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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY 1982

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE IN JANUARY 1982.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR JANUARY WAS \$9 558 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AT \$6 239 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$3 319 MILLION, WITH IMPORTS AT \$10 023 MILLION, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR JANUARY WAS \$465 MILLION.

AS THE LUNAR NEW YEAR IN 1982 FELL IN JANUARY AND THAT IN 1981 FELL IN FEBRUARY, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY THIS YEAR SHOWED DECREASES WHEN COMPARED WITH FIGURES FOR THE SAME MONTH IN 1981.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS DECREASED BY \$116 MILLION OR 1.2 PER CENT, COMPRISING DECREASES OF \$106 MILLION OR 1.7 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND \$9 MILLION OR 0.3 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS ALSO DECREASED BUT BY A RELATIVELY MORE SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF \$663 MILLION OR 6.2 PER CENT.

THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+, THAT IS THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, AT 4.6 PER CENT, SHOWED A SIGNIFICANT NARROWING WHEN COMPARED WITH 9.5 PER CENT IN JANUARY 1981.

PUTTING THE JANUARY TRADE STATISTICS INTO CONTEXT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE VALUES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1982 SHOWED INCREASES OF 14 PER CENT AND 19 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHEN COMPARED WITH THE VALUES IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1981.

THE CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS 16 PER CENT, MUCH FASTER THAN THE INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, AT 8 PER CENT. THUS THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+ CONTINUED TO BE ON A NARROWING TREND. AT 9.2 PER CENT IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1982, IT WAS SIGNIFICANTLY SMALLER THAN IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1981, AT 15.2 PER CENT.

THE SPOKESMAN, HOWEVER, CAUTIONED THAT THE RELATIVELY SLOW GROWTH RATES OF IMPORTS RECORDED IN RECENT MONTHS WERE WIDE-SPREAD AMONG DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF IMPORTS, INCLUDING RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES. THIS MAY HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG'S EXPORT PERFORMANCE IN THE COMING MONTHS.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY THIS YEAR WITH THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1981, THERE WERE THE FOLLOWING INCREASES BY VALUE: \$10 797 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS- \$10 378 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS- \$21 175 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS AND \$23 509 MILLION OR 20.6 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS.

TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY, 1982

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS RELEASED THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY:-

<u>MERCHANDISE:</u>	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	: \$ 6 239 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	: \$ 3 319 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	: \$ 9 558 MILLION
	IMPORTS	: \$10 023 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	: \$ 465 MILLION (IN DEFICIT)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	NOV. 1981 TO JAN. 1982	NOV. 1980 TO JAN. 1981	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	21 047	18 486	+ 2 561	+13.9
RE-EXPORTS	11 157	9 376	+ 1 780	+19.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	32 204	27 863	+ 4 341	+15.6
IMPORTS	35 486	32 854	+ 2 632	+ 8.0
TRADE BALANCE	- 3 282	- 4 991	+ 1 709	
<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	JAN. 1982	JAN. 1981	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	6 239 (65.3%)	6 346 (65.6%)	- 106	- 1.7
RE-EXPORTS	3 319	3 328	- 9	- 0.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	9 558	9 674	- 116	- 1.2
IMPORTS	10 023	10 685	- 663	- 6.2
TRADE BALANCE	- 465	- 1 011	+ 546	

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<u>LAST MONTH</u>	JAN. 1982	DEC. 1981	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	6 239 (65.3%)	7 798 (66.6%)	- 1 559	-20.0
RE-EXPORTS	3 319	3 902	- 583	-15.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	9 558	11 700	- 2 142	-18.3
IMPORTS	10 023	13 017	- 2 994	-23.0
TRADE BALANCE	- 465	- 1 317	+ 852	
	FEB. 1981 TO	FEB. 1980 TO	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
<u>LAST 12 MONTHS</u>	<u>JAN. 1982</u>	<u>JAN. 1981</u>	<u>\$ MN.</u>	<u>%</u>
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	80 317	69 520	+10 797	+15.5
RE-EXPORTS	41 730	31 353	+10 378	+33.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	122 047	100 872	+21 175	+21.0
IMPORTS	137 712	114 204	+23 509	+20.6
TRADE BALANCE	-15 665	-13 332	- 2 333	
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POLLUTION CONTROLS FOR TOLO HARBOUR
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TOLO HARBOUR WAS TODAY DECLARED HONG KONG'S FIRST WATER CONTROL ZONE.

THE ORDER WAS MADE UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE WHICH CREATES A MEANS TO INTRODUCE CONTROLS ON DISCHARGES OF POLLUTANTS IN AREAS WHERE WATER POLLUTION IS IN DANGER OF REACHING UNACCEPTABLE LEVELS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONTROLS WOULD COME INTO EFFECT ON A DAY TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, AFTER WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES WERE DEFINED AND THE NECESSARY REGULATIONS AGREED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TOLO HARBOUR WATER CONTROL ZONE CONSTITUTED A MAJOR NATURAL RESOURCE FOR THE DEVELOPING NEW TERRITORIES, WITH THE POTENTIAL TO ACCOMMODATE SUBSTANTIAL RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION AND TO PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT RECREATIONAL RESOURCE. HOWEVER, THE WATERS WITHIN THIS ZONE ARE CURRENTLY AT RISK OF SEVERE POLLUTION, OWING TO ITS SPECIAL PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS.

TOLO HARBOUR IS A LARGE AND ALMOST LAND-LOCKED BODY OF WATER WITH A NARROW OUTLET TO THE SEA AND CONSEQUENT LOW TIDAL CLEANSING ACTION. THIS HAS BEEN EXACERBATED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF SHING MUN AND PLOVER COVE RESERVIORS, AS THE MAJORITY OF RAIN WATER WHICH USED TO FLOW ALONG STREAM COURSES INTO TOLO HARBOUR IS NOW DIVERTED TO THE TWO STORAGE RESERVIORS. IN ADDITION, THE CONSTRUCTION OF PLOVER COVE RESERVIOR HAS REDUCED SIGNIFICANTLY THE AREA OF TOLO HARBOUR, WITH A CONSEQUENT REDUCTION IN THE TIDAL EXCHANGE VOLUME.

THE LAND AROUND TOLO HARBOUR IS ALSO THE SCENE OF SOME OF HONG KONG'S MOST RAPID URBANISATION, WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF MAJOR RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ESTATES ALONG ITS SHORES.

+IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE MAXIMUM ECONOMIC BENEFIT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS LARGE AND IMPORTANT AREA, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ITS ATTRACTIVENESS AS A PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK IS MAINTAINED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WITH A VIEW TO LESSENING THE EFFECT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE WATER QUALITY OF TOLO HARBOUR, THE PLANNED NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS WOULD ALL HAVE THEIR OWN INTEGRATED SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS, HE EXPLAINED.

IN ADDITION, STEPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO ESTABLISH SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS FOR THE NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATES IN THE AREA. THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF AGRICULTURAL WASTE WAS ALSO RECEIVING URGENT ATTENTION SINCE THIS WAS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE POLLUTION OF THE STREAMS AND RIVERS IN THE AREA.

+THE DECLARATION OF TOLO HARBOUR AS A WATER CONTROL ZONE WILL FORM AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THESE MEASURES TO COMBAT WATER POLLUTION IN THIS PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEXT STEP TO BE TAKEN WILL BE TO DEFINE WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES, WHICH WILL BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ORDINANCE BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS. THESE OBJECTIVES DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE ACCEPTABLE QUALITY OF THE WATER IN THE ZONE IN TERMS OF THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WATER OR LEVELS OF CERTAIN SUBSTANCES WHICH HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED TO PROTECT THE WATERS.

CONTROLS IN THE FORM OF LICENSING ARE THEN IMPOSED TO ENSURE THAT DISCHARGES OF POLLUTANTS ARE LIMITED. FROM THE FIRST APPOINTED DAY, ANYONE ALREADY DISCHARGING POLLUTANTS DURING THE PRECEDING 12 MONTHS MAY BE EXEMPTED FROM LICENSING CONTROLS, BUT NEW DISCHARGES OR DEPOSITS WILL HAVE TO BE LICENSED. FROM A SECOND DAY TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, EACH NON-EXEMPT OR UNLICENSED DISCHARGE OF THE TYPES SPECIFIED WILL CONSTITUTE AN OFFENCE.

THE IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF THESE MEASURES, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, WAS THAT THEY WOULD STABILISE THE SITUATION AND PREVENT FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THE WATER QUALITY.

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+AS THE NATURAL PROCESSES OF INDUSTRIAL CHANGE, EXPANSION AND REGENERATION OCCUR, EXISTING EMITTERS WILL GRADUALLY LOSE THEIR EXEMPTIONS AS THEY CHANGE THE NATURE OR EXTENT OF THEIR EMISSIONS AND AS OLD UNDERTAKINGS ARE REPLACED BY NEW,+ HE SAID.

+THUS IMPROVEMENTS MAY BE ACHIEVED IN THE LONGER TERM.+

THE ORDER PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY ALSO DESIGNATES THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (TO BE REPLACED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT AFTER APRIL 1) AND THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AS THE AUTHORITIES FOR THE TOLO HARBOUR WATER CONTROL ZONE.

AS REQUIRED BY THE ORDINANCE, THE DECLARATION WAS MADE ONLY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MAPS WHICH DEPICT THE ZONE IN DETAIL ARE DEPOSITED WITH THE LAND OFFICE FOR INSPECTION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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FS TO VISIT CHINA

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE AND THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DOUGLAS BLYE WILL VISIT CHINA FROM MARCH 6 TO 14 AT THE INVITATION OF MR BU MING, CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF THE BANK OF CHINA.

THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN AND MR Y.P. CHENG, THE CHIEF GOVERNMENT INTERPRETER.

MRS BREMRIDGE, MRS BLYE AND MRS MCLAREN WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE VISIT.

THE GROUP WILL SPEND THREE DAYS IN PEKING FOR TALKS WITH THE BANK OF CHINA AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THEY WILL ALSO VISIT SHANGHAI AND HANGZHOU.

MR BREMRIDGE'S PREDECESSOR AS FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, VISITED CHINA IN MAY, 1980.

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR FRANCIS TIEN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NEWLY-CREATED VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL. SEVENTEEN OTHER UNOFFICIALS AND FOUR OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO BEEN APPOINTED.

THE UNOFFICIALS ARE MR ALEX WU, WHO IS ALSO THE COUNCIL'S DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, MR D.R.Y. BLUCK, MR K.C. CHAN, MR S.L. CHEN, DR HO KAM-FAI, MR ALLEN LEE, MR PETER LEE, DR KEITH LEGG, MR H.W. MAK, MR S.K. NGAI, MR C.H. PANG, MISS T. SHAK, MR H.C. TANG, DR DANIEL TSE, MR T. WELSH, MR GEOFFREY M.T. YEH AND DR E.C.M. YOUNG.

THE OFFICIALS ARE THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AND THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

MR TIEN, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL SINCE 1975.

HE IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AND THE EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

MR TIEN IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE COURT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE COUNCILS OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MR MORRIS MORGAN HAD BEEN APPOINTED AS THE FIRST DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING. HE WILL ALSO BE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, AND UNTIL THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING IS ESTABLISHED ON APRIL 1 HE WILL CONTINUE WORK WITHIN THE EDUCATION BRANCH.

MR MORGAN, AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B1, HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF SENIOR POSTS AND HAS WIDE EXPERIENCE IN BOTH THE EDUCATION, LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE FIELDS. HE WAS THE FIRST SECRETARY FOR THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION (1964-5) AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL AT VARIOUS TIMES.

THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE AND COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE TO MEET THE INCREASING NEEDS OF HONG KONG FOR WELL-TRAINED MANPOWER. IT WILL THEN INSTITUTE AND OPERATE TRAINING SCHEMES AS WELL AS ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON THE NEW MEASURES REQUIRED.

THE COUNCIL WILL TAKE OVER THE OPERATION OF THE EXISTING TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND WILL ESTABLISH NEW TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES.

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THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SUPERSEDES AND TAKES OVER THE ADVISORY FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL. UNLIKE ITS PREDECESSOR, THE NEW COUNCIL IS A STATUTORY BODY WITH POWER TO DEPLOY GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

THE NEW DEPARTMENT WILL BE FORMED BY MERGING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WITH THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING BRANCH OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING WILL ALSO HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF THE DISABLED AND TO APPRENTICESHIPS.

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NT VOTERS ENCOURAGED TO GO TO POLLS
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ABOUT 100 TEMPORARY COMMUNITY ORGANISERS (TCO'S) ARE BEING EMPLOYED BY NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES TO ENCOURAGE VOTING IN NEXT THURSDAY'S NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE TCO'S HAVE BEEN MAKING DOOR-TO-DOOR CALLS SINCE MID-JANUARY ON REGISTERED VOTERS IN HOUSING ESTATES AND VILLAGES OF THE EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS.

THEIR ROLE IS TO INFORM ELECTORS ABOUT VOTING TIMINGS, LOCATIONS OF POLLING STATIONS AND VOTING PROCEDURES.

THEY ALSO EXPLAIN THE FUNCTION OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE CONSTITUENCY-BASED ELECTORAL SYSTEM.

PAMPHLETS ON THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND VOTING PROCEDURE ARE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE VISITS.

THE TCO'S ARE EITHER STUDENTS, TEACHERS, CLERICAL STAFF OR EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES.

LAST YEAR, TCO'S WERE EMPLOYED TO ENCOURAGE NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

ON MARCH 4, 125 POLLING STATIONS WILL BE SET UP IN THE 46 NEW TERRITORIES CONSTITUENCIES. EACH STATION WILL OPEN AT 7 AM AND CLOSE AT 10 PM WHEN VOTE COUNTING WILL BEGIN.

A TOTAL OF 174 CANDIDATES WILL COMPETE FOR 56 SEATS ON THE EIGHT DISTRICT BOARDS.

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 200 000 REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ELECTIONS IN THE URBAN AREA TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 23.

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FINAL STAGE OF OVERALL REVIEW OF EDUCATION

THE PANEL OF VISITORS CONDUCTING THE OVERALL REVIEW OF THE HONG KONG EDUCATION SYSTEM WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG AT THE END OF MARCH FOR A CONCLUDING EXAMINATION OF OUR EDUCATION POLICIES.

THE VISITORS HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE REPRESENTATIONS THEY RECEIVED BEFORE AND DURING THEIR FIRST VISIT TO HONG KONG LAST OCTOBER WHEN THEY SPENT TWO WEEKS MEETING WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF PERSONS AND GROUPS INCLUDING MANY WHO RESPONDED TO PRESS ADVERTISEMENTS INVITING COMMENTS ON THE EDUCATION SYSTEM.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THEIR FINAL VISIT WILL BE TWO PLENARY SESSIONS AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER WHICH WILL PROVIDE A LIVELY FORUM FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE PANEL OF VISITORS AND HONG KONG PARTICIPANTS.

THESE SESSIONS WILL BE CHAIRED BY MR GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION OF THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD), AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY MR ARTHUR MADDOCKS, UNITED KINGDOM PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UK DELEGATION TO THE OECD, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND AN INVITED PUBLIC AUDIENCE INCLUDING THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WHO HAD MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE PANEL.

IN ORDER TO ADD FURTHER OBJECTIVITY AND BREADTH TO THIS FINAL ASSESSMENT, OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVES SPECIALISING IN DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF EDUCATION IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES FROM BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE REGION WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE PLENARY SESSIONS. THESE OTHER OVERSEAS PARTICIPANTS WILL BE :

ROYAL PROFESSOR UNGKU A AZIZ, VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA; MR CHAN KAI-YAU, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, SINGAPORE; MR ERNST GOLDSCHMIDT, UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, DENMARK; MR JAMES S HRABI, ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ALBERTA, CANADA; MR AKIO NAKAJIMA, DIRECTOR, UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION DIVISION, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, JAPAN.

DURING THESE PLENARY SESSIONS, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL HEAR THE FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE PANEL OF VISITORS ON OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM. THEY WILL ALSO HEAR COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THE FINDINGS AND THERE WILL ALSO BE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE INVITED AUDIENCE TO EXPRESS THEIR OWN VIEWS.

AFTER THIS VISIT, THE PANEL OF VISITORS WILL COMPLETE THEIR REPORT AND SUBMIT IT TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

THE OVERALL REVIEW OF EDUCATION HAS BEEN ORGANISED WITH THE GUIDANCE AND ADVICE OF MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE OECD.

THE PANEL OF VISITORS ARE :

SIR JOHN LLEWELLYN, FORMER VICE-CHANCELLOR OF EXETER UNIVERSITY AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL-

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DR GREG HANCOCK, CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY SCHOOLS AUTHORITY-

DR KARL ROELOFFS, SECRETARY-GENERAL, FEDERAL GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE-

PROFESSOR MICHAEL W KIRST, PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

THE PANEL IS ASSISTED BY TWO SPECIAL ADVISERS, MR Q. W. LEE AND MR JAMES MCHUGH.

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ROLE OF OUT-PATIENT CLINICS IN HEALTH CARE * * * *

A GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINIC IS THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE IN THE WHOLE PROCESS OF DELIVERY OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENT EPIDEMICS, A SENIOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID TODAY.

+IT IS NOT MEANT FOR ANYONE WHO COMES AND DEMANDS A MEDICAL CHECK-UP JUST BECAUSE HE DOES NOT EAT WELL OR SLEEP WELL,+ SAID DR LAWRENCE LAI, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF KOWLOON.

DR LAI WAS SPEAKING ON THE ROLE AND BASIC RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT HEALTH AUTHORITY IN A TALK TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF KWUN TONG THIS EVENING.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE OBLIGATION OF ANY GOVERNMENT HEALTH AUTHORITY IN THE WORLD IS TO PROVIDE A BASIC PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICE TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TO SAVE LIVES.

PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICES, HE SAID, CONSIST OF PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF EPIDEMICS THROUGH GENERAL AND SPECIALIST OUT-PATIENT CLINICS, PROMOTION OF HEALTH THROUGH HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES AND PROVISION OF EMERGENCY FACILITIES THROUGH HOSPITALS.

DR LAI SAID THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE POLICY OF THE HONG KONG'S MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS GEARED TOWARDS A BALANCED PROVISION OF PREVENTIVE AND CURATIVE SERVICES.

THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, HAS BEEN EMINENTLY SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES DESPITE HONG KONG'S RATHER UNFAVOURABLE GEOGRAPHICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION.

HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE BASIC ROLE OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS CHANGED SUBTLY OVER THE YEARS WITH THE CHANGE IN THE PATTERN OF DISEASES.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES ARE NO LONGER AN IMMEDIATE THREAT, AND THE EFFECTS OF URBANISATION AND INDUSTRIALISATION HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT MANY DEGENERATIVE DISEASES, HE SAID.

AS A RESULT, THE DEPARTMENT IS EXPECTED NOT ONLY TO PERFORM ITS TRADITIONAL AND OBLIGATORY ROLE OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES, BUT ALSO TO TAKE ON THE VERY EXPENSIVE AND SOPHISTICATED SECONDARY AND TERTIARY SERVICES.

THIS, SAID DR LAI, HAS A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT OF STARTING A VICIOUS CYCLE OF PROVIDING SOPHISTICATED AND EXPENSIVE SERVICES WHICH IN TURN GENERATE INSATIABLE DEMAND FOR MORE OF SUCH SERVICES.

+WE ARE NOW IN A SITUATION WHERE THE MORE HOSPITALS AND CLINICS WE BUILD AND PROVIDE, THE GREATER IS THE DEMAND BY THE PUBLIC. THERE IS SIMPLY NO END TO THE INSATIABLE PUBLIC DEMAND FOR SERVICES WHICH ARE COMPREHENSIVE, EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND PRACTICALLY FREE,+ HE ADDED.

DR LAI STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC SERVES THREE MAIN FUNCTIONS:

- A) TO DETECT ACUTE CASES IN ORDER THAT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF TREATMENT, SUCH AS SPECIALIST CONSULTATION AND HOSPITALISATION CAN BE APPLIED;
- B) TO DETECT AND ISOLATE CASES OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES FOR TREATMENT SO THAT EPIDEMICS CAN BE PREVENTED; AND
- C) TO PROVIDE A BASIC HEALTH SERVICE.

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FAR EAST CORRECTIONAL CHIEFS STUDY HONG KONG SYSTEM * * * *

THREE VISITING DEPUTY HEADS OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES IN THE FAR EAST SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THEY WERE VERY IMPRESSED BY THE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES FOR OFFENDERS PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE THREE VISITORS, MR VICHITR THONGKAM, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THAILAND'S DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, MR E.O. THOMPSON, SINGAPORE'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PRISONS, AND MR SULAIMAN BIN HAJI SANI, MALAYSIA'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS, HAD ARRIVED ON TUESDAY FOR A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT.

THEY VISITED A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND HAD TALKS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS.

AFTER THE VISITS, THE DELEGATES SAID THEY WERE IMPRESSED BY THE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF THE INSTITUTIONS AND THE CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS.

THERE WAS MUCH THEY COULD LEARN FROM THE CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES IN HONG KONG, THEY REMARKED.

THE VISITORS WILL LEAVE FOR MANILA THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING TO CONTINUE THEIR FAR EAST STUDY TOUR.

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PROPOSALS FOR ALTERATION OF THE VALUATION LIST

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NOTICE IS GIVEN IN TODAY'S GAZETTE REMINDING THE PUBLIC THAT ANY PERSON WHO DISAGREES WITH THE ENTRY OR OMISSION OF A TENEMENT FROM A VALUATION LIST, OR THE RATEABLE VALUE ASSESSED, MAY DURING MARCH SERVE ON THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LIST FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING APRIL 1.

FORMS FOR THIS PURPOSE ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE AT HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG AND ALSO FROM CITY DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE URBAN AREAS AND DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SUCH PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL MARCH 1 AND MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31.

COMMENTING ON THIS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE RATEABLE VALUES IN THE LIST HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED SINCE 1977 EXCEPT IN CASES WHERE THERE WERE ALTERATIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE PROPERTY OR AS A RESULT OF A PREVIOUS PROPOSAL OR APPEAL.

PERSONS DISSATISFIED WITH THEIR ASSESSMENTS AND INTENDING TO LODGE A PROPOSAL SHOULD FIRST GET IN TOUCH WITH THE VALUER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AREA IN WHICH THE PREMISES ARE SITUATED, WHEN ASSISTANCE WILL GLADLY BE GIVEN, HE SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE LODGING OF A PROPOSAL OR AN APPEAL, RATES MUST BE PAID BY THE DUE DATE. IN THE CASE OF RATE DEMANDS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, IT MEANS THAT PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY THE END OF APRIL, HE SAID.

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DISTRICT BOARD TO HOLD INAUGURAL MEETING

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+THE ROLE OF UNOFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION+ WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF AN ADDRESS BY DR THE HON SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (MARCH 1) AT 3 PM AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL HALL.

THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE THE EIGHTH ONE TO BE SET UP IN THE URBAN AREA AND WILL COMPRISE 14 APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, TWO URBAN COUNCILLORS AND SEVEN EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

IT WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR MONG KOK, AND ITS MEMBERS WILL SERVE FOR SEVEN MONTHS ON THE BOARD FROM MARCH 1 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30.

FOLLOWING A SPEECH OF WELCOME BY THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILFRED WONG, AND THE ADDRESS BY SIR SZE-YUEN, THE BOARD WILL DISCUSS A VARIETY OF MATTERS.

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MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN +OPEN SPACE+ SITE MEASURING ABOUT 7 000 SQUARE METRES IN THE AREA AS WELL AS A REVIEW OF WORKS CARRIED OUT BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, FORMED LAST OCTOBER TO CO-ORDINATE WORKS BETWEEN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN SERVING DISTRICT NEEDS.

SLIDE FILMS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S EFFORTS ON TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS IN MONG KOK DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS WILL ALSO BE SHOWN.

THESE WORKS INCLUDED THE LAUNCHING OF CLEARANCE PROJECTS TO REMOVE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES FROM SOME REAR LANES AS WELL AS VARIOUS MEASURES PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THE AREA.

AMONG ITS OTHER WORKS, THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAS ALSO NEGOTIATED WITH THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD. TO PROVIDE PROPER ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO THE TUNG CHOI STREET HAWKER PERMITTED PLACE, WHICH HAS 960 DESIGNATED PITCHES.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO ARRANGED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY LORRY PARK AT THE JUNCTION OF ANCHOR STREET AND BEECH STREET, WHICH WILL SOON BEGIN.

THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S SEVEN EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ARE: MR WILFRED WONG, MR T.K. CHOY, MR EDWIN LI, MR LI YUEN-TING, MR T.S. KHU, MRS R. GOODSTADT AND MRS LORAN MAO.

THE 14 APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS SERVING ON THE BOARD ARE: MR CHAN HON-CHUNG, MR CHAN KWOK-KIT, MR JACOB CHAN LAI-SANG, MR CHO SHIU-CHUNG, MRS STELLA CHAU SO YUEN-YEE, MR HUNG WAI-MAN, MR LAU CHI-MAN, MR LAU TAK-KEI, MR RONALD LEUNG DING-BONG, MR LO TAK, MR POON CHEUNG, THE HON ANDREW SO KWOK-WING, MR TAI MAN-BUN AND MR CLEMENT TAO KWOK-LAU.

THE TWO URBAN COUNCILLORS ARE MRS SELINA CHOW AND MR EDMUND CHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (MARCH 1) STARTING AT 3 PM AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL HALL IN SAI YEE STREET.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

COPIES OF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES OF THE 14 APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MAY BE COLLECTED FROM GIS PRESS BOXES LATER TODAY.

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MORE GRANTS FOR TRAINING SOCIAL WORKERS

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE TODAY EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (CHARITIES) LTD FOR A GENEROUS DONATION OF \$2 MILLION TO THE SOCIAL WORK TRAINING FUND.

THIS GRANT WILL ENABLE THE FUND TO APPROVE A MUCH LARGER NUMBER OF TRAINING GRANTS TO SOCIAL WORKERS THIS YEAR.

IT IS THE LARGEST BOOST TO THE FINANCES OF THE FUND SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1961 WITH A WORLD REFUGEE YEAR DONATION.

DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, THE FUND PROVIDED ASSISTANCE OF \$229 000 TO ENABLE SOCIAL WORKERS TO ACQUIRE FORMAL SOCIAL WORK QUALIFICATIONS, TO UNDERTAKE POST-GRADUATE STUDIES AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THEIR PROFESSIONAL COUNTERPARTS ABROAD.

TWENTY-FOUR GRANTS WERE MADE DURING THE LAST YEAR, BUT OWING TO ITS LIMITED INCOME THE FUND WAS UNABLE TO APPROVE MANY OTHER DESERVING APPLICATIONS.

THE FUND WILL NOW BE ABLE TO MAKE AN EVEN GREATER CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS AND GENERALLY IMPROVING STANDARDS IN THE PROFESSION.

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APPLICATIONS TO GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE INVITED BETWEEN MARCH 1 AND 15, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

DURING THIS TWO-WEEK PERIOD, APPLICATION FORMS FOR PRIMARY 1 TO 6 WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS ON THE PRODUCTION OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES OR OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+CHILDREN NEED NOT ACCOMPANY THEIR PARENTS,+ HE SAID.

INTERVIEWS FOR ADMISSION TO PRIMARY 1 WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 16.

+NO FORMAL TESTS WILL BE HELD,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

SELECTION OF PRIMARY 2 TO 6 APPLICANTS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 19.

+THE RIGHT AGE OF ENTRY TO PRIMARY 1 IS FULLY SIX ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1982. HOWEVER, ADMISSION WILL BE OPEN TO CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND EIGHT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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**NO SPECIAL TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACECOURSE TOMORROW
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SPECIAL TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACECOURSE WILL BE CANCELLED FOR ONE DAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO FACILITATE ENGINEERING WORKS IN MONG KOK AND HUNG HOM.

THE WORKS WILL ALSO SLIGHTLY AFFECT NORMAL TRAIN SERVICES, AS ONE NORTHBOUND AND ONE SOUTHBOUND TRAIN SERVICE WILL BE REDUCED ON THAT DAY.

ANNOUNCING THESE TEMPORARY MEASURES TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KCR SAID THE ENGINEERING WORKS IN THE TWO AREAS WERE NECESSARY FOR THE FIRST-PHASE OF ELECTRIFICATION OF THE RAILWAY BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN IN MAY.

HOWEVER, REGULAR TRAIN SERVICES WILL RETURN TO NORMAL AND SPECIAL TRAINS WILL RESUME RUNNING TO THE RACECOURSE ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 28).

COMMUTERS SHOULD NOTE THE TEMPORARY TIMETABLE DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS.

THE THROUGH TRAINS BETWEEN KOWLOON AND GUANGZHOU WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

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**KOWLOON URBAN COACH ROUTE 211 TO SUSPEND SERVICE
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KOWLOON URBAN COACH ROUTE 211 WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 28), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE DECISION WAS REACHED BECAUSE THE ROUTE HAS BEEN OPERATING AT SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES AS A RESULT OF COMPETITION FROM THE MTR, WHICH PROVIDES A SIMILAR SERVICE.

THE CANCELLATION OF THE ROUTE, WHICH OPERATES BETWEEN TSIM SHA TSUI AND YUET WAH STREET IN KWUN TONG, WAS ENDORSED BY THE KMB REVIEW ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SUB-GROUP, HEADED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT. OTHER MEMBERS COMPRISED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, TRANSPORT BRANCH AND ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, UNOFFICIALS OF TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE KMB COMPANY.

AS FROM SUNDAY, COMMUTERS FROM TSIM SHA TSUI TO KWUN TONG CAN MAKE USE OF THE MTR SERVICE AT A FARE OF \$2.20, SLIGHTLY CHEAPER THAN THE ROUTE 211 COACH FARE, WHICH WAS FIXED AT \$2.50.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES OPERATING BETWEEN KWUN TONG AND JORDAN ROAD WILL ALSO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE SERVICE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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EDUCATIONIST RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER), MR A.J. REEVE IS RETIRING AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

MR REEVE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS AN EDUCATION OFFICER IN 1957 AND WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK IN 1979.

THROUGH HIS CAREER IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR REEVE HAS PROVED TO BE A CAPABLE TEACHER AND AN EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATOR. HIS COMPETENT MANNER HAS COMMANDED THE RESPECT AND CO-OPERATION OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE COME INTO CONTACT WITH HIM.

IN A CEREMONY TODAY (FRIDAY), THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG PRESENTED MR REEVE WITH A TELEVISION SET AS A MEMENTO ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT.

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SHA TIN ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN CONCERT

THE THREE-WEEK-LONG ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT WILL END ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 28) WITH A CONCERT AT CARITAS MARDEN HALL, MAN LAI ROAD, SHA TIN STARTING AT 8 PM.

PERFORMING AT THE CONCERT WILL BE SEVERAL OF HONG KONG'S TOP SINGERS, INCLUDING JOHNNY YIP, PHILIP CHAN, PANG KIN-SUN, ROWENA CORTÉS, BRENDA LO AND TINA LAU.

GUESTS ATTENDING THE FUNCTION WILL INCLUDE MR WAI HON-LEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE; MR PETER LEE, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS; DR PATRICK HASE, DISTRICT OFFICER, SHA TIN; AND MR NG CHAN-LAM, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE HAS ALSO ORGANISED A PAINTING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT. THE FUNCTION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 3 PM IN WO CHE ESTATE, SHA TIN.

TOMORROW (SATURDAY), THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A SEMINAR FROM 11 AM AT THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL, 298 NAM CHEONG STREET, SHAM SHUI PO.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR PETER LEE WILL ADDRESS THE SEMINAR.

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104-YEAR OLD MADAM LAU TO ATTEND FEAST FOR ELDERLY
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MADAM LAU CHUN, WHO IS 104 YEARS OF AGE AND A RESIDENT OF NORTH DISTRICT, WILL BE THE OLDEST PERSON PRESENT AT A FEAST FOR THE ELDERLY BEING HELD IN THE DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 28).

TWO NEXT ELDEST GUESTS WILL BE MR HAU YAU-KAM, AGED 96, AND MR CHU LAM-KEI, AGED 95.

OFFICIATING WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER JOHNSON, AND LOCAL LEADERS, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND MR LIU YUN-SUM.

THE FUNCTION HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY NORTH DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELDERLY ACTIVITIES, WHOSE CHAIRMAN IS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CHEUNG KUEN.

BEFORE THE FEAST, MEMBERS OF NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE WILL JOINTLY STAGE A ONE-HOUR PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT.

GOLD MEDALS DONATED BY A BANK WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE 12 OLDEST PEOPLE PRESENT AND ALL GUESTS WILL RECEIVE A GIFT.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS PROVIDED \$15 000 TOWARDS THE COST OF THE FEAST, WHILE THE BALANCE OF \$31 000 WILL BE MET BY LOCAL DONATIONS.

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TWO BUILDINGS TO BE RESUMED

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TWO POST-WAR SIX-STORY BUILDINGS AT SHEUNG WAN WILL BE RESUMED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ISLAND LINE UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE.

THEY ARE NO. 129 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND 257 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

THE SITE IS REQUIRED FOR BUILDING THE SHEUNG WAN STATION CONCOURSE.

ABOUT 70 PEOPLE INCLUDING SIX COMMERCIAL TENANTS WILL BE AFFECTED. DOMESTIC TENANTS WILL BE OFFERED REHOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S POLICY.

STATUTORY COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID TO THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE.

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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND SOLD
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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND AND ONE FLAT WERE SOLD AT AN AUCTION CONDUCTED BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN THE MARINA ROOM OF THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SITE IN SOUTH BAY ROAD, MEASURING 5 500 SQUARE METRES WAS SOLD TO STAR LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED FOR \$113 MILLION OR \$20 545.45 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE OTHER TWO LOTS IN KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE SITE MEASURING 2 796 SQUARE METRES WAS SOLD TO BYRICH COMPANY LIMITED FOR \$23 MILLION OR \$8 226.04 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE SITE MEASURING 2 645 SQUARE METRES WAS SOLD TO LECOMPTE ENTERPRISES LIMITED FOR \$18 MILLION OR \$6 805.30.

IN THE SAME AUCTION, FLAT B ON THE 9TH FLOOR OF 41-63 OAK STREET AND 57-63, ANCHOR STREET, MEASURING 49.5 SQUARE METRES WAS SOLD TO HO NUI YEE FOR \$120 000 OR \$2 424.24 PER SQUARE METRE.

BEFORE THE AUCTION, MR N.P. BURLEY, ACTING GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, ANNOUNCED THE NECESSARY WITHDRAWAL OF THE SALE OF THE LOT AT BLACK'S LINK DUE TO CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE LEASE CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE TO BE MADE AND IT IS NOW PLANNED TO SELL THE LOT AGAIN IN APRIL.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MOUNT PARKER ROAD
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A SECTION OF MOUNT PARKER ROAD BETWEEN QUARRY BAY STREET AND THE ACCESS ROAD TO MOUNT PARKER RADAR STATION WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 28) FOR A CROSS COUNTRY RACE ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES.

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