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DIRECTION SET FOR FUTURE OF TERTIARY EDUCATION  
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A SERIES OF MEASURES ARISING FROM THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO 3 WHICH SET CLEAR DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE STRUCTURE OF TERTIARY EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

THESE MEASURES ARE DESIGNED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF TERTIARY PLACES AND TO ENSURE, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, A UNIFIED POINT OF ENTRY TO FIRST DEGREE COURSES.

AMPLE TIME WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL INSTITUTIONS TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS WHILE HAVING A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE FUTURE STRUCTURE OF TERTIARY EDUCATION.

AT THE SAME TIME, ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF ENGLISH AT TERTIARY LEVEL.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE PACKAGE AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR RON BRIDGE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ENDORSED THE EDUCATION COMMISSION'S OBJECTIVE OF WORKING TOWARDS STUDENTS AT ALL INSTITUTIONS FUNDED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE (UPGC) BEING ACCEPTED FOR FIRST DEGREE PROGRAMMES AFTER SECONDARY 7.

HE SAID THE EXISTING VARIETY OF ENTRY POINTS TO TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS WAS UNDESIRABLE BECAUSE IT CREATED EXCESSIVE PRESSURE ON STUDENTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AS WELL AS AN UNDESIRABLE FORM OF COMPETITION AMONG THE INSTITUTIONS.

"THE PRESSURE ON SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARISES FROM THE NUMBER OF EXAMINATIONS THEY MUST TAKE TO MAXIMISE THEIR CHANCES OF ENTRY TO HIGHER EDUCATION, AS WELL AS FROM THE EFFECTS THESE EXAMINATIONS HAVE ON THE CURRICULUM AND THE AVAILABILITY OF TEACHING TIME.

"THE INTRODUCTION OF A UNIFIED ENTRY SYSTEM WILL BENEFIT THE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS.

"CONSIDERATION SHOULD NOW BE GIVEN TO THE INTRODUCTION OF JOINT ADMISSION PROCEDURES AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY.

"IN FACT BOTH THE UNIVERSITIES AND THE POLYTECHNICS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN STEPS IN THIS DIRECTION," HE SAID.

AS FOR THE LENGTH OF FIRST DEGREE COURSES, MR BRIDGE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE FIXED AT THREE OR FOUR YEARS.

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"THE LENGTH OF COURSES SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE AND SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS THEMSELVES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, SUBJECT TO THE USUAL UPGC PROCEDURES," HE SAID.

MR BRIDGE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ACCEPTED THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL THAT THE LENGTH OF FIRST DEGREE COURSES AT ALL UPGC-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS SHOULD IN PRINCIPLE BE THE SAME FOR THE SAME SUBJECT.

"THIS DECISION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED CAREFULLY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE COURSE CONTENT AND MODE OF DIFFERENT PROGRAMMES IN DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS," HE STRESSED.

TO ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY, MR BRIDGE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED THAT THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UPGC, SHOULD CONSIDER ADOPTING A CREDIT UNIT SYSTEM (A SYSTEM WHERE CREDIT IS GIVEN FOR THE AMOUNT LEARNED, RATHER THAN THE TIME STUDIED).

ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PACKAGE, MR BRIDGE SAID ALL INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE GIVEN AMPLE TIME TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO AVOID UNDUE DIFFICULTY.

"WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONSCIOUS OF THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, WHICH AT PRESENT TAKES MOST OF ITS STUDENTS ONE YEAR EARLIER THAN OTHER TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

"THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY HAS MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS AND WE HAVE DECIDED TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE PERIOD OF PREPARATION AND ADJUSTMENT," HE SAID.

MR BRIDGE EXPLAINED THAT FOR EXISTING DEGREE COURSES, CHANGES WOULD BE MADE OVER A PERIOD LASTING TO THE END OF THE 1994-1997 TRIENNIUM AND FULL CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE INDIVIDUAL DIFFICULTIES OF PARTICULAR INSTITUTIONS.

"FOR ANY NEW COURSES INTRODUCED DURING THE 1991-1994 TRIENNIUM, THE UPGC WILL TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THE OBJECTIVE OF HAVING A COMMON ENTRY POINT AFTER SECONDARY 7. STARTING FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1994-1995, ALL NEW COURSES WILL HAVE TO CONFORM TO THE NEW STRUCTURE," HE SAID.

MR BRIDGE ADDED THAT, BEFORE 1994, THE UPGC WOULD CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS MADE AND WOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE DETAILS OF THE FINAL STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION.

ON LANGUAGE STANDARDS, HE SAID ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THE REMEDIAL TEACHING OF ENGLISH AT TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

"THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING THE STANDARD OF ENGLISH OF OUR GRADUATES," HE SAID.

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MR BRIDGE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED THAT IN GENERAL, WHEN MORE RESOURCES BECAME AVAILABLE, THE FIRST PRIORITY SHOULD BE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENTERING TERTIARY EDUCATION EACH YEAR.

"WE HAVE ALSO ACCEPTED THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL THAT THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS SHOULD CONSIDER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UPGC, EXTENDING ACADEMIC TEACHING TIME IN ORDER TO MAXIMISE THE USE OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES," HE SAID.

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IMMEDIATE START TO PRELIMINARY WORK ON DECISIONS

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PRELIMINARY WORK ON IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 3 WILL START IMMEDIATELY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE (UPGC) SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THIS TASK WILL TAKE TIME TO COMPLETE AND WE ARE CONSIDERING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP FOR THIS PURPOSE.

"THE CHANGES ANNOUNCED TODAY WILL AFFECT ALL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND WE WILL CONSULT EXTENSIVELY WITH THEM REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH A FORMAL REQUEST HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT, THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE ASKED TO IMPLEMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, PROPOSALS RELATING TO THE LENGTH OF FIRST DEGREE COURSES, THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR REMEDIAL TEACHING OF ENGLISH, JOINT ADMISSION PROCEDURES, EXTENSION OF ACADEMIC TEACHING TIME, AND THE ADOPTION OF A CREDIT UNIT SYSTEM.

"THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF, AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR, HIGHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

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HARD WORK OF CSD GREATLY APPRECIATED: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT STAFF OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE DONE AND THE EXTRA RESPONSIBILITY THEY HAVE SHOULDERED IN RUNNING CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND BOAT PEOPLE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"I AM VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE STRAIN THAT RUNNING CLOSED CAMPS AND DETENTION CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE HAS PLACED ON THE STAFF RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ON INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF STAFF.

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"MANY OF YOU HAVE HAD TO WORK EXTRA HOURS, GIVE UP SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND MAKE SACRIFICES IN YOUR FAMILY LIFE," SIR DAVID SAID WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE CSD ANNUAL INSPECTION HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

DESCRIBING 1988 AS A CHALLENGING YEAR FOR THE DEPARTMENT, SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE ADDITIONAL BURDEN OFTEN OVERSHADOWED THE MORE ROUTINE BUT NEVERTHELESS IMPORTANT WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

"1988 SAW A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVES IN PROGRAMMES FOR THE CARE OF OFFENDERS," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THE RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION SCHEME AND THE PRE-RELEASE EMPLOYMENT SCHEME HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED. IT IS TOO EARLY YET TO MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF THESE SCHEMES TO REHABILITATE OFFENDERS AND RETURN THEM TO SOCIETY AS USEFUL CITIZENS," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR STRESSED THAT THE RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION BOARD WOULD ALWAYS CONSIDER APPLICATIONS WITH GREAT CARE TO ENSURE THAT ONLY SUITABLE PRISONERS WERE SELECTED.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT 1988 ALSO SAW THE COMPLETION OF THE YOUNG OFFENDER ASSESSMENT PANEL PILOT SCHEME, WHICH STARTED IN APRIL 1987. A TOTAL OF 278 CASES WERE REFERRED TO THE PANEL.

"THE SCHEME IS NOW BEING EVALUATED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WHICH WILL GIVE ITS ADVICE ON WHAT ITS FUTURE DIRECTION SHOULD BE.

"ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A SCHEME OF THIS SORT, EXPERIENCE SO FAR SUGGESTS THAT IT IS A VALUABLE ADDITION TO OUR METHODS OF DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF YOUNG OFFENDERS," SIR DAVID CONTINUED.

RECOGNISING THAT REHABILITATION IS A KEY PART OF THE CSD'S WORK, SIR DAVID CONGRATULATED THE DEPARTMENT TO ITS SUCCESS IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT SINCE LAST YEAR PRISONERS HAD BEEN TAKING THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION AS "SCHOOL CANDIDATES", AND FIVE DISTINCTIONS AND 26 CREDITS HAD BEEN OBTAINED IN THE EXAMINATIONS.

FURTHERMORE, ONE ADULT PRISONER, WHO WAS AWARDED A BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE DEGREE THROUGH A CORRESPONDENCE COURSE, IS NOW STUDYING FOR A MASTER DEGREE AND ANOTHER NINE ARE WORKING FOR BACHELOR DEGREES.

"THIS IS SOMETHING THAT BOTH THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF AND THE PRISONERS THEMSELVES CAN BE PROUD OF," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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"THE DEPARTMENT CAN LOOK BACK ON 1988 AS A YEAR IN WHICH IT CONTINUED TO PERFORM ITS NORMAL DUTIES WITH PATIENCE AND EFFICIENCY, AND AT THE SAME TIME MET NEW CHALLENGES WITH WILLINGNESS AND DETERMINATION," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO CONGRATULATED THE OFFICERS ON PARADE AND PRESENTED COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS TO 19 STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAD GIVEN EXEMPLARY SERVICE OVER THE PAST 18 YEARS.

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FIRST COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS APPOINTED  
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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR ARTHUR GARCIA AS THE FIRST COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE JUDICIARY AS A JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT.

PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE APPOINTMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS COMMENCING ON FEBRUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO APPOINTED FEBRUARY 1 AS THE COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS ORDINANCE.

"THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL ON MARCH 1," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE COMMISSIONER WILL BE PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN SETTING UP HIS OFFICE AND LAYING DOWN WORKING PROCEDURES.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSIONER A COMPLAINT OF MALADMINISTRATION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD DO SO THROUGH A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (OTHER THAN AN OFFICIAL MEMBER).

"THIS MAY BE DONE BY ADDRESSING THE MEMBER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH OMELCO."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN 1986 ON THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT, "REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES", THE GOVERNMENT AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE MAJORITY VIEW THAT AN INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS ALLEGING MALADMINISTRATION.

"THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS BILL WAS PASSED INTO LAW IN JULY LAST YEAR AFTER EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AD HOC GROUP FORMED TO SCRUTINISE IT," HE SAID.

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"THERE IS ALREADY A WELL DEVELOPED AND COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM FOR REDRESSING THE GRIEVANCES FELT BY THE PUBLIC ARISING FROM THE ACTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, BASED ON AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY, A PARTIALLY ELECTED LEGISLATURE AND A RANGE OF OTHER CHANNELS.

"OMELCO IS ALREADY WELL ESTABLISHED AS THE FOCUS FOR COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF ALL TYPES.

"THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS HAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS AND IS INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT AND STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING CHANNELS FOR THE REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMMISSIONER HAD A WIDE RANGE OF POWERS TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS AGAINST MALADMINISTRATION ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT IN JUNE LAST YEAR, WHEN SPEAKING ON THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS BILL, THE CHIEF SECRETARY HAD TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THAT THE COMMISSIONER WOULD BE INDEPENDENT, AND HAVE SUFFICIENT STAFF TO CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES SWIFTLY AND EFFECTIVELY.

HE WOULD ALSO HAVE ALMOST UNLIMITED ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT FILES, HAVE POWERS OF ENTRY INTO GOVERNMENT PREMISES, AND HAVE SUFFICIENT MEANS WITH WHICH TO ENSURE THAT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS WERE HEARD AND ACTED UPON.

"IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE COMMISSIONER SUCCEEDS IN HIS ENDEAVOURS, THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO A MORE OPEN AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MR GARCIA WILL VISIT THE UK AND SWEDEN EARLY NEXT MONTH TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE UK PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND THE SWEDISH OMBUDSMAN.

FOLLOWING ARE BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON MR GARCIA:

MR GARCIA, 64, JOINED GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN 1939 AND HAS SERVED AS USHER TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS BEFORE HE WAS GRANTED A SCHOLARSHIP TO READ FOR THE BAR IN LONDON AND CALLED AT THE MIDDLE TEMPLE IN 1957.

HE LATER SERVED IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT UNTIL 1959 WHEN HE WAS SECONDED TO THE JUDICIARY AS A MAGISTRATE. HE WAS APPOINTED PERMANENT MAGISTRATE THE FOLLOWING YEAR, SENIOR MAGISTRATE IN FEBRUARY 1968 AND PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE THE FOLLOWING MONTH. IN 1971, HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE DISTRICT COURT BENCH AND IN 1979, A JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT.

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IN 1984, HE RETIRED AS A JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT AND HAS BEEN RE-EMPLOYED IN THE SAME CAPACITY SINCE THEN.

MR GARCIA IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF, AMONG OTHERS, THE SOLICITORS' COSTS COMMITTEE, THE SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF CARITAS, HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED, AND THE SOCIETY OF HOMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

MR GARCIA IS MARRIED WITH TWO SONS.

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#### ECONOMIC SUCCESS A REASON FOR OPTIMISM

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ONE ASPECT OF THE HONG KONG SITUATION THAT SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED WHEN LOOKING TO THE FUTURE IS THE TERRITORY'S PHENOMENAL ECONOMIC SUCCESS OVER THE PAST GENERATIONS AND THE PROSPECTS FOR ITS CONTINUATION WELL BEYOND 1997.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR PETER JOHNSON, SAID THIS YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) WHEN ADDRESSING THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

EXPLAINING WHY HE WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE, MR JOHNSON OUTLINED SOME OF THE CONDITIONS AND POLICIES THAT HAD LED TO HONG KONG'S SUCCESS AND ITS ROLE AS A THOROUGHLY MODERN CITY.

"WE HAVE WORKED OUR WAY UP THROUGH A PERIOD OF DEPENDENCE ON SIMPLE MANUFACTURING TO OUR PRESENT POSITION WHEREIN WE NOT ONLY REMAIN A MAJOR MANUFACTURING CENTRE BUT HAVE ALSO BECOME, MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, A MAJOR REGIONAL CENTRE IN EVERY SENSE," HE SAID.

"THIS APPLIES BOTH WITH REGARD TO CHINA AND ITS COMMERCE AND TRADING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, AND WITH REGARD TO INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE AND COMMERCE IN GENERAL."

TO ILLUSTRATE THE SCALE OF HONG KONG'S ACHIEVEMENTS, MR JOHNSON LOOKED BACK 20 YEARS AT GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) GROWTH AND TRADE GROWTH.

"IN 1967 OUR GDP STOOD AT AROUND US\$2.5 BILLION. IN 1987 IT WAS US\$46 BILLION. THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 20 TIMES IN 20 YEARS OR REAL GROWTH OF 8.5 PER CENT PER ANNUM," HE SAID.

"IN 1988 OUR GDP PER HEAD WAS US\$9,370. THIS IS SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN SOME OF THE NEWER MEMBERS OF THE EEC AND PUTS US IN SECOND PLACE IN ASIA, WITH SINGAPORE, BEHIND JAPAN.

"THE GROWTH OF HONG KONG'S TRADE SINCE 1967 HAS ALSO BEEN DRAMATIC. OUR TOTAL ANNUAL TRADE WAS THEN WORTH US\$3.3 BILLION. IN 1988 IT WAS WORTH US\$127 BILLION.

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"THIS IS MORE THAN TWICE OUR GDP AND REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 38 TIMES IN 21 YEARS, OR GROWTH OF MORE THAN 12 PER CENT PER ANNUM."

UNDERLINING HONG KONG'S RELIANCE ON TRADE AND THE TRADING ENVIRONMENT, MR JOHNSON SAID THAT HONG KONG NOW RANKED AMONG THE WORLD'S TOP 13 TRADERS AND HAD THE WORLD'S LARGEST CONTAINER PORT IN TERMS OF THROUGHPUT.

PUTTING THIS IN A CALIFORNIA CONTEXT, HE NOTED THAT HONG KONG HANDLED FOUR TIMES AS MANY CONTAINERS AS THE PORT OF OAKLAND AND MORE THAN THE PORTS OF LONG BEACH AND LOS ANGELES COMBINED.

TURNING TO HONG KONG'S FUTURE GROWTH, MR JOHNSON SAID THIS WOULD NOT BE FOUND SO MUCH IN MANUFACTURING, BUT IN SERVICES AND IN HONG KONG'S REDISCOVERED, AND RAPIDLY EXPANDING, ROLE AS AN ENTREPOT.

"HONG KONG IS ALREADY A SOURCE OF GOODS, INVESTMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND KNOW-HOW FOR THE MAINLAND. CHINA IS RECKONED TO DERIVE OVER 30 PER CENT OF ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS FROM OR THROUGH HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"SOMETHING LIKE 60 PER CENT OF ALL FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CHINA SIMILARLY COMES THROUGH OR FROM HONG KONG."

AT THE SAME TIME, MR JOHNSON SAID, HONG KONG PROVIDED MANY ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR CHINA.

"PERHAPS THE MOST OBVIOUS IS THE GROWING ROLE AS AN ENTREPOT BETWEEN CHINA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD," HE SAID.

"OUR RE-EXPORT FIGURES AS A RESULT HAVE BEEN SHOWING SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH, AND ARE NOW EQUIVALENT TO, OR EVEN A BIT LARGER THAN OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

"HONG KONG HAS ALSO EMERGED AS THE PRINCIPAL INTERMEDIARY FOR TRADE BETWEEN CHINA AND TAIWAN AND KOREA. THE MAINLAND ALSO HAS HUGE AND GROWING INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG, IN ALL FIELDS, AND HAS USED HONG KONG AS A MEANS OF ACCESS, FOR EXAMPLE, TO THE WORLD'S CAPITAL MARKETS.

"THERE IS THEREFORE AN EVOLVING ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA WHICH IS OF IMMENSE VALUE FOR BOTH SIDES.

"I DO NOT THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT EITHER PARTY IS LIKELY TO JEOPARDISE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE."

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STEERING COMMITTEE LAUNCHES YEAR-END CLEAN-UP

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THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP PHASE OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE.

LAUNCHING CEREMONIES WERE HELD AT THE LAN KWAI FONG REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IN CENTRAL AND AT LUK YEUNG SUN CHUEN IN TSUEN WAN.

"DURING THE YEAR-END PERIOD, AN INCREASE OF 40 PER CENT IN REFUSE COLLECTION IS EXPECTED DUE TO TRADITIONAL SPRING CLEANING," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

"LAST YEAR, DURING THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 13 TO 19, A DAILY AVERAGE OF 5,833 TONNES OF REFUSE WAS COLLECTED COMPARED WITH A USUAL DAILY AVERAGE OF 2,782 TONNES," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

TO HELP HOUSEHOLDS DISCARD UNWANTED FURNITURE, BULKY WASTE AND JUNK, TEMPORARY REFUSE/JUNK COLLECTION POINTS WILL BE SET UP IN ALL URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS.

THE PERMANENT REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS WILL ALSO EXTEND THEIR OPENING HOURS, AND OPERATE FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT.

"ADDITIONAL LORRIES AND MANPOWER WILL BE DEPLOYED TO CLEAN UP LITTER BLACK SPOTS, REMOVE REFUSE AND JUNK FROM PUBLIC PLACES, REMOVE UNCLAIMED ARTICLES WHICH CAUSE OBSTRUCTION, AND WASH STREETS AND LANES AFTER THE OPERATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF JUNK AND/OR UNWANTED ARTICLES IN PUBLIC PLACES OTHER THAN THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS IS AN OFFENCE, WITH THE OFFENDER LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$10,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS IN THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS CAN BE DIRECTED TO AN URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HOTLINE, 5-8680000, OR TO THE DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE OFFICES.

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PUBLIC WARNED NOT TO BRING IN ENDANGERED SPECIES

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTENDING TO VISIT CHINA AND OTHER COUNTRIES DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) WARNED NOT TO BRING ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES INTO HONG KONG OR ELSE THEY COULD FACE HEAVY FINES AND IMPRISONMENT.

THE WARNING CAME FROM THE SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR M. K. CHEUNG, FOLLOWING TWO SEIZURES AT THE SHA TAU KOK BORDER EARLIER THIS WEEK, INVOLVING A TOTAL OF 30 LIVE AND SEVEN DEAD ENDANGERED ANIMALS.

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AS A RESULT OF STRINGENT GOVERNMENT ENFORCEMENT ACTION, THREE GIANT SALAMANDERS AND THE CARCASSES OF ONE EAGLE, THREE OWLS AND TWO PANGOLINS WERE INTERCEPTED AT THE SHA TAU KOK BORDER ON MONDAY AND A CHINESE MALE WAS ARRESTED.

ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, EIGHT PANGOLIN, FOUR OWLS AND 15 GIANT SALAMANDERS AND ONE PANGOLIN CARCASS WERE FOUND ABANDONED AT THE BORDER. NO ARREST WAS MADE.

MR CHEUNG SAID: THE DEPARTMENT HAS STEPPED UP CONTROL MEASURES AT ALL ENTRY POINTS TO CHECK ON TRAVELLERS AND GOODS VEHICLES DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD.

"ANYONE WHO TRIES TO ILLEGALLY BRING IN ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES INCLUDING LIVE AND STUFFED SPECIMENS AS WELL AS PARTS AND DERIVATIVES WILL BE DETECTED AND PROSECUTED."

SINCE JANUARY 1, MR CHEUNG SAID, THERE HAD BEEN 20 SEIZURES FOR VIOLATING THE IMPORT AND POSSESSION REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW.

THE ENDANGERED ANIMALS INVOLVED IN THESE CASES INCLUDED PANGOLINS, OWLS, PARROTS, SLOW LORIS, GIANT SALAMANDERS, ASIATIC BONY TONGUE FISH AND CORAL AS WELL AS STUFFED SPECIMENS OF SEA TURTLES AND ALLIGATOR.

"IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE TO IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES WITHOUT THE PRIOR PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

"FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 ON THE FIRST OFFENCE AND \$10,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE," MR CHEUNG ADDED.

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#### 1,000 ELDERLY PEOPLE TO RECEIVE NEW YEAR GIFTS

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WITH THE APPROACH OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, ABOUT 450 VOLUNTEERS FROM SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL BRING GOOD CHEER ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 29) TO ELDERLY PEOPLE LIVING IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT.

THE VOLUNTEERS, TO BE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS OF TWO, WILL VISIT 1,000 SENIOR CITIZENS RECOMMENDED BY 17 HOMES FOR THE AGED, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THEY WILL PRESENT EACH ELDERLY PERSON WITH A GIFT PACKET CONTAINING FOOD AND SWEETS.

THE FOUR OLDEST PEOPLE - ALL AGED OVER 95 - WILL EACH RECEIVE A LAI-SEE PACKET OF \$200.

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DURING THE VISITS, THE VOLUNTEERS WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF FINDING OUT THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE ELDERLY PEOPLE.

THE FINDINGS WILL BE USED IN PLANNING FUTURE ACTIVITIES FOR THEM.

THE PROGRAMME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

IT IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO CARE FOR THE ELDERLY.

TWO OF THE OLDEST PERSONS WILL ALSO BE VISITED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, MR KU SZE-CHUNG; ASSISTANT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS EVA TO; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR NG KAI-KIN; AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CHAN CHI-KWAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER SUNDAY'S VISITS TO THE ELDERLY WHICH WILL BEGIN WITH A SHORT CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE LOK SIN TONG PRIMARY SCHOOL, 63 LUNG KONG ROAD, KOWLOON CITY, STARTING AT 11 AM.

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EMPLOYER FINED FOR ARREARS IN LONG SERVICE PAYMENT  
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EMPLOYERS WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) ADVISED TO GIVE LONG SERVICE PAY TO QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES ON TERMINATION OF SERVICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, OR ELSE THEY MAY FACE PROSECUTION.

THIS FOLLOWS A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH THE OPERATOR OF A RESTAURANT WAS FINED \$3,000 BY A SHA TIN MAGISTRATE FOR NOT MAKING THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT TO A 67-YEAR-OLD WORKER WHOM HE DISMISSED.

"THE EMPLOYER AT FIRST REFUSED TO PAY THE AMOUNT DUE TO THE WORKER, CLAIMING THAT THERE WAS NO SUCH PRACTICE IN THE CATERING INDUSTRY; BUT HE EVENTUALLY AGREED TO A SETTLEMENT WITH THE EMPLOYEE AFTER A CLAIM HAD BEEN FILED AT THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL," A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"AS THE EMPLOYER WILFULLY AND WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE DELAYED THE PAYMENT DUE TO HIS EMPLOYEE AFTER THE TERMINATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, PROSECUTION WAS TAKEN OUT AGAINST HIM."

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UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN DISMISSED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR REASONS OTHER THAN SUMMARY DISMISSAL, REDUNDANCY OR VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION AND WHO HAVE COMPLETED A NUMBER OF CONTINUOUS YEARS OF SERVICE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR LONG SERVICE PAYMENT.

THE PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE TERMINATION AND THE FAMILY OF A DECEASED QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE IS ALSO ENTITLED TO THE LONG SERVICE PAY.

FAILURE TO EFFECT THE PAYMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION CONSTITUTES AN OFFENCE WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE CAN BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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#### FIGHT CRIME YOUTH CAMP ON SUNDAY

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NINETY PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS FROM THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART IN A FIGHT CRIME YOUTH CAMP IN THE PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 29).

ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME ORGANISING COMMITTEE WITH PROVISION OF FUNDS BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CAMP'S PURPOSE IS TO PROMOTE THE ANTI-CRIME MESSAGE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AS WELL AS PROVIDING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THEM.

THE CAMP WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM WITH A TALK BY AN OFFICER FROM THE POLICE PUBLIC COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE IN TUEN MUN.

THE TALK WILL FOCUS ON CRIMES COMMITTED BY YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE CONSEQUENCES THAT THEY HAVE TO FACE.

THERE WILL BE GROUP GAMES AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE AFTERNOON.

THE CAMP IS ONE OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE. THESE WILL INCLUDE A ROCK CLIMBING TRAINING CLASS IN FEBRUARY AS A FINALE TO THE CAMPAIGN PROGRAMME.

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ISLANDS STUDENTS COMPLETE HISTORY PROJECT

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MORE THAN 750 STUDENTS FROM 30 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WILL ATTEND THE "ISLANDS ROOT PROJECT" EXHIBITION DURING THE SCHOOLS GET-TOGETHER DAY TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT BUDDHIST WAI YAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE ON CHEUNG CHAU.

THE EXHIBITION, MARKING THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, WILL COVER TOPICS SUCH AS A COMPARISON OF THE PAST AND PRESENT IN SHUI HAU VILLAGE, BUILDINGS DEVELOPMENT IN MUI WO, INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS IN TAI O, AND THE ISLANDERS' PLACES OF ORIGIN.

STUDENTS TAKING PART IN THE PROJECT HAVE SPENT THE PAST FEW MONTHS IN RESEARCH AND PREPARATION OF MATERIALS AND IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THIS PARTICIPATION THEY WILL LEARN THE HISTORY OF THEIR DISTRICT SO AS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING.

THE PROJECT WAS ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE WITH THE HELP OF THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE (SLC) TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION.

APART FROM THE EXHIBITION, THE CHINESE ARTS PERFORMING TROUPE WILL PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT TO THE STUDENTS JOINING THE SCHOOLS GET-TOGETHER DAY WHICH IS AN ANNUAL ACTIVITY ORGANISED BY THE SLC.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, AND THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS) MR KWOK WAI-CHIU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SCHOOLS GET-TOGETHER DAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE BUDDHIST WAI YAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE ON CHEUNG CHAU, BEGINNING AT 10 AM.

THE LAUNCH "CLEMENTI" WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER, CENTRAL, FOR CHEUNG CHAU AT 8.30 AM.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN FEBRUARY  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 18 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE	TIME
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FEBRUARY 1 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 2 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 3 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 4 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 14 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 15 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 16 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 17 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 18 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 20 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 21 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 22 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 23 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 24 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 25 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
FEBRUARY 26 (SUNDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 8 AM
FEBRUARY 27 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 28 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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KING'S ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS AMENDED  
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT PROPOSES TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT WORKS FURTHER TO THE KING'S ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

THE WORKS WERE ORIGINALLY DESCRIBED IN THE PLANS AND SCHEME GAZETTED ON MAY 6 AND 13 LAST YEAR. NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION OF THESE WORKS WAS GAZETTED ON JULY 29.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WORKS INVOLVE THE REVISION OF THE LAYOUT OF THE AUTHORISED EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE AT MOUNT PARKER ROAD AND THE EXTENSION OF THE RECONSTRUCTION LIMIT EASTWARDS ALONG KING'S ROAD UP TO ITS EASTERN JUNCTION WITH KORNHILL ROAD.

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A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* HONG KONG EAST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HONG KONG;
- \* EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 880-886 KING'S ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, 2ND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MARCH 28, 1989.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR KING'S ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF KING'S ROAD.

A NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THIS PROJECT INVOLVED THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BOTH CARRIAGEWAYS AND FOOTWAYS OF A SECTION OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND KORNHILL ROAD IN QUARRY BAY.

THE EXISTING ROAD LAYOUT WOULD BE IMPROVED AT THE SAME TIME TO CATER FOR THE ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC DEMAND IN THE NINETIES.

OTHER IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT INCLUDE THE LAYING OF ABOUT 3,200 METRES OF LARGE DIAMETER WATER MAINS TO IMPROVE THE SUPPLY NETWORK IN THE AREA, THE ENLARGEMENT OF DRAINS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSIONS TO THE TWO EXISTING FOOTBRIDGES AT TIN CHIU STREET AND MOUNT PARKER ROAD.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START IN APRIL THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN MID-1992.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY PETER FRAENKEL CONSULTANTS (H.K.) LTD. FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRM WILL ALSO SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION.

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NEW ROADS FOR TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT NEW ROADS IN TIN SHUI WAI, YUEN LONG AS PART OF THE TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT.

THE PROPOSED WORKS MAINLY INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND FORMATION OF LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT RESERVE SERVING THE FUTURE TIN YIU ESTATE AND TIN SHUI ESTATE.

ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROADWORKS ARE A FOOTBRIDGE AND TWO PEDESTRIAN/CYCLIST SUBWAYS.

WORKS WILL START IN MID-1989 AND ARE DUE TO BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE FIRST POPULATION INTAKE BY END OF 1991.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GAZETTE.

A NOTICE, BOTH IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, CAN BE SEEN ON THE NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

THE PLANS AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, 9TH FLOOR, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG;
- \* YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISH TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SEND HIS OBJECTION, IN WRITING, TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, 2ND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MARCH 28, 1989.

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DRAINAGE CHANNELS FOR NORTHWEST NT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO CONSTRUCT DRAINAGE CHANNELS NEAR HUNG UK TSUEN, FUI SHA WAI AND TAI TO TSUEN IN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES.

THE WORKS ARE AIMED AT ALLEVIATING FLOOD HAZARDS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA.

WORKS UNDER THIS CONTRACT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONCRETE-LINED CHANNELS, ASSOCIATED ACCESS ROADS AND FOOTPATHS, AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING BOX CULVERT ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT FUI SHA WAI.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO YEARS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY THE DRAINAGE (DESIGN) DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THE DRAINAGE (CONSTRUCTION) DIVISION WILL SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION.

TENDERS FOR THE WORKS ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 24.

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NEW ROADS IN FANLING VILLAGE

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO BUILD ROADS IN FAN LENG LAU VILLAGE, WEST, OF LUEN WO MARKET, FANLING TO PROVIDE AND IMPROVE THE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESSSES TO THE VILLAGE AND ADJACENT NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

THE WORKS ARE PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWNS.

THEY INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS, EMERGENCY VEHICULAR ACCESSSES, ACCESS ROADS, CARPARKS, ROADSIDE AMENITIES, STREET FURNITURE AND DRAINAGE NETWORKS.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE WORKS, SOME 1,180 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE LAND COMPRISING MAINLY AGRICULTURAL LAND WITH SOME BUILDING LAND WILL HAVE TO BE RESUMED.

PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE ACCESSSES WILL BE PROVIDED TO CATER FOR THE EXISTING ACCESSSES THAT HAVE TO BE CLOSED.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESSSES WILL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE MINIMISED.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LIMITED, CONSULTING ENGINEERS ON BEHALF OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE NORTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, 2ND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MARCH 28, 1989.

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NEW LOADING/UNLOADING AREA AT NAM WAN

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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW PUBLIC LOADING AND UNLOADING AREA, MEASURING 40 METRES BY 16.5 METRES, AT NAM WAN ON CHEUNG CHAU TO RELIEVE THE CONGESTION AT THE EXISTING PUBLIC PIER.

TWO SETS OF THE EXISTING LANDING STEPS ON THE REVETMENT WILL ALSO BE RELOCATED SOUTHWARD BY ABOUT 100 METRES.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START LATER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1991. IT WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,130 SQUARE METRES OF FORSHORE AND SEABED.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OVER THE AREA WILL BE AFFECTED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BEFORE DECEMBER 29 THIS YEAR.

DETAILS OF THE PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; AND AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, HONG KONG.

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RIGHT-TURN BAN AT YEN CHOW STREET TO BE LIFTED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ROADWORKS IN YEN CHOW STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO, VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR SLIP ROAD TO YEN CHOW STREET WESTBOUND.

THIS MEASURE WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 30).

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