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PUBLIC DEBATE ON HK'S FUTURE HEALTHY, AMERICANS TOLD

THE CONTINUING PUBLIC DEBATE ON DEVELOPING A RESPONSIBLE AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WAS A HEALTHY ONE, IF AT TIMES A LITTLE CONFUSING TO OUTSIDE OBSERVERS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES TOLD AMERICANS TODAY.

+SCARCELY A DAY PASSES WITHOUT SOME FRESH COMMENT, SOME NEW VOICE, SOME FRESH TURN OF EVENTS,+ SIR DAVID SAID IN A KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO THE HONG KONG-U.S. AND U.S.-HONG KONG ECONOMIC COOPERATION COMMITTEES' THIRD PLENARY SESSION IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TODAY (THURSDAY).

HOW HONG KONG WAS GOING TO DEVELOP A GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD REFLECT THE HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY PROMISED BY THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT AND WHICH WOULD LIVE COMFORTABLY WITH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA WAS +A TASK OF ABSORBING INTEREST,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

+NO MODEL FOR IT CAN BE FOUND IN TEXTBOOK THEORIES, NOR IN THE PREVIOUS HISTORY OF DECOLONISATION. WE HAVE TO FIND OUR OWN WAY,+ HE SAID.

A START HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE. THERE WERE 1.4 MILLION VOTERS ON THE ELECTORAL ROLE AND A MIXTURE OF DIRECT AND INDIRECT ELECTIONS TAKING PLACE AT DISTRICT, REGIONAL AND CENTRAL LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT.

AND IN 1987 THERE WOULD BE A REVIEW BEFORE THE NEXT ELECTIONS TOOK PLACE IN 1988.

+HOWEVER, WE SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT CIRCUMSTANCES IN HONG KONG ARE UNUSUAL AND WE WILL HAVE TO FIND SOLUTIONS WHICH MAY APPEAR UNFAMILIAR TO OUTSIDE OBSERVERS,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE SEARCH FOR NEW SOLUTIONS WAS THE BELIEF THAT, GIVEN HONG KONG'S DEPENDENCE ON COMMERCE, TRADE AND INDUSTRY, IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MEN WHO COULD BRING IN EXPERT KNOWLEDGE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC LIFE.

THUS THE BANKING INDUSTRY, THE MAIN INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE COULD NOW EACH ELECT MEMBERS DIRECTLY TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT.

THERE WAS NO DOUBT IN HIS MIND THAT ONE OF HONG KONG'S STRENGTHS DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS WAS THAT BUSINESSMEN WERE FREE TO CARRY ON MAKING THEIR OWN DECISIONS. AS A RESULT, THE ECONOMY DESPITE A DOWNTURN IN EXPORTS LAST YEAR, CONTINUED TO PERFORM WELL. WHILE EXPORTS DECLINED, SIR DAVID SAID, IMPORTS CONTINUED TO GROW, AND FEW PEOPLE REALISED THAT HONG KONG WAS THE 17TH LARGEST IMPORTER IN THE WORLD -- HIGHER THAN AUSTRALIA, CHINA, OR SWEDEN. AND, WHILE HONG KONG MIGHT BE JUDGED AS AN EXPORTER OF CLOTHING, VERY FEW PEOPLE REALISED ALSO THAT HONG KONG WAS THE THIRD LARGEST IMPORTER OF TEXTILES IN THE WORLD.

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IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT, HONG KONG +SEEMS BIGGER, MORE MODERN, MORE BUSTLING THAN EVER,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

THE FACTS WERE THAT HONG KONG HAD MADE A POSITIVE BEGINNING IN THE IMPORTANT STEPS TO BE TAKEN OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS TO TRANSFORM FROM ITS PRESENT STATUS INTO A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, 11 YEARS FROM NOW, IN 1997, SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WERE LONG TERM. +THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR FIFTY YEARS AFTER 1997 AND THIS LONG-TERM VIEW HAS ALSO BEEN REFLECTED IN THE ACTIVITIES AND INVESTMENT BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE WORK OF THE TWO HK-U.S. COMMITTEES, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT WITH THEIR EXPERT KNOWLEDGE AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, THEY WOULD RENEW THEIR DETERMINATION TO RESIST +THOSE FORCES AT WORK TO RESTRICT TRADE, AND TO DAMAGE AND TO CHECK, NOT ONLY THE STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC TIES, BUT THE WARMTH OF UNDERSTANDING AND HUMAN FELLOWSHIP WHICH FLOW FROM THESE CONTACTS AND WHICH MUST IN THE END BE A VITAL CONTRIBUTOR TO PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING.+

SIR DAVID IS ON A SEVEN-DAY PROMOTIONAL TOUR OF NORTH AMERICA, AS GUEST OF HONOUR WITH A TOP-LEVEL, 10-MEMBER HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ECONOMIC AND TRADE DELEGATION.

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'HK DEVELOPING HIGHEST PRODUCT, SERVICE STANDARDS'
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HONG KONG NOW BELIEVES THAT IT SHOULD BE A LEADER AND IS DEVELOPING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS BOTH IN SERVICES AND IN PRODUCTS, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, DESIGNATE, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE SPRING DINNER HOSTED BY THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, MR JACOBS SAID THAT HONG KONG WAS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE DO WITH SECOND BEST.

HE ATTRIBUTED THIS PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE TO THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS AND ENERGY OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND AN ADMINISTRATION WHICH RECOGNISED THAT ITS PRIMARY TASK WAS TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT FOR COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.

+TO MAINTAIN OUR EXPORT PERFORMANCE WE HAVE HAD TO MOVE UP MARKET AND INTO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AS WELL AS GOODS.

+THIS TREND IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN THE YEARS AHEAD AND TO ENSURE THAT WE DO NOT STAND STILL, WE MUST BE SURE THAT OUR LABOUR FORCE HAS THE REQUISITE LEVEL OF SKILLS AND ABILITY TO ABSORB AND TO USE TECHNOLOGY,+ HE SAID.

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THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAD THROUGH ITS TRAINING CENTRES BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN THIS AREA.

HE ADDED THAT A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF TOTAL PUBLIC EXPENDITURE WAS DEVOTED TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THROUGH SUBVENTION MADE TO UPGC, IS ESTIMATED AT \$1.7 BILLION IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

HE SAID THAT IN THIS PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, MANUFACTURERS HAD REALISED THAT THEY HAD TO PRODUCE GOODS WHICH MET THE DEMANDS OF CONSUMERS.

MR JACOBS SAID THAT HONG KONG WAS WELL AWARE OF THIS AND OVER THE PAST DECADE THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAD BEEN WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE QUALITY CONSCIOUSNESS IN LOCAL MANUFACTURERS.

HE COMMENDED THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE +GREAT VIGOUR+ OF HONG KONG, AN ASPECT OF HONG KONG'S PERSONALITY WHICH HE FOUND VERY IMPRESSIVE.

THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR HAD BEEN FOR MANY YEARS THE LARGEST IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE GDP, HE SAID.

ANOTHER MOST SIGNIFICANT FACTOR WAS THE MUTUAL SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT, THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND INSTITUTIONS SUPPORTED BY TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JACOBS STRESSED.

+IN FUTURE, AS IN THE PAST, WE MUST CONTINUE TO LEARN NEW METHODS AND NEW TRADES, TO TAKE RISKS, TO SAVE, TO INVEST AND TO RAISE THE QUALITY OF OUR OUTPUT.

+I BELIEVE IN CONTINUITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ECONOMY, A STRIVING AFTER EXCELLENCE IN QUALITY IN ALL ITS ASPECTS, AND THE EVOLUTION OF OUR INSTITUTIONS.

+WE MUST BE OUTWARD LOOKING AND DEVELOP OUR CONTACTS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD. IN THESE WAYS WE SHALL SAFEGUARD OUR WAY OF LIFE AND HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR,+ MR JACOBS SAID.

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STEPS TO CURB URBAN DECAY BEING TAKEN

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN POSITIVE STEPS TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF URBAN DECAY, BUT THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE SHOULD RISE TO THE CHALLENGE OF IMPROVING THE SITUATION BEFORE IT WORSENERED, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE RETAIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, MR WIGGHAM SAID A LACK OF INTEREST IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT BY MANY RESIDENTS AND OWNERS OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS HAD PRODUCED A SITUATION WHERE SOME 15 PER CENT OF ALL PRIVATE BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG WERE CONSIDERED TO BE SLUMS.

HE SAID WHILE THERE WAS A LIMIT TO WHAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD DO, MUCH OF THE RESPONSIBILITY LIES WITH THE COMMUNITY, IN PARTICULAR FOR INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS.

+IT IS OUR ENVIRONMENT, LET US ALL PLAY OUR PART IN PROTECTING IT AND IMPROVING IT,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

+TO DATE WE DO NOT THINK IT APPROPRIATE TO MAKE THE MANAGEMENT OF BUILDINGS SUBJECT TO STATUTORY LAW, BUT IF OWNERS OF PROPERTY CONTINUE TO NEGLECT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA THEN SOME FORM OF COMPULSORY MANAGEMENT MAY BECOME NECESSARY,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM POINTED OUT THAT THE 600 000 PRIVATELY-OWNED DOMESTIC UNITS, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH WERE HIGH-RISE MULTI-STOREY BLOCKS, ACCOMMODATED ABOUT HALF OF HONG KONG'S POPULATION EITHER AS OWNER-OCCUPIERS OR TENANTS.

MANY OF THE BUILDINGS WERE BUILT 20 OR 30 YEARS AGO AT A TIME WHEN PLANNING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS WERE LESS STRINGENT. THIS ALSO INCLUDED THE STANDARD CONDITIONS OF LEASEHOLD GRANT.

+MOST OF THESE BUILDINGS WERE ALLOWED A MUCH HIGHER PROPORTION OF SITE DEVELOPMENT THAN WOULD BE PERMITTED AT PRESENT, AND THEY SUFFER FROM THE CONGLOMERATE PROBLEMS OF OVER-CROWDING, OBSOLETE AND DEFICIENT SANITATION, ILLEGAL WIRING AND A MYRIAD OF UNLAWFUL STRUCTURAL ADDITIONS,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

+ALTHOUGH NEWER BUILDINGS HAVE NOT YET HAD TIME TO DEGENERATE TO SUCH A WORRYING EXTENT, THERE ARE DISTURBING SIGNS OF EARLY DILAPIDATION IN CERTAIN AREAS, EVEN IN BUILDINGS LESS THAN TEN YEARS OLD,+ HE ADDED.

+THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM REVOLVES AROUND THE NATURE OF RESIDENTIAL OWNERSHIP IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

MOST PRIVATELY-OWNED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS ARE HIGH-RISE BLOCKS, HELD IN MULTI-OWNERSHIP BY SEVERAL OWNERS WHO HAVE DIFFERENT INTERESTS AND STANDARDS CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THEIR PROPERTIES, SAID MR WIGGHAM.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT QUITE OFTEN PROBLEMS WOULD ARISE OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF COMMON AREAS OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS.

+A LACK OF INTEREST IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT AMONG OWNERS LEADS INEVITABLY TO DILAPIDATION IN THE FABRIC OF BUILDINGS, AND THIS IS EXACERBATED WHEN OWNER-OCCUPIERS MOVE OUT AND ARE REPLACED BY TENANTS.+ SAID MR WIGGHAM.

+THESE TENANTS OFTEN HAVE NO INTEREST IN THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF A BUILDING AND, UNDERSTANDABLY, SEE PROBLEMS OF MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AS THE BUSINESS OF LANDLORDS,+ HE ADDED.

+THUS, A SPIRAL OF DECLINE SETS IN, WHICH IF LEFT UNATTENDED, CULMINATES IN THE PRODUCTION OF YET MORE SLUMS,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM NOTED THAT OVER THE YEARS THE GOVERNMENT HAD ENDEAVOURED TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION.

+FOR SOME YEARS NOW STRICTER APPLICATION OF TOWN PLANNING CODES AND BUILDING REGULATIONS HAS RESULTED IN MORE APPROPRIATE SITE DEVELOPMENT RATIOS AND INCREASED CONTROL OVER THE ENVIRONMENT.

+IN ADDITION, MODERN LEASEHOLD CONDITIONS INCLUDE MORE STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS IN RELATION TO THE MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTY,+ HE SAID.

+CLOSELY RELATED TO THIS IS THE REQUIREMENT IN MANY LEASES TO HAVE AN ACCEPTABLE DEED OF MUTUAL COVENANT PREPARED BY DEVELOPERS, TO ENSURE PROPER MANAGEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AFTER COMPLETION,+ HE ADDED.

A DEED OF MUTUAL COVENANT SETS OUT THE RIGHTS, DUTIES, LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE SELLER, THE FIRST PURCHASER AND A NOMINATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY. THE CONDITIONS SET OUT IN A DMC ARE BINDING ON ALL SUBSEQUENT PURCHASERS OF UNITS.

IN THIS REGARD, THE GOVERNMENT RECENTLY INITIATED A SYSTEM WHERE ALL NEW, NON-INDUSTRIAL LAND SALES WOULD REQUIRE TO HAVE A DEED OF MUTUAL COVENANT APPROVED BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, AS A CONDITION OF LEASEHOLD GRANT, SAID MR WIGGHAM.

+SUCH A DEED WILL HAVE TO CONTAIN A NUMBER OF STANDARD CLAUSES DRAWN UP BY GOVERNMENT TO SET A FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT,+ HE SAID.

+IT WILL BE DIFFICULT HOWEVER, TO RECTIFY DEFICIENCIES IN EXISTING COVENANTS, AS THIS WOULD REQUIRE SOME FORM OF RETROSPECTIVE LEGISLATION, AND SUCH A STEP COULD POSE PROBLEMS OF PRINCIPLE AS WELL AS PRACTICE,+ HE ADDED.

THE FORMATION OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS TO MANAGE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS WAS ANOTHER POSITIVE STEP THE GOVERNMENT TOOK TO IMPROVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, BUT THE SITUATION HAD BEEN FRUSTRATED BY INSUFFICIENT INTEREST AMONG OWNERS.

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATION) ORDINANCE, IT IS NECESSARY FOR OWNERS OF 50 PER CENT OF THE UNDIVIDED SHARES IN A BUILDING TO AGREE TO APPOINT A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THE DISTRICT COURT MAY, HOWEVER, ON APPLICATION FROM THE OWNERS OF NOT LESS THAN 20 PER CENT OF THE UNDIVIDED SHARES, ORDER A MEETING BE CONVENED TO APPOINT A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

+THE GOVERNMENT IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING AMENDING THE ORDINANCE TO MAKE THE FORMATION OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS EASIER AND LESS COSTLY.

+IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BE APPOINTED THE AUTHORITY TO PERMIT 20 PER CENT OF THE OWNERS TO CONVENE A MEETING TO FORM AN OWNERS CORPORATION.

+THIS WOULD REPLACE THE CURRENT JUDICIAL PROCESS, WHICH CAN BE TIME-CONSUMING AND COSTLY IN TERMS OF LEGAL FEES, AND WHICH HAS PROVED TO BE A DETERRENT TO PROSPECTIVE OWNERS CORPORATION MEMBERS,+ HE SAID.

FURTHER AMENDMENTS INCLUDE ELIMINATING THE LAND SEARCH FEES IN CONNECTION WITH ASCERTAINING THE IDENTITIES OF THE OWNERS OF A BUILDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AN OWNER CORPORATION, PROVISION OF RULES IN THE COMPOSITION AND PROCEDURES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND GENERAL MEETINGS, DISCRETION TO REMUNERATE OFFICE BEARERS OF THE CORPORATION, AND THE REQUIREMENT OF A TENDER TO PURCHASE GOODS AND SERVICES VALUED AT MORE THAN \$5 000.

TO SUPPORT AND ADVISE MANAGEMENT BODIES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ESTABLISHED DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAMS IN YAU MA TEI AND EASTERN DISTRICTS, MR WIGGHAM SAID.

+THESE TEAMS, STAFFED BY PROFESSIONAL HOUSING MANAGERS FORM PART OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT IN PROBLEMATIC BUILDINGS,+ HE SAID.

+UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DISTRICT BOARDS, THE TEAMS HAVE CARRIED OUT ADVISORY AND INSPECTION VISITS TO SOME 30 BUILDINGS IN EACH DISTRICT WITH THE AIM OF ASSISTING AND ADVISING MANAGEMENT BODIES TO IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF THEIR BUILDINGS,+ HE ADDED.

THE TEAMS ALSO PERFORM AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF AGENCY CO-ORDINATION WITHIN GOVERNMENT, SAID MR WIGGHAM.

AT PRESENT, SEVERAL UNRELATED ORDINANCES, ENFORCED BY SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS, APPLIED TO MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS AND A HIGH DEGREE OF INTER-AGENCY CO-OPERATION WAS REQUIRED TO ENSURE A CONCENTRATED AND EFFECTIVE APPROACH OF ENFORCEMENT, HE SAID.

+THIS ROLE IS CARRIED OUT BY THE TEAMS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE,+ HE ADDED.

+WE HOPE TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL TWO TEAMS IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR, AND TO ADD MORE AS RESOURCES PERMIT,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS FELT THAT BY SETTING OUT A LEGAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH OWNERS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO HELP THEMSELVES, ALONG WITH ACTIVE ADVICE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMMES SUPPLIED BY BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAMS, MUCH CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT RESORT TO LEGAL COMPULSION,+ SAID MR WIGGHAM.

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QUARTERLY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX PUBLISHED
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THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985, AT 132.1, WAS 12.4 POINTS OR 8.6 PER CENT LOWER THAN THAT IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, THE INDEX SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 7.5 POINTS OR 6.0 PER CENT. THE THIRD QUARTER IS NORMALLY THE PEAK SEASON FOR MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION TO MEET THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR DEMAND.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY SHOWED THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN PRODUCTION, BY 76.0 PER CENT, OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, TO MEET THE INCREASED IMPORT DEMAND FROM CHINA.

OTHER INDUSTRIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PRODUCTION OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 INCLUDED NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (+20.8 PER CENT), PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+19.9 PER CENT) AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR (+14.3 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, SEVERAL INDUSTRIES REPORTED DECLINES IN PRODUCTION OVER THE SAME PERIOD. THESE INCLUDED RUBBER PRODUCTS (-26.4 PER CENT), CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (-24.2 PER CENT) TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (-23.8 PER CENT), FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (-16.2 PER CENT), AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-11.3 PER CENT).

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 OCCURRED IN THE MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES CATEGORY. THE PRODUCTION INDEX FOR THE MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AS A WHOLE DROPPED BY 37.2 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, WITH A DRASTIC DROP IN THE DEMAND FOR PRECIOUS STONES, JEWELLERY AND FABRIC FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE FROM OVERSEAS MARKETS MORE THAN OFFSETTING A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE PRODUCTION OF IMITATION JEWELLERY.

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT SUCH COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, MOST INDUSTRIES RECORDED INCREASES IN PRODUCTION. THESE INCLUDED BEVERAGES (+19.3 PER CENT), PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+15.5 PER CENT), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (+14.7 PER CENT), PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (+13.3 PER CENT), AND TEXTILES (+10.6 PER CENT).

A FEW INDUSTRIES REPORTED SIGNIFICANT DECLINES IN PRODUCTION OVER THE PRECEDING QUARTER. THEY WERE RUBBER PRODUCTS (-19.2 PER CENT), CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (-9.8 PER CENT), AND NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (-7.3 PER CENT).

THE CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY WAS PARTICULARLY AFFECTED BY DECLINES IN ORDERS FROM THE UNITED STATES, EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND CHINA. COMMODITIES THAT RECORDED SIGNIFICANT DECLINES IN PRODUCTION IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984 AS WELL AS OVER THE PRECEDING QUARTER INCLUDED PORTABLE CASSETTE RECORDERS, DIGITAL CLOCK RADIOS AND ELECTRONIC POCKET CALCULATORS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO REFLECT THE LEVELS AND TRENDS OF OUTPUT IN REAL TERMS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VOLUME OF PRODUCTION IS MEASURED AFTER REMOVING THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE +REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, THIRD QUARTER 1985+.

THE PUBLICATION IS ON SALE AT \$3 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION SALES CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-7224504.

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Table 1 Summary table of quarterly indexes of industrial production by broad industry group, 3rd quarter 1982 to 3rd quarter 1985

(1981 = 100)

Broad industry group	Weight	1982			1983				1984				1985				
		1982	1983	1984	1982		1983		1984		1985						
		3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q			
1. Food, beverages and tobacco	34.8	100.7	110.9	119.0	112.5	106.7	94.5	105.0	121.5	122.6	102.9	122.8	126.6	123.6	125.6	133.6	145.1
2. Wearing apparel, except knitwear and footwear	251.3	99.6	106.0	113.8	95.6	113.5	89.6	109.8	108.8	115.6	104.3	114.1	115.9	120.7	95.3	97.1	104.6
3. Textiles (including knitting)	127.4	94.6	103.3	115.0	105.3	98.5	76.6	109.3	117.1	110.8	99.6	119.5	120.7	120.1	85.9	119.6	132.3
4. Paper products and printing	81.3	111.7	133.1	157.1	125.2	123.9	110.5	132.3	148.0	141.7	121.4	160.2	177.4	169.3	139.2	157.9	163.5
5. Chemical, rubber, plastic and non-metallic mineral products	10.0	106.9	120.8	160.1	120.2	106.6	92.9	129.5	138.3	122.6	113.2	153.0	199.9	175.1	134.6	163.9	181.0
6. Basic metals, fabricated metal products and non-electrical machinery	104.1	101.4	105.1	132.2	105.4	104.0	90.3	106.6	112.1	111.2	113.1	139.1	151.9	126.8	108.1	140.5	136.2
7. Electrical and electronic products, professional equipment and optical goods	216.2	99.7	123.2	133.5	101.3	109.5	93.6	123.5	133.5	142.2	109.3	126.7	143.0	155.1	118.8	129.1	129.7
8. Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	94.9	93.9	117.6	154.6	95.7	95.8	98.0	112.4	118.4	141.6	119.1	145.1	168.3	185.6	104.5	105.7	121.8
All manufacturing industries	1000.0	100.2	113.9	132.0	104.2	107.7	91.5	116.0	122.5	125.4	109.1	130.5	144.5	143.7	109.5	124.6	132.1

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Table 2 Quarterly indexes of industrial production by industry group, 3rd quarter 1982 to 3rd quarter 1985

(1981 = 100)

Industry group	Weight	1982			1983				1984				1985				
		1982	1983	1984	1982		1983		1984		1985						
		3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q			
1.1 Food	20.5	101.1	120.5	119.1	107.0	108.3	106.3	110.3	126.3	139.2	108.3	123.5	121.9	122.6	128.9	129.9	135.1
1.2 Beverage	9.6	106.5	98.0	109.5	140.5	102.4	61.9	106.6	128.3	95.1	74.7	124.4	140.2	98.5	80.7	112.8	134.6
1.3 Tobacco	4.7	86.8	95.3	137.9	79.2	108.7	109.4	78.9	86.5	106.4	137.1	116.3	119.2	178.9	203.2	191.9	209.8
2. Wearing apparel, except knitwear and footwear	251.3	99.6	106.0	113.8	95.6	113.5	89.6	109.8	108.8	115.6	104.3	114.1	115.9	120.7	95.3	97.1	104.6
3. Textiles (including knitting)	127.4	94.6	103.5	115.0	105.3	98.5	76.6	109.3	117.1	110.8	99.6	119.5	120.7	120.1	85.9	119.6	132.3
4. Paper and paper products	11.9	116.0	182.5	240.2	133.7	105.0	143.7	187.7	191.0	207.6	190.9	255.7	270.9	241.4	187.6	232.4	263.2
4.2 Newspaper printing, job printing and other printing	49.4	110.7	121.2	137.1	123.2	128.5	102.5	118.9	137.7	125.8	104.7	137.2	154.9	151.5	127.6	140.0	139.5
5.1 Chemicals and chemical products	15.1	97.8	125.3	133.2	95.6	103.4	105.2	132.2	131.0	132.7	124.8	116.3	147.9	143.6	148.5	153.9	164.5
5.2 Rubber products	3.2	119.3	134.6	150.4	118.2	131.0	103.3	121.6	140.1	173.3	108.5	141.1	158.3	193.7	99.6	144.1	116.5
5.3 Plastic products	81.1	107.0	121.1	174.0	124.9	101.4	89.6	132.0	143.3	119.3	114.0	168.0	225.0	189.1	139.0	174.0	199.6
5.4 Non-metallic mineral products	10.6	116.1	108.5	97.0	120.2	143.7	97.9	108.4	109.8	117.7	91.8	93.7	94.9	107.4	91.6	107.2	102.9
6.1 Basic metals	9.0	102.7	109.7	98.1	103.2	109.2	97.4	112.6	119.5	109.1	94.4	99.8	97.7	100.4	70.3	89.8	95.7
6.2 Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	77.0	99.0	95.9	138.1	104.1	101.8	81.5	94.8	104.2	103.0	114.1	146.9	165.9	125.6	110.0	142.8	139.0
6.3 Machinery, except electrical	18.1	110.8	141.9	124.2	112.2	110.8	124.1	154.1	142.3	147.1	118.4	125.2	119.5	133.6	118.8	155.7	144.3
7.1 Consumer electrical and electronic products	103.2	96.0	113.1	150.0	96.4	97.7	93.4	107.9	123.1	128.0	116.0	134.3	164.6	185.2	128.9	138.2	124.7
7.2 Electrical and electronic parts, accessories and machinery	60.3	90.3	114.3	105.0	93.0	97.6	78.4	118.5	123.1	137.0	87.5	105.8	110.8	115.9	95.6	101.6	107.7
7.3 Professional and scientific equipment, photographic and optical goods, watches and clocks	52.7	117.5	153.2	133.8	120.5	146.1	111.3	159.6	165.9	176.1	121.1	135.8	137.5	140.9	125.5	142.7	164.8
8.1 Leather products and footwear (except rubber, plastic and wooden footwear)	12.2	69.0	72.8	67.9	69.6	65.9	51.4	70.8	74.5	94.4	60.7	74.3	65.2	71.3	50.3	69.8	74.5
8.2 Wood and cork products, and furniture and fixtures (except primarily of metal)	18.5	84.5	83.1	83.7	83.9	85.8	69.9	87.5	85.4	89.7	85.1	81.8	85.0	83.0	87.9	83.3	83.6
8.3 Transport equipment	27.0	107.3	98.5	133.2	101.6	98.2	83.8	95.0	98.0	117.2	111.7	118.4	155.3	147.5	109.2	112.6	118.4
8.4 Miscellaneous manufacturing industries, n.e.c.	37.2	97.0	163.3	233.8	105.9	108.8	137.5	151.0	164.1	200.5	160.6	219.2	252.9	302.3	127.2	123.7	158.8
All manufacturing industries	1000.0	100.2	113.9	132.0	104.2	107.7	91.5	116.0	122.5	125.4	109.1	130.5	144.5	143.7	109.5	124.6	132.1

COMPULSORY INSPECTION OF PRE-1977 VEHICLES
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GOODS VEHICLES, SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES AND TRAILERS MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1977 WHICH REQUIRE A NEW LICENCE ON OR AFTER JUNE 1 THIS YEAR WOULD HAVE TO UNDERGO EXAMINATION BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE LICENCE IS RENEWED.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE MEASURE WOULD COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW (FEBRUARY 21). AT PRESENT, VEHICLES IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES ARE REQUIRED TO PASS A TEST BEFORE RELICENSING ONLY IF THEY ARE MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1976.

HE SAID A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS WOULD BE ISSUED TO GOODS VEHICLES, SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES AND TRAILERS WHICH HAVE PASSED THE EXAMINATION AT THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE AT CHEUNG YIP STREET, KOWLOON.

+THE CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE PRODUCED FOR LICENCE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS BUT ONLY THOSE ISSUED WITHIN FOUR MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEW LICENCE WILL BE CONSIDERED VALID,+ HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR VEHICLE EXAMINATION ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL LICENSING OFFICES AND VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND VEHICLE OWNERS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE EARLY APPOINTMENTS TO AVOID INCONVENIENCE WHEN THEIR LICENCES EXPIRE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7597505.

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EXHIBITION ON UC ELECTION STARTS TOMORROW
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A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION TO PUBLICISE THE MARCH 6 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE LOBBY OF HENNESSY CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY BEGINNING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

+IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THE EXHIBITION, WAN CHAI RESIDENTS WILL KNOW MORE ABOUT THE WORK OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE VARIOUS FACILITIES AND SERVICES IT PROVIDES IN THE DISTRICT SO THAT MORE REGISTERED VOTERS WILL VOTE IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS,+ WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, SAID.

APART FROM INTRODUCING THE URBAN COUNCIL, EACH OF THE TWO CANDIDATES, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN AND DR ALBERT CHEUNG CHI-PIU, WILL BE ALLOCATED AN EXHIBITION PANEL TO DISPLAY THEIR PLATFORMS.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION MAY ALSO TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WAN CHAI DISTRICT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL BY TAKING PART IN A COMPUTER GAME.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED BETWEEN 10.30 AM AND 9 PM.

TO FURTHER PUBLICISE THE ELECTION, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS PRINTED POSTERS, MOUNTED PUBLICITY BANNERS AND RE-DECORATED THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S SHOW WINDOW.

PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS HAVE ALSO BEEN PRINTED AND WILL BE MAILED TO SOME 60 000 REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE DISTRICT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

THE TWO CANDIDATES WILL ALSO ATTEND A PUBLIC FORUM TO BE HELD ON MARCH 2 AT 2 PM AT THE LADY TRENCH AUDITORIUM OF THE DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING IN HENNESSY ROAD.

TWO TRAMS DECORATED WITH PUBLICITY POSTERS WILL TRAVEL DAILY BETWEEN HAPPY VALLEY AND KENNEDY TOWN FROM MARCH 1 TO MARCH 6. A BROADCASTING VAN CALLING ON THE ELECTORS TO VOTE WILL ALSO TOUR THE DISTRICT ON MARCH 3 AND 4.

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RC TO BECOME NEW LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY IN NT
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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IS TO TAKE OVER FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD AS THE LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS WHEN IT COMES INTO BEING ON APRIL 1.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HEADQUARTERS) OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR GEOFFREY ORR, AT A MEETING TODAY OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

AT THE MEETING, IT WAS DECIDED THAT A LICENSING SCHEME BASED ON THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES NOW FOLLOWED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD SHOULD BE ADOPTED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL ALSO ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO SEND A DELEGATION TO SINGAPORE IN AUGUST ON A STUDY VISIT.

THE SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL, MRS PAMELA TAN, SAID THE VISIT WOULD ESTABLISH AND EXTEND THE COUNCIL'S OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES IN OTHER CITIES AND ENABLE MEMBERS TO ENGAGE IN FRUITFUL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND VIEWS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

SHE ADDED THAT SINGAPORE IS CHOSEN BECAUSE, LIKE HONG KONG, IT IS A CITY STATE WITH AN EXPORT-ORIENTED ECONOMY AND THE SIZE OF ITS POPULATION AND AREA ARE COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF HONG KONG.

ON THE SUBJECT OF BILLIARD CLUBS IN NON-URBAN AREAS, THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO CONSULT THE HEUNG YEE KUK, THE NINE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THE NEED AND WAYS OF CONTROLLING THEM.

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POPULATION IS 5 466 900
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THE ESTIMATED POPULATION OF HONG KONG AT THE END OF DECEMBER 1985 WAS 5 466 900, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 69 400 PERSONS OR 1.3 PER CENT OVER END-1984.

THE BALANCE OF TOTAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES SHOWED A NET INFLOW OF 18 110 PERSONS DURING 1985.

THERE WERE 76 598 BIRTHS LAST YEAR. DEATHS TOTALLED 25 323. NATURAL INCREASE, I.E. THE SURPLUS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS AMOUNTED TO 51 275, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 74 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION GROWTH.

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ANIMAL WASTE POLLUTION CONTROL TO BE DISCUSSED
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION CAUSED BY ANIMAL WASTES AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR NIGEL SHIPMAN, SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR ROBIN JORDAN, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR CHOI CHI-CHUNG, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING PROPOSED MEETING DATES OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES FOR 1986-87, APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR HOLDING A SPRING CARNIVAL IN AP LEI CHAU ESTATE AND FOR CARRYING OUT MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN LAN LAI BAY.

BOARD MEMBER MR WALTER SULKE WILL ASK ABOUT THE MONITORING OF THE AIR QUALITY IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS ON MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMITTEES, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM AT NO.7-11, NAM NING STREET, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, HONG KONG.

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FORUMS FOR CANDIDATES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE FOUR OPEN FORUMS FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FOR CANDIDATES VYING FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SEAT IN THE FORTHCOMING URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FOUR FORUMS, BEING HELD BECAUSE OF THE EXTENSIVE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF THE CONSTITUENCY, WILL BE HELD IN WAH FU, STANLEY, ABERDEEN AND WONG CHUK HANG.

THREE CANDIDATES, MR JOSEPH CHAN, MR TENNY HUNG AND MISS YEUNG CHUI-CHUN, WILL SPEAK ON THEIR PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

THE DATES AND PLACES OF THE FORUMS, ALL TO BE HELD AT 8.30 PM, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
(1)	WAH FU COMMUNITY HALL	21.2.86 (FRIDAY)	WAH FU ESTATE
(2)	S.K.H. STANLEY VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	24.2.86 (MONDAY)	CARMEL ROAD, STANLEY
(3)	ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CENTRE	25.2.86 (TUESDAY)	180B ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD
(4)	TANG SHIU KIN PRIMARY SCHOOL	28.2.86 (FRIDAY)	WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE

+TO PUBLICISE THE FORTHCOMING URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL PRINT A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT WITH THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER ON FEBRUARY 25 TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS DURING THE FORUMS AND OTHER PUBLIC FUNCTIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+SOME 27 000 COPIES ARE BEING PRINTED TO INFORM RESIDENTS OF THE PLATFORMS OF THE CANDIDATES; THE URBAN COUNCIL'S STRUCTURE, SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT; THE LOCATIONS OF THE POLLING STATION AND DETAILS ON HOW TO VOTE,+ HE SAID.

BESIDE PUTTING UP BANNERS AND SENDING APPEAL LETTERS TO REGISTERED VOTERS, SPECIAL WINDOW DISPLAYS ARE BEING PUT UP AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S ABERDEEN AND WAH FU OFFICES TO HELP VOTERS BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CANDIDATES AND THE WORK OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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A BROADCASTING VAN WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT BETWEEN MARCH 3 AND MARCH 6 AND A BROADCASTING LAUNCH WILL TOUR THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER ON ELECTION DAY TO REMIND VOTERS TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S CANDIDATES FORUMS.

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OPEN FORUM FOR KWAI CHUNG CANDIDATES

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THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE A FORUM FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING IN THE KWAI CHUNG EAST CONSTITUENCY OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 22) AFTERNOON.

THE TWO CANDIDATES VYING FOR THE SEAT ARE MR CHAN VEN-VON AND MR LEE WING-TAT WHO WILL EXPLAIN THEIR PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS AT THE FORUM TO BE HELD AT 3 PM AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL IN LAI FONG STREET.

MR WONG MAN-TAI, AN UNCONTESTED CANDIDATE FOR THE KWAI CHUNG WEST AND TSING YI CONSTITUENCY, WILL ALSO ATTEND THE FORUM TO EXPLAIN HIS PLATFORM.

LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FORUM.

THE FORUM IS PART OF THE PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

OTHER PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES INCLUDE 30 000 COPIES OF A NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT ON THE ELECTIONS, WINDOW DISPLAYS ON THE WORK OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AT THE SEVEN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRES, AND A MINI-EXHIBITION. PUBLICITY BANNERS WILL ALSO BE PUT UP AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALSO ARRANGED THREE DOUBLE-DECKER KMB BUSES PAINTED WITH SLOGAN URGING RESIDENTS TO VOTE ON MARCH 6.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUM ON SATURDAY AT 3 PM AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL.

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BOARD MEMBERS SEE KMB OPERATIONS
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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY TO SEE ITS OPERATION.

LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, DR STEPHEN TANG, MEMBERS WERE FIRST BRIEFED AT THE KWAI CHUNG HEAD OFFICE.

THEY THEN TOURED THE COMPUTER CENTRE, TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOL AND MAINTENANCE DEPOT.

THE PARTY ALSO WENT TO THE LAI CHI KOK DEPOT AND VISITED THE RADIO CONTROL SECTION AND PASSENGER ENQUIRY SECTION.

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JACOBS VISITS KNITWEAR FACTORY
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY DESIGNATE, MR PIERS JACOBS, TODAY (THURSDAY) TOURED A KNITWEAR FACTORY IN KWAI CHUNG TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE INDUSTRY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR PETER JOHNSON, MR JACOBS VISITED THE HONG KONG MILO'S KNITWEAR FACTORY LIMITED WHERE HE WAS WELCOMED BY THE COMPANY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR FRANK LIN.

THE FACTORY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1969 AND IS EQUIPPED WITH HIGHLY-MECHANISED MACHINERY INCLUDING 50 COMPUTER-CONTROLLED FLAT KNITTING MACHINES. IT ALSO USED MICRO-COMPUTERS IN DESIGNING PATTERNS.

MILO'S KNITWEAR MAINLY PRODUCES WOOLLEN AND ARCYLIC KNITWEAR FOR EXPORT TO EEC COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY FRANCE, WEST GERMANY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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NEW ESTATE PROPOSED FOR SHAM SHUI PO
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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A NEW ESTATE ON THE SHAM SHUI PO RECLAMATION TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXTENDED REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROPOSED SELF-SUFFICIENT ESTATE WILL PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATIONS TO AFFECTED RESIDENTS FROM BLOCK 14, 15 AND 16 OF PAK TIN ESTATE, WHO WILL BE REHOUSED BEFORE MID-1989.

A SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR JONATHAN BOWER, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON RESULTS AND ANALYSIS OF AIR QUALITY MEASUREMENTS TAKEN BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY A LOCAL BODY ON THE DISTRICT'S STUDY ROOM FACILITIES, AND DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR STRICTER CENSORSHIP OF POP SONGS WITH OBJECTIONABLE LYRICS.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 39 TONKIN STREET.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING AS OBSERVERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DB MEETING AT 2 PM TOMORROW.

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MAKING A SHOW OF THE DISTRICT CAMPAIGN
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A MULTI-ACTIVITY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED WITH AN AUDIO-VISUAL SHOW ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 22) AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE SHOW FEATURES A SLIDE PRESENTATION, A VIDEO AND A PHOTO EXHIBITION ILLUSTRATING THE WORK OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT AND INFORMATION ON VOTING PROCEDURES FOR THE MARCH 6 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THE SHOW WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW WORLD CENTRE FROM FEBRUARY 22 TO 26, AND IN THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE FROM MARCH 1 TO 3.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$155 000 FOR PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMPAIGN.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID THE AIM WAS TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

AND TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PARTICIPATION, THE ACTIVITIES WERE ARRANGED TO SUIT DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS THROUGH A VARIETY SHOW AT THE KOWLOON PARK ON MARCH 1.

ORGANISED BY COMMERCIAL RADIO, THE SHOW WILL START AT 2 PM WITH QUIZZES AND PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN LOCAL SINGERS.

A PARADE OF CARTOON CHARACTERS TO BE HELD ON MARCH 2 WILL HIGHLIGHT THE CAMPAIGN.

FIVE CARTOON CHARACTERS WILL TOUR YAU MA TEI DISTRICT IN A DECORATED OPEN-TOP BUS TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE. THEY WILL STOP AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS TO DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY LEAFLETS AND SOUVENIRS TO PEOPLE.

IN ADDITION, ABOUT 500 MEMBERS FROM AREA COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WILL BE TREATED TO A DAY OF FUN AT FANASY LAND IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AUDIO-VISUAL SHOW TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 22), AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI. DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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MONG KOK SEMINAR ON HAWKER POLICIES
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A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FOR RESIDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON HAWKER AND MARKET POLICIES.

THE DOCUMENT WAS PUBLISHED BY THE WORKING PARTY OF THE URBAN COUNCIL MARKET AND STREET TRADERS SELECT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW HAWKERS AND RELATED POLICIES.

ORGANISED BY A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP FORMED UNDER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, THE SEMINAR IS PART OF AN EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION PROGRAMME TO SEEK VIEWS ON HAWKERS.

+THE BOARD FOUND IT NECESSARY TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH STUDY OF THE DOCUMENT AS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSALS WOULD GREATLY AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND HAWKING ACTIVITIES OF MORE THAN 6 000 HAWKERS IN THE DISTRICT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS AND SHOP OPERATORS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR. A MEMBER OF THE URBAN COUNCIL WORKING PARTY AND AN OFFICIAL FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BRIEF PARTICIPANTS ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE DOCUMENT AND WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE CONVENED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND A MEMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR CLEMENT TAO AND MR JACOB CHAN.

MEANWHILE, INFORMATION FROM AN OPINION SURVEY OF 800 HAWKERS AND SHOP OPERATORS ON EXISTING HAWKER POLICIES AND THE PROPOSALS OF THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ARE BEING ANALYSED AND TABULATED.

THE FINDINGS, TOGETHER WITH COMMENTS COLLECTED FROM THE SEMINAR, AND DISCUSSIONS DURING THE SIX AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WILL BE COMPILED INTO A REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CONSIDERATION DURING A SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 21.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR TOMORROW AT 6 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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MORE SPORTS FACILITIES AT HOLIDAY VILLAGE
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WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH ON MORE SPORTS FACILITIES AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE IN SAI KUNG, FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF A \$3.14 MILLION CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE TWO BADMINTON COURTS, TWO SQUASH COURTS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

EXISTING FACILITIES AT THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE INCLUDE AN ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTRE, A MINI-GOLF COURSE, AN ARCHERY RANGE, ROLLER SKATING AND ARTIFICIAL ICE SKATING RINKS, AN INDOOR RECREATION HOUSE, TWO TENNIS COURTS, A SWIMMING POOL AND A CLUB HOUSE.

THE CONTRACT UNDER PHASE IIB OF THE VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME WAS AWARDED BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO CHUNG SHING CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

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EXHIBITION ON CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS
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TEN SECONDARY AND THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE SCHOOLS RESEARCH PROJECTS ON CIVIC EDUCATION ORGANISED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE CIVIC EDUCATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

THE PROJECTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE HA KWAI CHUNG GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN HING SHING STREET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FROM 3 PM TO 5 PM AND ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 22) FROM 9 AM TO 4.30 PM.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS HAVE USED VISUAL MATERIALS, FIGURES AND STATISTICS, GAMES ACTIVITIES AND DISPLAY BOARD TO ILLUSTRATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 3 PM AT THE HA KWAI CHUNG GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL SCHOOL. DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING; AND SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG), MR WONG SHIU-GAN WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1986

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LOOP ROAD TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC
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VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC IN THE WESTERN PART OF KOWLOON WILL BE IMPROVED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LOOP ROAD IN KAU WAH KENG.

WORK ON THIS \$36 MILLION PROJECT WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROAD AND FOOTPATHS TO THE NORTH OF THE LAI CHI KOK AMUSEMENT PARK, LINKING LAI KING HILL ROAD TO LAI WAN ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, LARGE SECTIONS OF THESE TWO ROADS WILL ALSO BE WIDENED AND IMPROVED.

IN ADDITION, A TWIN BOX CULVERT UNDER THE NEW ROAD AND SLOPE PROTECTION MEASURES IN THE WORK AREA WILL BE PROVIDED.

WORK WILL BEGIN AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN TWO YEARS.

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SHORTER OPERATING HOURS FOR PARKING METERS
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THE OPERATING HOURS FOR GOODS VEHICLE METERED PARKING SPACES IN THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA WILL BE SHORTENED FROM THE EXISTING 8 AM-MIDNIGHT TO 8 AM-8 PM WITH EFFECT FROM NEXT MONDAY (FEBRUARY 24), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THIS FOLLOWED A RECOMMENDATION BY A CONSULTANCY FIRM THAT GOODS VEHICLES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PARK IN INDUSTRIAL ZONES SO AS TO REDUCE THE DEMAND FOR PARKING SPACES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

A SIMILAR PROPOSAL WAS MADE BY THE MANUFACTURERS IN KWUN TONG.

THE DEPARTMENT FOUND THAT THE SCHEME COULD BE TRIED OUT IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS WHICH WERE ISOLATED FROM THE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PREMISES.

THE PROPOSAL WAS ALSO ENDORSED BY THE KOWLOON REGIONAL ROAD USE GROUP AND A NUMBER OF ROADS IN KWUN TONG WERE DESIGNATED AS SITES FOR THE PILOT SCHEME IN KOWLOON.

THEY ARE HUNG TO ROAD, TSUN YIP STREET, CHONG YIP STREET, HOW MING STREET, HING YIP STREET, HOI BUN ROAD AND SHING YIP STREET.

THE SCHEME WOULD BE EXTENDED TO OTHER INDUSTRIAL AREAS IF IT PROVED SUCCESSFUL, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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