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OVER 130 AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED

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MORE THAN 130 MAJOR AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP) WORKS CONTRACTS WILL BE AWARDED DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE, MR RAFAEL HUI, SAID.

SPEAKING AT A YEAR-END MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION TODAY (THURSDAY), MR HUI SAID 65 PER CENT OF THOSE CONTRACTS FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT WERE ESTIMATED TO COST OVER \$100 MILLION EACH.

"THE SUCCESS OF THE WHOLE ACP HINGES UPON THE INSTITUTION OF A STRONG PROJECT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WHICH IS CAPABLE OF ORGANISING AND SCHEDULING ALL OF THE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS INTO A WORKABLE WHOLE THAT TAKES FULL ADVANTAGE OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES; SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THE PROGRAMME CAN BE COMPLETED ON TIME AND WITHIN BUDGET," HE SAID.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 1992, MR HUI SAID A MORE OUTREACHING AND AGGRESSIVE APPROACH WOULD BE ADOPTED IN INVOLVING THE PUBLIC IN THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS.

"WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO KEEP MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND INTERESTED PARTIES ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS THROUGH REGULAR PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION MATERIAL, ORGANISATION OF MOBILE EXHIBITIONS AND PARTICIPATION IN BRIEFINGS AND SEMINARS.

"CONSIDERATION WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMME AT THE GRASS-ROOTS LEVEL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

"SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, A NEW COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIVISION WILL BE SET UP TO PROMOTE GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS ON A WIDE-RANGING FRONT, BOTH LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS.

"THE DIVISION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISING WITH KEY COMMUNITY LEADERS AND GROUPS HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS AND ENHANCING THE FLOW OF INFORMATION WITH A VIEW TO KEEPING THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE UP TO DATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECTS," MR HUI SAID.

MR HUI SAID A GREAT DEAL OF PHYSICAL PROGRESS ON THE PROJECTS HAD BEEN MADE DURING THE PAST YEAR.

"THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING HAS GIVEN US THE CERTAINTY WE NEED TO GET ON WITH THE PROJECTS. IT ALSO PROVIDES A PRACTICAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH VARIOUS ISSUES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW AIRPORT CAN BE DISCUSSED BY PARTIES CONCERNED," HE SAID:

WORK ON THE NEW AIRPORT ITSELF WAS PROCEEDING WELL UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, SAID MR HUI.

"THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN IS NOW NEAR COMPLETION. THE PREPARATION OF AN ADVANCE WORKS AREA ON CHEK LAP KOK COMMENCED IN FEBRUARY 1991 AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY EARLY 1992.

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"TENDERS FOR THE MAIN SITE PREPARATION CONTRACT WERE INVITED IN EARLY NOVEMBER WITH A VIEW TO AWARDING THE CONTRACT IN MAY 1992. DETAILED DESIGN OF THE AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL COMPLEX SHOULD START AROUND MARCH 1992."

MR HUI SAID DEVELOPMENT STUDIES FOR TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN WOULD BE COMPLETED BY EARLY NEXT YEAR AND SITE FORMATION WORK WOULD START IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

"RECLAMATION WORKS IN WEST KOWLOON ARE WELL UNDERWAY AND THE FIRST PACKAGE OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS HAS COMMENCED ON DECEMBER 12, 1991," HE SAID.

AS REGARDS VARIOUS AIRPORT-RELATED TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, MR HUI SAID THEY WERE ALSO PROGRESSING WELL.

"INVITATIONS FOR TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTING THE TSING MA BRIDGE WERE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 16. ALL FOUR PREQUALIFIED TENDERERS HAVE SUBMITTED BIDS AND THE TENDER WILL BE AWARDED BY MID-1992.

"TENDERS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE KAP SHUI MUN BRIDGE AND THE MA WAN VIADUCT WERE ALSO INVITED IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND WORKS WILL COMMENCE IN LATE 1992.

"TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TAI HO SECTION OF THE NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY WERE INVITED ON DECEMBER 14 AND TENDERS FOR THE YAM O SECTION WILL BE INVITED IN EARLY 1992. BOTH THE ROUTE 3 (KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI SECTIONS) AND THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY ARE IN THE DETAILED DESIGN STAGE," HE SAID.

ON THE PRIVATISATION OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, MR HUI SAID SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT TENDERS WOULD BE CALLED IN EARLY NEXT YEAR.

"MEANWHILE, GOVERNMENT'S DISCUSSION WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION (MTRC) ON THE OPERATION OF THE AIRPORT RAILWAY IS ALSO NEARING COMPLETION AND IF EVERYTHING GOES SMOOTHLY, I EXPECT THAT THE PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MTRC WILL BE SIGNED BY MID-1992."

MR HUI SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS KEEN TO ENHANCE THE PUBLIC'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE ACP PROJECTS.

A RESOURCE CENTRE, WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP AT THE FRENCH MISSION BUILDING SINCE AUGUST 27 THIS YEAR, NOW HAS A COLLECTION OF MORE THAN 600 TECHNICAL REPORTS AND PAPERS ON THE AIRPORT AND PORT PROJECTS.

"THESE REPORTS AND PAPERS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO READ THEM. THIS FACILITY HAS PROVED TO BE POPULAR. MORE THAN 1,300 PEOPLE HAVE VISITED THE CENTRE SINCE ITS OPENING," HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION, A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE COMPRISING 50 MEMBERS FROM A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY WAS SET UP IN NOVEMBER, MR HUI SAID.

"THIS IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMME, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

"THIS COMMITTEE PROVIDES A VALUABLE FORUM FOR COLLECTING PUBLIC VIEWS ON THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS AND FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPLAIN THE PROJECTS TO THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO FOCUS ON ROAD SAFETY IN 1992

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A SERIES OF ROAD SAFETY ACTIVITIES WILL BE LAUNCHED NEXT YEAR TO BRING HOME THE MESSAGE THAT BOTH MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS MUST DO MORE TO MAKE THE ROADS SAFER, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR GORDON SIU KWING-CHUE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO THE MEDIA AT THE COMPUTERISED NEW KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE, MR SIU SAID A NUMBER OF "DOS AND DON'TS" FOR MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS WOULD BE PUBLICISED AT EVERY LEVEL, THROUGH PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL IN SCHOOLS, AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS THROUGH INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO TRAINEE DRIVERS.

"TRAFFIC SIGNS AND ROADMARKINGS HELP REGULATE THE EFFICIENT AND SAFE USE OF OUR ROADS," MR SIU SAID, "WE REGULARLY REVIEW THEIR DESIGN AND INTEND TO USE A HIGHER QUALITY REFLECTIVE MATERIAL ON SIGNS TO IMPROVE VISIBILITY AT NIGHT.

"WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING INTRODUCING A NEW COLOUR COMBINATION, WHITE ON GREEN, FOR SIGNS TO BE ERECTED ON EXPRESSWAYS. THE EXISTING DESIGN - WHITE ON BLUE - WILL BE RETAINED FOR MINOR ROADS AND LOCAL DESTINATIONS," HE ADDED.

"WE INTEND TO ERECT MORE DIRECTIONAL SIGNS ON MAJOR HIGHWAYS SO THAT MOTORISTS HAVE EARLY NOTICE FOR LANE SELECTION; AND WE INTEND TO PUT UP VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS ALONG SOME EXPRESSWAYS TO INFORM MOTORISTS OF ROAD CONDITIONS AHEAD," HE SAID.

ON THE SAFETY OF VEHICLES, MR SIU SAID THE POLICY WAS TO LOWER THE AGE LIMIT FOR ANNUAL INSPECTION OF ALL GOODS VEHICLES AND TRAILERS.

"THIS IS NECESSARY BECAUSE A WELL-MAINTAINED GOODS VEHICLES FLEET CAN HELP MINIMISE TRAFFIC DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY DEFECTIVE VEHICLES, AND REDUCE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS DUE TO MECHANICAL FAULTS. BY 1993, ALL GOODS VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO BE INSPECTED ANNUALLY BEFORE RELICENSING," HE SAID.

MR SIU SAID SOUND KNOWLEDGE OF TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS; PROPER HANDLING OF A VEHICLE; CLEAR PERCEPTION OF AND GOOD RESPONSE TO CHANGES IN ROAD CONDITIONS WERE VITAL ATTRIBUTES OF A GOOD AND SAFE DRIVER.

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"THESE ATTRIBUTES HAVE TO BE INCULCATED BEFORE A LEARNER DRIVER HANDLES THE FIRST CAR, AND REINFORCED REPEATEDLY THROUGH PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES AND REFRESHER TRAINING," HE SAID.

TURNING TO TRANSPORTATION, MR SIU SAID HONG KONG PEOPLE MADE AN AVERAGE OF 11.1 MILLION PASSENGER-TRIPS EVERY DAY. OF THESE, 9.7 MILLION TRIPS OR 87 PER CENT WERE MADE ON THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK OF BUSES, TRAINS, TRAMS, FERRIES, MINIBUSES AND TAXIS.

"OUR TARGETS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT MUST BE TO BRING RELIABILITY, COMFORT AND SPEED TO THE BUS NETWORK WHICH WILL REMAIN THE LARGEST PASSENGER CARRIER," HE SAID.

GOOD CUSTOMER RELATIONS IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF ANY PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMPANY. LAST YEAR, MANY PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATORS HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO SET UP AS MANY CHANNELS AS POSSIBLE TO ENHANCE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WITH CUSTOMERS.

"WE SHALL GO FURTHER NEXT YEAR. FIRST, WE SHALL WORK ON GETTING THE IMPORTANCE OF CUSTOMER RELATIONS ACCEPTED NOT ONLY BY MANAGERS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMPANIES, BUT BY ALL WITHIN THE ORGANISATION, AT EVERY LEVEL, BY STATION MASTERS, INSPECTORS, BUS CAPTAINS AND SO ON.

"SECOND, WE SHALL GO FORWARD, FROM CUSTOMER DIALOGUE, SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS TO ACTIVE ENCOURAGEMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, A PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMPANY MUST ESTABLISH A SYSTEM WHICH REWARDS AN EMPLOYEE WHO PROVIDES GOOD SERVICE TO HIS CUSTOMERS." HE SAID.

MR SIU SAID AN EXPERIMENTAL CORPS OF "KMB SERVICE AMBASSADORS" WILL BE FORMED BY KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY. ON A DISTRICT NETWORK BASIS, THE AMBASSADORS WILL ASSESS THE PERFORMANCE OF INDIVIDUAL BUS CAPTAINS AND STATION MASTERS FOR SELECTING A NUMBER WHO WILL BE REWARDED BY THE BUS COMPANY AND THE DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT INTENDED TO INCULCATE AND REINFORCE THE CONCEPT OF "CUSTOMERS ALWAYS COME FIRST" WHICH IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE SUCCESS OF ANY PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATOR.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF LANDFILL

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE WEST NEW TERRITORIES (WENT) LANDFILL, WHICH WILL BE THE FIRST OF THE THREE STRATEGIC LANDFILLS TO BE COMMISSIONED IN HONG KONG.

TENDER DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE PRE-QUALIFIED TENDERERS FOR THE PROJECT. THESE COMPANIES ARE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACTORS, CONSORTIA OR JOINT VENTURES WHICH WERE PRE-QUALIFIED IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR TO TENDER FOR ALL THE THREE STRATEGIC LANDFILLS.

WENT LANDFILL IS LOCATED AT NIM WAN IN WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES. IT WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF ABOUT 58 MILLION CUBIC METRES AND WITH A LIFE-SPAN OF ABOUT 25 YEARS.

THIS LANDFILL WILL BE COMMISSIONED IN EARLY 1993 AND WILL RECEIVE WASTE FROM WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES, AND CONTAINERISED WASTE FROM REFUSE TRANSFER STATIONS BY BOTH LAND AND MARINE TRANSPORT. A FIVE-KILOMETRE ROAD LINKING LUNG KWU TAN AND NIM WAN BEING CONSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE LANDFILL.

THE FUTURE CONTRACTOR WILL HAVE TO CARRY OUT THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS WHICH INCLUDE RECLAMATION AND EARTHWORKS, PROVISION OF AN IMPERMEABLE LINER AND INSTALLATION OF LEACHATE, GROUNDWATER AND LANDFILL GAS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.

THE CONTRACTOR IS ALSO REQUIRED TO OPERATE THE LANDFILL THROUGHOUT ITS LIFE AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RESTORATION AND AFTERCARE OF THE SITE.

UPON THE CLOSURE OF THE LANDFILL, THE CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO RECTIFY ANY SETTLEMENT AND LEAKAGE OF LEACHATE AND LANDFILL GAS.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE WHITE PAPER ON "POLLUTION IN HONG KONG - A TIME TO ACT" AND THE WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN FOR HONG KONG PUBLISHED IN 1989 HAS DETERMINED THE WASTE DISPOSAL STRATEGY.

THREE STRATEGIC LANDFILLS WILL BE DEVELOPED IN REMOTE PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH WILL BE SERVED BY A NETWORK OF REFUSE TRANSFER STATIONS DEVELOPED IN THE URBAN AREAS.

WASTE WILL BE DELIVERED TO THESE STATIONS BY REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES WHERE IT WILL BE COMPACTED AND CONTAINERISED BEFORE TRANSFERRING TO THE LANDFILLS.

THE WENT LANDFILL IS PLANNED TO RECEIVE WASTE FROM REFUSE TRANSFER STATIONS AT KOWLOON BAY, YUEN LONG, ISLAND WEST, ISLAND EAST, WEST KOWLOON, THE OUTLYING ISLANDS AND NORTH LANTAU.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE LANDFILL WILL BE DESIGNED, CONSTRUCTED AND OPERATED TO A VERY HIGH STANDARD AND STRINGENT ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN SPECIFIED IN THE TENDER DOCUMENT TO CONTROL LEACHATE, LANDFILL GAS, GROUNDWATER, SURFACE WATER, DUST, ODOUR AND NOISE NUISANCE TO THE SURROUNDING AREA.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS WOULD BE MONITORED TO ASSESS THE EXTENT OF THE IMPACT.

TENDERS WILL CLOSE ON MAY 1 NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS FOR THE OTHER TWO STRATEGIC LANDFILLS, NAMELY NORTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES (NENT) LANDFILL IN TA KWU LING AND SOUTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES (SENT) LANDFILL IN TSEUNG KWAN O, WILL BE INVITED NEXT YEAR.

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OCTOBER ORDERS-ON-HAND,  
EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FIGURES RELEASED  
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, BUT INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, ORDERS SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER LAST YEAR, THE ORDERS POSITION IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR IMPROVED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, FOLLOWED BY THE WEARING APPAREL, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

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 THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, BUT DECREASED BY 10 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, EMPLOYMENT IN OCTOBER INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER LAST YEAR, EMPLOYMENT IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR DECREASED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT DECREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY ONE PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR. PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED MODERATELY IN THE TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY. THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY REPORTED A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS, FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL PAYMENTS IN SEPTEMBER BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

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ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, A SLIGHT DECREASE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WAS RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY, WHILE LITTLE CHANGE WAS REPORTED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER LAST YEAR, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR. INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH SUBSTANTIAL PERCENTAGE INCREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR BUT DECREASED MODERATELY WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, DUE TO THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL BONUSES BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

THESE SPECIAL BONUSES ALSO AFFECT THE YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON OF OCTOBER THIS YEAR WITH OCTOBER LAST YEAR, WHICH SHOWS A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE.

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

IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL BONUSES IN SEPTEMBER BY SOME UTILITY COMPANIES.

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER LAST YEAR, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER.

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

THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT AS THE SURVEY SAMPLE COVERED ONLY THE LARGE COMPANIES, THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY NOT BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL SITUATION OF THE MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION AND THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SURVEY RESULTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE SECTORS IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR OCTOBER THIS YEAR IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE 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 \$4.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS CAN BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE 805 6441.

FOLLOWING ARE THREE TABLES SETTING OUT PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	AS AT THE END OF OCTOBER 1991 (MONTHS)	ORDERS-ON-HAND ----- CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH -----	
		SEP. 91 (%)	OCT. 90 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.37	*	+4
WEARING APPAREL	4.84	*	+6
TEXTILES	2.34	+2	+15
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2.58	-3	+12
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.21	*	+4
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.34	+1	+1
OTHERS	4.01	-1	-1

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

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 PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF OCTOBER 1991  
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INDUSTRY/SERVICES -----	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	SEP. 91 ----- (%)	OCT. 90 ----- (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES -----	*	-10
FOOD AND DRINKS	+1	-2
WEARING APPAREL	*	-5
TEXTILES	*	-13
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-1	-20
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	-7
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	*	-17
OTHERS	*	-2
CONSTRUCTION # -----	*	-7
SERVICES -----	*	-1
BANKS	*	+1
HOTELS	*	-5
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	-3
OTHERS	*	*

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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

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TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

NOTE: DUE TO THE POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF IRREGULAR PAYMENTS (B.G. BACKPAY OR SPECIAL BONUS), "PER CAPITA EARNINGS" FOR A GIVEN MONTH MAY BE SUBJECT TO RATHER VOLATILE FLUCTUATIONS FROM TIME TO TIME. THEREFORE, IT IS PARTICULARLY ADVISABLE, IN STUDYING PER CAPITA EARNINGS STATISTICS, NOT TO TAKE A GIVEN MONTH'S DATA IN ISOLATION, BUT TO MAKE REFERENCE TO DATA OVER A LONGER PERIOD.

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN OCTOBER 1991 (HK\$)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
		SEP. 91 (%)	OCT. 90 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	7,003	+1	+13
FOOD AND DRINKS	7,628	-2	+11
WEARING APPAREL	5,388	+3	+11
TEXTILES	6,572	+4	+19
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	7,145	-11	+21
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	6,905	*	+15
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	7,157	+4	+12
OTHERS	8,760	-1	+11
CONSTRUCTION #	10,445	+10	+25
SERVICES	11,405	-3	+13
BANKS	10,374	*	+9
HOTELS	7,228	+1	+9
PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,958	-6	+17
OTHERS	12,559	-1	+12

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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

NOTE TO TABLES 1 - 3 :

UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONG THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

NEW AMBULANCE-AID MOTORCYCLES TO COME INTO SERVICE

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EIGHT NEW AMBULANCE-AID MOTORCYCLES EQUIPPED WITH DEFIBRILLATORS AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT WILL BE PUT INTO OPERATION NEXT TUESDAY (DECEMBER 24).

THIS WILL BRING TO 15 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUCH VEHICLES SERVING THE PUBLIC IN THE FIRE SERVICES AMBULANCE COMMAND.

THE NEW MOTORCYCLES, AT \$190,000, ARE EQUIPPED WITH AUTOMATIC DEFIBRILATORS, ENTONOX ANAESTHETIC APPARATUS AND OXYGEN RESUSCIATORS.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS PREVIEW TO INTRODUCE THE NEW VEHICLES, CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER, MR CHEUNG CHAN-CHUNG, SAID: "THE MOTORCYCLES WERE FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1982 UNDER A TRIAL SCHEME AIMED AT PROVIDING SPEEDY TRANSPORT FOR AMBULANCEMEN AND EQUIPMENT TO GIVE STABILISING TREATMENT TO PATIENTS AND CASUALTIES BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF STANDARD AMBULANCES WHICH MAY BE DELAYED BY TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

"EARLY THIS YEAR, WHEN DEFIBRILLATION SERVICE WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN THE AMBULANCE SERVICE, SEVEN MOTORCYCLES WERE EQUIPPED WITH THE MACHINE.

"THE NEW MOTORCYCLES ARE HAVING SIMILAR DESIGN AND MODIFICATIONS BUT OF GREATER HORSE-POWER OF 650 CUBIC-CENTIMETRE TYPE. THE CURRENT MOTORCYCLES ARE OF 400 CUBIC-CENTIMETRE TYPE," MR CHEUNG SAID.

DEFIBRILLATION IS A PROCESS OF ABOLISHING FIBRILLATION RHYTHM TO RE-ESTABLISH NORMAL RHYTHM AND CONTRACTION OF THE HEART, ACHIEVED BY PASSING A CONTROLLED ELECTRIC CURRENT THROUGH THE HEART.

THE AMBULANCE-AID MOTORCYCLES ARE TO BE STATIONED IN 13 AMBULANCE DEPOTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

MR CHEUNG SAID THE NEW MOTORCYCLES HAD BEEN PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL, ADDING THAT IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, THE EXISTING MACHINES HAD ATTENDED OVER 6,000 EMERGENCY CALLS AND 5,164 PATIENTS.

"SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF DEFIBRILLATION ON JANUARY 28 THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 1,190 PATIENTS HAD BEEN TREATED BY THE DEFIBRILLATORS BY THE END OF NOVEMBER. OF THEM, 114 RECEIVED ELECTRIC SHOCK AFTER ANALYSIS, AND 45 PATIENTS WERE ABLE TO REGAIN THEIR PULSE WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT HOSPITALS.

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS DURING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD TO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY THE FESTIVE LIGHTINGS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID A NUMBER OF ROADS IN TSIM SHA TSUI WOULD BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AT CERTAIN HOURS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF PEDESTRIANS.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE PUBLIC TO EXERCISE RESTRAINTS, AND TO BE CONSIDERATE TO CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY.

HE ALSO CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO MAKE FULL USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT. THEY ARE STRONGLY ADVISED NOT TO USE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS AS MEETING PLACES FOR FRIENDS, SO THAT SMOOTH PASSENGER TRAFFIC CAN BE MAINTAINED.

MOTORISTS SHOULD DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. ILLEGAL PARKING OR WAITING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

TOWING ACTION WILL BE TAKEN WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE SHOULD PARKED VEHICLES CAUSED OBSTRUCTION.

THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TWO PHASES ON DECEMBER 24; AND DEPENDING ON TRAFFIC AND CROWD CONDITIONS, MAY ALSO BE ENFORCED ON DECEMBER 22, 23, 26, 30 AND 31.

IN PHASE ONE, WHICH IS FOR BUS DIVERSION, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM 8 PM ON DECEMBER 24 UNTIL 2 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING:

- (A) KOWLOON PARK DRIVE (SOUTHBOUND) JUNCTION WITH CANTON ROAD WILL BE RESERVED FOR FRANCHISED BUSES AND MAXICABS ONLY;
- (B) MIDDLE ROAD JUNCTION WITH KOWLOON PARK DRIVE WILL BE CLOSED;
- (C) GRANVILLE ROAD EAST OF CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY FOR FRANCHISED BUSES AND MAXICABS;
- (D) VEHICULAR ACCESS TO GRANVILLE ROAD JUNCTION WITH SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED; AND
- (E) RIGHT TURN FROM PEKING ROAD INTO KOWLOON PARK DRIVE WILL BE BANNED.

IN PHASE TWO, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE PEDESTRIANISED AND BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AS FROM 8 PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE UNTIL SUCH TIME WHEN REOPENING OF THESE ROADS ARE DEEMED APPROPRIATE:

- (A) PEKING ROAD BETWEEN CANTON ROAD AND KOWLOON PARK DRIVE;
- (B) ASHLEY ROAD SOUTH OF PEKING ROAD;
- (C) SALISBURY ROAD BETWEEN KOWLOON PARK DRIVE AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH;
- (D) HAIPHONG ROAD EAST OF LOCK ROAD;

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- (E) NATHAN ROAD SOUTH OF MODY ROAD;  
 (F) MODY ROAD BETWEEN CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD;  
 (G) MODY LANE JUNCTION WITH SALISBURY ROAD; AND  
 (H) SALISBURY ROAD WESTBOUND JUNCTION WITH THE U-TURN SLIP ROAD NEAR THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE.

AS A RESULT OF ROAD CLOSURE, TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THESE AREAS AND APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

MOST PARKING SPACES IN TSIM SHA TSUI AREA WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 2 PM ON DECEMBER 24 UNTIL 2 AM THE NEXT DAY.

DUE TO THE PHASED CLOSURE OF ROADS, VEHICULAR ACCESS TO ALL HOTELS AND CARPARKS IN THE AFFECTED AREAS WILL BE RESTRICTED FROM 8 PM UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 2 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. MOTORISTS WISHING TO GO TO THE HOTELS AND CARPARKS ARE ADVISED TO PARK THEIR CARS BEFORE 8 PM.

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## PARTIAL MOON ECLIPSE ON SATURDAY

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A PARTIAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON WILL BE OBSERVABLE IN HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 21) IF THE WEATHER PERMITS, A ROYAL OBSERVATORY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

DETAILS OF THE ECLIPSE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	HONG KONG TIME	AZIMUTH DIRECTION	ELEVATION (DEGREES)
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MOON ENTERS PENUMBRA	4.25 PM (SATURDAY)	NORTHEAST	-14
MOONRISE	5.37 PM	EAST-NORTHEAST	0
MOON ENTERS UMBRA	6 PM	EAST-NORTHEAST	5
MIDDLE OF ECLIPSE	6.33 PM	EAST-NORTHEAST	11
MOON LEAVES UMBRA	7.06 PM	EAST-NORTHEAST	18
MOON LEAVES PENUMBRA	8.41 PM	EAST-NORTHEAST	38
MOONSET	7.35 AM (SUNDAY)	WEST-NORTHWEST	0

THE ECLIPSE WOULD BEST BE OBSERVED IN PLACES WITH NO OBSTRUCTION OF SIGHT TO THE EAST-NORTHEAST.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS TIME 9.3 PER CENT OF THE MOON'S DIAMETER WOULD BE OBSCURED BY THE SHADOW OF THE EARTH AT THE MIDDLE OF THE ECLIPSE.

THE NEXT LUNAR ECLIPSE OBSERVABLE IN HONG KONG WOULD NOT OCCUR UNTIL DECEMBER 10 NEXT YEAR, HE ADDED.

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LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES INDUSTRIES PRAISED

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A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, MR ANDREW WONG, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID THAT LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES PRODUCE HAD PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN REGULATING THE SUPPLY AND PRICES OF THE TERRITORY'S FRESH FOODSTUFF.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE THIRD FARMERS' FESTIVAL AND THE TAI LUNG FARM OPEN DAY, MR WONG COMMENDED FARMERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AND DESCRIBED THEM AS HARD-WORKING PEOPLE WHO TOILED AWAY AND NEVER GRUMBLE.

"DESPITE PROBLEMS SUCH AS MARKET COMPETITIONS, SHORTAGE OF LAND AND MANPOWER, PRESSURES FROM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SO ON, THEY HAVE MADE CONTINUAL EFFORTS TO ENHANCE PRODUCTION EFFICIENCY AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR PRODUCE BY CONDUCTING TRIALS ON VARIOUS NEW TECHNIQUES AND INTRODUCING NEW VARIETIES AND MODERN MANAGEMENT METHODS," HE SAID.

"IN THIS REGARD, THE JOINT FEDERATION OF THE HONG KONG AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES PRODUCTION AND MARKETING SOCIETIES HAS PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES INDUSTRIES."

MR WONG, WHO HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SINCE 1988, SAID HE WAS GLAD TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SO MANY FRIENDS OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES INDUSTRIES.

"APART FROM HAVING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ONE ANOTHER, WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE A DIRECT UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INDUSTRIES AND THEIR FUTURE TRENDS OF DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE VARIOUS EXHIBITIONS.

"I AM ALSO PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE JOINT FEDERATION HAS SPARED NO EFFORT IN ORGANISING THIS FARMERS' FESTIVAL, ENABLING IT TO EXPAND CONTINUOUSLY IN SCALE AND ATTRACT THEIR COUNTERPARTS FROM NEIGHBOURING PLACES TO PARTICIPATE.

"THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE JOINT FEDERATION AND OTHER BODIES OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES TRADE, TOGETHER WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT, I DEEPLY BELIEVE THAT THE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES INDUSTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP," HE ADDED.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE JOINT FEDERATION OF THE HONG KONG AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES PRODUCTION AND MARKETING SOCIETIES, MR CHAN KWOK-WAI.

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SPEAKING EARLIER IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, MR CHAN SAID THE FARMERS' FESTIVAL WAS NOT ONLY AN OCCASION FOR FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE TRADE TO GET TOGETHER TO PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP, BUT ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES IN PRODUCTION AND MARKETING TECHNIQUES, THUS ENHANCING PRODUCTION EFFICIENCY AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF THEIR PRODUCTS.

"IN TERMS OF SCALE, BOTH THE PROGRAMMES AND EXHIBITS FOR THIS YEAR ARE BETTER THAN THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS YEARS," MR CHAN SAID.

THE FARMERS' FESTIVAL IS AN ANNUAL FUNCTION ORGANISED BY THE JOINT FEDERATION. THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE FESTIVAL HAS THE FARMING COMMUNITY FROM CHINA AND TAIWAN TAKING PART.

ON DISPLAY ARE SPECIAL BREEDING STOCK FROM TAIWAN, FISH FEED AND MARICULTURE EQUIPMENTS FROM CHINA AND TAIWAN AS WELL AS VETERINARY PRODUCT AND VACCINE FROM THE TWO PLACES AND HONG KONG.

THIS IS ALSO THE FIRST TIME THAT THE FISHERIES INDUSTRY IS TAKING PART. APART FROM DEMONSTRATIONS ON THE DIFFERENT FISHERIES TECHNIQUES, THERE IS ALSO THE SALE OF A LOCALLY PRODUCED PURPLE AMBERJACK IN SUSHI STYLE.

DURING THE FESTIVAL, THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS ON MODERN LOCAL FARMING TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS THE PIG-ON-LITTER METHOD FOR PIG RAISING, NEW POULTRY HUSBANDRY METHODS, AND MODERN GREENHOUSE CULTIVATION METHODS INCLUDING MASS SEEDLING PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES, SOILESS CULTURE, HYDROPONIC AND DRIP IRRIGATION METHODS.

NEW ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE A LARGE-SCALE FLOWER SHOW, THE EXHIBITION OF PEARL PHEASANT AND ORNAMENTAL FISH AS WELL AS DEMONSTRATION ON INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT, DETECTION OF PESTICIDE RESIDUE ON VEGETABLE PRODUCE AND PREPARATION OF INSECT SPECIMENS.

ON SALE DURING THE FESTIVAL WILL BE A GREAT VARIETY OF HIGH-QUALITY LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES. ALSO, IN ADDITION TO LAST YEAR'S POPULAR DRESSED CHICKEN, NEW ITEMS FOR SALE INCLUDED ROASTED PIG, PIGEON, POTTED FLOWERS AS WELL AS SASHIMI AND SUSHI.

THE TAI LUNG FARM WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 1 PM TODAY TO 3 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 22). THE DAILY OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM.

VISITORS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO GO TO THE FARM BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF PARKING FACILITIES THERE. THOSE FROM THE URBAN AREAS CAN TAKE KMB ROUTE 77K OR GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 18 FROM THE KCR SHEUNG SHUI STATION. VISITORS FROM WEST NEW TERRITORIES CAN TAKE BUSES OR MINIBUSES ON THE SAME ROUTES FROM YUEN LONG TO SHEUNG SHUI.

WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS VISIT EX-POW'S

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MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND STAFF OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED BENEFICIARIES OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS SCHEME TO GATHER FEEDBACK ON THE OPERATION OF THE SCHEME WHICH WAS IMPLEMENTED ON DECEMBER 1.

ENJOYING HIS DAYS AS A RETIREE, 70-YEAR-OLD MR AU SZE-HO TOLD THE MEMBERS THAT HE AND HIS WIFE WERE GLAD THAT THE MAINTENANCE GRANT HE USED TO RECEIVE HAD BEEN CONVERTED TO A PENSION AS OF RIGHT AND THAT MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAD TAKEN AN INTEREST IN THE SITUATION OF EX-PRISONERS OF WARS (POW'S).

ANOTHER BENEFICIARY, MR ANTONIO REIS SAID: "THIS DECEMBER IS VERY SPECIAL TO ME AS IT IS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PACIFIC WAR.

"AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE, I HAVE MET MANY OLD FRIENDS WHOM I HAVE NOT SEEN FOR YEARS.

"FURTHERMORE, THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYING PENSION TO EX-POW'S AND WAR VETERANS HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY IMPLEMENTED," HE SAID.

CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR ANDREW SO, SAID: "THERE ARE AT PRESENT 515 BENEFICIARIES AND WE ARE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME HAS BEEN VERY SMOOTH SO FAR."

MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR CHRISTOPHER D'ALMADA AND DR WONG HONG-HIN, AND SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE, MR DENNIS LAI ALSO JOINED THE VISIT.

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TEACHERS REQUIRE UNSTINTING PUBLIC SUPPORT

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TEACHERS HAVE OFTEN BEEN ASKED TO TAKE ON CURRICULUM PLANNING ROLES WITHOUT BEING GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE THE REQUISITE COMPETENCE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, DR VERNER BICKLEY, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THE NEED TO MATCH CHANGES IN THE TEACHING PROCESS WITH ADEQUATE PLANNING OF IN-SERVICE EDUCATION EMERGES, THEREFORE, AS A NECESSARY PRINCIPLE," HE SAID.

HE WAS ADDRESSING THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF A THREE-DAY INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 400 OVERSEAS AND LOCAL SCHOLARS AND TEACHERS.

DR BICKLEY SAID TEACHERS REQUIRED UNSTINTING PUBLIC SUPPORT IF THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION WAS TO BE IMPROVED AND IF QUALITY IN LANGUAGE AND LANGUAGE TEACHING WAS TO BE ACHIEVED AND MAINTAINED.

IN RETURN, HE SAID TEACHERS MUST CONTINUE TO FULLY RECOGNISE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES AND, IN HONG KONG AND IN MOST COUNTRIES, THIS WAS WHAT THEY WOULD SURELY DO.

TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING THE CONFERENCE INCLUDED THE CONCEPT OF QUALITY IN LANGUAGE LEARNING, LANGUAGE TEACHING AND LANGUAGE USE; QUALITY IN SCHOOLS: THE TRAINING OF TEACHERS, AND QUALITY IN LANGUAGE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC IMPERATIVES.

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POLICE INSPECTOR ATTENDS FIREARMS TRAINING CONFERENCE

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ALBERT LEE, CHIEF STAFF INSPECTOR, WEAPONS TRAINING, AT POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, JOINED 200 FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS FROM COUNTRIES WORLD WIDE WHEN HE ATTENDED A FIREARMS TRAINING CONFERENCE AT MESA, ARIZONA, IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE CONFERENCE IS AN ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS WHICH HAS AN INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP OF 2,000.

THE FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS CAME FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND THE WEST INDIES.

"BESIDES THE FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS, SPECIALISTS IN THE FIELD AND FIREARMS MANUFACTURERS WERE ALSO INVITED," MR LEE SAID. "I FOUND THE CONFERENCE VALUABLE AND USEFUL TO MY JOB.

"THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE CONFERENCE IS TO GATHER FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS TOGETHER TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON TRAINING.

"DURING THE CONFERENCE, VARIOUS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SEMINARS AND NEW PRODUCTS DISPLAYS WERE ARRANGED FOR PARTICIPANTS. NEW FIREARMS, AMMUNITION AND BULLET-PROOF VESTS WERE AMONG EXHIBITS SHOWN IN THE EVENT."

MR LEE ALSO VISITED THE FIREARMS TRAINING ACADEMY OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AT QUANTICO, VIRGINIA.

"THE WAYS THEY USE IN FIREARMS TRAINING ARE MORE ADVANCED THAN OURS," HE ADMITTED.

"NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE DEVOTED GREAT EFFORTS TO DEVELOPING FIREARMS TRAINING AT POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

"OUR TRAINING PROGRAMME COMPRISES FOUR PARTS, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS WEAPON HANDLING WHICH ALLOWS TRAINEES TO BE FAMILIAR WITH FIREARMS.

"THE SECOND PART IS BASIC MARKSMANSHIP WHICH DEMANDS TRAINEES TO SHOOT AT THE TARGET ACCURATELY.

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"THAT IS FOLLOWED BY REFLEXIVE RESPONSE TRAINING WHICH REQUIRES THE TRAINEES TO SHOOT UNDER SOME CONSTRAINTS, SUCH AS SETTING A TIME LIMIT TO SHOOT.

"THE FOURTH PART IS DECISION MAKING IN WHICH A REAL-LIFE SIMULATED SCENARIO IS PUT UP AND THE TRAINEES HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO DECIDE WHETHER TO SHOOT OR NOT.

"SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME AIMS TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STANDARD OF SHOOTING AMONG OUR POLICE OFFICERS."

HAVING JOINED THE FORCE IN 1978, MR LEE WAS POSTED TO THE WEAPONS TRAINING SECTION OF PTS IN 1986.

HE HAS AN UNFLAGGING INTEREST IN FIREARMS. "I DECIDED TO EMBARK ON A CAREER AS A POLICE OFFICER BECAUSE I WANTED TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT FIREARMS," HE TOLD OFFBEAT.

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INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT ON MOVE  
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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT IS MOVING FROM ITS PRESENT PREMISES AT WINDSOR HOUSE TO WANCHAI TOWER 3, 5 GLOUCESTER ROAD, DURING THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 14 TO 29.

DUE TO THIS MOVE, PAYMENT FACILITIES AT WINDSOR HOUSE WILL BE SUSPENDED ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 21). FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 23), WANCHAI TOWER 3 OFFICES WILL BE OPEN TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS FOR ALL TAXES, STAMP DUTIES AND BUSINESS REGISTRATION SERVICES.

THE EXISTING PAYMENT FACILITIES PROVIDED AT THE TWO SUB-OFFICES IN KOWLOON AND THE TSUEN WAN SUB-OFFICES WILL BE UNAFFECTED.

REGARDING THE RELOCATION OF THE SALARIES TAX UNIT, DETAILS REGARDING SECTIONS WHICH ARE YET TO MOVE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FILE NO. PREFIX -----	WINDSOR HOUSE -----	RELOCATION DATE -----	WANCHAI TOWER 3 -----
2C	11/F	DECEMBER 20 (FRIDAY)	25/F
2E	13/F	DECEMBER 21 (SATURDAY)	23/F
2F	14/F	DECEMBER 27 (FRIDAY)	22/F

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 594 0888.

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EASTERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY DAY

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RESIDENTS OF EASTERN DISTRICT AND PARK VISITORS WILL BE MADE MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVING TRAFFIC RULES AT THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL ROAD SAFETY DAY IN VICTORIA PARK ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 21).

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ROAD SAFETY THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS STALL GAMES, TOURING OF THE MINI ROAD SAFETY TOWN AND DRIVING MINI-CARS AT THE VENUE.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND THE POLICE, THE ROAD SAFETY DAY WILL FEATURE ACROBATIC DISPLAYS BY PROFESSIONAL MOTORCYCLISTS AND BICYCLE PERFORMANCES BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES.

A WRECKED CAR CORNER, A ROAD SAFETY BUS AND AN OLD-STYLE TRAFFIC PAGODA ARE OTHER HIGHLIGHTS.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE AREA COMMITTEES OF THE DISTRICT WILL COMPETE IN A SEDAN CHAIR RACE.

A PARADE OF ROAD SAFETY PATROL TEAMS FROM NINE SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT WILL LAUNCH THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG AND THE DISTRICT'S POLICE COMMANDER, MR DONALD GRIFFITH, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY DAY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 21) AT VICTORIA PARK'S FOOTBALL PITCHES NOS. 4 TO 6.

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FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL IN SHAM SHUI PO

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A CARNIVAL TO DRIVE HOME THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE WILL BE HELD AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND IN SHAM SHUI PO ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 22), BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE CARNIVAL WILL MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

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THE CARNIVAL, ADMISSION TO WHICH IS FREE, WILL FEATURE SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES, A MAGIC SHOW, STALL GAMES AND AN EXHIBITION ON CRIME PREVENTION.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION FOR AN ANTI-BURGLARY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION AND AN AWARD SCHEME FOR GOOD CARETAKERS WILL ALSO BE HELD AT THE CARNIVAL.

OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT WILL BE THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY WAI-SHEK; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR NG MAN-KIM; AND THE DFCC CHAIRMAN, MR FAN KAM-PING.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 22).

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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	DATE	\$ MILLION
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	18.12.91	700
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	19.12.91	-161*
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-39
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL
* O/N ASSISTANCE TO BE REVERSED	-200MN	
OTHER FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED	+39MN	
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX	110.2 *+0.0* 19.12.91	

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.32 PCT	23 MONTHS	2311	6.25	101.64	5.41
1 MONTH	4.37 PCT					
3 MONTHS	4.22 PCT					
6 MONTHS	4.30 PCT					
12 MONTHS	4.62 PCT					

TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS -3,906MN

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