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BARONESS YOUNG REAFFIRMS BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S
COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG

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THE NEW MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, BARONESS YOUNG, TODAY REAFFIRMED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG.

BARONESS YOUNG WAS GIVING THE OPENING SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS' DEBATE ON THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

SHE WAS THE FIRST OF AN EXPECTED 22 MEMBERS OF THE LORDS TO SPEAK IN THE DEBATE DEALING WITH DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

SHE SAID: +GIVEN (THESE) FRIENDLY LINKS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA AND OUR COMMON INTEREST IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY, COMMON SENSE DEMANDS THAT WE AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT MAKE A SUCCESS OF THE TALKS.

+I BELIEVE THAT WITH GOODWILL, A SATISFACTORY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WILL BE REACHED.+

IN HER LENGTHY SPEECH BARONESS YOUNG ADDRESSED THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG IN THE VERY EARLY STAGES OF HER SECTION DEALING WITH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES.

SHE DESCRIBED THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG'S FUTURE AS A +VITAL ONE+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY.

BARONESS YOUNG CONTINUED: +OUR COMMITMENT TO THEIR FUTURE WELL-BEING IS CLEAR, AND I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THEM, AND YOUR LORDSHIPS, THAT OUR AIM IS TO SEEK A SOLUTION WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE NOT ONLY TO THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS, BUT ALSO TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.+

TALKS ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE WERE TAKING PLACE, SHE SAID, THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IN PEKING.

SHE SAID: +I CANNOT PREDICT HOW LONG THEY WILL TAKE. BUT I CAN ASSURE THE HOUSE THAT WE ARE PROCEEDING AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN. THERE HAVE BEEN A GOOD MANY RUMOURS ABOUT WHAT IS OR IS NOT BEING DISCUSSED. YOUR NOBLE LORDSHIPS WILL NOT EXPECT ME TO COMMENT ON THESE. YOU WILL I AM SURE ACCEPT THAT THE TALKS MUST REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL IF THEY ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THE GOVERNMENT CERTAINLY DO NOT REGARD THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS AS PRE-JUDGED BY ANYTHING THAT IS SAID OUTSIDE THEM.+

BARONESS YOUNG SAID THE TALKS WERE TAKING PLACE AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF CO-OPERATION AND GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. A SPECIAL IMPETUS WAS ADDED BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO CHINA LAST YEAR.

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+BRITAIN WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN CHINA'S OFFSHORE OIL PROGRAMME AND TALKS ARE CONTINUING ON BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN CHINA'S FIRST NUCLEAR POWER STATION PROJECT. SIMILARLY, CO-OPERATION BETWEEN CHINA AND HONG KONG CONTINUES TO EXPAND,+ SHE SAID.

CONCLUDING, BARONESS YOUNG SAID: +GIVEN THESE FRIENDLY LINKS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA AND OUR COMMON INTEREST IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY, COMMON SENSE DEMANDS THAT WE AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT MAKE A SUCCESS OF THE TALKS. I BELIEVE THAT WITH GOODWILL, A SATISFACTORY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WILL BE REACHED.+

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WINNING ENTRIES ON DISPLAY
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AN EXHIBITION OF THE WINNING ENTRIES OF A NEEDLEWORK COMPETITION ENTITLED +ON THE BEACH+ WILL BE HELD AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE BETWEEN JUNE 25 AND JULY 2.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MRS LOUISE MOK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION AND PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS ON JUNE 25 AT 10 AM AT THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM AND ON SATURDAY FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, PUPILS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOMED TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE EXHIBITION AND THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY CAN BE MADE TO THE HOME ECONOMICS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON 5-621009.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION ON NEEDLEWORK ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MRS LOUISE MOK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT ED'S CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG, ON JUNE 25 AT 10 AM.

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CHIEF SECRETARY VISITS CNTA HQS
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY SAW SOME OF THE WORK OF THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE WHEN HE VISITED THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS IN THE WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE.

SIR PHILIP WAS MET AND BRIEFED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES; THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON; THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR LAWRENCE MILLS; AND THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARIES, MR HAIDER BARMA AND MR ALBERT LAM.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY CALLED AT VARIOUS DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS OF CNTA HEADQUARTERS, CHATTING WITH STAFF ABOUT THEIR WORK.

AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER, HE WAS TOLD THAT APART FROM ADMINISTERING STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, THE 60 PES CENTRES ALSO PROVIDED SUCH SERVICES AS DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS AND DISTRIBUTING GOVERNMENT FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS.

FOUR MILLION ENQUIRIES AND REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE WERE HANDLED BY THE CNTA'S 60 PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR.

OF THESE, 3.6 MILLION WERE GENERAL ENQUIRIES RANGING FROM JOB VACANCIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING TO PROBLEMS CONCERNING EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE.

THE REMAINING 400 000 RELATED TO PERSONAL CASES OF WHICH MORE THAN 96 PER CENT INVOLVED REQUESTS FOR STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICE.

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MORE PUBLIC HELP SOUGHT FOR EPCOM WORK
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MR GERALD FORSGATE, CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TODAY THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO MORE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE EPCOM ANNUAL MEETING, MR FORSGATE POINTED OUT THAT THE MEETING ITSELF, WHICH WAS OPEN TO INVITED GUESTS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND TO THE PRESS, WAS INTENDED TO INVOLVE THEIR FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

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HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE LATEST ANNUAL REVIEW BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FIELD WOULD BE WIDELY DISSEMINATED TO PROMOTE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBJECT.

IN HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF EPCOM OVER THE PAST YEAR, MR FORSGATE NOTED THAT VARIOUS NEW ITEMS OF LEGISLATION WERE BEING BROUGHT FORWARD, INCLUDING PLANS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NOISE CONTROL BILL.

+BUT THE POINT WHICH I WOULD STILL EMPHASISE IS THAT EVEN AFTER IT BECOMES LAW THERE WILL BE EVEN GREATER NEED FOR FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS TO BE 'ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS' IN PLANNING THEIR ACTIVITIES. NO LAW COULD, OR SHOULD, ATTEMPT TO REGULATE ALL ACTIVITY IN THE RELEVANT FIELD,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT A NUMBER OF GRANTS HAD BEEN MADE UNDER THE +EPCOM SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANTS SCHEME+ TO NON-GOVERNMENT GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE PAST YEAR.

THESE COVERED SUCH DIVERSE SUBJECTS AS STUDIES ON BEACH WATER QUALITY, THE AGRICULTURAL USE OF REFUSE COMPOST AND AIRBORNE DUST POLLUTION, AN ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY OF KENNEDY TOWN BY SCHOOL PUPILS IN THE AREA AND AN AUDIO-VISUAL PRODUCTION ON INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION.

WHETHER MORE GRANTS WOULD BE AWARDED WOULD DEPEND ON THE OUTCOME OF THESE PROJECTS. IF THEY TURNED OUT TO BE USEFUL, MORE FUNDS WOULD BE ELICITED TO CONTINUE THE SCHEME, MR FORSGATE SAID.

THE CHAIRMEN OF THE THREE SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF EPCOM ALSO REPORTED ON THEIR ACTIVITIES AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

MR HENRY LITTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NOISE, POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT NOISE PROBLEMS ON MTR ISLAND LINE SITES AND ON THE HONG KONG CLUB SITE.

ONE OF THE NOISE ATTENUATION MEASURES ON MTR SITES WAS THE INTRODUCTION OF SEVERAL NEW HYDRAULIC CRAWLER DRILLS WHICH WERE THE ONLY ONES IN USE IN HONG KONG.

MEASURES TAKEN ON THE HONG KONG CLUB SITE INCLUDED CANVAS SHROUDS FOR PILING.

HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT A PROGRAMME HAD BEEN SET UP BY THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE SELF-DISCIPLINE IN THE REDUCTION OF CONSTRUCTION NOISE.

VARIOUS STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO ACCOMPLISH THE AIM, INCLUDING THE ISSUING OF A NOISE CONTROL CODE OF CONDUCT, BRIEFINGS TO SENIOR EXECUTIVES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND A SEMINAR ON CONSTRUCTION NOISE CONTROL, MR LITTON SAID.

MR STEPHEN LAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND AND WATER POLLUTION, NOTED THAT 1982 HAD BEEN A MILESTONE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL IN HONG KONG.

HONG KONG'S FIRST WATER CONTROL ZONE -- THE TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WATER CONTROL ZONE -- WAS DECLARED IN FEBRUARY AND WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES WERE GAZETTED IN JUNE.

IN DECEMBER, THE COMMITTEE ENDORSED INTERIM LICENSING GUIDELINES FOR THE ZONE WHICH WILL BE USED BY THE CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR LICENSING THE SPECIFIED NEW DISCHARGES.

THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE THE MAKING OF DETAILED REGULATIONS, PREPARATION OF WHICH HAD REACHED AN ADVANCED STAGE, MR LAU SAID.

HE SAID ANOTHER AREA OF PRINCIPAL CONCERN TO HIS COMMITTEE WAS THE DEVELOPMENT OF WASTE DISPOSAL STRATEGIES.

IT HAD TAKEN A CLOSE INTEREST IN THE POSSIBILITIES OF WASTE RECYCLING AND METHODS OF REDUCING WASTE GENERATION AND AT ITS REQUEST, THE EPA IS NOW CONDUCTING A STUDY TO EXAMINE POSSIBLE WAYS OF REDUCING WASTE GENERATION AT SOURCE.

+MEANWHILE, WE WERE BRIEFED ON ALL THE PREPARATORY WORK WHICH IS NOW GOING ON WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT ON THE PREPARATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN.

+THIS WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING TOOL WILL SET OUT THE OVERALL PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF ALL WASTES IN HONG KONG,+ MR LAU SAID.

IN HIS SPEECH TO THE ANNUAL MEETING, WHICH WAS TABLED BECAUSE OF HIS ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AIR POLLUTION, MR WALTER SULKE NOTED THAT ENACTMENT OF THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE EARLIER THIS YEAR WAS ONLY A BEGINNING.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NEXT STEPS, FORMULATION OF DETAILED REGULATIONS AND CODES OF PRACTICE, WOULD NOT TAKE AS LONG AS THE TIME THE BILL ITSELF HAD TAKEN TO BECOME LEGISLATION.

HE SAID HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE WAS A FEELING OF APPREHENSION IN SOME QUARTERS THAT THE CONTROLS TO BE DEVELOPED MIGHT PROVE BURDENSOME AND UNDULY OPPRESSIVE TO INDUSTRY.

HE ASSURED THOSE WHO HAD FEARS THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF LENDING SUPPORT TO ANY PROPOSALS WHICH ARE PERCEIVED TO BLUNT THE COMPETITIVE EDGE OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS.

+HOWEVER, I WANT TO EMPHASISE THAT WE DO HAVE AN AIR POLLUTION PROBLEM AND THAT THE HEALTH OF OUR POPULATION MUST TAKE PRECEDENCE AND SINCE THIS IS A WORLD-WIDE PROBLEM WHICH IS THE BEGINNING TO BE APPRECIATED ALSO BY OUR COMPETITORS, I DO NOT THINK THAT MONEY SPENT ON POLLUTION CONTROL WILL AFFECT OUR COMPETITIVE STANCE SINCE SIMILAR AMOUNTS OF MONEY WILL HAVE TO BE SPENT ALSO BY OUR COMPETITORS TO KEEP THEIR POPULATIONS HEALTHY,+ HE SAID.

ON THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS OF AIR POLLUTION WHICH HIS COMMITTEE HAD TACKLED, MR SULKE POINTED OUT THAT LEAD CONTENT IN PETROL WAS NOW REDUCED TO 0.4 GM/L AND RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN MADE FOR A FURTHER REDUCTION IN 1985.

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IN THE CASE OF DIESEL SMOKE, THE COMMITTEE WAS ABOUT TO EXAMINE PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVED CHECKING OF DIESEL CARS, TO AUGMENT THE PRESENT KERBSIDE CHECKS CARRIED OUT BY THE POLICE.

ANOTHER PROBLEM WAS THAT OF PARTICULATE POLLUTION WHICH MR SULKE CONSIDERED TO BE THE WORST AND MOST DANGEROUS AIR POLLUTION IN HONG KONG.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF THIS POLLUTION WERE CONSTRUCTION AND RECLAMATION SITES. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD REGARD THESE SOURCES AS AREAS CALLING FOR PRIORITY OF ATTENTION UNDER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE.

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~~MR~~ GUANGDONG CUSTOMS DISCUSSIONS +MOST USEFUL+
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THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE HONG KONG AND THE GUANGDONG CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE BEEN FURTHER STRENGTHENED FOLLOWING THE FOUR-DAY VISIT BY A SENIOR GUANGDONG CUSTOMS DELEGATION LED BY MR SUN CHUANLU, THE DIRECTOR OF THE GUANGDONG BRANCH OF THE CHINESE GENERAL CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION.

+THE VISIT HAS MARKED A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE GROWTH OF OUR EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIPS AND COLLABORATION. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE MOST USEFUL, ENABLING US IN FUTURE TO FURTHER ASSIST ONE ANOTHER IN MEASURES TO COUNTER SMUGGLING AT THE BORDER,+ SAID MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

IN MARCH 1981, MR SUN LED THE FIRST SENIOR GUANGDONG CUSTOMS DELEGATION TO HONG KONG, LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE CUSTOMS LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS.

THIS SECOND VISIT BY THE GUANGDONG SENIOR OFFICIALS IS A SEQUEL TO THE VISIT LAST NOVEMBER BY A HONG KONG CUSTOMS DELEGATION, LED BY MR JORDAN.

IN THE FOUR-DAY PROGRAMME, THE GUANGDONG OFFICIALS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE WORK OF THE HONG KONG CUSTOMS SERVICE BY VISITING VARIOUS CUSTOMS OFFICES, BONDED WAREHOUSES, HONG KONG TOBACCO CO., SAN MIGUEL BREWERY AND KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL.

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BILL TO PROVIDE FOR MORE TAX CONCESSIONS

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THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1983, TO BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY), MAKES PROVISION FOR A PROFITS TAX CONCESSION AND FOR AN ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT PARENT ALLOWANCE.

THIS PROVISION IS IN LINE WITH THE BUDGET PROPOSALS MADE BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS SPEECH ON FEBRUARY 23 WHEN HE MOVED THE SECOND READING OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1983 IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT PARENT ALLOWANCE OF \$2 000 WILL BENEFIT THE TAXPAYER WITH DEPENDENT PARENTS RESIDING WITH HIM THROUGHOUT THE RELEVANT YEAR OF ASSESSMENT.

ALSO UNDER THE BILL, EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON THE PURCHASE OF PATENT RIGHTS OR RIGHTS TO ANY TRADE MARK OR DESIGN FOR USE IN THE PRODUCTION OF CHARGEABLE PROFITS WILL BE DEDUCTIBLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROFIT TAX ASSESSMENT.

PROVISION IS MADE FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENDITURE WHERE THE RIGHTS ARE ACQUIRED FOR USE PARTLY IN AND PARTLY OUT OF HONG KONG.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF SUCH RIGHTS TO BE TREATED AS A TRADING RECEIPT.

THESE PROPOSALS WERE GENERALLY WELL RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC WHEN THEY WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN FEBRUARY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID.

+THE COST TO THE GENERAL REVENUE OF CONCESSIONS PROPOSED BY THE BILL IS ESTIMATED AT \$24 MILLION IN THE 1983-84 FINANCIAL YEAR AND THEREAFTER AT \$14.5 MILLION A YEAR AT PRESENT LEVELS OF CHARGEABLE INCOME,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 29, WITH THE RESUMED DEBATE, COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING TO BE HELD ON JULY 13, 1983.

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BILL SEEKS TO RAISE THRESHOLD OF ESTATES
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A BILL SEEKING TO RAISE THE THRESHOLD OF THOSE ESTATES WHICH MAY BE DEALT WITH INFORMALLY BY THE OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR, WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE AMENDMENT WOULD ENSURE THAT SMALL ESTATES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ADMINISTERED QUICKLY AND INEXPENSIVELY.

UNDER THE EXISTING LAW, THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, IN HIS CAPACITY AS OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR, MAY SUMMARILY ADMINISTER AN ESTATE OF A DECEASED PERSON IF HE IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE ESTATE DOES NOT EXCEED \$20 000 IN VALUE.

THE PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE PROPOSES TO RAISE THIS THRESHOLD, PRESCRIBED IN 1971, TO \$50 000.

THE BILL WILL BE PLACED BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 29 FOR FIRST READING. THE REMAINING STAGES ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AT THE COUNCIL SITTING ON JULY 13.

A RESOLUTION, UNDER THE INTESTATES' ESTATES ORDINANCE WILL ALSO BE MOVED ON JUNE 29 TO BRING UP-TO-DATE WIDOW'S ENTITLEMENTS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE ORDINANCE, WHICH WERE FIRST LAID DOWN IN 1971.

PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, HONG KONG, OR TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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AMENDMENTS TO IMPORT AND EXPORT ORDINANCE
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A SERIES OF MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE IMPORT AND EXPORT ORDINANCE, AIMED AT PROTECTING HONG KONG'S TRADING INTEREST, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW.

UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, THE DEFINITION OF +MANIFEST+ IS AMENDED TO ENSURE THAT THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE AS CARGO MANIFESTS MEET THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, AND IDENTIFIES RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING A MANIFEST WHERE CARGO IS IMPORTED BY TRAIN.

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THE BILL REQUIRES THAT A MANIFEST SHOULD CONTAIN PARTICULARS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE BY PUBLICATION IN THE GAZETTE. IN ADDITION, NEW PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO PROHIBIT THE REMOVAL OF ARTICLES IMPORTED IF THE CONSIGNEE IS NOT KNOWN OR IF A DOUBT EXISTS AS TO HIS IDENTITY. IT ALSO ENABLES ARTICLES ON A VESSEL, VEHICLE OR AIRCRAFT TO BE REMOVED ELSEWHERE FOR EXAMINATION, AND MAKES THE UNAUTHORISED INTERFERENCE WITH SUCH CARGO AN OFFENCE.

COMMENTING ON THE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE CHANGES WILL NOT POSE ANY OBSTACLE TO THE TRADE. +ON THE CONTRARY, THEY HAVE BEEN MADE TO FACILITATE CARGO MOVEMENT BY AVERTING UNNECESSARY DELAY, AND TO PROTECT LEGITIMATE TRADERS' INTEREST BY REGULATING IMPORT AND EXPORT OF PROHIBITED ARTICLES.+

THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 29, WITH THE RESUMED DEBATE, COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING TO BE HELD ON JULY 13.

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HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME EXPANSION PLANNED

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS TO PROPOSE TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION AN EXPANSION OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FOR 1984-85 WITHIN THE OVERALL PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME TO MEET THE GREAT DEMAND FOR HOS FLATS FROM LOWER-MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES.

HOWEVER, ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS FOR THE NEEDS OF RENTAL CATEGORIES, PARTICULARLY PEOPLE ON THE WAITING LIST AND FROM CLEARANCE, WOULD BE MAINTAINED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID.

AT A MEETING TODAY, MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY DISCUSSED AND AGREED TO A SCHEME WHEREBY A NUMBER OF SUITABLE NEW BLOCKS BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE RENTAL PROGRAMME TO THE HOS PROGRAMME IN 1984-85.

+IN MAKING THE PROPOSAL, MEMBERS ARE SATISFIED THAT THE INTEREST OF NEEDY FAMILIES IS NOT AFFECTED, AS SUFFICIENT RENTAL FLATS, TOTALLING AT LEAST 30 000 AND INCLUDING SUITABLE VACANCIES IN EXISTING ESTATES, WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO RENTAL CATEGORIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE AUTHORITY WILL REVIEW THE SITUATION AT THE END OF 1984-85 AND FURTHER DISCUSS THE BALANCE OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME HAD PROVED VERY POPULAR AND ON AVERAGE EACH PHASE OFFERED FOR SALE HAD BEEN OVER-SUBSCRIBED ABOUT SIX TIMES.

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SINCE THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST PHASE OF HOS FLATS IN 1980, 116 555 RENTAL AND 23 020 HOS FLATS HAD BEEN PRODUCED.

+THE HIGH RATE OF PRODUCTION HAS ENABLED MANY OF THE WORST AREAS OF HOUSING STRESS TO BE TACKLED.

+IT IS NOW CONSIDERED AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO RE-EXAMINE HOUSING NEEDS AND THE BALANCE OF PRODUCTION BETWEEN RENTAL AND HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS.+

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UNOFFICIAL IMPRESSED BY CLEAN UP WORK

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UNOFFICIAL MEMBER MR CHARLES YEUNG SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) HE WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH THE STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS AND THE MEI FA - +BEAUTIFICATION+ - WORK AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS OF KWAI CHUNG.

RESULTS OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN WERE VERY EVIDENT AT MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS, PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, VILLAGES AND STREET CORNERS, SAID MR YEUNG, WHO SPENT THE WHOLE MORNING VISITING KWAI CHUNG NEW TOWN.

+THE EXERCISE, LAUNCHED IN OCTOBER 1981, IS A JOINT EFFORT BY THE GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND BOTH ARE DOING VERY WELL,+ MR YEUNG SAID.

MR. YEUNG ALSO CHECKED ON THE WORK OF THE FIELD STAFF OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND SAW HOW THE CLEAN HONG KONG 1983 DRIVE WAS PROGRESSING.

TODAY'S VISIT WAS AIMED AT GIVING MR YEUNG A FULL PICTURE OF THE ACTUAL STATE OF CLEANLINESS OF PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, AS A RESULT OF THE NEVER-ENDING EFFORT TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN.

ACCOMPANYING MR YEUNG ON THE VISIT WERE THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF KWAI CHUNG, MR CHAN TAI-YIU, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEE OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD.

THEY FIRST WENT TO THE RESIDENTIAL AREA AT KWAI FONG AND SAW THE RESULT OF THE BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP. THEY THEN HAD A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE TOWN CENTRE AT A VANTAGE POINT.

NEXT THE PARTY PROCEEDED TO AN AMENITY PLANTING OF THE MEI FA SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND LAI KING HILL ROAD TO SEE THE LANDSCAPED WORK.

THE PARTY THEN TOURED THE CHUNG MEI RESITE VILLAGE TO INSPECT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACTING-OUT OF VILLAGE CLEANSING SERVICE FOR 2 300 PEOPLE LIVING THERE, FORMING PART OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG EXERCISE.

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INDUSTRY DIRECTOR IMPRESSED BY COMPUTER FIRM'S TECHNOLOGY
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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED TEK-DEVICES LTD AND WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY THE FACTORY HAS REACHED AS EVIDENCED FOR EXAMPLE BY ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED STATES SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAMME.

WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE FACTORY AT CHIAP HUA BUILDING, HUNG HOM, MR YAXLEY WAS MET BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR JOHN LO, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD.

ON A TOUR OF THE 4 700 SQUARE METRES PLANT, MR LO EXPLAINED TO MR YAXLEY THAT THE COMPANY, SET UP BY THE ELECTRONIC MEMORIES AND MAGNETICS CORPORATION OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1965, SPECIALISES IN MANUFACTURING CORE AND SEMI-CONDUCTOR MEMORIES AND SYSTEMS FOR MILITARY APPLICATIONS AND FOR EQUIPMENT OPERATING IN SEVERE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS. THE PRODUCTS OF THE COMPANY HAVE, FOR EXAMPLE, BEEN USED IN EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IN THE U.S. SPACE SHUTTLE, SPACE PROJECTS, MODERN AVIONICS, OIL RIGS, AND DEEP SEA RESEARCH PROGRAMMES.

MR YAXLEY ALSO LEARNED THAT THE COMPANY, ALONG WITH OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, IS PLANNING TO MANUFACTURE POWERFUL MICROPROCESSOR COMPUTERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE COMPANY WILL ALSO BE IMPROVING ITS PRECISION TOOLING OPERATIONS TO SUPPORT THEIR EXPANSION. COMPUTER NUMERICAL CONTROLLED MACHINERY WILL BE USED EXTENSIVELY. IN ADDITION, IT WAS LEARNED THAT TEK-DEVICES LTD IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF SETTING UP A FIRST CLASS ANODISING AND FINISHING FACILITY.

MR LO REVEALED THAT TEK-DEVICES LTD HAS ATTAINED EXCELLENT QUALITY LEVEL WITH ZERO DEFECT STATUS AWARDS FROM HIS CUSTOMERS. WITHIN THE COMPANY, THEY HAVE ACTIVE QUALITY CIRCLES AND TOTAL QUALITY CONCEPT MOTIVATION ACTIVITIES. HE CREDITED THIS ACHIEVEMENT TO THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE HONG KONG WORK FORCE.

+THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVEMENT OF TEK-DEVICES LTD IS A DEMONSTRATION OF THE CAPACITY OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY TO DEVELOP HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTS,+ COMMENTED MR YAXLEY AT THE END OF THE TOUR.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO MR LO AND HIS COMPANY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. +THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE COMPANY IS A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE OF THE APPLICATION OF ADVANCED AUTOMATED MACHINERIES AND A HIGH QUALITY AND A WELL TRAINED WORK FORCE UNDER A PROGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT.

+IT IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF WHAT HONG KONG CAN OFFER AS A MANUFACTURING BASE FOR OVERSEAS INVESTMENT. IN TEK-DEVICES LTD, WE CAN SEE THAT HONG KONG'S HIGH LABOUR SKILLS AND PRODUCTIVITY, SUPPORTED BY AN EXPANDING AND EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE INDUSTRY TO UPGRADE AND TO DIVERSIFY,+ HE ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TRAINING FACILITIES DOUBLED

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR MARTIN ROWLANDS WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW EXTENSION BLOCKS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT 47, TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING.

THE EXTENSION DOUBLES THE TRAINING FACILITIES FOR THE RECRUITS AND INCORPORATES SUCH FEATURES AS A FIVE-LANE INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE, A TRAINING COURT, TRAINING CELLS, A HOME NURSING TRAINING WARD, AND A TRAINING CONTROL ROOM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL START AT 11.30 AM.

AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, A TOUR WILL BE CONDUCTED AROUND SOME OF THE NEW TRAINING FACILITIES.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 10.30 AM SHARP.

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GOOD PROGRESS MADE IN SERVICES FOR ELDERLY

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HONG KONG STILL NEEDS MORE SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY, BUT GOOD PROGRESS IS BEING MADE, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF CARITAS' LAI KOK YUEN HOSTEL AND LAI KOK SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN SHAM SHUI PO.

HE NOTED THAT THE TWIN CENTRES WERE THE FOURTH SUCH CENTRES HE HAD OPENED SINCE HE BECAME DIRECTOR JUST OVER THREE MONTHS AGO.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT ELDERLY PEOPLE HAD DIFFERENT NEEDS.

SOME ARE STILL ENERGETIC AND INDEPENDENT AND SIMPLY WANT TO HAVE A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN MEET OTHERS, ENJOY THEIR HOBBIES, OR EVEN VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES TO HELP OTHER LESS FORTUNATE PEOPLE.

OTHERS LIVE IN A VERY POOR ENVIRONMENT AND NEED A CENTRE WHICH CAN PROVIDE THEM WITH MEALS AND BATHS.

THEN THERE ARE THE VERY OLD AND FRAIL WHO HAVE TO BE TAKEN TO A DAY CARE CENTRE WHERE THEY CAN BE LOOKED AFTER BY NURSES, OR WHO NEED MEALS OR OTHER HELP AT HOME.

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YET OTHERS NEED RESIDENTIAL CARE OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER, ALTHOUGH IT IS CLEARLY DESIRABLE TO HELP ELDERLY PEOPLE TO REMAIN ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

+THE SERVICES WHICH ARE PROVIDED LARGELY THROUGH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WITH THE HELP OF GOVERNMENT SUBVENTIONS AND LOTTERIES FUND GRANTS AIM TO SUPPLY AN APPROPRIATE MIX OF DAY CARE AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID.

THE DIRECTOR SAID THE CHINESE HAD FOR MANY CENTURIES A TRADITION OF CARING FOR THE ELDERLY WITHIN THE FAMILY.

+IT IS SAD THAT THIS TRADITION HAS TO SOME EXTENT BEEN A CASUALTY OF THE RAPID URBANISATION OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+WE ARE NOT ALONE IN THIS; SIMILAR DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN OTHER COUNTRIES. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO TRY TO MAINTAIN THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE VIRTUES OF FILIAL PIETY AND RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY.+

IT MIGHT NO LONGER BE POSSIBLE FOR MANY FAMILIES TO KEEP THE OLDER GENERATION ACTUALLY LIVING WITH THEM, BUT THAT DID NOT MEAN THAT THESE ELDERLY PEOPLE COULD NOT BE JUST AS WELL CARED FOR, MR CHAMBERS SAID.

REFERRING TO SHAM SHUI PO, THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT THE DISTRICT WAS IN ONE RESPECT FORTUNATE AMONG THE OLDER URBAN AREAS IN THAT IT HAD A FAIR SHARE OF WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE IN THE DISTRICT THREE HOMES AND HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY, AND SEVEN SOCIAL AND RECREATION CENTRES. THERE IS ALSO ONE MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE RUN BY CARITAS.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AGENCIES PROVIDING CASEWORK, COUNSELLING AND HOME HELP SERVICES.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT WITH THE ADDITION OF THE NEW SOCIAL CENTRE AND HOSTEL, A FULL RANGE OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY WOULD IN FUTURE BE PROVIDED BY CARITAS IN THE DISTRICT.

+THIS REFLECTS THE FINE CREATIVE TRADITION BUILT UP BY CARITAS DURING ITS 26 YEARS OF SERVICE IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

PUBLIC NOW MORE CONCERNED ABOUT ELDERLY

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THE COMMUNITY WAS MORE AWARE OF THE NEEDS OF OLD PEOPLE, AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WAS VERY KEEN IN SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THEM BY LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS, THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE FOURTH TERM OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OLD PEOPLE SERVICE PROMOTION COMMITTEE, MR HSU SAID THE COMMUNITY WAS VERY ACTIVE IN IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOOD AND PROMOTING MEDICAL AND WELFARE SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE.

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HE SAID THERE WERE MORE THAN 500 000 OLD PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 60 IN HONG KONG IN 1981, AND THE NUMBER WAS INCREASING RAPIDLY.

+OLD PEOPLE CAN, AT THE SAME TIME, LEARN NEW THINGS BY TAKING PART IN SOCIAL WORK IN THEIR SPARE TIME.

+THEY CAN FIND NEW FRIENDS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY,+ MR HSU SAID.

HE SAID LOCAL ORGANISATIONS HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PROMOTION OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE OLD PEOPLE AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD KEEP UP THEIR EFFORT AND HELP PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE FOR THE AGED.

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PARKING CHARGES EXTENDED TO HOLIDAYS

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PARKING CHARGES AT ABOUT 350 METERED SPACES IN WAN CHAI, CAUSEWAY BAY AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE EXTENDED TO SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM 10 AM ON JUNE 26 (SUNDAY).

THIS IS TO BETTER REGULATE THE USE OF PARKING SPACES AND TO DETER LONG-TERM PARKING EVEN DURING HOLIDAYS,- A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY.

THE CHARGES WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE ON WEEKDAYS BUT THE OPERATING HOURS WILL BE FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM.

THE UPPER PORTION OF THESE METER POSTS WILL BE PAINTED VIOLET FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION, AND PLATES SHOWING THE OPERATING HOURS WILL ALSO BE PUT UP ON THE PARKING SIGNS.

THESE PARKING SPACES WILL BE ON LOCKHART ROAD, JAFFE ROAD, GLOUCESTER ROAD, TUNG LO WAN ROAD, SING WOO ROAD, YUK SAU STREET, YUEN YUEN STREET, MIN FAT STREET AND VICTORIA CAR PARK.

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51 POLICE OFFICERS COMMENDED
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FIFTY-ONE OFFICERS WHO HAVE EITHER SOLVED A NUMBER OF SERIOUS CRIME CASES OR HAVE CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) AWARDED COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENDATIONS.

AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY AT KOWLOON POLICE HEADQUARTERS, THE KOWLOON REGIONAL COMMANDER, MR GEORGE HINDHAUGH, PRESENTED THE AWARDS TO THESE DEDICATED OFFICERS WHO HAVE AMONG THEM SOLVED CASES INCLUDING ARMED ROBBERY, KIDNAP, ARSON AND THEFT, DANGEROUS DRUGS TRAFFICKING, FIREARMS CONVERSION AND BLACKMAIL.

DETECTIVE STATION SERGEANT CHAM KWOK-SUM AND DETECTIVE CONSTABLES NG KA-CHEUNG AND NG CHUNG-SHING WERE COMMENDED FOR PROFESSIONAL ABILITY WHICH LED TO THE NEUTRALISATION OF A FIREARMS CONVERSION WORKSHOP IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

THE OPERATION WHICH UNCOVERED A LARGE CACHE OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION WAS THE RESULT OF A SERIES OF RAIDS IN LEK YUEN ESTATE AND TUEN MUN CONDUCTED BY THE POLICE PARTY BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH.

BY BRINGING TO BOOK THE TRIO WHO POSSESSED THE KNOW-HOW FOR LARGE-SCALE CONVERSION OF TOY GUNS INTO LETHAL WEAPONS, THESE OFFICERS HAD HELPED PREVENT EXTENSIVE DAMAGES TO LIFE AND PROPERTY.

ANOTHER TEAM OF DETECTIVES WHO WON HIGH PRAISE FROM THE REGIONAL POLICE CHIEF WERE SENIOR INSPECTOR SIN KAM-WAH, STATION SERGEANT CHAN SAU-FUNG, SERGEANT KONG SIN-TIT, SENIOR CONSTABLES CHAN KAI-WAH AND AU KWONG-TUN, CONSTABLES SO HUNG-FAI, CHENG CHAU-MING AND CHIU KAR-WAH AND WOMAN CONSTABLE SO CHU-HA.

THE WONG TAI SIN DETECTIVES, THROUGH GOOD TEAMWORK AND INVESTIGATION SKILLS, CRACKED A GANG OF FIVE ROBBERS LATE LAST YEAR.

ANOTHER WONG TAI SIN CONSTABLE, MR CHUNG CHUN-WO, WAS PRESENTED WITH THE COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL ENERGY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY DISPLAYED WHILE PERFORMING UNIFORM PATROL DUTY.

HE MADE NO FEWER THAN 34 ARRESTS FOR OFFENCES RANGING FROM ROBBERY TO POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS BETWEEN FEBRUARY TO OCTOBER 1982.

ANOTHER RECIPIENT, WOMAN INSPECTOR CHENG WAI-CHUN, WAS COMMENDED FOR LEADERSHIP AND TENACITY OF A VERY HIGH ORDER WHILST SERVING AS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE SPECIAL DUTIES SQUAD, YAU MA TEI, FROM JULY TO DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

AT THE SAME CEREMONY, A CLERICAL OFFICER I AND AN OFFICE ASSISTANT, WERE ALSO HIGHLY PRAISED FOR THEIR LOYALTY DISPLAYED DURING THEIR ATTACHMENTS TO KWUN TONG HEADQUARTERS AND KOWLOON HEADQUARTERS CRIME WING RESPECTIVELY.