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HK/CHINA RELATIONS ARE CENTRAL TO SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION: CS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD SAID IN SEATTLE ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 14) THAT HONG KONG'S RELATIONS WITH CHINA WERE CENTRAL TO A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION.

"HONG KONG'S POSITION IN RELATION TO CHINA HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE ESSENTIAL POLITICAL FACT OF LIFE," SAID SIR DAVID WHEN ADDRESSING A JOINT LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE SEATTLE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, WASHINGTON COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND WASHINGTON STATE CHINA RELATIONS COUNCIL.

"FOR MANY YEARS HONG KONG HAS BEEN DEPENDENT ON CHINA FOR MUCH OF ITS FOOD, AND MORE RECENTLY FOR MOST OF ITS DRINKING WATER.

"FOR NEARLY FOUR DECADES HONG KONG PEOPLE HAVE KNOWN THAT, IF CHINA CONSIDERED HONG KONG DEVELOPMENTS TO BE SERIOUSLY AT ODDS WITH CHINA'S OWN BASIC NATIONAL INTERESTS, HONG KONG'S SPECIAL POSITION WOULD BE PUT AT RISK," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE CONTACTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA HAD INCREASED DRAMATICALLY OVER RECENT TIMES.

TEN YEARS AGO THE ONLY WAY FROM HONG KONG TO CHINA WAS TO WALK ACROSS THE RAILWAY BRIDGE AT THE BORDER AND LAST YEAR HONG KONG'S SIX MILLION PEOPLE MANAGED TO MAKE 15 MILLION VISITS ACROSS THE BORDER.

THIS TRANSLATED INTO 14,000 VEHICLES CROSSING THE LAND BORDER EVERYDAY, WITH OTHER TRAVELLERS HAVING THE CHOICE OF PLANE, TRAIN, BOAT, HOVER-FERRY, BUS OR CAR, HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID COMMERCE CONTINUED TO DRIVE HONG KONG AND CHINA CLOSER. "WE ARE EACH OTHERS' LARGEST TRADING PARTNERS AND TRADE CONTINUES TO GROW FURIOUSLY.

"HONG KONG ENTREPRENEURS EMPLOY ABOUT TWO MILLION PEOPLE IN GUANGDONG PROVINCE ALONE - TWO-AND-A-HALF TIMES HONG KONG'S OWN MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE. SOME 50,000 SKILLED HONG KONG PEOPLE WORK REGULARLY INSIDE CHINA," HE SAID.

AT OFFICIAL LEVEL, SIR DAVID SAID, THERE WERE NOW DAILY CONTACTS ON IMMIGRATION, CRIME, SMUGGLING, TRANSPORT, AND THE ENVIRONMENT WITH THE NEIGHBOURING GUANGDONG PROVINCE.

"BUT HONG KONG AND CHINA STILL HAVE MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT EACH OTHER. MORE AND MORE GROUPS FROM HONG KONG, BUSINESS, PROFESSIONALS AND ACADEMIC, VISIT THE MAINLAND.

"DELEGATIONS FROM ALL OVER CHINA VISIT HONG KONG IN EVER-INCREASING NUMBERS. FOR THOSE WITH A THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE OF FREE MARKET ECONOMICS HONG KONG'S SUCCESS, ITS JUSTICE AND GOOD ORDER, ARE A POWERFUL ILLUSTRATION," THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

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EXPLAINING WHY THE HONG KONG ECONOMY COULD NOT BE REGARDED IN ISOLATION FROM CHINA, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN RECENT YEARS FOR HONG KONG HAD BEEN CHINA'S RE-OPENING TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND THE ENORMOUS IMPETUS WHICH THIS HAD GIVEN TO DEVELOPMENT THERE AND PARTICULARLY IN THE SOUTH.

"HONG KONG'S DEEP-WATER HARBOUR - THE ONLY ONE IN THE AREA - DEFINES ITS NATURAL ROLE AS THE PRINCIPAL PORT FOR SOUTH CHINA. THAT IS HOW HONG KONG STARTED AND THAT IS WHERE ITS FUTURE LIES," HE SAID.

ON THE QUESTION HOW THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SAW THE FUTURE, SIR DAVID SAID GOVERNMENT'S PLANNING HORIZONS WERE NOT BOUND BY 1997 AND IT SAW BEYOND THAT DATE INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

"OUR PLANS ARE BASED ON A CLEAR VISION OF HOW HONG KONG SHOULD POSITION ITSELF FOR THE NEXT CENTURY.

"WE SEE HONG KONG AS AN IMPORTANT REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ROLE, AS AN ENTREPOT, A MAJOR FINANCIAL AND SERVICES CENTRE AND A MANUFACTURING CENTRE FOR SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTS," SIR DAVID SAID.

NOTING THAT OCCASIONALLY, THERE WERE SUGGESTIONS THAT OTHER CITIES WERE TIPPED TO TAKE OVER HONG KONG'S ROLE, SIR DAVID SAID HE HOPED THAT SUCH CLAIMS WOULD BE GREETED WITH APPROPRIATE SCEPTICISM IN THE STATES.

"YOU, LIKE US, KNOW THAT LOCATION IS NOT REPLACEABLE.

"THE SHORTER SEA JOURNEY, THE DAY SAVED ON THE RAILROAD MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE FOR YOU IN COMPETITION.

"FOR HONG KONG THE NATURAL DEEP-WATER PORT GIVES US THE EDGE OVER GUANGZHOU'S RIVER PORT, AND NO OTHER PLACE COMBINES OUR PROXIMITY TO CHINA, CONTACTS AND KNOW-HOW," HE SAID.

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CHIEF SECRETARY CONTINUES U.S. TOUR

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 14) CONTINUED HIS TOUR OF THE WESTERN UNITED STATES IN THE CITY OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON STATE, WITH ANOTHER BUSY SCHEDULE OF SPEECHES, BRIEFINGS AND MEDIA INTERVIEWS.

HIS DAY STARTED WITH A BREAKFAST BRIEFING HOSTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THE WASHINGTON STATE CHINA RELATIONS COUNCIL DURING WHICH TALKS FOCUSED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF TWO-WAY TRADING LINKS BETWEEN WASHINGTON STATE AND HONG KONG, AND ON THE TERRITORY'S COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

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SIR DAVID LATER CALLED ON THE MAYOR OF SEATTLE, MR NORMAN RICE. HE NOTED THE SIMILARITY OF THE TWO CITIES WITH THEIR STRATEGIC GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE PACIFIC, WITH SEATTLE BEING ONE OF THE MAIN ENTRY POINTS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE ON THE WEST COAST.

HE ALSO ATTENDED AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE SEATTLE TIMES.

OVER LUNCH, SIR DAVID ADDRESSED AN AUDIENCE OF 170 MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF THE SEATTLE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WAS A VISIT TO THE BOEING AIRCRAFT CORPORATION PLANT AT EVERETT, ABOUT 30 MILES NORTH OF SEATTLE IN WASHINGTON STATE.

SIR DAVID WAS MET BY MR WILLIAM SHINEMAN, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE EVERETT DIVISION, BOEING COMMERCIAL AIRPLANE GROUP.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE MINISTER OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, MR PETER LO, AND THE DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR PETER JOHNSON, SIR DAVID WAS THEN TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE PLANT BY MR LEWIS ZINK, SERVICE MANAGER OF THE EVERETT DIVISION 747/746 PROGRAMMES.

SIR DAVID WATCHED THE VARIOUS STAGES OF AIRLINE ASSEMBLY AT THE 23,400-EMPLOYEE PLANT, INCLUDING THE FINISHING TOUCHES BEING PUT TO A CATHAY PACIFIC BOEING 747 AIRCRAFT WHICH WILL LEAVE THE FACTORY IN DECEMBER TO GO INTO SERVICE WITH CATHAY PACIFIC EARLY NEXT YEAR.

SIR DAVID WAS TOLD HOW THE WIDEBODY ASSEMBLY PLANT AT EVERETT HAD BEEN BUILT BY THE BOEING COMPANY IN 1966 IN ORDER TO MANUFACTURE THE WORLD'S LARGEST AIRLINER --- THE 747 SUPERJET. THE PLANT CURRENTLY PRODUCES ONE 747 OR 767 EVERY FOUR DAYS.

THE DAY ENDED WITH A RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION IN SEATTLE, WHERE SIR DAVID MET A NUMBER OF THE CITY'S LEADING BUSINESS EXECUTIVES AND ACADEMICS, AND DINNER.

TOMORROW SIR DAVID LEAVES SEATTLE FOR VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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SURVEYORS PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN HK'S DEVELOPMENT

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AS THE 1990'S UNFOLD, THERE WILL BE EVEN STRONGER DEMANDS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY SURVEYORS IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT ANNUAL DINNER OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS (HONG KONG BRANCH) AND THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS, SIR PIERS SAID THE HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS THAT HONG KONG HAD COME TO EXPECT FROM MEMBERS OF THIS PROFESSION WOULD CONTINUE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY WELL.

"JUST AS BEFORE WITH OUR GREAT SURGE OF PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT IN THE SIXTIES, THE SURVEYORS' PROFESSION WILL PLAY ITS PART IN DEVELOPMENTS THAT WILL AFFECT THE LIFE OF EVERY MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

"IN THE YEARS AHEAD, WE FACE MANY INTERESTING AND, INDEED, EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL THOSE ENGAGED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY.

"IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN HONG KONG WILL PROBABLY DOMINATE THE SCENE. BUT IN ADDITION, THE PUBLIC HOUSING AND NEW TOWN PROGRAMMES INITIATED IN 1972 TO PROVIDE MODERN ACCOMMODATION FOR SQUATTERS AND LOW INCOME FAMILIES WILL CONTINUE STEADILY," HE SAID.

SIR PIERS POINTED OUT THAT THESE PROGRAMMES HAD BEEN A RESOUNDING SUCCESS AND HAD RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION ON MANY OCCASIONS.

"ULTIMATELY, EIGHT NEW TOWNS WILL BE COMPLETED TO HOUSE SOME 3.5 MILLION PEOPLE. TO DATE, WE HAVE ALREADY PASSED THE HALF WAY MARK WITH 2.2 MILLION RESIDENTS LIVING COMFORTABLY IN NEW HOMES.

"I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR WILL BE EQUALLY ACTIVE. THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OFFICES, SHOPS, APARTMENT BLOCKS AND OTHER FACILITIES," HE ADDED.

HE NOTED THAT NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE WERE AWARE OF THE ROLE WHICH SURVEYORS WERE ALREADY PLAYING IN THE MANY PORT AND AIRPORT PROJECTS.

"LAND SURVEYORS HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON TO MAP OUT AREAS, PROVIDE DATA FOR THE LAND INFORMATION SYSTEM AND DEAL WITH BOUNDARIES," HE SAID.

"AS THE VARIOUS CIVIL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING PROJECTS DEVELOP, QUANTITY SURVEYORS WILL BECOME INVOLVED IN WORKING OUT COST ESTIMATES AND CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS.

/"BUILDING SURVEYORS

"BUILDING SURVEYORS WILL BE INVOLVED IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND BUILDING CONTROLS. VALUATION SURVEYORS ARE BUSY GIVING ADVICE ON DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS AND LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMMES," HE SAID.

SURVEYORS CERTAINLY HAD DONE MUCH TO BUILD UP THE PROPERTY SECTOR IN HONG KONG AS THEY HAD IN OTHER DENSELY POPULATED PARTS OF THE WORLD, SIR PIERS POINTED OUT.

HE NOTED THAT THE VALUE OF LAND HAD BEEN OF ENORMOUS HELP IN DRIVING HONG KONG'S ECONOMY AND SURVEYORS, TOGETHER WITH ARCHITECTS, LAWYERS, BANKERS, INVESTMENT MANAGERS HAD THRIVED IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMY DRIVEN AT VARIOUS TIMES BY PROPERTY INVESTMENT.

"AND, OF COURSE, THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OFFER THEIR SERVICES IN OTHER TOTALLY UNRELATED FIELD, THUS, CONTRIBUTING TO THE GROWTH OF HONG KONG AS A GREAT SERVICE CENTRE," SIR PIERS SAID.

"HENCE, THE SEEDING PROVIDED BY THE PROPERTY SECTOR HAS BEEN OF ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE TO THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AS A COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL CENTRE," HE ADDED.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER
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BOTH THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED STABLE AT A LOW LEVEL DURING THE PERIOD JULY - SEPTEMBER 1990, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1990 WAS 1.7 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 1.6 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1990 AND 1.4 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE INCREASE OF 0.1 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT WHILE THE INCREASE OF 0.3 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN JULY - SEPTEMBER 1990 WAS ESTIMATED AT 47,100, COMPARED WITH 43,900 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1990 AND 37,500 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1989.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1990 WAS 1.0 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 0.9 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1990 AND 0.6 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1989.

THE INCREASE OF 0.1 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT WHILE THE INCREASE OF 0.4 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1989 IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

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THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS IN JULY - SEPTEMBER 1990 WAS 28,800, COMPARED WITH 26,100 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1990 AND 17,400 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1989.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (FOR EXAMPLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 1990 WAS 1.5 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.0 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1990 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 11,400 HOUSEHOLDS OR 41,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1990 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND DECEMBER 20 AT \$11.50 PER COPY.

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STATISTICS ON TRADE WITH CHINA OF OUTWARD PROCESSING NATURE RELEASED
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IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990, SOME 64 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S IMPORTS FROM CHINA WAS RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME 58 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA WAS FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING; THE FIGURE WAS 80 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, AND 49 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA.

THE CORRESPONDING PROPORTIONS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 WERE 57 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS, 54 PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, 76 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND 46 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

IN JANUARY - JUNE 1990, SOME 61 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S IMPORTS FROM CHINA WAS RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME 57 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA WAS FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING; THE FIGURE WAS 79 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, AND 48 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA.

THE CORRESPONDING PROPORTIONS IN JANUARY - JUNE 1989 WERE 58 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS, 50 PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, 74 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND 41 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

TO PROVIDE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE AND IMPORTANCE OF OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA BY HONG KONG FIRMS, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A SAMPLE SURVEY AS FROM THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 TO DISTINGUISH HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO CHINA - BOTH DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS - INTO THOSE WHICH ARE FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING AND THOSE WHICH ARE NOT.

THE SCOPE OF THE SURVEY HAS ALSO BEEN EXTENDED AS FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 SO AS TO SEGREGATE HONG KONG'S IMPORTS FROM CHINA INTO THOSE WHICH ARE RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING AND THOSE WHICH ARE NOT. THE RESULTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

IN VALUE TERMS, SOME \$36,796 MILLION OF IMPORTS FROM CHINA IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 WERE RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 33 PER CENT OVER THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990, AT \$22,923 MILLION, WAS 11 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING GREW BY 12 PER CENT TO \$9,398 MILLION AND 9 PER CENT TO \$13,526 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

IN JANUARY - JUNE 1990, SOME \$62,984 MILLION OF IMPORTS FROM CHINA WERE RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 23 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING IN JANUARY - JUNE 1990, AT \$40,497 MILLION, WAS 12 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR AGO.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING GREW BY 10 PER CENT TO \$16,351 MILLION AND 13 PER CENT TO \$24,146 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

THE ESTIMATES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 AND JANUARY - JUNE 1990 AND THE CORRESPONDING CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989 ARE SUMMARISED IN THE TABLE BELOW.

ESTIMATED VALUE AND PROPORTION OF OUTWARD PROCESSING TRADE FOR IMPORTS FROM CHINA AND EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) TO CHINA
2ND QUARTER OF 1990 AND JANUARY - JUNE 1990

TRADE TYPE	ESTIMATED VALUE OF OUTWARD PROCESSING TRADE				ESTIMATED PROPORTION OF OUTWARD PROCESSING TRADE			
	2ND QTR 1990 (HKD MN.)	% CHANGE OVER 2ND QTR 1989 (%)	JAN- JUN. 1990 (HKD MN.)	% CHANGE OVER JAN-JUN 1989 (%)	2ND QTR 1990 (%)	2ND QTR 1989 (%)	JAN- JUN 1990 (%)	JAN- JUN 1989 (%)
IMPORTS FROM CHINA	36,796	+33.1	62,984	+23.0	64.5	57.0	61.3	57.7
TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA	22,923	+10.5	40,497	+12.0	58.3	54.3	57.3	50.0
DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA	9,398	+12.3	16,351	+10.2	80.3	75.9	79.0	74.2
RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA	13,526	+ 9.3	24,146	+13.3	49.0	45.5	48.4	40.7

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY, EXPORTS TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING REFER TO THE EXPORTING OF RAW MATERIALS OR SEMI-MANUFACTURES FROM HONG KONG TO CHINA FOR PROCESSING, WITH THE RESULTING PROCESSED GOODS BEING SUBSEQUENTLY RE-IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG.

IMPORTS FROM CHINA RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING REFER TO THE IMPORTING OF GOODS FROM CHINA OF WHICH ALL OR PART OF THEIR RAW MATERIALS OR SEMI-MANUFACTURES ARE UNDER CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT EXPORTED FROM OR THROUGH HONG KONG TO CHINA FOR PROCESSING.

A SAMPLE OF TRADE DECLARATIONS IN RESPECT OF HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA (IMPORTS, DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) ARE SELECTED FOR ENUMERATION TO OBTAIN THE REQUIRED INFORMATION FROM ESTABLISHMENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED SYSTEM OF RECORDING TRADE FLOWS, ALL MOVEMENTS OF GOODS ACROSS THE BORDER, FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE, ARE RECORDED AS EXTERNAL TRADE. THUS THE MOVEMENTS OF GOODS ASSOCIATED WITH OUTWARD PROCESSING ARE CORRECTLY INCLUDED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS.

"THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY, HOWEVER, FACILITATE A MORE INFORMED ANALYSIS OF THE NATURE OF HONG KONG-CHINA TRADE.

"IN THIS RESPECT, THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE A USEFUL SUPPLEMENT TO THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS," HE SAID.

SURVEY RESULTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 WILL BE INCLUDED IN PART I OF THE SEPTEMBER 1990 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AROUND NOVEMBER 20 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$27 PER COPY.

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IMPORTANCE OF SAFE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT STRESSED
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HONG KONG HAS ACHIEVED A REMARKABLE SAFETY RECORD IN USING PRESSURE EQUIPMENT AS A RESULT OF THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL, MR HO SAI-CHU, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

WARNING AGAINST COMPLACENCY, MR HO STRESSED THAT SAFETY MUST REMAIN THE PRIME CONCERN OF EVERYBODY IN THE TRADE AS THE COST OF THE ACCIDENTS IN TERMS OF BOTH HUMAN MISERY AND FINANCIAL LOSS WAS TOO HIGH FOR ANYONE TO BEAR.

MR HO WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A TWO-DAY RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION AT LEI YUE MUN PARK HOLIDAY VILLAGE.

THE SEMINAR IS DESIGNED AS A VENUE FOR THE DIVISION'S STAFF AND PERSONNEL FROM RELATED TRADES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON TOPICS OF COMMON INTEREST IN PRESSURE EQUIPMENT.

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TURNING TO THE NEW BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, MR HO SAID THEY WERE BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF MAKING THE BEST USE OF RESOURCES AND EXPERTISE AVAILABLE IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

"THE INSPECTION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR ARE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE IN ENSURING THE COMPLIANCE OF THE LAW AND SAFETY IN USING PRESSURE EQUIPMENT," HE ADDED.

MR HO ALSO SAID THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS A TRIPARTITE ADVISORY BODY COMPRISING PROMINENT MEMBERS FROM USERS, MANUFACTURERS, INSPECTION BODIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

"THE ADVICE FROM THIS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS IS INVALUABLE IN ADOPTING NEW TECHNIQUES IN HONG KONG AND IN ENHANCING THE SAFETY STANDARD IN THE FIELD," HE SAID.

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REMINDER FOR WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1941-46

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED WOMEN BORN FROM 1941 TO 1946 TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE DECEMBER 8.

"TO AVOID A LAST-MINUTE RUSH, WOMEN OF THIS AGE GROUP WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR A NEW I.D. CARD SHOULD COME FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

"FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW I.D. CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS CAN GO TO ANYONE OF THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO REPLACE THEIR I.D. CARDS.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS.

ALL OFFICES CLOSE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

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TEL. NO. 574 7070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD,
NGAU TAU KOK
TEL. NO. 755 3669

- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI
TEL. NO. 723 2424
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET
TEL. NO. 498 0117
- SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,
11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET
TEL. NO. 605 9108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD
TEL. NO. 477 1543
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
CHI LOK FA YUEN
TEL. NO. 458 0646
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI
TEL. NO. 672 7191

THEY MAY MAKE USE OF THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE BY
CALLING 824 0303 FOR DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS TO BE BROUGHT ALONG.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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HONG KONG FILM FOCUS

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THE HONG KONG FILM INDUSTRY HAS COME A LONG WAY IN RECENT
YEARS, FLOURISHING WITH WRITERS, PRODUCERS AND DIRECTORS
INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN FOR THEIR WORKS OF VISION, ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT
AND SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS, MR JOHN YAXLEY, HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN
LONDON SAID ON TUESDAY EVENING.

SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION TO MARK "HONG KONG FOCUS" - A SERIES
OF NEW FILMS FROM THE TERRITORY - NOW BEING SCREENED IN THE LONDON
FILM FESTIVAL, MR YAXLEY SAID:

"HONG KONG DOES HAVE A STRONG CULTURAL HERITAGE AND A DIVERSE
ARTS SCENE WHICH ARE NOT PERHAPS WIDELY APPRECIATED.

"OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE ARTS ARE OFTEN BURIED UNDER THE
WEIGHT OF ALL THE MANY OTHER STORIES WHICH COME OUT OF HONG KONG,
STORIES WHICH TEND TO HAVE A PREOCCUPATION WITH POLITICS AND
ECONOMICS."

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HENCE, THE HONG KONG FOCUS GIVES THE CITY AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THAT "WE ARE NOT PHILISTINES" AND, INDEED, THAT IT IS JUST AS PROUD OF ITS FILM MAKERS, PAINTERS, DANCERS, ACTORS, AS IT IS OF ITS INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SUCCESSES, SAID MR YAXLEY.

THE RECEPTION WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 200 GUESTS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND OTHER DIGNITARIES.

LADY PAMELA YOUDE, WIFE OF THE FORMER GOVERNOR; MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE, DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING; REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN LONDON; MEMBERS FROM THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN THE UK; AND PROMINENT CITY BUSINESSMEN WERE ALSO PRESENT.

MR ALLEN LEE, SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WAS THE GUEST OF HONOUR. A LIVELY DRAGON DANCE DELIGHTED THE GUESTS AND ENLIVENED THE EVENING.

10 HONG KONG FILMS ARE BEING SCREENED IN THE NATIONAL FILM THEATRE AND OTHER VENUES IN LONDON UNTIL NOVEMBER 25.

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EDUCATIONAL SPIRIT OF FMO PRAISED

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THE CONTINUATION OF STABILITY, PROSPERITY AND PROGRESS OF HONG KONG DEPENDS VERY MUCH ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF ITS UPCOMING YOUTHS WHO ARE EDUCATED AND IDEALISTIC, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR ANDREW WONG SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADDRESSING MORE THAN 300 GRADUATES ATTENDING THE 21ST FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (FMO) SCHOOLS JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL, MR WONG SAID THE FMO SCHOOLS HAD FULFILLED THE ROLE OF PROVIDING EDUCATION EXTENSIVELY TO THE NEXT GENERATION FOR THE COMMUNITY ON A REGIONAL BASIS.

MR WONG SAID THROUGHOUT THE PAST 40 YEARS, THE FMO SCHOOLS HAD MAINTAINED THEIR GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR EDUCATION BY ENSURING THAT THEIR STUDENTS COULD RECEIVE ALL-ROUNDED EDUCATION WHICH PLACED EQUAL EMPHASIS ON ACADEMIC STUDIES AND CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT.

HE NOTED THAT IMPROVEMENTS IN FISHING AND AQUACULTURE TECHNIQUES AS WELL AS THE GROWING PROPORTION OF FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN IN PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE CONTRIBUTION OF FMO SCHOOLS TO THE EDUCATION OF LOCAL FISHERMEN.

"IN RECENT YEARS, IN LINE WITH THE PRESENT TRENDS OF EDUCATION, THE FMO SCHOOLS HAVE EXTENDED THEIR ENROLMENT, NO LONGER RESTRICTED TO THE FISHING COMMUNITY, SO THAT STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT FAMILY BACKGROUNDS AND OF DIFFERENT CALIBRES CAN STUDY TOGETHER," MR WONG SAID.

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"THIS CHANGE IS SIMILAR TO THE DIVERSIFICATION OF TRADES AMONG FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN, WHO ARE NOW SERVING SOCIETY IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE, INSTEAD OF STICKING TO FISHING PRACTICES FOR GENERATIONS," HE ADDED.

MR WONG EXPRESSED HIS HEARTFELT APPRECIATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL SPIRIT OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION AS WELL AS THE DEVOTION AND EFFORTS OF THE TEACHERS OF FMO SCHOOLS.

TO THE GRADUATES, HE HOPED THAT THEY COULD BASE ON WHAT THEY HAD ALREADY ATTAINED SO FAR TO STRIVE FOR FURTHER ACHIEVEMENTS IN THEIR STUDIES AND CAREERS.

EARLIER IN HIS INTRODUCTORY SPEECH, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, PRAISED MR WONG FOR HIS ENTHUSIASM IN PROMOTING PUBLIC WELFARE AND HIS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY SERVICES.

DR LEE SAID: "MR WONG IS ALSO A RENOWNED EDUCATIONALIST IN THE TERRITORY, HAVING TRAINED UP SO MANY DEDICATED STUDENTS, HIS CONTRIBUTIONS ARE OBVIOUS TO ALL."

THE FMO SCHOOLS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS, NOW RUNS THE ABERDEEN SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL WITH 487 STUDENTS AND SEVEN OTHER PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH A STUDENT POPULATION OF ABOUT 850.

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REMOVAL OF TREASURY HEADQUARTERS
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THE TREASURY HEADQUARTERS WILL BE RELOCATED FROM THE WEST WING OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL TO WANCHAI TOWER II, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, NEXT MONDAY (NOVEMBER 19).

STARTING FROM MONDAY, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WANT TO INQUIRE ON RATES, CROWN RENTS AND LAND PREMIA SHOULD COME TO THE 30TH FLOOR WHILE ENQUIRIES ON STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE ON THE 29TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER II.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO MAKE ENQUIRY BY TELEPHONING 829 5011.

A NEW COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ON THE FIRST FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER II COMMENCING FROM MONDAY. HOWEVER, THE EXISTING CENTRAL SUB-TREASURY AT 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE.

THESE TWO OFFICES WILL OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES CLEARED TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENT
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SIXTEEN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WERE REMOVED IN A CLEARANCE OPERATION IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT TODAY (THURSDAY).

COORDINATED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, THE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S 1990-91 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CLEARANCE PROGRAMME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THESE STRUCTURES WERE USED AS CANOPIES, SQUATTER HUTS, STORAGE CABINETS AND SHOP EXTENSIONS.

THEY WERE SCATTERED IN THE REAR LANES ON NATHAN ROAD, HAMILTON STREET, RECLAMATION STREET, DUNDAS STREET, TAK HING STREET, TAK SHING STREET, JORDAN ROAD AND COX ROAD.

THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE WERE OFFERED REHOUSING OR EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION TOTALLING \$80,000.

"THE CLEARANCES OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT SINCE 1982 TO IMPROVE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.

"A TOTAL OF 1,000 SUCH STRUCTURES IN 139 REAR LANES HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED SINCE THEN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TAKING PART IN TODAY'S OPERATION WERE THE POLICE AND STAFF FROM HOUSING, URBAN SERVICES, BUILDINGS AND LANDS, SOCIAL WELFARE AND HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENTS.

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246 VBP RETURN TO VIETNAM

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A GROUP OF 246 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TODAY (THURSDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 89 MEN, 60 WOMEN, 45 BOYS AND 52 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 39 BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 5,379 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY.

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CHILDREN'S DRAWING AND COLOURING CONTEST ON SUNDAY

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CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND 13 ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A DRAWING AND COLOURING CONTEST TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 18) AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

ORGANISED BY THE TSIM SHA TSUI AREA COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FESTIVAL, THE CONTEST IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PROPERTY DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION AND MCDONALD RESTAURANTS.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE DRAWING SECTION WILL BE REQUIRED TO FOCUS ON THE THEME "LOVELY HONG KONG". CHILDREN UNDER NINE YEARS OLD CAN JOIN THE COLOURING SECTION.

GIFTS AND CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP THREE WINNERS AND THE 20 OUTSTANDING ENTRIES IN EACH SECTION.

THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE PART CAN ENROL FROM 1.30 PM THAT DAY AT THE VENUE. CRAYONS AND DRAWING PAPERS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISER.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 1 PM. YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; YAU TSIM DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHIU YU-HEI; POLICE DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER, YAU TSIM, MR HARRY BLUD; AND CHAIRMAN OF TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PROPERTY DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION, MR LUI CHI-WO, WILL OFFICIATE.

A VARIETY SHOW WITH SINGING AND MAGIC PERFORMANCES WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU TSIM CHILDREN'S DRAWING AND COLOURING CONTEST AND VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 18) AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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FSD DEMONSTRATIONS IN SHA TIN

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FIREMEN WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR RESCUE AND FIRE-FIGHTING SKILLS IN THE OPEN AREA OUTSIDE SHA TIN TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 18) AS PART OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN.

THE DEMONSTRATIONS - PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CAREERS '91 EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT - WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 10.30 AM AND 4.30 PM.

SKILLS TO BE DEMONSTRATED WILL INCLUDE RESCUE OF PEOPLE FROM HEIGHT BY USING A TURN-TABLE AND A SNORKEL; EXTRICATION OF PEOPLE TRAPPED INSIDE A WRECKED VEHICLE BY USING HURST RESCUE TOOL; THE USING OF CUTTING EQUIPMENT; INTRODUCTION OF CARDIAC-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION; AND THE USE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

VARIOUS TYPES OF FIRE APPLIANCES, FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE EQUIPMENTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY.

THE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE AIMED TO INTRODUCE THE WORK OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND ATTRACT THE INTERESTED PEOPLE TO JOIN THE DEPARTMENT.

A RECRUITMENT COUNTER WILL BE SET UP TO GIVE INFORMATION AND ON-THE-SPOT TEST TO THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED TO JOIN THE DEPARTMENT.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISPLAY TO BE STAGED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE OPEN AREA OUTSIDE SHA TIN TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 18) BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4.30 PM.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SEMINAR IN TAI PO

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A PUBLIC SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WILL BE HELD IN TAI PO ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 17) TO HELP RESIDENTS UNDERSTAND BETTER ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THEIR DAILY LIFE.

SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM IN THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE IN HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO MARKET. ADMISSION IS FREE.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FRIEND OF THE EARTH, THE WORLD WIDE FUND AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE.

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A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE "PITCHING IN - PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT OF TAI PO" PHOTO COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AFTER THE SEMINAR. WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE EXHIBITED.

THE SEMINAR IS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT WORKING GROUP ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY TO MARK THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL BETWEEN NOVEMBER 10 AND 24.

THE WORKING GROUP WILL ALSO ORGANISE VISITS TO THE TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND THE TAI PO GAS PRODUCTION PLANT DURING THE TWO-WEEK FESTIVAL.

MEANWHILE, A PAPER RECYCLING SCHEME, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY A WASTE PAPER COMPANY, IS BEING LAUNCHED IN THE DISTRICT.

OVER 40 SCHOOLS, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND FACTORIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME.

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UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURE IN CAUSEWAY BAY TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN CAUSEWAY BAY SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURE IS ON THE FLAT ROOF AT FLAT I, FIRST FLOOR, LEI SHUN COURT, CAROLINE HILL ROAD, HONG KONG.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JANUARY 10 NEXT YEAR WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY (THURSDAY).

UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, THE CLOSURE ORDER IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE DEMOLITION CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE A CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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ARTS CARNIVAL IN VICTORIA PARK

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RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO SHARE THE FUN OF A CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 18) IN VICTORIA PARK.

THERE WILL BE A PUPPET SHOW, CHINESE HANDICRAFT DISPLAYS AND CALLIGRAPHY DEMONSTRATIONS, AS WELL AS PERFORMANCES BY FAMOUS POP SINGERS.

CHILDREN MAY ALSO JOIN IN TO PAINT A SIX-FOOT BY 24-FOOT MURAL ON THE THEME OF "TOWARDS A FULLER LIFE".

THE THREE-HOUR CARNIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. IT IS ALSO SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL WILL BE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY; THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS OF ICAC, MR LEUNG CHIN-MAN; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, MS CHRISTINA TING.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ARTS CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY AT THE VICTORIA PARK FOOTBALL PITCHES NO. ONE TO THREE. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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DFCC MEMBERS VISIT DETECTIVE TRAINING SCHOOL

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MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) VISITED THE POLICE DETECTIVE TRAINING SCHOOL IN KWUN TONG THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCHOOL'S OPERATIONS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND YOUNG, THE PARTY WAS BRIEFED BY A SENIOR POLICE OFFICER ON THE TRAINING COURSES AND OBSERVED A SIMULATED CRIME EXERCISE.

THE DFCC CHAIRMAN, MR DAVID HO, SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD ORGANISED A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS THE TSUEN WAN CITIZEN FIGHT CRIME AWARD SCHEME, TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO ASSIST THE POLICE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

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THE CLOSING DATE OF NOMINATION FOR THE AWARD SCHEME IS DECEMBER 31. NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TSUEN WAN POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE.

CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS AND THEIR NOMINATORS DURING THE TSUEN WAN FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL IN JANUARY.

OTHER FIGHT CRIME ACTIVITIES FOR THE DISTRICT INCLUDE THE WATCHMEN LIAISON SCHEME, A COLOURING CONTEST, AND A POSTER AND SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION.

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SEMINAR FOR TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN RESIDENTS

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THE TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN AREA COMMITTEE WILL REPORT ITS WORK TO REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL RESIDENT ORGANISATIONS AT A SEMINAR TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AREA COMMITTEE AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT MATTERS.

THERE WILL BE GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON THE AREA'S ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY BUILDING, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ISSUES AS WELL AS A SLIDE SHOW TO INTRODUCE THE VARIOUS FACETS OF THE AREA.

TOPICS RAISED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE FOLLOWED UP BY THE AREA COMMITTEE AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

ATTENDING THE SEMINAR WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL RESIDENT BODIES, INCLUDING MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS, AND OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE SEMINAR IS ALSO OPEN TO LOCAL RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE WORKING IN THE AREA.

SIMILAR SEMINARS HAD BEEN HELD IN WONG CHUK HANG, WAH FU AND AP LEI CHAU. THREE MORE WILL BE HELD FOR RESIDENTS IN POK FU LAM, ABERDEEN AND HARBOUR, AND STANLEY, SHEK O AND BAYS AREAS LATER THIS MONTH.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE "TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN AREA COMMITTEE MEETS RESIDENT ORGANISATIONS" SEMINAR TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 8 PM IN THE ABERDEEN CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE, TIN WAN STREET.

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