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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR FEBRUARY PUBLISHED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR FEBRUARY 1990.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR FEBRUARY 1990 WERE 136.5 AND 135.8 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 8.4 PER CENT AND 8.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER FEBRUARY 1989. THESE RATES OF INCREASE WERE LOWER THAN THOSE RECORDED IN JANUARY 1990 (9.8 PER CENT AND 9.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY).

IT SHOULD HOWEVER BE NOTED THAT THE COMPARISON WAS AFFECTED BY THE RELATIVELY HIGH BASE IN FEBRUARY 1989; THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FELL IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR WHEN PRICES, ESPECIALLY FOOD PRICES, WERE AT SEASONALLY HIGH LEVELS.

COMPARING FEBRUARY WITH JANUARY 1990, THE CPI(A) INCREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT AND THE CPI(B), BY 0.8 PER CENT, LARGELY BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 1990, AT 131.3 AND 130.8 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 9.9 PER CENT AND 9.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 1989.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 1990, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.7 PER CENT PER MONTH.

THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR FEBRUARY 1990 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1990 AND FEBRUARY 1989, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR FEB. 90	%CHANGE OVER JAN. 90	%CHANGE OVER FEB. 89	INDEX FOR FEB. 90	%CHANGE OVER JAN. 90	%CHANGE OVER FEB. 89
FOODSTUFFS	139.5	+ 1.8	+ 9.1	141.1	+ 1.6	+ 9.6
HOUSING	126.4	+ 0.4	+ 7.1	121.8	+ 0.7	+ 6.7

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FUEL AND LIGHT	100.8	+ 1.3	+ 6.6	100.7	+ 1.1	+ 6.0
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	144.4	+ 0.5	+14.6	145.3	+ 0.7	+14.2
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	136.9	- 0.5	+ 6.5	138.2	- 0.5	+ 6.0
DURABLE GOODS	122.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.0	121.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	137.4	+ 1.4	+ 5.7	137.2	+ 1.5	+ 6.0
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	140.5	+ 0.1	+ 7.6	139.8	+ 0.2	+ 7.9
SERVICES	153.1	- 0.2	+12.2	153.0	- 0.5	+11.7
ALL ITEMS	136.5	+ 1.0	+ 8.4	135.8	+ 0.8	+ 8.3

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 1.8 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.6 PER CENT IN CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF LIVE POULTRY.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.1 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF THE EFFECT OF THE INCREASES IN THE PRICES OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS AND KEROSENE.

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.7 PER CENT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF BEER.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) DUE TO LOWER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.5 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY AND FRESH FLOWERS.

FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR FEBRUARY 1990, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$5 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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IT CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES MAY BE MADE TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 823 5089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 143.5 IN FEBRUARY 1990, UP BY 0.5 PER CENT OVER JANUARY 1990 AND UP BY 10.0 PER CENT OVER FEBRUARY 1989.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT \$10,000 - \$24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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LADY WILSON URGES SUPPORT FOR PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION SERVICES
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LADY WILSON TODAY (SATURDAY) APPEALED FOR SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE LONG STAY CARE HOME RUN BY THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION IN TUEN MUN, LADY WILSON SAID THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION, AND THE BELIEF THAT CHRONIC MENTAL PATIENTS COULD LEAVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF A MENTAL HOSPITAL AND LIVE WITH REHABILITATIVE CARE IN THE COMMUNITY.

"THIS IS AN ENORMOUS BREAKTHROUGH IN THE TREATMENT AND CARE OF MENTAL PATIENTS.

"IT ALSO POSES A NEW CHALLENGE TO REHABILITATION WORKERS, TO DEMONSTRATE THAT COMMUNITY CARE IS A BETTER ALTERNATIVE TO INSTITUTIONAL CARE," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON NOTED THAT THIS INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL HOME WAS A PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITY WITH A HOMELY ENVIRONMENT AND THE IDEA WAS TO HAVE SMALL GROUP LIVING, WITH 20 RESIDENTS TO A HOME UNIT.

THE HOME PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION, CARE AND REHABILITATION FOR A TOTAL OF 200 RESIDENTS.

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"IT SIGNIFIES A TRANSITION FROM HOSPITAL TO COMMUNITY CARE, FROM INSTITUTIONAL LIVING TO HOME LIVING, AND FROM DEPENDENCY TO SEMI-DEPENDENCY.

"IT IS THE THRESHOLD TO SOCIAL RE-INTEGRATION AND AN ACCEPTABLE WAY OF LIFE AMONG OTHER PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON POINTED OUT THAT THIS LONG STAY CARE HOME WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND AND THE EXTENT OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS HAD YET TO BE APPRAISED.

"IN TERMS OF COSTS, HOWEVER, IT IS MORE ECONOMICAL AND MANPOWER-SAVING THAN HOSPITAL CARE," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON SAID SHE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE ASSOCIATION, WHICH HAD HAD MORE THAN 25 YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN PROVIDING REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, WAS ACTIVELY PLANNING A SECOND LONG STAY CARE HOME IN ITS NAM CHEONG CENTRE.

THE ASSOCIATION, TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNMENT, HAD HAD TO NEGOTIATE AND OVERCOME MANY HURDLES IN THE PAST FEW YEARS IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, SHE SAID.

"THIS CO-OPERATION HAS MEANT THAT MANY PROJECTS HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED TO PROVIDE THE CARE REQUIRED. THIS HAS GREATLY HELPED THE COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT THE NEED TO INTEGRATE THE HANDICAPPED INTO OUR SOCIETY," SHE ADDED.

LADY WILSON THANKED MEMBERS AND STAFF OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR PERSEVERANCE AND PATIENCE IN BRINGING THIS PROJECT ABOUT.

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\$330M FOR YOUTH SERVICES IN 1990-91

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO SPEND \$330 MILLION ON YOUTH SERVICES IN THE YEAR 1990-91, WITH \$229 MILLION EARMARKED FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) WHILE OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF SKH MA ON SHAN SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE RUN BY THE DIOCESAN WELFARE COUNCIL.

MRS WONG SAID THE EXPENDITURE FOR 1990-91 WAS AN INCREASE FROM THE \$290 MILLION THE GOVERNMENT WAS SPENDING THIS YEAR ON YOUTH SERVICES, OF WHICH \$199 MILLION WAS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES.

"THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO YOUTH SERVICES AND IS COMMITTED TO THEM," SHE SAID.

"THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF TODAY ARE THE FUTURE MASTERS OF HONG KONG. WE RELY ON THEM TO CARRY ON THE TASKS OF BUILDING UP AND SAFEGUARDING THE COMMUNITY.

"IT IS THEREFORE OF UTMOST CONCERN TO US THAT THEY BE FULLY PREPARED FOR THIS AGE OF RAPID CHANGES."

MRS WONG SAID THE PURPOSE OF A CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE WAS TO PROVIDE A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 24 OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES AND SCHOOLS.

"WITH THE HELP OF THE GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY THE PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS, YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP THEIR MINDS AND BODIES IN A BALANCED FASHION, TO THINK INDEPENDENTLY AND ANALYSE PROBLEMS, TO LEARN HOW TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE, AND TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND LEADERSHIP ABILITY, WITH THE EVENTUAL AIM OF HELPING THEM FOR A PROPER PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE AND SENSE OF VALUE."

MRS WONG PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DIOCESAN WELFARE COUNCIL FOR ITS CO-ORDINATION IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES UNDER THE DIOCESE SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1968.

"THE MA ON SHAN SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE, WHICH IS THE SEVENTH CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE OF THE COUNCIL, IS THE HALLMARK OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S SERVICES AND THE FRUIT OF THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF ITS LEADERS AND STAFF," SHE SAID.

"AT PRESENT, THE TOTAL POPULATION OF MA ON SHAN IS ABOUT 70,000 AND THERE ARE TWO CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES AND ONE GROUP WORK UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE AREA.

"BY THE MID-1990'S, THE POPULATION WILL INCREASE TO 150,000, AND TO MEET THE LOCAL NEEDS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL SET UP THREE ADDITIONAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES AND ONE CHILDREN'S CENTRE."

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CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE TO OPEN IN TUEN MUN

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS FURTHER IMPROVED ITS CAREERS SERVICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES BY OPENING A NEW CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE IN TUEN MUN.

THE NEW CENTRE OPERATES FROM THE TAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 16 TSUN WEN ROAD, TUEN MUN. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 463 6855.

IT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON MONDAY (MARCH 26) BY A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR LAU WONG-FAT, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, AND THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK.

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THE CENTRE IS EQUIPPED WITH A REFERENCE LIBRARY AND AN AUDIO-VISUAL UNIT TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND FURTHER STUDIES.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE ALSO RUNS THREE OTHER SUCH CENTRES IN SHA TIN, WAN CHAI AND TO KWA WAN.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES THERE WHILE FAMILIARISATION VISITS TO THE CENTRES ARE ALSO ORGANISED REGULARLY FOR STUDENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3.15 PM ON MONDAY.

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\$47.7M GRANTED TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS
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A TOTAL OF \$47.7 MILLION WAS GRANTED TO 5,806 APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME LAST YEAR, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE ROAD SAFETY VARIETY SHOW FOR THE ELDERLY ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION IN THE CITY HALL, MRS GOODSTADT SAID THE APPROVED APPLICATIONS REPRESENTED ABOUT 92.3 PER CENT OF THE 6,293 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.

"THE TAVA SCHEME, ADMINISTERED BY THE SWD, AIMS AT PROVIDING EARLY FINANCIAL HELP TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT," SHE SAID.

"THE SCHEME IS NON-MEANS TESTED AND THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE IS VERY SIMPLE.

"TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE TO MAKE THEIR APPLICATIONS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE.

"AT LEAST THREE DAYS' SICK LEAVE MUST BE EVIDENCED BY CERTIFICATION BY A REGISTERED DOCTOR," SHE ADDED.

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NOTING THAT 146 ELDERLY PERSONS WERE KILLED AND ABOUT 2,000 INJURED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR, MRS GOODSTADT CALLED ON DRIVERS TO EXERCISE FORBEARANCE AND TAKE CARE OF THE ELDERLY.

"WHILE RESIDENTS THEMSELVES SHOULD BE READY TO ASSIST ELDERLY PERSONS IN CROSSING THE ROADS, SENIOR RESIDENTS SHOULD ALSO PAY ATTENTION TO TRAFFIC CONDITIONS," SHE ADDED.

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CREATIVE IDEAS FROM STUDENTS IN IMPROVING ENVIRONMENT

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, MR ROBERT LAW, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING THAT HE IS DELIGHTED WITH IDEAS PUT FORWARD BY STUDENTS IN FIGHTING POLLUTION AND IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

MR LAW WAS SPEAKING AT A BRIEFING HELD FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS FROM 20 SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS FINALISTS IN THE SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS SCHEME.

THE 20 SCHOOLS SELECTED HAVE PRODUCED PRACTICAL PROJECT PROPOSALS AS WELL AS CREATIVE IDEAS ON WAYS OF IMPROVING OUR ENVIRONMENT.

THE PROPOSALS INCLUDE SUGGESTIONS IN REDUCING WASTES, MAKING USE OF NATURAL ENERGY IN OUR EVERYDAY LIFE, AND BUILDING MODEL TOWNS IN THE TERRITORY TO MINIMISE POLLUTION.

"THE PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN MOST IMPRESSIVE AND IMAGINATIVE. THE STUDENTS HAVE ATTENDED BOTH TO LOCAL POLLUTION PROBLEMS AND GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, SUCH AS THE DEPLETION OF THE OZONE LAYER," MR LAW SAID.

"WITH A MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS YOUNGER GENERATION, WE CAN BE SURE THAT A BETTER ENVIRONMENT IS IN SIGHT," HE ADDED.

THE TERRITORY-WIDE SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS SCHEME IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND CO-SPONSORED BY DUTY FREE SHOPPERS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED AND THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST.

"THE OBJECTIVES OF THE AWARDS SCHEME ARE TO RAISE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE ENVIRONMENT," MR. LAW SAID.

THE THEME OF THE PROJECTS THAT THE SCHOOL TEAMS WILL DEVELOP WILL BE ON EITHER BUILDING A BETTER ENVIRONMENT OR FIGHTING POLLUTION.

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EACH OF THE SCHOOLS WAS ALSO PRESENTED WITH A CHEQUE FOR \$10,000 THIS MORNING FOR DEVELOPING THEIR PROJECTS AND FOR PREPARING A DISPLAY TO BE HELD IN AUGUST.

ALL 20 PROJECTS WILL BE EXHIBITED ON THE SECOND FLOOR, CITYPLAZA, TAIKOO SHING, FROM AUGUST 25 TO AUGUST 27.

THE SCHOOLS THAT SUBMIT THE THREE BEST ENTRIES WILL EACH BE AWARDED A COMPUTER AND A TROPHY. BOOK COUPONS TOTALLING \$36,000 AND OTHER PRIZES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS OF THE THREE WINNING SCHOOLS.

TODAY'S BRIEFING SESSION WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY MR LIU YUK-WAH, A PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND MR ROGER THOMAS, THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER OF DUTY FREE SHOPPERS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED.

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COMPETITIONS TO PROMOTE HAPPY FAMILY LIFE
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TALES OF HAPPY FAMILY LIFE WILL BE TOLD BY EIGHT YOUNG STORY-TELLERS TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

THEY ARE PRIMARY STUDENTS FROM TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI AND ISLANDS TAKING PART IN THE DISTRICT INTER-SCHOOL STORY-TELLING FINALS.

SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (SERVICES), MR MAK TIK-WAH, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS IN VARIOUS OTHER COMPETITIONS INCLUDING DRAWING, SLOGAN AND BOOKMARK DESIGN.

THE EVENT IS PART OF A PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE HAPPY FAMILY LIFE ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN STUDENT GUIDANCE CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WHICH HELPS, THROUGH COUNSELLING AND PREVENTIVE PROGRAMMES, PUPILS WITH EMOTIONAL, STUDYING AND FAMILY PROBLEMS.

THE WORK OF THE WINNERS WILL BE ON DISPLAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE HAPPY FAMILY LIFE PROMOTION CONTESTS TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, AT 10 AM.

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TUEN MUN FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN PROVES SUCCESSFUL

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THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN IN TUEN MUN HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE PAST YEAR, WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING AND GIVING GOOD SUPPORT.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR JOHN WAN, THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1989-90 TUEN MUN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

"AS YOUTH TAKES UP A LARGE RATIO IN THE POPULATION OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE HAS ORGANISED A 'HEALTHY YOUTHS SCHEME' TO PROVIDE OUR YOUTHS WITH BENEFICIAL PHYSICAL AND SKILL TRAINING, SO THAT THEY CAN ESTABLISH A CORRECT ATTITUDE IN LIFE.

"MOREOVER, THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, IT IS HOPED THAT THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING IN THE COMMUNITY COULD BE STRENGTHENED," MR WAN SAID.

REGARDING THE "MODEL CITIZEN AWARD", MR WAN SAID IT WAS TO COMMEND THOSE LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO ASSISTED THE POLICE IN BRINGING LAW-BREAKERS TO JUSTICE.

"THE AWARD CAN STRENGTHEN RESIDENTS' CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY," HE ADDED.

HE NOTED THAT OTHER ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE INCLUDED THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME, THE ANTI-TRIAD STREET DRAMA, THE FIGHT CRIME SEMINAR FOR PARENTS, AND THE FORMATION OF AN OPEN SCOUT GROUP.

"ALTHOUGH THE 1989-90 TUEN MUN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN HAS DRAWN TO A CLOSE, THE SPIRIT OF THE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES," MR WAN POINTED OUT.

PRIZES WERE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE HEALTHY YOUTHS SCHEME AND MODEL CITIZEN AWARD.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAU WONG-FAT, AND THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR HUI CHIU-YIN.

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FREE TRIP FOR FIGHT YOUTH CRIME COMPETITION WINNERS

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SELECTION OF FIVE YOUNGSTERS TO REPRESENT HONG KONG ON AN OVERSEAS VISIT WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THESE YOUNGSTERS WILL BE CHOSEN FROM ENTRANTS TO A POLICE COMPETITION WHICH CLOSES APPLICATION ON MARCH 31.

THE "HELP THE POLICE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME COMPETITION", WITH AIR TICKETS SPONSORED BY THE BRITISH AIRWAYS, OFFERS ITS FIVE WINNERS A FREE 19-DAY TRIP TO THE UNITED KINGDOM FROM JULY 23 TO AUGUST 10.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY): "THE INITIAL SELECTION OF 60 ENTRANTS FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF APRIL."

HE CALLED ON YOUNGSTERS WHO HAVE NOT RETURNED THEIR FORMS TO THE DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICES TO DO SO BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK (MARCH 31).

THE 60 SHORTLISTED ENTRANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW SESSION AT THE POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH BETWEEN APRIL 18 AND 20, HE SAID.

THE INTERVIEW BOARD WILL SELECT 30 FINALISTS TO COMPETE FOR THE GRAND PRIZES AT A TV QUIZ TO BE HELD AT RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG ON MAY 5.

"BASED ON PERFORMANCES AT THE INTERVIEW AND THE TV QUIZ, FIVE WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN TO BE HONG KONG'S AMBASSADORS TO THE UK.

"THEY WILL BE VISITING LONDON, MANCHESTER, EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW, WHERE THEY WILL BE MEETING LOCAL POLICE AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE "HELP THE POLICE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME COMPETITION" WAS ORGANISED TO REMIND YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE MORE AWARE OF THE CRIME SITUATION IN HONG KONG AND TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

IT IS OPEN TO ALL YOUNGSTERS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 20. ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICES AND DISTRICT POLICE STATIONS.

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POLICE CHOIR TO GIVE PUBLIC PERFORMANCE
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THE POLICE CHOIR WILL GIVE A PUBLIC PERFORMANCE WITH A SCOTTISH SCHOOL CHOIR AND A DELEGATION OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS IN CITY HALL ON MONDAY (MARCH 26).

THE MAIN THEME OF THE JOINT FUNCTION IS TO FOSTER A GENUINE FRIENDSHIP WITH OTHER MUSICAL BODIES LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

"ADDITIONALLY, WE WANT TO OFFER A GOOD ENTERTAINMENT TO THE PUBLIC FOLLOWING OUR RECENT SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE IN SINGAPORE," THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE FORCE CHOIR, MR JIM ELMS SAID.

"A TOTAL OF 40 ACTIVE PLAYERS IN THE CHOIR WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SHOW AND THEY WILL PLAY SUCH FAMOUS SONGS AS RED BEAN LAMENT, THE SEA TIDE, JASMINE, SONG OF MOUNT ALI AND UNDER THE SILVER MOONLIGHT.

"THE SCOTTISH BOYS' CHOIR FROM THE MERCHISTER SCHOOL IN EDINBURGH, ALL DRESSED IN THEIR TRADITIONAL COSTUME, WILL PRESENT SOME FOLK SONGS, WHILE FOUR STUDENTS OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS WILL HOST A SOLO EPISODE.

"THE FINAL PART OF THE OCCASION IS A GRAND PERFORMANCE IN WHICH THE SONG OF 'THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR' WILL CERTAINLY MOVE EVERYONE THERE," HE SAID.

THE PROCEEDS FROM THE PERFORMANCE WILL BE DONATED TO THE POLICE WELFARE FUND.

TICKETS AT \$30 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR GARDEN PROJECT
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GARDEN AT MORRISON HILL ROAD, WAN CHAI.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES A CYCLING TRACK AND A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, IS SCHEDULED TO START IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 12.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, HONG KONG.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,146,500 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER EE88 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$260,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER CX1 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$130,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR AS2352 AND EE964.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

EE8288	\$ 19,000	CX1	\$ 130,000	EE163	\$ 40,000	EE1133	\$ 47,000
EE7008	5,000	EE633	30,000	EE6628	25,000	EE2229	12,000
EB5	33,000	EE2628	17,000	AR778	36,000	EE1005	5,000
EE6318	7,000	EE1233	25,000	EE222	80,000	EE964	1,000
EF400	10,000	2856	23,000	EE119	16,000	9915	23,000
EE1698	16,000	EE869	18,000	EE811	22,000	EE1102	8,000
314	30,000	EE9899	22,000	EB6	55,000	CC314	12,000
BR711	13,000	EE6326	6,000	EE629	10,000	EE9007	3,500
AS2352	1,000	EE923	15,000	ED9239	5,000	EE449	4,500
EE369	32,000	EE88	260,000	EE822	26,000	EE6616	3,500

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITH 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 148TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$100,143,805.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, BAN ZONE IN SSP

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 26), TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAM SHUI PO FOR ABOUT SEVEN WEEKS TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

THE VEHICULAR TURNING MOVEMENTS FROM KWONG LEE ROAD INTO MAN FAT STREET WILL BE BANNED. MOTORISTS HEADING FOR MAN FAT STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA CHEUNG FAT STREET INSTEAD.

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MAN FAT STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A BAN ZONE, EXCEPT FOR VEHICLES NEEDING ACCESS, 24 HOURS DAILY.

ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT AND THOSE NEEDING ACCESS, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BAN ZONE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KOWLOON TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE LEFT TURN MOVEMENT FROM WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND ONTO SOMERSET ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE TEMPORARILY BANNED FROM 9 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 26) FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF TELEPHONE DUCTS AT SOMERSET ROAD.

SOMERSET ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY OPERATION TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

MINIBUSES ON GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 29, ON JOURNEYS TO BROADCAST DRIVE, WILL BE DIVERTED AT WATERLOO ROAD TO OPERATE VIA DORSET CRESCENT AND DEVON ROAD BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTEING.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN TAI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN TAI PO WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC SEPARATELY ON MARCH 26 AND 27 (MONDAY AND TUESDAY) FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

THE SLOW LANE OF KWONG FUK EAST VIADUCT LEADING FROM YUEN SHIN ROAD TO TOLO HIGHWAY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY.

THE SLOW LANE OF KWONG FUK WEST VIADUCT LEADING FROM TOLO HIGHWAY TO YUEN SHIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN MONG KOK

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 26), THE SECTION OF TUNG CHOI STREET BETWEEN FIFE STREET AND ARGYLE STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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