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HOUSING AUTHORITY STRIVES TO BUILD BETTER PUBLIC HOUSING

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF ITS CONSTRUCTION WORK TO ACHIEVE BETTER AND MORE DURABLE PUBLIC HOUSING, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (CONSTRUCTION), MR DEREK MESSLING, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S STEEL TESTING LABORATORY IN CHEUNG SHA WAN, MR MESSLING SAID A GREAT DEAL OF PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN MANY ASPECTS OF QUALITY CONTROL SINCE THE OPENING OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCRETE TESTING LABORATORY IN 1985.

HE SAID THE CONCRETE LABORATORY, BY ITS VERY ADVANCED EQUIPMENT AND THE SKILL AND DEDICATION OF ITS STAFF, WAS NOW ACTING AS A BENCH MARK AND AS A POLICING AGENCY IN REGARD TO PRIVATE LABORATORIES EMPLOYED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

"THE EFFECTS OF THIS ARE ALREADY NOTICEABLE IN BOTH ENCOURAGING CONCRETE SUPPLIERS TO TAKE ACTION TO UPGRADE THEIR OWN QUALITY ASSURANCE SCHEMES, AND IN ENSURING THAT PRIVATE LABORATORIES PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY SERVICE," HE SAID.

AS REGARDS THE NEW STEEL TESTING LABORATORY, MR MESSLING SAID ITS FULLY COMPUTERISED EQUIPMENT, COSTING \$4 MILLION, WAS THE MOST ADVANCED OF ITS TYPE AND A FIRST FOR HONG KONG.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD NOW BE ABLE TO TEST THE PROPERTIES OF STEEL BUILDING PRODUCTS IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT BRITISH STANDARDS, HE NOTED.

MR MESSLING ADDED THAT THE QUALITY ASSURANCE OF REINFORCING STEEL WAS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE SINCE THE AUTHORITY'S PROGRAMME CONSUMED 150 000 TONNES A YEAR.

HE ALSO REVEALED THAT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE AUTHORITY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE CAPABILITY WOULD BE DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE DESIGN OF THE NEW HARMONY BLOCKS, AND TO GREATLY EXPAND THE NUMBER OF BUILDING COMPONENTS MANUFACTURED OFF SITE.

HE SAID: "WE SHALL BE SEEKING TO CREATE AN APPRECIATION WITHIN THE INDUSTRY THAT IF IT IS TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE AUTHORITY IN THE FUTURE, THEN IT WILL ONLY DO SO IF ITS PRODUCTS MEET OUR SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS."

SUPPLIERS OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS WOULD FIRSTLY BE ENCOURAGED AND ULTIMATELY BE DEMANDED TO SET UP THEIR OWN QUALITY MANAGEMENT SCHEMES.

HE HOPED THAT IN THE FUTURE THE AUTHORITY WOULD NOT HAVE TO RELY ON INSPECTING AND FINDING ANY FAULTS AT THE COMPLETION STAGE OF A PROJECT, AS QUALITY MUST START AT THE BEGINNING WITH THE MANUFACTURE OF COMPONENTS AND MATERIALS, AND CONTINUE RIGHT THROUGH THE WHOLE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS.

THE MAJOR FUNCTION OF THE STEEL TESTING LABORATORY IS TO TEST THE STRENGTH, HARDNESS AND DUCTILITY OF STEEL BARS, PRESTRESSING WIRES, STRUCTURAL SECTIONS AND BOLTS.

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CP OPENS NEW TEACHING BLOCK

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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING, TODAY (THURSDAY) OPENED THE NEW TEACHING BLOCK OF THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR ANNING SAID THAT THE \$35 MILLION COMPLEX WOULD ASSIST THE FORCE TO MAINTAIN HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF TRAINING AT A TIME WHEN THE NUMBERS OF OFFICERS TO BE TRAINED WERE AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH.

MR ANNING NOTED THAT WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW BLOCK, MOST JUNIOR OFFICERS UNDERGOING BASIC TRAINING COULD NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME BE ACCOMMODATED IN PURPOSE-BUILT, FULLY EQUIPPED AND AIR-CONDITIONED CLASSROOMS.

"THIS IS AN IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENT THAT WILL SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE THE STUDY ENVIRONMENT FOR THESE OFFICERS," SAID MR ANNING, ADDING THAT IT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS THAT THE PUBLIC OF HONG KONG RIGHTLY DEMANDED OF ITS POLICE FORCE.

THE NEW TEACHING BLOCK HAS TAKEN 11 YEARS TO COMPLETE THROUGH ITS PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASES, AND PROVIDES SOME 10,000 SQUARE METRES OF ACCOMMODATION TO THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

CONSISTING OF EIGHT STOREYS, THE BUILDING HAS 36 CLASSROOMS, A 264-SEAT AUDITORIUM, TWO EXAMINATION HALLS, A LIBRARY AND A TV STUDIO.

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GOVERNOR VISITS MICROCOMPUTER MANUFACTURER

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED WYSE TECHNOLOGY (HONG KONG) LIMITED IN TUEN MUN TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN COMPUTER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, AND THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K. Y. YEUNG.

AFTER BEING RECEIVED BY THE COMPANY'S DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER, MR GARWING WU, SIR DAVID TOURED THE 10-STORY PLANT WHICH MANUFACTURES MICROCOMPUTER AND MICROPROCESSOR-BASED COMPUTER PRODUCTS, MAINLY FOR MARKETS IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

THE GOVERNOR WAS IMPRESSED BY THE MATERIAL FLOW AUTOMATION SYSTEM INSTALLED THERE, DESPITE LIMITATIONS ON BOTH FLOOR AREA AND CEILING HEIGHTS OF THE PLANT.

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"IT SHOWS THAT EVEN MULTI-STORY FACTORY BUILDINGS, WHICH IS WHERE MOST MANUFACTURERS HAVE TO OPERATE IN HONG KONG, CAN BE ADAPTED TO AUTOMATED PRODUCTION LINES," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE WYSE TECHNOLOGY PLANT IN TUEN MUN HAS A MAXIMUM OUTPUT OF 3,000 MICROCOMPUTER SETS PER DAY.

WYSE TECHNOLOGY (HONG KONG) LIMITED IS A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF WYSE TECHNOLOGY INC, WHICH IS A PUBLIC COMPANY LISTED ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

THE COMPANY WAS HELPED TO SET UP IN HONG KONG IN 1987 BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S INVESTMENT PROMOTION DIVISION AND IS ALREADY THE TERRITORY'S LARGEST COMPUTER MANUFACTURER.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A TOUR OF THE FACTORY, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "LONG-TERM INVESTMENT FROM OVERSEAS IS PRECISELY THE SORT OF THING HONG KONG NEEDS TO SHOW THAT MAJOR COMPANIES DO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE TERRITORY AS BEING THE RIGHT PLACE TO MOVE THEIR FACTORIES TO.

"IT'S THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT, WE HAVE A FREE ECONOMIC SYSTEM, WE HAVE EXTREMELY GOOD COMMUNICATIONS, WE HAVE STAFF WHO ARE HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND HIGHLY MOTIVATED."

"THE FACT THAT A MAJOR COMPANY LIKE THIS HAS DECIDED TO MOVE ITS OPERATIONS TO HONG KONG GIVES ALL OF US, I THINK, CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO ATTRACT MORE SIMILAR INVESTMENTS," HE ADDED.

"THIS FACTORY IS VERY IMPRESSIVE AS BEING PRECISELY THE SORT OF INVESTMENT THAT WE WANT TO ATTRACT TO HONG KONG, AND THAT IS, IT'S HIGH-TECH, IT'S HIGHLY AUTOMATED, IT'S RIGHT AT THE TOP RANGE OF THE MARKET," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID IT WAS BOTH A CREDIT TO THE FACTORY AND TO THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION DIVISION OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT THAT THE COMPANY ONLY BEGAN OPERATIONS IN 1987 AND WAS NOW THE LARGEST PRODUCER OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS IN HONG KONG.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE SIMILAR HIGH-TECH INVESTMENTS FROM ELSEWHERE - THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN, EUROPE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

"IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE THEY COME FROM AS LONG AS THEY ARE OF HIGH QUALITY AND OF USE TO THE HONG KONG ECONOMY," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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SEMINAR ON PARTICIPATION IN HK'S ADMINISTRATION

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A HALF-DAY SEMINAR TO EXPLORE THE CHANGING ATTITUDE AND FORMS OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN HONG KONG'S ADMINISTRATION WILL BE HELD AT THE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 21).

ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, THE SEMINAR HOPES TO SUSTAIN AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY INTEREST IN CIVIC EDUCATION BY PROVIDING A FORUM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPANTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND SHARE EXPERIENCES ON THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND WAYS IN SOLVING THEM.

ABOUT 120 PARTICIPANTS REPRESENTING A WIDE SPECTRUM OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

THEY INCLUDE PEOPLE FROM THE MASS MEDIA, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, CIVIC EDUCATION BODIES IN THE DISTRICTS, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SECTORS, AND OTHER BODIES THAT ORGANISE ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS GENERATED FROM THE SEMINAR WOULD PROVIDE A VALUABLE REFERENCE FOR THE COMMITTEE IN FORMULATING PROPOSALS ON HOW TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION EFFECTIVELY IN FUTURE.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE SEMINAR INCLUDES GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND TWO PLENARY SESSIONS DURING WHICH KEY-NOTE SPEECHES WILL BE DELIVERED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHAN YING-LUN, AND DR LAU SIU-KAI OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

THEY WILL BOTH SPEAK ON THE SUBJECT OF THE CHANGING FORMS AND ATTITUDE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN HONG KONG'S ADMINISTRATION.

AFTER THE PLENARY SESSION, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS EACH DEALING WITH A DIFFERENT DISCUSSION TOPIC.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, DR DANIEL TSE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SEMINAR'S OPENING AT 8.30 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 8.30 AM AND 12.45 PM IN THE FANLING ROOM OF THE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI, ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 21).

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TRANSLATION WILL BECOME MORE IMPORTANT FOR HK

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TRANSLATION WOULD BECOME MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT IN THE YEARS TO COME AS HONG KONG WOULD FORGE CLOSER LINKS WITH CHINA AND OTHER COUNTRIES ECONOMICALLY, CULTURALLY AND POLITICALLY, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR RICKY FUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR FUNG WAS ADDRESSING A CEREMONY IN WHICH HE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 39 CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS WHO HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH BASIC TRAINING COURSES ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE LANGUAGE DIVISION OF HIS BRANCH.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS WOULD KEEP UP WITH THEIR GOOD WORK AND ENDEAVOUR TO COPE WITH THE NEW CHALLENGE AHEAD.

"THE CONTENTS OF THE BASIC TRAINING COURSE ARE BOTH SOLID AND COMPREHENSIVE, TAILORED TO MEET THE PRACTICAL NEEDS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR DAILY DUTIES," HE SAID.

MR FUNG ENCOURAGED THE NEWLY-RECRUITED OFFICERS TO BROADEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND IMPROVE THEIR PROFICIENCY.

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19 PASS MEDICAL EXAMINATION

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THE LICENTIATE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT 19 CANDIDATES HAD PASSED PART I OF THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS.

A TOTAL OF 138 CANDIDATES SAT THE MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTION PAPER ON PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE ON JANUARY 4.

PART II OF THE EXAMINATION, DESIGNED TO TEST THE CANDIDATES' ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES, WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 7 AND MAY 2.

IN ADDITION TO THE 19 SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FROM PART I, SEVEN OTHER CANDIDATES WHO FAILED PART II IN PREVIOUS YEARS WILL BE SITTING THIS PART OF THE EXAMINATION.

CANDIDATES MAY CHOOSE TO TAKE THE PART II LICENTIATE EXAMINATION ON EITHER DATE.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTES' GRADUATES WELL RECEIVED BY EMPLOYERS
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A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL FOUND THAT GRADUATES OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES CONTINUED TO BE WELL RECEIVED BY EMPLOYERS IN THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS.

THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF THE 5,400 FULL-TIME GRADUATES OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WAS ENCOURAGING.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT 67 PER CENT OF THEM WERE EMPLOYED WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION LAST YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

OF THOSE EMPLOYED, ABOUT HALF HAD TAKEN UP JOBS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES IN JULY, AND ABOUT 90 PER CENT WERE IN JOBS RELATED TO THEIR COURSE OF STUDY AT THE INSTITUTES, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE SURVEY ALSO FOUND THAT 39 PER CENT OF THE WORKING GRADUATES WERE EMPLOYED IN THE MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES, AND 55 PER CENT WERE IN THE COMMERCE AND SERVICE SECTORS.

THE REST WERE IN OTHER SECTORS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED BODIES AS WELL AS PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES.

NOTABLE INCREASES IN THE MONTHLY INCOME OF THESE GRADUATES WERE RECORDED COMPARED WITH THE FIGURES COLLECTED IN 1987.

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY SALARY WAS \$3,500 FOR THE TECHNICIAN LEVEL GRADUATES AND \$2,600 FOR THOSE AT CRAFT LEVEL, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 26 AND 28 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED THAT THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES PURSUING FURTHER FULL-TIME STUDIES HAD INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY TWO PERCENTAGE POINTS TO 27 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

NEVERTHELESS, ABOUT HALF OF THE EMPLOYED GRADUATES CONTINUED TO ENROL IN PART-TIME STUDY AT THE POLYTECHNICS OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

MANY OF THEM SAID THE COURSES WERE RELATED TO THEIR FORMER STUDIES AND USEFUL TO THEIR PRESENT EMPLOYMENT.

ANOTHER 36 PER CENT OF THE EMPLOYED CRAFT LEVEL GRADUATES HAD ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS, THE SURVEY SHOWED.

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NEED FOR MONITORING BODY ON SAHR BEING CONSIDERED

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFICALLY ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION TODAY (THURSDAY) FURTHER CONSIDERED THE NEED FOR A MONITORING BODY ON SCIENTIFICALLY ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION (SAHR).

MEMBERS CONSIDERED ISSUING AN INTERIM REPORT TO INVITE MORE PUBLIC OPINION IN THIS FIELD.

THE DRAFT FORMAT OF THE REPORT WAS APPROVED AT TODAY'S MEETING AND THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT WILL BE FINALISED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

MEMBERS ALSO CONSIDERED THE GENERAL ISSUE OF SEX SELECTION IN THE CONTEXT OF SAHR AND WILL BE LOOKING AT THE DETAILS OF ITS SOCIAL, CULTURAL, LEGAL AND MORAL ASPECTS AT THE NEXT MEETING.

"THE COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO WELCOME VIEWS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THEIR PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS ON SURROGACY, ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION BY DONOR," CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, DR LEONG CHE-HUNG, SAID.

"ANY COMMENTS AND OPINIONS CAN BE SENT TO US THROUGH THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, AT SECOND FLOOR, ST JOHN'S BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG."

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NOVEMBER ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED

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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN NOVEMBER 1988 SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1988 BUT REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN NOVEMBER 1987.

THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1988 WITH OCTOBER 1988, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND INCREASED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, PARTICULARLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. HOWEVER, A MODERATE DROP IN THE ORDERS POSITION WAS RECORDED FOR THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

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COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1987, THE ORDERS POSITION IN NOVEMBER 1988 INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE ORDERS POSITION DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, AND SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THE NOVEMBER 1988 LEVEL WAS LOWER BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1988 AND BY 6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1987.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1988 WITH OCTOBER 1988, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRIES, BUT DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1987, EMPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1988 DECREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND MODERATELY IN MOST OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, EXCEPT FOR THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY WHICH RECORDED A SLIGHT INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED DECREASED, IN MONEY TERMS, BY 1 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER 1988 WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1988, BUT INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1987.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1988 WITH OCTOBER 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS AND THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES AND SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, A SLIGHT INCREASE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WAS REGISTERED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1987, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN NOVEMBER 1988 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

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IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1988 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1988, BUT INCREASED MODERATELY OVER NOVEMBER 1987.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN NOVEMBER 1988 DECREASED MODERATELY WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1988 FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF BONUSES BY SOME FIRMS IN THE PRECEDING MONTH, BUT INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1987.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS SECTOR COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SERVICE SECTORS SURVEYED, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1988 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1988, BUT INCREASED MODERATELY OVER NOVEMBER 1987.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN NOVEMBER 1988 DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1988 FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF BONUSES BY SOME PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANIES IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1988 WITH NOVEMBER 1987, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE SERVICE SECTORS SURVEYED, PARTICULARLY IN BANKS AND HOTELS.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 TO 3 BELOW.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGES INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.

NEVERTHELESS, THESE ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1988 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8234820.

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TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF	CHANGE WHEN	COMPARED WITH
	NOVEMBER 1988	OCT. 88	NOV. 87
	(MONTHS)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.34	+1	*
WEARING APPAREL	4.73	+2	-3
TEXTILES	2.37	+1	-17
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2.41	-4	-9
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.71	+6	+9
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.16	+1	+3
OTHERS	4.21	+1	*

* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5%

TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 1988	
	CHANGE WHEN	COMPARED WITH
	OCT. 88	NOV. 87
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-1	-6
FOOD AND DRINKS	+1	-3
WEARING APPAREL	*	-6
TEXTILES	*	-5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-11	-19
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	+2	+1
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	*	-5
OTHERS	-1	-4
CONSTRUCTION#	*	+4
SERVICES	-	-
BANKS	+1	+4
HOTELS	+1	*
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*
OTHERS	+1	+12

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* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5%

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN NOVEMBER 1988	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH OCT. 88	NOV. 87
	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4,428	-1	+17
FOOD AND DRINKS	4,928	-5	+14
WEARING APPAREL	3,849	*	+15
TEXTILES	4,367	-1	+17
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4,203	-5	+21
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4,452	+3	+20
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	4,221	*	+19
OTHERS	5,703	-1	+16
CONSTRUCTION#	6,185	-6	+12
SERVICES	7,189	-3	+15
BANKS	7,031	*	+19
HOTELS	4,824	*	+19
PUBLIC UTILITIES	7,131	-7	+13
OTHERS	8,048	*	+10

* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5%

PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTES TO TABLES 1-3 : UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE FIRMS SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE FIRMS SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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REMINDER ON LEVY TO FINANCE SAFETY COUNCIL
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE LAW GOVERNING THE PAYMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL ONE PER CENT LEVY ON EVERY EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION INSURANCE POLICY PREMIUM HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE LEVY FORMS THE MAIN SOURCE OF FINANCE FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL WHICH WAS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

UNDER THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL ORDINANCE, INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE REQUIRED TO COLLECT THE LEVY FROM EMPLOYERS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL AND REMIT IT TO THE COUNCIL AFTER DEDUCTING A HANDLING CHARGE.

INSURANCE COMPANIES WILL BE INFORMING THEIR CLIENTS OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO PAY THE LEVY UPON RENEWAL OF POLICIES.

AN EMPLOYER WHO FAILS TO PAY THE LEVY AT THE TIME SPECIFIED IS LIABLE TO A SURCHARGE OF UP TO 10 PER CENT OF THE AMOUNT OF THE LEVY.

AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY OF FIVE PER CENT MAY ALSO BE IMPOSED IF THE SURCHARGE AND ANY OUTSTANDING LEVY ARE NOT PAID TO THE COUNCIL WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THE NOTICE BEING SERVED.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR NEW YEAR MARATHON
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PEOPLE AGED 16 OR OVER ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE NEW YEAR MARATHON ORGANISED AS PART OF THE 1989 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE MARATHON WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, AT THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR.

PARTICIPANTS WILL START THE EVENT AT A PAVILION AT THE JUNCTION OF SAI WAN ROAD AND MAN YEE ROAD.

THEY WILL RUN TO THE WEST COFFER DAM OF THE RESERVOIR AND THEN TURN BACK AND FINISH AT THE PAVILION.

THE COURSE FOR THE MALE DIVISION WILL BE ABOUT 6.6 KILOMETRES WHILE THAT FOR THE FEMALE DIVISION WILL BE FIVE KILOMETRES.

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THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRANTS IN THE MALE AND FEMALE DIVISIONS WILL BE 250 AND 100 RESPECTIVELY.

WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES AND ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A SOUVENIR.

THE MARATHON IS ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS FEBRUARY 10. ENTRY IS FREE.

FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (SAI KUNG OFFICE), BOTH IN THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, CHAN MAN STREET.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON 3-7924149.

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MOCK DB MEETINGS FOR SSP RESIDENTS

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FORTY PEOPLE FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT WILL OBTAIN AN INSIGHT INTO THE ROLES OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WHEN THEY TAKE PART IN TWO MOCK DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 21).

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND ALSO PEOPLE WHO WORK IN SHAM SHUI PO. THEY WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS, EACH OF 20, AND WILL DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH HAVE BEEN EXAMINED BY THE BOARD.

THE TOPICS CHOSEN FOR THE MOCK MEETINGS ARE THE LIBERALISATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CENTRES AND THE LOITERING LAW.

IN ORDER TO MAKE THE MEETINGS AS SIMILAR TO REAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS AS POSSIBLE, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN REAL DISTRICT BOARD PAPERS FOR REFERENCE DURING THEIR DISCUSSIONS.

THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK, AND DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHOI WAN-HOE, WILL PRESIDE AT THE TWO MEETINGS.

POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR PANG KUI-SAN, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR JIMMY CHAN, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO ANSWER PARTICIPANTS' QUERIES.

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AFTER THE MEETINGS, PARTICIPANTS WILL REVIEW THEIR PERFORMANCE AND SHARE EXPERIENCE, WHILE MR CHOI WILL OFFER HIS COMMENTS.

THE FUNCTION, ORGANISED AS PART OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL BY THE DISTRICT'S COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, AIMS AT ENABLING THE PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S FUNCTIONS AND OPERATION.

IT IS ALSO PART OF THE COMMITTEE'S YEAR-ROUND EFFORT IN PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ORGANISING A TALK ON JANUARY 24 ON SERVICES OFFERED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MOCK DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8.45 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 21) AT THE HOLIDAY INN GOLDEN MILE, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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TWO-DAY OPEN DANCE CONTEST STARTS ON SATURDAY
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A TOTAL OF 77 TEAMS WILL TAKE PART IN THE 18TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 21) AND SUNDAY (JANUARY 22) IN KWUN TONG.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION. IT IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO CHILDREN, YOUTH AND OPEN SECTIONS. PARTICIPANTS CAN PERFORM A DANCE OF THEIR CHOICE, SUCH AS CLASSICAL, MODERN, ORIENTAL OR WESTERN.

THE WINNING GROUPS WILL BE INVITED TO PERFORM AT THE CITY HALL IN APRIL.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 7.30 PM ON SATURDAY AT THE NING PO NO. 2 COLLEGE IN SHUN TIN ESTATE, KWUN TONG. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CHINESE DANCE COMPETITIONS IN THE OPEN SECTION.

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OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR POON CHI-FAI; URBAN COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN, MRS ELSIE TU; AND THE PRESIDENT (DESIGNATE) OF THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB, MR LEUNG WAI-SUM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 18TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST, BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM, ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 21) AT THE NING PO NO. 2 COLLEGE IN SHUN TIN ESTATE, KWUN TONG.

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KEEP HK CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

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MEMBERS OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- * PROGRESS REPORT ON THE 1988-89 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES.
- * PROGRAMME FOR 1988-89 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31.
- * IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1989-90 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.
- * A CAMPAIGN ON THE DISCRIMINATE USE/REUSE/RECYCLING OF PLASTIC BAGS IN THE 1989-90 CAMPAIGN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBER, THIRD FLOOR, URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EDINBURGH PLACE, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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PERMANENT FLOWER BAZAAR TO BE DISCUSSED

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR PROVISION OF A PERMANENT FLOWER BAZAAR IN HONG KONG.

THE REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER IN VIEW OF THE RECENT ARREST OF SOME FLORISTS FOR ILLEGAL HAWKING AT THE FLOWER MARKET (FA HUI) IN KOWLOON BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL DUTIES TEAM.

THE ARREST HAS AROUSED CONCERN AMONG FLORISTS IN NORTH DISTRICT. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD SHOULD REFLECT VIEWS TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED FOR JOINT CONSULTATION REGARDING THE PROVISION OF A PERMANENT HAWKING PLACE FOR FLORISTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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YUEN LONG DB COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS FIFTH MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT ON THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO STUDY PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME AND THE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS CASTLE PEAK RD WORKS

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS IMPROVEMENT AND WIDENING WORKS REQUIRED FOR CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM THE PAK TIN PA SAN CHUEN FIRE WATCH TEAM.

REPORTS OF THE MA WAN FRESH WATER SUPPLY PROJECT AND VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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LONG SERVICE PAYMENT BRIEFING FOR COMMITTEE

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEFED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT AT A MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL WILL PRESENT A PUBLICATION ON "HOW TO ABATE AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION PRODUCED BY POLLUTING INDUSTRIES" FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS ON AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT SCHEME, PROMOTION OF AN INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE EXHIBITION AND A SURVEY ON LABOUR SHORTAGE IN THE DISTRICT WILL REPORT PROGRESS OF THEIR WORK.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KWAI CHUNG.

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SHA TIN LOT TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TO LET BY TENDER A GOVERNMENT LOT IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE 1,549 SQUARE-METRE LOT IN AREA 11 IS FOR STORAGE OF TENANT'S GOODS (EXCLUDING CONTAINER VEHICLES AND CONTAINERS).

THE LEASE IS FOR ONE YEAR AND RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NOT LATER THAN NOON ON FEBRUARY 3 THIS YEAR.

THE FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN.

THEY MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

THE TENDER PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE ABOVE OFFICES.

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TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN TRAM SERVICES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE EQUIPMENT RENEWAL AT CHIU LUNG STREET ELECTRIC SUB-STATION, TRAM SERVICES BETWEEN WAN CHAI (NEAR THE CHINESE METHODIST CHURCH) AND KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE REDUCED ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 22).

ALSO, THERE WILL BE NO THROUGH TRAM SERVICE FROM HAPPY VALLEY OR EAST OF CAUSEWAY BAY VIA CENTRAL TO WESTERN MARKET, WHITTY STREET AND KENNEDY TOWN.

HOWEVER, A SPECIAL TRAM ROUTE PLYING BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND KENNEDY TOWN WILL OPERATE AT SIX-MINUTE INTERVALS THAT DAY.

IN ADDITION, SERVICES ON BUS ROUTES 5B AND 10 WILL BE STRENGTHENED TO CATER FOR AFFECTED TRAM PASSENGERS.

NOTICES WILL BE PROVIDED AT TRAM STOPS TO INFORM TRAM PASSENGERS OF THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS.

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