH KILL IN THE AREA ATTRIBUTED TO RED TIDE WHICH CAUSED OXYGEN DEPLETION IN THE WATER. THEIR MOVE WAS A BREACH OF THE MARINE FISH CULTURE ORDINANCE.

DR LEE SAID: "WE SYMPATHISE WITH THE AFFECTED CULTURISTS IN THEIR HEAVY LOSSES.

"IN VIEW OF THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CASE, THE DEPARTMENT IS MAKING IT AN EXCEPTION TO ALLOW THOSE 31 MARICULTURISTS MORE TIME TO STAY WHERE THEY ARE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL CULTURE AREAS."

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NEW LAWS ON LIFTS AND ESCALATORS EFFECTIVE FROM NOVEMBER
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OWNERS AND MANAGERS OF LIFTS, ESCALATORS AND PASSENGER CONVEYORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO FULFIL CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS WHEN AMENDMENTS TO THE LIFTS AND ESCALATORS (SAFETY) ORDINANCE COME INTO EFFECT ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

UNDER THE AMENDMENTS, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO KEEP A LOG BOOK RECORDING ALL DETAILS OF REPAIRS, SERVICING, MAINTENANCE, EXAMINATION AND TESTING BY REGISTERED CONTRACTORS TO ENSURE THE LIFTS AND ESCALATORS ARE PROPERLY MAINTAINED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY AGREED WITH REGISTERED CONTRACTORS ON THE FORMAT OF THE LOG BOOK AND ON VARIOUS PROCEDURES.

"OWNERS OF SUCH INSTALLATIONS AND MANAGERS OF BUILDINGS WHO ARE IN DOUBT AS TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES SHOULD CONTACT THEIR REGISTERED CONTRACTORS. THE AMENDMENTS ARE AIMED AT ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE USE OF SUCH INSTALLATIONS," HE SAID.

/FEES RANGING

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FEEES RANGING FROM \$120 TO \$240 WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE ISSUE OR ENDORSEMENT OF THE VARIOUS PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES. PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE BY CROSSED CHEQUES, PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, AND SENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES TOGETHER WITH THE CERTIFICATES.

"ALTERNATIVELY, OWNERS AND BUILDING MANAGERS CAN ARRANGE WITH THEIR CONTRACTORS ON THE MOST SUITABLE PAYMENT METHOD," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SERVICE LIFTS AND DUMB WAITERS OR SMALL GOODS LIFTS INSTALLED IN SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN FACTORIES OR INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS, WILL ALSO BE COVERED BY THE AMENDMENTS.

OWNERS AND MANAGERS OF SUCH SERVICE LIFTS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES THE LOCATION AND OTHER DETAILS OF THESE INSTALLATIONS, WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE EXAMINED ANNUALLY.

OTHER AMENDMENTS SPECIFY THE REQUIREMENT TO REPORT ACCIDENTS TO THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES; THAT ONLY REGISTERED CONTRACTORS MAY CARRY OUT LIFT OR ESCALATOR WORKS AND THAT ANY UNAUTHORISED INTERFERENCE OR MISUSE OF LIFTS OR ESCALATORS WILL BE AN OFFENCE SUBJECT TO A FINE AND IMPRISONMENT.

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AMENDMENTS TO TUEN MUN ZONING PLAN ANNOUNCED

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THE ALIGNMENT OF THE STAGE II OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM IN TUEN MUN HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY REVISED TO PROVIDE FOR A PROPOSED LRT TERMINUS AT SAM SHING ESTATE AND A DIRECT LINK FROM SIU HONG COURT TO THE SOUTH OF FU TEI.

THE REVISION IS ONE OF THE THREE AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE DRAFT TUEN MUN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN, WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE OTHER AMENDMENT INVOLVES THE REZONING OF THREE SITES TO THE EAST OF BUTTERFLY ESTATE FROM 'OPEN SPACE', 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' AND INDUSTRIAL' TO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)'.
/THE CHANGES

THE CHANGES WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR BUILDING 3,900 PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR ABOUT 14,000 PEOPLE AND A LOCAL OPEN SPACE OF 10,000 SQUARE METRES.

AN 'INDUSTRIAL' SITE LYING TO THE NORTH OF THE RESIDENTIAL AREA HAS BEEN REZONED TO 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' AND RESERVED FOR A NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE, AN ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION AND LOCAL OPEN SPACE.

ANOTHER 'INDUSTRIAL' SITE AT THE WESTERN WATERFRONT OF CASTLE PEAK BAY HAS ALSO BEEN REZONED TO 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' TO ALLOW EXTENSION OF A VEGETABLE AND FISH WHOLESALE MARKET NEARBY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID: "WITH THE REZONING OF ABOUT 5.8 HECTARES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND FOR 'RESIDENTIAL' AND 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' USES, THE PROJECTED INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY IN TUEN MUN WILL STILL BE ADEQUATE IN MEETING THE PROJECTED LOCAL DEMAND FOR JOBS UP TO 1995/96."

THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN INVOLVES THE GENERAL LAYOUT REVISION IN AN AREA TO THE NORTH OF SAM SHING ESTATE.

A NEW 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)' SITE THERE HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME PROJECT WITH 4,200 UNITS FOR ABOUT 15,000 PEOPLE.

THE ADJOINING 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' AND 'OPEN SPACE' SITES WILL ACCOMMODATE TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AND A SOCCER PITCH.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD BY NOVEMBER 20.

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GOOD LABOUR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS STRESSED

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ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS TO MAINTAIN GOOD LABOUR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS IN HONG KONG, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SYMPOSIUM ON LABOUR RELATIONS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, HE SAID GOOD LABOUR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS COULD RAISE PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPROVE EMPLOYEES' QUALITY OF LIFE.

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"FURTHERMORE, IT COULD STRENGTHEN HONG KONG'S SOCIAL STABILITY AND ECONOMY," HE ADDED.

THE ONE-DAY SYMPOSIUM, THE FOURTH OF ITS KIND ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, WAS ATTENDED BY 60 SENIOR PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTORS. IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYERS, MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND OFFICIALS OF THE TRADE UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ENLIGHTENED MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE AND TO DISCUSS WAYS ON IMPROVING LABOUR RELATIONS.

GUEST SPEAKERS ADDRESSING THE EVENT WERE MR HO SAI-CHU, PERMANENT SUPERVISOR OF THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION; MR LAWRENCE CHOI, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE SHUI ON BUILDING CONTRACTORS LTD; MR POON TO-CHUEN, DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES GENERAL UNION; MR P.C. CHAU, CENTRE MANAGER OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AND MR T.S. CHOW, CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THEY SPOKE ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING THE PROSPECTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG, LABOUR RELATIONS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN THE EYES OF A MAIN CONTRACTOR AND A TRADE UNION LEADER, HOW TO FACE THE PROBLEM OF LABOUR SHORTAGE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, AND COMMON LABOUR DISPUTES AND THEIR PREVENTION IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

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CAMPAIGN AIMS AT REDUCING ACCIDENTS IN HOME

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THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTAL DEATHS IN THE HOME HAS RISEN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, MR GEORGE YUEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

STATISTICS FROM THE CORONER'S COUNT SHOWED THE NUMBER OF DEATHS SO FAR THIS YEAR STOOD AT 104, EXCEEDING LAST YEAR'S TOTAL BY 19.

"THEREFORE, IT IS THE COMMITTEE'S CONCERN TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN THE PROMOTION OF HOME SAFETY, UTILISING EVERY POSSIBLE CHANNEL," MR YUEN SAID.

"IN TOMORROW'S (SATURDAY'S) EPISODE OF THE 'PUBLIC EDUCATION' PROGRAMME AT 9.50 PM ON TVB JADE, THE TRAGIC STORY OF HOW CHILDREN WERE BURNT TO DEATH AS A RESULT OF BEING LOCKED UP AT HOME, WILL SURELY MAKE PARENTS THINK TWICE ABOUT LEAVING THEIR CHILDREN UNATTENDED," HE ADDED.

/THE PROGRAMME,

THE PROGRAMME, JOINTLY PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE REPEATED ON ATV GOLD ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 7) AT 7.58 PM.

MR YUEN ALSO NOTED THAT THE FIFTH HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN WAH FU ESTATE IN POK FU LAM THIS SUNDAY.

THIS IS PART OF A SERIES OF MOBILE EXHIBITIONS TO TAKE THE HOME SAFETY MESSAGES DIRECTLY TO VARIOUS HOUSING ESTATES.

SO FAR, THE EXHIBITIONS HAVE COVERED THE WONG TAI SIN AND TUEN MUN DISTRICTS.

THE AIM IS TO DRAW THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION TO THE INHERENT DANGERS IN A HOME ENVIRONMENT, AND TO OFFER USEFUL ADVICE ON HOW COMMON ACCIDENTS CAN BE PREVENTED IF SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM AND FREE COPIES OF THE HOME SAFETY BOOKLET ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN KEEPING USEFUL REFERENCE MATERIAL IN THEIR HOMES.

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CIVIC EDUCATION BOOST FOR YOUNG CITIZENS

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YOUNG CITIZENS IN SHA TIN, TAI PO AND NORTH DISTRICT WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR CIVIC OBLIGATIONS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES AND COMPETITIONS SUBVENTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

ORGANISED BY THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICES-HONG KONG, THE "CIVIC EDUCATION DRILL FOR YOUNG CITIZEN" WAS ONE OF THIS YEAR'S 23 SUBSIDISED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROJECTS.

THE PROJECT WILL GET UNDERWAY AT SHA TIN CITY PLAZA TOMORROW (SATURDAY). GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MRS RITA FAN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WORKING GROUP ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC-MINDEDNESS, MR CHEUNG CHI-YUEN. A CRAYON DRAWING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AFTER THE CEREMONY.

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE DESIGNED TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG TEENAGERS. THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A QUIZ, EXHIBITIONS, BOOKMARK COMPETITION, LYRIC WRITING COMPETITION AND A YOUNG CITIZEN'S TRAINING CAMP.

/A TEENAGE

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A TEENAGE CARTOON CHARACTER WILL HELP TO CONVEY MESSAGES ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY.

THE PROJECT ORGANISER WILL ALSO BE VISITING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE THREE DISTRICTS, PRESENTING SLIDES AND VIDEO SHOWS ON CIVIC EDUCATION.

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VARIETY SHOW PROMOTES COMMUNITY INTEREST

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A VARIETY SHOW TO PROMOTE DISTRICT IDENTITY AND PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AMONG YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS WAS HELD THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM.

THE EVENT WAS ONE OF THE MANY EVENTS LISTED FOR THE CURRENT DISTRICT FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD.

SPEAKING AT THE SHOW'S OPENING CEREMONY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THE FESTIVAL WOULD FOSTER RESIDENTS' INVOLVEMENT IN PROMOTING A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY.

TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE, HE NOTED THAT RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS CIVIC ACTIVITIES WERE BEING ORGANISED DURING THE TWO-MONTH FESTIVAL.

"THESE ACTIVITIES NOT ONLY BROADEN RESIDENTS' OUTLOOK IN LIFE, BUT ALSO ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY LIFE," HE SAID.

MR CHAU PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL, AREA COMMITTEES, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR CONCERTED EFFORTS IN ORGANISING VARIED FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL PEOPLE.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR YIP WAH, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

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VARIED PROGRAMME FOR TUEN MUN FESTIVAL

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THE 1987 TUEN MUN FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 9 TO DECEMBER 6, WILL COMPRISE A VARIED PROGRAMME OF VARIETY SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS, POP CONCERTS, DRAMA PERFORMANCES, INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS, A BEACH CARNIVAL, FILM SHOWS, GYMNASTIC PERFORMANCES AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

IN ADDITION, THE OPENING PERFORMANCE, JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCASTS LTD, WILL NOT ONLY RAISE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST BUT ALSO PROVIDE AN ENTERTAINING EVENING FOR RESIDENTS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR KINGSLEY SIT, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 2) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE ONE-MONTH FESTIVAL.

ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WILL ALSO BE ACTING TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDWARD YAU; EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF HK-TVB, MR PHILIP KAM; ASSISTANT PRODUCTION MANAGER, MR NG YU; AND A NUMBER OF SINGERS AND ARTISTS TAKING PART IN THE VARIETY SHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE 1987 TUEN MUN FESTIVAL AT 3 PM ON NOVEMBER 2 (MONDAY) IN LONGCHAMP, 3RD FLOOR, REGAL MERIDIEN HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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MOBILE EXHIBITION ON TRAMS

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL TRAM PARADE CUM EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 1) AT THE TRAM DEPOT IN SHARP STREET EAST.

THE EXHIBITS, MOUNTED ON TWO CLASSIC TRAMS, FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF EASTERN DISTRICT AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

THE TRAM WILL PLY BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND SHAU KEI WAN IN THE AFTERNOONS ON NOVEMBER 7, 8 AND 14.

ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SEE THE TRAM AND THE EXHIBITS.

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OFFICIATING AT A CEREMONY TO LAUNCH THE PARADE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR ERIC LI; THE CHAIRMAN OF EASTERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION WORKING GROUP, MR PAUL YIN; THE CHAIRMAN OF EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE, MRS CHOW SUN FONG-CHUNG; THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHNNY CHAN; ICAC REPRESENTATIVE OF FOK SING OFFICE, MR PETER HUNG; MANAGER OF HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LTD, MR JOHN CAREY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES MANAGER OF HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO, MISS LINDA FUNG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL TRAM PARADE CUM EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 1) AT THE TRAM DEPOT IN SHARP STREET EAST.

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SEMINAR TO EXPLAIN CODE OF PRACTICE FOR GOODS VEHICLES

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OFFICIALS FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND TRAFFIC POLICE WILL EXPLAIN THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR LOADING OF VEHICLES IN A SEMINAR ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT AND PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, AIMS AT IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY AND SAFETY OF GOODS VEHICLE LOADING.

IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND DISCUSSION ON THE CODE OF PRACTICE AMONG TRANSPORT EXPERTS, REPRESENTATIVES OF TRUCK OPERATORS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

ROAD FREIGHT PERSONNEL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR, TO BE HELD AT THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AT 17/F, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ADMISSION IS FREE. RESERVATIONS, AND ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SEMINAR, CAN BE MADE TO MR NELSON WONG ON 5-8932341, EXT. 254.

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DRAWING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN

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SOME 300 YOUNGSTERS WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN DRAWING COMPETITION AT THE HONG KONG ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 1) MORNING.

THE COMPETITION, AIMED AT STIMULATING CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN ART, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, MID-LEVELS (CENTRAL) AREA COMMITTEE, DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) (D A CA) AND Y.W.C.A. AND SPONSORED BY DISTRICT BOARD AND PENTEL (HONG KONG) LTD.

WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE SELECTED AT 11.30 AM AND ADJUDICATORS WILL INCLUDE RENOWNED ARTIST, MR HSU TAT-CHIH AND SECRETARY OF DACA, MRS ALICE KO.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELIZABETH TSE WILL PRESENT BOOK COUPONS AND TROPHIES TO THE WINNERS AT A CEREMONY HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN DRAWING COMPETITION STARTING AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 1) IN THE HONG KONG ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE GARDENS AT 10.30 AM AND A PRIZE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 12 NOON. INFORMATION OFFICER, MISS VALENTINA CHAN WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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CSD CENTRAL REGISTER CAN ASSIST PRIVATE SECTOR

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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 FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S SURVEYS ON BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

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

/THE PRIVATE

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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.

A CHARGE WILL BE LEVIED FOR THIS SERVICE, AND THE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * \$2.50 PER PHOTOCOPY, AND
- * A MINIMUM CHARGE OF \$340 FOR A JOB REQUIRING UP TO 20 CRU'S (COMPUTER RESOURCES UNIT) PLUS \$17 FOR EACH CRU IN EXCESS OF 20 CRU'S IF THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON MAGNETIC TAPES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234760.

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FOUR SITES FOR SALE BY AUCTION
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A RESIDENTIAL AND THREE INDUSTRIAL SITES ARE TO BE AUCTIONED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ON NOVEMBER 27.

THE INDUSTRIAL SITES ARE AT KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION, SHA TIN AND FANLING.

THE KOWLOON BAY SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 22,280 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN OR TRADE MART PURPOSES.

UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 70,000 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1992.

THE SHA TIN SITE, LOCATED AT YUEN CHAU KOK, COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,582 SQUARE METRES FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT, BUT NOT FOR OFFENSIVE TRADES.

/THE PURCHASER

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THE PURCHASER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 13,746 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BY NOVEMBER 30, 1991.

THE FANLING SITE IS AT ON LOK TSUEN AND OCCUPIES AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,563 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS ALSO FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, BUT NOT FOR OFFENSIVE TRADES.

A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF AT LEAST 7,689 SQUARE METRES MUST BE COMPLETED ON THE SITE BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1991.

THE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SITE IS SITUATED AT THE TOWN CENTRE OF TUEN MUN, NEAR THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME CHI LOK FA YUEN.

UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE BUYER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 38,530 SQUARE METRES ON THE 19,460-SQUARE-METRE SITE BY DECEMBER 31, 1991.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 2.30 PM.

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ROAD WORKS ON ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 2), THE SECTION OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR OUTSIDE CITY GARDEN WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE DISRUPTION THAT MAY BE CAUSED BY THE PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURE TO GENERAL TRAFFIC, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH PATIENCE AND CARE.

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