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CREATION OF SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL OF THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH A NEW REGULATORY BODY OUTSIDE THE CIVIL SERVICE FOR THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES INDUSTRY.

THE BODY WILL BE CALLED THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION.

"WE AGREE WITH THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION THAT FUNDING FOR THE NEW COMMISSION SHOULD COME MAINLY FROM THE MARKET BUT ALSO PARTLY FROM GOVERNMENT. DETAILS WILL BE WORKED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TWO EXCHANGES," MR JACOBS SAID.

"WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE COSTS OF INTERMEDIATION WILL NOT COMPARE UNFAVOURABLY WITH THOSE OF OTHER MAJOR FINANCIAL CENTRES, BUT MUST AVOID TOO MUCH OF THE BURDEN FALLING ON THE ORDINARY TAXPAYER RATHER THAN THE USERS OF THE MARKETS.

"WE SHALL GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE CHECKS AND BALANCES IN DRAFTING THE CONSTITUTION AND POWERS OF THE NEW REGULATORY BODY.

"IN PARTICULAR, THERE WILL BE STATUTORY PROVISIONS FOR A RIGHT OF APPEAL AGAINST ITS MORE SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS."

REITERATING THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO BRING EARLY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REGULATION AND OPERATION OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES INDUSTRY, MR JACOBS SAID: "WE ARE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO BRINGING HONG KONG'S REGULATORY FRAMEWORK AND MARKET STRUCTURES IN LINE WITH THOSE IN OTHER CENTRES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ITS CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT AS A MAJOR FINANCIAL MARKET.

"WE SHALL ENDEAVOUR TO CONSTRUCT A ROBUST PRACTITIONER-BASED REGULATORY SYSTEM, TO BE SUPERVISED BY AN EFFECTIVE WATCHDOG EQUIPPED WITH THE NECESSARY RESOURCES AND POWERS.

"THIS SYSTEM SHOULD AIM TO PROMOTE, BUT NOT STIFLE, MARKET DEVELOPMENT."

THE FOLLOWING PRESS STATEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WAS ISSUED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON:

"THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS THIS MORNING ENDORSED THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR ESTABLISHING THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC) OUTSIDE THE CIVIL SERVICE TO REPLACE THE EXISTING SECURITIES COMMISSION, THE COMMODITIES TRADING COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING.

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THE SFC WILL BE:

- GOVERNED BY A SMALL BOARD WITH AN EQUAL NUMBER OF EXECUTIVE AND NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;
- SUPPORTED BY A GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPRISING MARKET EXPERTS AND CHAIRED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION;
- FUNDED LARGELY BY THE MARKETS IN THE FORM OF A TRANSACTION LEVY, FEES AND CHARGES, BUT PARTLY ALSO BY THE GOVERNMENT.

WE ARE AWARE BOTH OF THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE CHECKS AND BALANCES IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMISSION AND FOR A FAIR APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS BETWEEN MARKET USERS AND THE ORDINARY TAX PAYER. THESE FACTORS WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AS WE DRAFT THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION AND DRAW UP DETAILED FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS.

WE HAVE APPOINTED A CONSULTANT FROM THE UK TO HELP US ESTABLISH THE COMMISSION. HE WILL BE ARRIVING SHORTLY. WE PLAN TO INTRODUCE A BILL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EARLY IN THE NEXT SESSION WITH THE AIM OF HAVING THE NEW COMMISSION IN PLACE AT THE BEGINNING OF 1989.

AS YOU KNOW, THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG HAS INITIATED ITS OWN EFFORTS TO REFORM ITS CONSTITUTION TO CREATE A MORE BROADLY BASED AND PROPERLY REPRESENTED GOVERNING COUNCIL. THE PROPOSALS WILL BE PUT TO AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING ON JULY 20. THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THIS INITIATIVE AND WISHES THE EXCHANGE EVERY SUCCESS IN ITS ENDEAVOUR SO THAT WE COULD HAVE THE NEW COUNCIL IN PLACE BY OCTOBER.

THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE HAS STARTED ITS OWN PLANS TO REFORM ITS CONSTITUTION TO BRING IT IN LINE WITH THE SRC RECOMMENDATIONS. IT HAS ALSO INITIATED NEGOTIATION WITH ITS CLEARING HOUSE AND THE GUARANTEE CORPORATION IN CREATING A NEW RISK MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SRC. WE HOPE THESE EFFORTS WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL WITH THE NEW STRUCTURE IN PLACE SOON.

THE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE REGULATION AND OPERATION OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES INDUSTRY WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT AS A MAJOR REGIONAL CAPITAL MARKET AND AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE. IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TWO EXCHANGES AND INTERESTED BODIES, WE WILL PROCEED WITH TOP SPEED TO BRING ABOUT THE VARIOUS REFORMS."

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APPOINTMENT OF GOVT CONSULTANT ON SRC RECOMMENDATIONS

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF MR ROBERT OWEN, A BRITISH MERCHANT BANKER, AS CONSULTANT TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, IN PARTICULAR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION.

THE APPOINTMENT IS FOR A PERIOD OF SIX TO NINE MONTHS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID MR OWEN WOULD WORK WITH THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS IN IMPLEMENTING THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, ESPECIALLY ON THE FUNDING AND STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEW SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION.

"HIS EXPERTISE IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES AND EXPERIENCE IN THE FAR EAST WILL NO DOUBT BE VALUABLE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION EXERCISE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MR OWEN, BORN IN 1940, IS MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN. HE WAS EDUCATED IN OXFORD AND OBTAINED A FIRST CLASS HONOURS DEGREE IN MODERN LANGUAGES IN 1961.

FROM 1961 TO 1970, MR OWEN WAS IN THE UK GOVERNMENT SERVICE, FIRST WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND LATER SECONDED TO THE TREASURY.

IN 1970, HE WAS RECRUITED TO MORGAN GRENFELL AND CO. LTD. WHERE HE BECAME A DIRECTOR IN 1973.

HE LEFT THE COMPANY IN 1979 TO JOIN LLOYDS BANK INTERNATIONAL AS DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MERCHANT BANKING DIVISION. IN 1982, HE MOVED TO HEAD THE FAR EAST DIVISION, WHICH INVOLVED THE MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGIC DIRECTION OF THE BANK'S BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

AFTER A MERGER OF LLOYDS BANK INTERNATIONAL WITH LLOYDS BANK PLC, HE BECAME CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE NEW LLOYDS MERCHANT BANK IN 1985, A POSITION HE RETAINED UNTIL EARLY THIS YEAR.

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SEPARATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR CABLE TV

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO DIVERSIFY THE OWNERSHIP OF LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS BY REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF A SEPARATE NETWORK FOR CABLE TELEVISION IN WHICH HONG KONG TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD.'S HOLDING WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 15 PER CENT.

THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY) OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG.

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ANNOUNCING THIS DECISION AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR RAFAEL HUI, SAID THAT A SECOND NETWORK LICENSED TO CARRY CABLE TELEVISION AND NON-FRANCHISED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WILL OFFER A CHOICE OF NETWORK TO SERVICE PROVIDERS AND ENHANCE THE COMPETITION OF NON-FRANCHISED SERVICES.

CONSUMERS PARTICULARLY BUSINESS USERS WILL BENEFIT FROM A GREATER RANGE OF SERVICES AT LOWER COSTS.

MR HUI POINTED OUT THAT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE DEGREE TO WHICH THIS WOULD RESULT IN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC DISRUPTION ON THE STREET, AND ANY POSSIBLE IMPACT ON LOCAL TELEPHONE TARIFFS.

THE EXTRA DISRUPTION WILL NOT BE SIGNIFICANT IN COMPARISON WITH THE CURRENT LEVEL OF ROAD EXCAVATION WORKS.

A SECOND NETWORK, PERMITTED TO CARRY CABLE TELEVISION AND NON-FRANCHISED LOCAL SERVICES, WILL NOT AFFECT HONG KONG TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD.'S POSITION IN THE PROVISION OF BOTH THE INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICES AND WILL THEREFORE NOT PUT PRESSURE ON HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY'S EXISTING CHARGES.

"SEPARATE LICENCES WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE CABLE TELEVISION NETWORK AND FOR CABLE TELEVISION BROADCASTING TO MAXIMISE THE OPTIONS OPEN TO GOVERNMENT IN LICENSING CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES IN HONG KONG," MR HUI SAID.

"WITH THE DUAL LICENSING APPROACH AND THE INVITATION TO OVERSEAS COMPANIES TO PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS THERE WILL BE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW PARTIES INTERESTED IN PROVIDING CABLE TELEVISION TO PUT FORWARD THEIR IDEAS.

"CONSISTENT WITH THE AIM OF FOSTERING COMPETITION, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO DECIDED TO LIMIT THE PERMISSABLE TOTAL HOLDING BY HONG KONG TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD. AND/OR ITS SUBSIDIARIES IN THE CABLE TELEVISION NETWORK LICENSEE TO A MAXIMUM OF 15 PER CENT.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK PROPOSALS INTERNATIONALLY FOR EITHER THE CABLE TELEVISION BROADCASTING SERVICE OR THE NETWORK OR BOTH. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT INVITATIONS WILL BE MADE IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES WILL HAVE A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS IN WHICH TO MAKE THEIR SUBMISSIONS.

"A FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE BY THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION LATER ON THE TERMS UNDER WHICH THE PROPOSALS WILL BE INVITED.

"BOTH THE CABLE TELEVISION BROADCASTING SERVICE LICENCE AND THE NETWORK LICENCES WILL BE ISSUED FOR 15 YEARS, WITH THE FIRST THREE YEARS ON AN EXCLUSIVE BASIS AND THE REMAINDER ON A NON-EXCLUSIVE BASIS. AFTER THE FIRST THREE YEARS THE GOVERNMENT WILL REVIEW WHETHER THERE IS A CASE FOR A SECOND CABLE TELEVISION OPERATOR.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY IN 1989 ON THE QUESTION OF RENEWAL OF THEIR EXISTING VOICE TELEPHONE FRANCHISE DUE TO EXPIRE IN 1995."

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LEGCO BEGINS DEBATE ON DRAFT BASIC LAW TOMORROW

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MORE THAN 20 MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL SPEAK IN THE MOTION DEBATE ON THE DRAFT BASIC LAW WHICH WILL BEGIN IN THE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND CONTINUE ON THURSDAY (JULY 14).

THE MOTION, TO BE MOVED BY THE SENIOR MEMBER, THE HON LYDIA DUNN, IS THAT "THIS COUNCIL TAKES NOTE OF THE 'THE DRAFT BASIC LAW OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (FOR SOLICITATION OF OPINIONS)' AND URGES THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO STUDY THE DRAFT AND TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON IT."

IN OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE TWO-DAY DEBATE BEGINS, COUNCILLORS WILL CONSIDER SIX BILLS. EACH BILL IS DUE TO BE GIVEN A SECOND READING AND THEN TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

THE BILLS ARE: PENSION BENEFITS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1988, HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE LIMITED (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) BILL 1988, SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) BILL 1988, SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1987-88) BILL 1988, UNDESIRABLE MEDICAL ADVERTISEMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, AND A PRIVATE BILL, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988.

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NINE LEGCO MEMBERS REAPPOINTED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, HAD REAPPOINTED THE FOLLOWING NINE SERVING MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR A FURTHER TERM, FROM THE DAY APPOINTED FOR THE FIRST SITTING OF THE NEW SESSION UNTIL THE NEXT DISSOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL: MR ALLEN LEE, MRS SELINA CHOW, MISS MARIA TAM, DR HENRIETTA IP, MRS RITA FAN, MR PETER POON, PROF C.K. POON, MRS ROSANNA TAM AND MR EDWARD HO.

MR LEE HAS ACCEPTED THE GOVERNOR'S INVITATION TO BE THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE NEXT SESSION.

THE GOVERNOR PAID WARM TRIBUTE TO THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION WHICH BOTH THOSE APPOINTED AND THOSE RETIRING AS APPOINTED MEMBERS HAD MADE TO THE GOOD GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG DURING THEIR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL.

HE SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD EVERY REASON TO BE GRATEFUL FOR THE SELFLESS AND CONSCIENTIOUS CONTRIBUTION WHICH THEY HAD MADE AND FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO WORKING FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF HONG KONG.

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ADVICE ON APPLICATIONS FOR STRATEGIC COMMODITIES LICENCES

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED APPLICANTS FOR STRATEGIC COMMODITIES LICENCES TO SUBMIT THEIR IMPORT AND EXPORT APPLICATIONS AS EARLY IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY BEFORE LONG HOLIDAYS.

"ANY SUDDEN INFLUX OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS LEADS TO SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN WORKLOAD, AND CAUSES DELAY TO THE APPLICANTS," THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR ALAN LAI, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HOWEVER, MR LAI REMINDED APPLICANTS THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THOSE NON-STRATEGIC PRODUCTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS "NO LICENCE REQUIRED".

CURRENTLY STRATEGIC COMMODITIES ARE SUBJECT TO BOTH IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENSING CONTROL BY THE DEPARTMENT.

IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED 125,680 LICENCES FOR STRATEGIC COMMODITIES, AN INCREASE OF 28.3 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF LAST YEAR. FURTHER INCREASES IN THE DEPARTMENT'S WORKLOAD HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY APPLICATIONS FOR STRATEGIC COMMODITIES LICENCES WHEN A LICENCE IS NOT REQUIRED.

"NO LICENCE IS REQUIRED FOR THE IMPORT OF PRODUCTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS 'NON-STRATEGIC' EXCEPT RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE AND IRRADIATING APPARATUS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO IMPORT LICENSING CONTROL," MR LAI STRESSED.

"LIKEWISE NO EXPORT LICENCE IS REQUIRED FOR PRODUCTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS 'NON-STRATEGIC' EXCEPT ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS POWERED BY MAINS SUPPLY WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO EXPORT LICENSING CONTROL."

MANY TYPES OF TRANSISTORS, INTEGRATED CIRCUITS OR FLOPPY DISKETTES ARE IN FACT "NON-STRATEGIC" AND THEREFORE DO NOT REQUIRE IMPORT OR EXPORT LICENCE.

SHIPPING COMPANIES MAY ACCEPT SUCH NON-STRATEGIC COMMODITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS "NO LICENCE REQUIRED" FOR SHIPMENT WITHOUT A LICENCE. THE DEPARTMENT WILL SOON ISSUE A CIRCULAR CLARIFYING THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS TO AIRLINES AND SHIPPING COMPANIES.

ACCORDING TO MR LAI, THE MAJOR BOTTLENECK IN THE CURRENT LICENSING PROCEDURE IS THE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS AS REQUIRED BY THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (STRATEGIC COMMODITIES) REGULATIONS.

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"TO EASE THE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS, APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPORT THEIR LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR STRATEGIC COMMODITIES (OR APPLICATIONS WHICH MAY REQUIRE CLASSIFICATION), WHEREVER POSSIBLE, WITH A PHOTOCOPY OF A PREVIOUS LICENCE WHICH SHOWS THAT THE PRODUCTS UNDER APPLICATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CLASSIFIED AS 'STRATEGIC' OR 'NON-STRATEGIC'.

"DETAILS ARE SET OUT IN A CIRCULAR MADE AVAILABLE AT THE TRADE DEPARTMENT'S ENQUIRY COUNTER ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF OCEAN CENTRE IN CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON," MR LAI ADDED.

FOR OTHER NON-TEXTILES PRODUCTS (APART FROM STRATEGIC COMMODITIES), 352,211 LICENCES WERE ISSUED IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, WHICH REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 26.5 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF LAST YEAR.

MR LAI SAID THAT TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING WORKLOAD THE DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN MEASURES SUCH AS OVERTIME WORK, ADDITIONAL STAFF AND TWO ADDITIONAL COUNTERS FOR LICENCE APPLICATIONS.

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MARCH EMPLO MENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS RELEASED

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THERE WERE 849,100 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN MARCH 1988, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 1.8 PER CENT IN COMPARISON WITH MARCH 1987, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 673,300 IN MARCH 1988, WAS 8.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN MARCH 1987.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 213,900, WAS UP BY 8.4 PER CENT.

EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES INCREASED BY 3.3 PER CENT COMPARED WITH MARCH 1987.

A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN MARCH 1988 WERE DERIVED FROM THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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THESE SECTORS COVER THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. THERE IS A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR MARCH 1988 IN THESE SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, BY COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1987 AND DECEMBER 1987, ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	MAR. 87	DEC. 87	MAR. 88	MAR. 88 ON MAR. 87	MAR. 88 ON DEC. 87
MANUFACTURING	864,900	867,900	849,100	- 1.8	- 2.2
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	71,800	72,500	74,100	+ 3.3	+ 2.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	620,000	657,900	673,300	+ 8.6	+ 2.3
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	197,200	212,200	213,900	+ 8.4	+ 0.8

\* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

COMPARING MARCH 1988 WITH DECEMBER 1987, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS INFLUENCED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED BY 2.2 PER CENT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 2.3 PER CENT AND 0.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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OVER THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES INCREASED BY 2.3 PER CENT.

THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL ALSO PROVIDES VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS, THE VACANCY DATA TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1987 AND DECEMBER 1987 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	MAR. 87	DEC. 87	MAR. 88	MAR. 88 ON MAR. 87	MAR. 88 ON DEC. 87
MANUFACTURING	47,800	41,700	57,700	+ 20.8	+ 38.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	16,000	24,060	33,480	+109.3	+ 39.1
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	5,300	6,900	8,890	+ 68.4	+ 29.4

\* BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES.

RELATIVE TO MARCH 1987, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 20.8 PER CENT.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE OF 109.3 PER CENT AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AN INCREASE OF 68.4 PER CENT.

THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN VACANCIES REFLECTED THAT THE TIGHT CONDITIONS IN THE LABOUR MARKET CONTINUED DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988.

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COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1987, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 38.3 PER CENT, 39.1 PER CENT AND 29.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN MARCH 1988.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE*
	1ST QTR. 1987	1ST QTR. 1988	1ST QTR. 1988 ON 1ST QTR. 1987
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	9,471	10,522	+11.1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	7,795	8,950	+14.8
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	3,802	4,440	+16.8

\* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 11.1 PER CENT, 14.8 PER CENT AND 16.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988.

AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN MARCH 1987 AND MARCH 1988, ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED.

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TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED. THESE TWO INDICES FOR MARCH 1987 AND MARCH 1988 ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW:-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	MAR. 87	MAR. 88	MAR. 88 ON MAR. 87
MANUFACTURING	227.3	252.2	+11.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	227.6	250.1	+ 9.9
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	219.2	244.0	+11.3

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	MAR. 87	MAR. 88	MAR. 88 ON MAR. 87
MANUFACTURING	135.8	140.6	+ 3.5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	136.0	139.4	+ 2.5
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	130.9	136.0	+ 3.9

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BETWEEN MARCH 1987 AND MARCH 1988, AN INCREASE OF 11.0 PER CENT WAS REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE INCREASE WAS 9.9 PER CENT AND FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THE INCREASE WAS 11.3 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD THE INCREASES IN THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WERE 3.5 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, 2.5 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND 3.9 PER CENT FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS, MARCH 1988, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$11 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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SHULTZ STOPS OVER IN HK

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THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, MR GEORGE SHULTZ, WILL STOP OVER IN HONG KONG ON JULY 13 AND 14.

MR SHULTZ IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BY A SPECIAL FLIGHT ABOUT 9.50 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND WILL LEAVE HONG KONG THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL HOST A LUNCH FOR MR SHULTZ DURING HIS STOPOVER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THERE WILL BE FACILITIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER MR SHULTZ'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AT THE AIRPORT AND HIS ARRIVAL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER HIS ARRIVAL SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT AT 8.45 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). THOSE COVERING HIS DEPARTURE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM AT 7.30 AM ON THURSDAY. THERE WILL BE A PRESS POSITION AT THE LONG-TERM PARKING APRON. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENSES.

THOSE WHO WISH TO COVER MR SHULTZ'S ARRIVAL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR LUNCH WITH THE GOVERNOR SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE GUARD ROOM OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT 11.45 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

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ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION EXTENDED TO COVER PRIVATE ROADS

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THE GOVERNMENT BRIEFED MEMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARDS TODAY (TUESDAY) ON A BILL TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION TO PRIVATE ROADS.

AN EXPLANATION OF THE EXTENSION WAS GIVEN AT THE BRIEFING IN THE FORMER LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER BY THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER PANG.

HE SAID THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION TO BE APPLIED TO PRIVATE ROADS WOULD INCLUDE PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE DRIVING CONDUCT OF MOTORISTS, INSURANCE, LICENSING AND CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS OF VEHICLES.

TO COMPLEMENT THE EXTENSION OF SUCH PROVISIONS, ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING SIGNS WERE ALSO PROVIDED IN THE BILL, HE SAID.

THE PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO ERECT, WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, CERTAIN TRAFFIC SIGNS OR ROAD MARKINGS WHICH WERE SIMPLE TO PUT UP AND DID NOT HAVE IMPORTANT TRAFFIC IMPLICATIONS.

GUIDANCE ON HOW THEY SHOULD BE ERECTED WOULD BE PROVIDED BY A CODE OF PRACTICE PREPARED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

FOR MORE COMPLICATED ONES (SUCH AS PROHIBITED ZONE SIGNS), FORMAL APPLICATION TO THE COMMISSIONER WOULD BE NECESSARY.

TO ENABLE THE COMMISSIONER TO RECTIFY IMPROPER SIGNS OR TO DIRECT THE INSTALLATION OF NECESSARY SIGNS, THE BILL WOULD EMPOWER HIM TO REQUIRE PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS TO REMOVE OR INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNS ON THEIR ROADS.

MR PANG SAID THE BILL WOULD ALSO APPLY TO PRIVATE ROADS THE SAFETY PROVISIONS IN OTHER RELEVANT ORDINANCES.

THESE INCLUDED THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS (ASSISTANCE FUND) ORDINANCE, THE MOTOR VEHICLES (THIRD PARTY RISKS) ORDINANCE, AND SECTIONS OF THE FIXED PENALTY (TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS) ORDINANCE.

THE USE OF GOLF-CARTS WOULD BE REGULATED IN THE BILL. A GOLF-CART WOULD BE REQUIRED TO BE INSURED AND SAFELY CONSTRUCTED FOR CARRYING PASSENGERS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO DESIGNATE AREAS WHERE A GOLF-CART MIGHT ONLY BE DRIVEN ON ROADS BY A HOLDER OF A VALID DRIVING LICENCE.

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MR PANG ADDED THAT THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A PROPER LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS TO CONTROL UNAUTHORISED PARKING ON PRIVATE ROADS.

THEIR ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES WOULD BE REGULARISED BY A NEW SET OF REGULATIONS.

THE REGULATIONS WOULD MAINLY COVER THE IMPOUNDING, REMOVAL AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES PARKED IN UNAUTHORISED PLACES ON PRIVATE ROADS, THE CHARGING OF FEES FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES AND THE DISPOSAL OF DETAINED VEHICLES.

HE SAID IT WAS INTENDED THE BILL WOULD BE ENACTED AND THE REGULATIONS MADE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

PROPOSALS IN THE BILL WERE PUT FORWARD BY AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED TO CONSIDER SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE NOT BEING ENFORCEABLE ON PRIVATE ROADS.

THE MANagements OF MAJOR PRIVATE ESTATES, UNIVERSITIES, HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS WERE ALREADY CONSULTED ON THE BILL IN MAY AND SUPPORTED THE PROPOSALS.

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DISTRICT OFFICE PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT

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IN THE COURSE OF NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT, THE DISTRICT OFFICE PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE WHICH IS DYNAMIC IN NATURE AND CHANGES ACCORDING TO NEED, THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT A MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR WAN SAID IN THE EARLY STAGE OF NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT, THE MAIN TASK OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WAS TO CO-ORDINATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND WORK PROGRESS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THEY WOULD BE COMPLETED IN TIME TO MEET THE NEED OF RESIDENTS THERE.

HOWEVER, AS MORE RESIDENTS MOVED IN, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD PLACE EMPHASIS ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

MR WAN DESCRIBED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIETY FORMED BY BOTH INDIGENOUS AND NEW INHABITANTS, AND CHARACTERISED BY A SENSE OF MUTUAL AID AND CONCERN.

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CITING TUEN MUN AS AN EXAMPLE, MR WAN NOTED THAT THE DEVELOPING NEW TOWN IN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES HAD BEEN AIMING AT THE PROVISION OF A BALANCED AND SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY WITH HOUSING, SCHOOL, ROAD, SOCIAL AND WELFARE, CULTURAL AND RECREATION FACILITIES SUCCESSIVELY COMING INTO SERVICE IN THE PAST DECADE.

"MEANWHILE, THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM LINKING TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG WILL COME INTO OPERATION IN AUGUST WHILE THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL WILL PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL SERVICE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS," MR WAN SAID.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT IN ORDER TO MAKE A NEW TOWN MORE COMPLETE, IT SHOULD ALSO AIM AT SETTING UP A STRONG CORE COMMUNITY AND AT FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.

MR WAN SAID IN THE PROCESS OF NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT, THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOCUSSED ITS WORK ON THREE ASPECTS.

THESE WERE TO ASSIST THE SETTING UP OF RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS, TO STRENGTHEN THE LINK AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT, AND TO ENHANCE A SENSE OF BELONGING THROUGH ORGANISATION OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

"THE OBJECTIVE OF SETTING UP LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IS TO HELP RESIDENTS IN PARTICIPATING IN SUCH DISTRICT AFFAIRS AS BUILDING MANAGEMENT, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME AND ARRANGING LOCAL ACTIVITIES," MR WAN SAID.

HE REMARKED THAT BY LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE AN ACTIVE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OR OWNERS' CORPORATION WOULD HELP IN SOLVING ITS OWN PROBLEMS MORE EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY.

"BEING A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LOCAL PEOPLE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE TAKES THE INITIATIVE IN APPROACHING NEW RESIDENTS AND ASSISTS THEM IN SOLVING URGENT PROBLEMS WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN THE RESIDENTS' CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT," HE SAID.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THE DISTRICT OFFICE TAKES UP THE TASK OF ORGANISING LARGE-SCALE COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES TO ALLOW PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT LEVELS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEW TOWN AND TO HELP IN CULTIVATING A STRONG CORE."

MR WAN ALSO REITERATED THAT THE SUCCESS OF NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT DID NOT HINGE ONLY ON THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES, BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, RESTED ON THE SETTING UP OF A HARMONIOUS AND CARING SOCIETY.

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TSUEN WAN DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ART SCHEME

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET OF AN ART NURTURE SCHEME AND THE FESTIVAL CELEBRATION PROGRAMME AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO HOLD CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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TIN SHUI WAI ODP ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE TIN SHUI WAI OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

OTHER TOPICS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE STAGE I CONSTRUCTION WORK ON WATER TREATMENT AND TRANSFER FACILITIES AT AU TAU AND THE SHA KONG WAI LAYOUT PLAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL START AT 3 PM.

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TAI PO DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS  
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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER SIX ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COSTING A TOTAL OF \$249,000 AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 14) MORNING.

THE REVISED TOLO HARBOUR ACTION PLAN WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED ARE THE 1988-89 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE TAI PO ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL WORKING GROUP, AND THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THIS YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JULY 14) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO. THE MEETING WILL START AT 9.30 AM.

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LRT PROPOSALS ON INTEGRATED FARE SYSTEM UNDER STUDY  
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THE TUEN MUN/YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARDS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LRT SERVICES WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT'S PROPOSALS FOR EXTENDING ITS INTEGRATED FARE SYSTEM TO SINGLE-RIDE PASSENGERS.

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR PETER QUICK, AND LRT DIRECTOR, MR JOE WADE, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO EXPLAIN DETAILS ABOUT THE PROPOSALS.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO STUDY AN LRT REPORT ON RECENT ACCIDENTS INVOLVING TRAINS ON TRIAL RUNS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN/YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARDS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LRT SERVICES TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL START AT 9.30 AM.

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DB MEMBERS TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN THE DISTRICT AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 14).

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WILL CONSULT THE COMMITTEE ON A REPORT WHICH OUTLINES THE DISTRICT'S POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND REMEDIAL MEASURES THAT CAN BE TAKEN.

A SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR HO WAI-FONG, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THIS REPORT.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ALSO COMMENT ON THE PRIORITIES OF VARIOUS URBAN COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS BEING PLANNED FOR THE COMING FIVE YEARS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PLANNING) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MISS ANISSA WONG, WILL BE PRESENT TO HEAR MEMBERS' VIEWS.

A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CATCHICK STREET AND KIN MAN STREET IN KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROPOSED MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1988-89, BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS AND DUST POLLUTION ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 14) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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BRIEFING ON KWUN TONG HOUSING PROGRAMME

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MEMBERS OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE ADVISED OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S 1988-89 WORK PROGRAMME FOR KWUN TONG AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 14).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A REQUEST MADE TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT BY COMMERCIAL TENANTS AT YAU TONG ESTATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IN ADJUSTING COMMERCIAL RENTS SHOULD CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN 1992-93 ON THEIR BUSINESS.

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IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A REQUEST BY STALL OPERATORS AT LAM TIN TEMPORARY MARKET THAT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SHOULD DEFER DEMOLITION OF THE MARKET.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 14) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN FOR YAU TSIM

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A CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND FIRE SAFETY WILL START IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT LATER THIS MONTH.

THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$42,000 TO SUBSIDISE THE CAMPAIGN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID THAT THE CAMPAIGN ALSO AIMED AT MOTIVATING RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN MANAGING THEIR OWN BUILDINGS.

"A PROPERLY MANAGED BUILDING PROVIDES A SAFE, TIDY AND CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR ITS RESIDENTS, AND PROPER MAINTENANCE OF THE BUILDING AND ITS EQUIPMENTS ALSO HELPS UPHOLD THE VALUE OF THE BUILDING," HE NOTED.

AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN, AN EXHIBITION ON FIRE SAFETY WILL BE HELD AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE ON JULY 24.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND DIAGRAMS WILL BE USED TO ILLUSTRATE THE PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE FIRE HAZARDS AND THE PROPER USE OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND THEIR MAINTENANCE.

THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION ON THE USE OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AT THE EXHIBITION, AND STICKERS BEARING A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS.

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ANOTHER MAJOR ACTIVITY IS A SERIES OF EIGHT SEMINARS ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN AUGUST AND DECEMBER.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE THE FUNCTIONS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES; MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS; MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY; SUPERVISION OF REFUSE DISPOSAL AND THE RELEVANT LEGISLATIONS.

RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY OFFICE BEARERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS OR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE SEMINARS WHICH ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE SEMINARS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD AND ITS TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD. THEY SHOULD BE RETURNED BY JULY 30.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA TO TOUR AUSTRALIA  
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THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON MONDAY (JULY 18) FOR A TOUR OF AUSTRALIA.

THE ORCHESTRA HAS BEEN INVITED TO MAKE THE TOUR BY THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF MUSIC EDUCATION (ISME) AND THE QUEENSLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA COUNCIL. IT WILL PARTICIPATE IN A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA'S BICENTENARY.

THE TOUR WILL END ON AUGUST 5.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY), THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MS LOLLY CHIU, SAID THE ORCHESTRA WOULD PERFORM AT THE 18TH CONFERENCE OF THE ISME AND AT WORLD EXPO 88. IT WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF YOUTH ORCHESTRAS.

"WE ARE ALL VERY HAPPY AND EXCITED AT HAVING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BRING CHINESE MUSIC TO AUSTRALIA AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME CELEBRATING ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY," MS CHIU SAID.

THE ORCHESTRA WOULD VISIT FOUR CITIES -- CANBERRA, BRISBANE, MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY, GIVING A TOTAL OF 12 CONCERTS, SHE SAID.

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"THE ISME CONFERENCE WILL INVOLVE RENOWNED MUSICIANS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUSIC ORGANISATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD. THIS YEAR THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE IS THE ROLE OF MUSIC AND MUSIC EDUCATION IN SOCIETY," MS CHIU SAID.

"A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE ARRANGED INCLUDING LECTURES, PERFORMANCES, DEMONSTRATIONS, MASTERCLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND EXHIBITIONS."

REFERRING TO THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF YOUTH ORCHESTRAS, MS CHIU SAID THIS WAS ORGANISED BY THE QUEENSLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND WOULD BRING TOGETHER THE FINEST YOUTH ORCHESTRAS FROM AUSTRALIA, HONG KONG, U.S.A., GERMANY, NEW ZEALAND, AND JAPAN.

"EACH ORCHESTRA WILL PRESENT A MAJOR CONCERT IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS COMPLEX IN BRISBANE AND SELECTED PLAYERS FROM THE PARTICIPATING ORCHESTRAS WILL FORM AN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM ON THE FINAL NIGHT OF THE FESTIVAL," SHE ADDED.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE TOUR WILL BE A JOINT PERFORMANCE WITH THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR AT THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE. THIS HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNITY OF AUSTRALIA.

APART FROM PUBLIC PERFORMANCES, MS CHIU SAID THE ORCHESTRA WOULD ALSO TAKE PART IN MUSIC EXCHANGES WITH YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM AUSTRALIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

SHE SAID THE ORCHESTRA MEMBERS, AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 24, HAD JUST COMPLETED SEVERAL MONTHS OF INTENSIVE TRAINING.

GIVING DETAILS OF THE ORCHESTRA, SENIOR MUSIC OFFICER (CHINESE), MR TONG LEUNG-TAK, SAID IT WAS FORMED IN 1978 TO PROVIDE MUSIC OFFICE'S TRAINEES AND OTHER YOUNG INSTRUMENTALISTS IN HONG KONG WITH ORCHESTRAL TRAINING.

HE SAID THE REPERTOIRE OF THE ORCHESTRA TO BE PERFORMED DURING THE TOUR WOULD INCLUDE 32 PIECES RANGING FROM TRADITIONAL TO MODERN WORKS.

THE 70 MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRAL PARTY WILL BE LED BY MS CHIU, MR TONG AND SEVEN OTHER OFFICIALS FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE.

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FREE PUPPET-SHOW IN SHEK O

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AN INTERESTING PUPPET SHOW WILL BE STAGED IN SHEK O ON FRIDAY (JULY 15) BY THE RENOWNED WAH SHAN PUPPET TROUPE, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE SHOW IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SHEK O RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

THE TROUPE WILL PERFORM A TRADITIONAL CHINESE PUPPET OPERA, THE LOTUS FAIRY. IT WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM AT THE SHEK O BEACH CARPARK. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR SERVING JOURNALIST

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THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IS NOW INVITING LOCAL YOUNG JOURNALISTS TO APPLY FOR THE "VISIT BRITAIN ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP".

THE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME IS ORGANISED BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL. UNDER THE SCHEME, ONE SELECTED JOURNALIST WILL RECEIVE A FREE RETURN AIR TICKET TO BRITAIN TO ATTEND A FREE FOUR-WEEK COURSE AT A RECOGNISED ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL THERE. BOARDING AND LODGING WILL ALSO BE FREE OF CHARGE.

THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD WILL ASSIST THE BRITISH COUNCIL IN SELECTING ONE JOURNALIST TO UNDERGO THE OVERSEAS TRAINING. PRELIMINARY SCREENING OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE COMPLETED BY LATE AUGUST.

THE TRAINING BOARD WILL THEN SELECT THREE FINALISTS FROM WHICH ONE WILL BE CHOSEN BY A SELECTION BOARD.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR OR NEXT YEAR AT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE SELECTED PARTICIPANT WHOSE NAME WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 7.

SERVING LOCAL JOURNALISTS WHO HAVE AT LEAST TWO YEARS WORKING EXPERIENCE AND AGED UNDER 35 ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE PROGRAMME. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS AUGUST 8.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TRAINING BOARD ON 5-8932341 EXT. 283.

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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS APPLICATION REMINDER

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDIES UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO MAKE THEIR APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE OF JULY 15.

ALSO, APPLICATIONS BY CHILDREN OF FARMING AND FISHING FAMILIES IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOLING WOULD CLOSE ON AUGUST 18.

THE SECRETARY OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR JAMES LI, SAID: "THIS YEAR, AN AMOUNT OF \$670,000, 50 PER CENT MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S FUNDING OF \$440,000, HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND INTEREST-FREE LOANS.

"I WOULD THEREFORE URGE ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS NOT TO MISS THIS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY OF OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES."

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON AND FROM VARIOUS DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES LIAISON OFFICES.

THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS WERE SET UP IN 1978 TO HELP PEOPLE WHO WISH TO SERVE THE LOCAL AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES INDUSTRIES OR RELATED TRADES ON COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES, AND ALSO THOSE EMPLOYED IN THE INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS DEPENDANTS OF FARMING AND FISHING FAMILIES WHO WISH TO PURSUE FURTHER EDUCATION.

THE AWARDS WILL BE TENABLE AT ANY UNIVERSITY IN HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, CITY POLYTECHNIC, BAPTIST COLLEGE, ANY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, ANY ACCEPTABLE OVERSEAS INSTITUTION AND AT ANY SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HONG KONG.

APPLICANTS FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDIES SHOULD BE HONG KONG RESIDENTS UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE WHILE SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICANTS SHOULD BE STUDENTS IN FORMS FOUR TO SEVEN, MR LI SAID.

APPROVED COURSES FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION INCLUDE THOSE ON AGRICULTURE, VETERINARY SCIENCE, MARINE SCIENCE AND BIOLOGY OR ANY APPLIED SCIENCE RELEVANT TO THE LOCAL AGRICULTURE OR FISHERIES INDUSTRIES AND RELATED TRADES.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES CAN BE MADE BY CALLING THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ON 3-7332244 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (JULY 16) AT 10 AM AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

DT8888	BS808	DU399	DU8328	AU828
DU328	DV873	DT6168	DV6618	DV4882
DV381	DU2688	AC8768	8777	AA2688
CH6686	DV211	AA4455	AD133	BB58
DW40	AA8777	DU288	DU369	DU6388
HK2688	DT7888	DT123	DT8238	HK139
DT168	DV248	DV218	AC205	DU3378
BB1686	AD1881	DW7	DU9707	AL9292

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 127TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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NEW OFFICES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN TWO NEW OFFICES FROM NEXT MONDAY (JULY 18).

THE PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ISSUE OF PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCES, THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF BUSES, LIGHT BUSES AND TAXIS; AS WELL AS THE ISSUE OF HIRE CAR PERMITS FOR PRIVATE CARS.

THE OFFICE WHICH WILL HANDLE MATTERS CONCERNING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUSES, PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES, HIRE CARS AND TAXIS WILL BE LOCATED AT SECOND FLOOR, LOW BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

THE OFFICE DEALING WITH MATTERS ON PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE LOCATED AT GROUND FLOOR, MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 2 MURRAY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON TO WING-CHUEN ON MARCH 17, 1986 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

HE WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF LO HON-KEUNG.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TAI O DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT

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DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT TAI O ON LANTAU TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING DAMAGE AND IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE AREA.

PROPER CHANNELS, DRAINS, SEWERS, PUMPING FACILITIES AND A LANDSCAPED AMENITY AREA WILL BE BUILT IN THE LOW LYING AREA BETWEEN THE LUNG TIN HOUSING ESTATE AND THE OLD TOWN.

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THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES SITE FORMATION FOR THE PROPOSED PHASE II OF THE LUNG TIN HOUSING ESTATE.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA SOUTH OF WING ON STREET AND TAI PING STREET.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 29.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN YUEN LONG FOR LRT OPERATIONS

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC CHANGES IN YUEN LONG AS PART OF THE YUEN LONG TOWN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME TO FACILITATE THE OPERATIONS OF LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JULY 14), THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD, MA MIU ROAD AND TAI YUK ROAD:

- \* NO U-TURN WILL BE PERMITTED AT THIS JUNCTION.
- \* THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENTS FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND ONTO TAI YUK ROAD SOUTHBOUND, AND FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD WESTBOUND ONTO MA MIU ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED.
- \* VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM TAI YUK ROAD NORTHBOUND ONTO CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND. AS A RESULT, KMB ROUTE NO. 56 WILL OPERATE VIA TAI YUK ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND KIK YEUNG ROAD, WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH MA MIU ROAD AND ON NING ROAD.

AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND KIK YEUNG ROAD, NO U-TURN WILL BE ALLOWED. IN ADDITION, NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD WESTBOUND ONTO KIK YEUNG ROAD NORTHBOUND.

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MOTORISTS ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR TAI YUK ROAD, INCLUDING GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 31 AND 32, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KIK YEUNG ROAD, ON NING ROAD, MA MIU ROAD AND TAI YUK ROAD.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR KIK YEUNG ROAD AND MA MIU ROAD WILL HAVE TO USE FUNG NIN ROAD, KAU YUK ROAD, TAI YUK ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND.

MEANWHILE, ALL EXISTING PARKING SPACES ALONG ON NING ROAD AND KAU YUK ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED.

THE CANCELLATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO STAGES. THE FIRST STAGE WILL START FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). WHILE THE SECOND STAGE WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM JULY 20.

FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 15), THREE ROAD SECTIONS IN YUEN LONG WILL OPERATE ONE-WAY.

PING WUI STREET WILL BE MADE ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND, WHILE ON NING ROAD BETWEEN PING WUI STREET AND MA MIU ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

IN ADDITION, MA MIU ROAD BETWEEN ON NING ROAD AND NORTHERN BYPASS WILL BE DESIGNATED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY ON QUEEN'S ROAD WEST  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEEN'S ROAD WEST BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 12 AND 32 WILL BECOME A 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 15).

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE CABLE-LAYING WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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ROAD IN YUEN LONG IN DISUSE  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD, USE OF A SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (SAN TIN SECTION) IN YUEN LONG WILL CEASE FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JULY 14).

ALL VEHICLES, INCLUDING KMB ROUTE NO. 76K, WILL BE DIVERTED TO A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ROAD NAMED SR-5.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE ON TAI PO ROAD IN SHA TIN  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS, THE SLOW AND MIDDLE LANES OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR TOLO HIGHWAY IN SHA TIN, WITH A LENGTH OF ABOUT 50 METRES, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO 6 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN KOWLOON  
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PAK HOI STREET IN YAU MA TEI BETWEEN SHANGHAI STREET AND TEMPLE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 15), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE CLOSURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS FOR ROAD WORKS. MOTORISTS WILL HAVE TO USE NING PO STREET FOR ACCESS TO YAU MA TEI AREA EAST OF SHANGHAI STREET.

MEANWHILE, IN TSIM SHA TSUI, SHUN YEE STREET WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED WHILE THE SECTION OF KIMBERLEY STREET WEST OF SHUN YEE STREET WILL BE MAINTAINED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

THE MEASURES HAVE BEEN IN FORCE SINCE MARCH THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF ROAD RECONSTRUCTION.

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WATER CUTS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN, CHA KWO LING  
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO 9 AM ON THURSDAY.

THE SUSPENSION IS NEEDED FOR THE CONNECTION OF A 450 MILLIMETRE SALT WATER MAIN.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY SANDS STREET, HOK SZE TERRACE, POKFULAM ROAD, BONHAM ROAD, CAINE ROAD, GLENEALY, WYNDHAM STREET, PEDDER STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND THE SEAFRONT.

MEANWHILE, THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CHA KWO LING WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 14) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY KO FAI ROAD, TUNG YUEN STREET, SHUNG SHUN STREET AND SZE SHAN STREET INCLUDING SHUNG TAK WAI AND YAN YUE WAI.

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