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GOVERNOR TO VISIT LONDON IN MARCH

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT LONDON FROM MARCH 20 TO 23. THIS WILL BE ANOTHER IN THE SERIES OF REGULAR CONTACTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS.

THE GOVERNOR WILL ALSO GIVE A SPEECH AT THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ON MARCH 21.

THE GOVERNOR'S LAST VISIT TO LONDON WAS FROM OCTOBER 24 TO 28 LAST YEAR.

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FOURTH VR CLOSED CENTRE BEING PLANNED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING URGENTLY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOURTH CLOSED CENTRE TO ACCOMMODATE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN VIEW OF THE OVERCROWDING IN THE HEI LING CHAU AND TUEN MUN CLOSED CENTRES.

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) IN A REPLY TO THE DIRECTOR OF OXFAM IN HONG KONG, MR CHRIS BALE, COMMENTING ON ITS REPORT ON "VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG: THE WAY FORWARD".

"EVERY INDICATION IS THAT THE PROPOSED FOURTH CLOSED CENTRE WILL BECOME A REGRETTABLE NECESSITY DURING THE COURSE OF 1988," SAID MR JEAFFRESON.

MR JEAFFRESON EXPLAINED THAT THE OVERCROWDING IN THE CLOSED CENTRES WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE FURTHER SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ARRIVALS AND PARTICULARLY FROM NORTHERN VIETNAM IN THE SECOND HALF OF LAST YEAR -- A TREND WHICH WAS APPARENTLY CONTINUING IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THIS YEAR AND THE SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN RESETTLEMENT OFFTAKE DURING LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL CLOSED CENTRE POPULATION ACTUALLY INCREASED BY 45 PER CENT FROM 4,400 IN THE BEGINNING OF LAST JULY TO 6,400 AT THE END OF DECEMBER.

ON THE REPORT'S REFERENCE TO CLOSED CENTRES AS "PRISONS", MR JEAFFRESON SAID: "THE ONLY RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN A CLOSED CENTRE AND A PRISON IS THAT BOTH PLACES ARE USED FOR THE CONFINEMENT OF PEOPLE.

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"IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS THE CLOSED CENTRES ARE OPERATED UNDER A TOTALLY DIFFERENT REGIME WITH THE REFUGEES GIVEN AS MUCH FREEDOM AS IS PRACTICALLY POSSIBLE WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THEIR PLACE OF ENFORCED RESIDENCE."

AS REGARDS THE PROVISION OF TOILET FACILITIES IN HEI LING CHAU, MR JEAFFRESON SAID THE SITUATION WAS NOT AS BAD AS OXFAM HAD DESCRIBED.

"EACH OF THE 10 DORMITORY BLOCKS IN HEI LING CHAU IS PROVIDED WITH ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE TOILET, EACH WITH TWO CUBICLES.

"THERE ARE ADDITIONAL TOILET FACILITIES WHICH ARE ACCESSIBLE AT ALL TIMES IN THE TWO SCHOOL BLOCKS AND THE TWO DINING HALLS.

"IN THE EVENT THAT A SHORTAGE OF TOILET FACILITIES BECOMES A SERIOUS PROBLEM, ADDITIONAL FACILITIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THE FORM OF PORTABLE LATRINES.

"BUT FOR THE TIME BEING IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO DO SO," MR JEAFFRESON SAID.

REGARDING THE REPORT'S REFERENCE TO "CONSIDERABLE PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE" ON THE REFUGEES RESULTING FROM THE OVERCROWDING, MR JEAFFRESON SAID: "SOME DEGREE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE IS INEVITABLE IN A SITUATION WHERE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE CONFINED IN A SMALL AREA.

"THERE IS NO OVERT EVIDENCE OF MAJOR EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES AMONG THE MAJORITY OF REFUGEES.

"NEVERTHELESS ALL CONCERNED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CAMPS AND THE CARE AND WELFARE OF THE REFUGEES ARE AT ALL TIMES AWARE OF THE PRESSURES THE REFUGEES FACE AND DO ALL THEY CAN TO MITIGATE THEIR EFFECTS."

ON THE QUESTION OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IN THE CLOSED CENTRES, MR JEAFFRESON SAID THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) SUBMITTED PROPOSALS LAST OCTOBER REGARDING THE INTEGRATION OF REFUGEE CHILDREN IN THE LOCAL EDUCATION SYSTEM.

"THESE PROPOSALS, WHICH COVER A NUMBER OF OPTIONS, ARE BEING CRITICALLY EXAMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION WITH A VIEW TO AN EARLY SUBMISSION TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL."

REGARDING THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON WORK AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR REFUGEES IN CLOSED CENTRES, MR JEAFFRESON SAID THE DOCUMENT HAD RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE UNHCR FOR CONSIDERATION.

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"THE EXTENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INVOLVEMENT WITH INITIATIVES PROPOSED IN THE WORKING GROUP'S REPORT WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN DUE COURSE."

TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF MANAGEMENT OF THE CLOSED CENTRES, MR JEAFFRESON SAID THE GOVERNMENT FIRMLY BELIEVED THAT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WAS THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT FOR THE JOB.

"IT IS THE ONLY ORGANISATION WITH THE EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE NECESSARY FOR THE MANAGING OF CENTRES FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE IN A CONFINED ENVIRONMENT.

"WE DO NOT AGREE THAT ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT OR VOLUNTARY AGENCY HAS THE REQUISITE EXPERTISE," MR JEAFFRESON SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MAJORITY OF CSD STAFF WORKING IN THE CLOSED CENTRES WERE SPECIALLY RECRUITED AND TRAINED FOR REFUGEE WORK.

"VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE TRAINING COURSES ARE ARRANGED FOR THE CSD STAFF TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE CENTRES.

"CSD STAFF REGULARLY MEET WITH THE HUT REPRESENTATIVES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AT THE CAMP MANAGEMENT LEVEL AND CSD HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL ALSO REGULARLY VISIT AND HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH HUT REPRESENTATIVES AND THE AGENCIES."

MR JEAFFRESON DISAGREED WITH OXFAM THAT THERE WAS A "SIGNIFICANT CRIME PROBLEM" AT THE KAI TAK TRANSIT CENTRE.

"CERTAINLY THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH A MINORITY OF THE REFUGEES WHO GET INTO TROUBLE, BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE REFUGEES ARE LAW-ABIDING."

MR JEAFFRESON STRESSED THAT THERE WAS NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST REFUGEES ATTENDING GOVERNMENT CLINICS OR HOSPITALS.

ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE LAST YEAR FOR REFUGEES TO ATTEND GOVERNMENT CLINICS AND HOSPITALS ON THE SAME BASIS AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME CHARGES AS LOCAL RESIDENTS.

ON RESETTLEMENT, MR JEAFFRESON SAID THE GOVERNMENT AGREED THAT THE MAJOR BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD FALL ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

"HONG KONG HAS DONE AND CONTINUES TO DO ITS SHARE, BOTH IN PROVIDING A PLACE OF FIRST ASYLUM AND IN THE OFFER OF LOCAL SETTLEMENT PLACES.

"CONSIDERATION CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF RELAXING THE CRITERIA FOR LOCAL SETTLEMENT WOULD NOT AT THIS STAGE INVOLVE EXTENDING THIS SCHEME BEYOND THE 250 PLACES ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL IN MAY 1986."

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MR JEAFFRESON SAID THE GOVERNMENT SHARED OXFAM'S CONCERN ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF LONG-STAYERS IN CONFINED CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT DID NOT ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL THAT AN ARBITRARY TIME-LIMIT SHOULD BE SET ON A REFUGEE'S STAY IN A CLOSED CENTRE.

"THIS IS A MATTER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE TO ADDRESS.

"IT IS NOT HONG KONG WHICH KEEPS THE REFUGEES IN CLOSED CENTRES INDEFINITELY."

ON THE REPORT ITSELF, MR JEAFFRESON DESCRIBED IT AS A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCUSSION OF THE CONTINUING VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM AND HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE TIME AND EFFORT WHICH OXFAM HAD DEVOTED TO ITS PREPARATION.

"WHILE WE MAY HAVE DISAGREEMENTS OVER POINTS OF DETAIL, THE REPORT IS A COMPREHENSIVE AND GENERALLY ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE CURRENT REFUGEE SITUATION IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

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NOTICES ON REVISED RATEABLE VALUES OUT THIS MONTH

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NOTICES GIVING DETAILS OF REVISED RATEABLE VALUES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1988, WILL BE DESPATCHED TO RATEPAYERS BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICES SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1 OR ONE OR TWO DAYS THEREAFTER.

THIS FOLLOWS THE COMPLETION OF THE 1988-89 REVALUATION EXERCISE.

ATTACHED TO THE NOTICES WILL BE THE SECOND QUARTER 1988 DEMANDS FOR RATES, ISSUED EARLIER THAN USUAL, TO ALLOW RATEPAYERS TO SEE THE ACTUAL EFFECT OF THE REVALUATION ON THE AMOUNT OF RATES THEY WILL PAY.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT NOTWITHSTANDING THE EARLIER ISSUE OF THE DEMANDS, THE SECOND QUARTER'S RATES ARE NOT DUE FOR PAYMENT UNTIL THE USUAL DATE OF APRIL 30 (1988).

THE DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED AN EXPLANATORY BOOKLET, "YOUR RATES IN 1988-89", WHICH RATEPAYERS WILL FIND USEFUL SHOULD THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT RATES, RATEABLE VALUES AND RIGHTS OF OBJECTION.

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COPIES OF THE BOOKLET WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM MARCH 1 AT THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES, AND AT DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WILL BE AROUND 966,000 ASSESSMENTS IN THE NEW VALUATION LIST, SOME OF WHICH ARE BLOCK ASSESSMENTS, COVERING APPROXIMATELY 1,535,000 UNITS.

THIS WILL INCLUDE 2,300 ASSESSMENTS IN THE NEW RATING AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TOTAL RATEABLE VALUE WILL BE AROUND \$78,000 MILLION.

THE OVERALL INCREASE IN RATEABLE VALUES IS ABOUT 16.6 PER CENT BUT FOR DOMESTIC UNITS IT IS ONLY ABOUT 11.1 PER CENT.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT RATEABLE VALUE IS AN ESTIMATE OF THE ANNUAL RENTAL VALUE OF THE PREMISES AT A DESIGNATED DATE, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE PREMISES WERE THEN VACANT AND TO LET.

FOR THE 1988-89 REVALUATION, THE DESIGNATED DATE, KNOWN AS THE VALUATION REFERENCE DATE, IS OCTOBER 1, 1986.

PERIODIC REVALUATIONS ARE NECESSARY BECAUSE RENTAL LEVELS CHANGE OVER TIME, BY VARYING DEGREES FOR DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF PREMISES, AND IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.

IN ADDITION, CERTAIN AREAS EXPERIENCE CHANGES TO ENVIRONMENT, AMENITIES, ACCESSIBILITY AND SO ON.

THE REVALUATIONS BRING RATEABLE VALUES UP TO DATE IN ORDER TO REDISTRIBUTE THE RATES BURDEN ACCORDING TO THESE CHANGES.

THE REVENUE RAISED FROM RATES IS THE MAIN SOURCE OF FINANCE FOR THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS AND A PROPORTION IS ALSO PAID INTO GENERAL REVENUE.

THE OVERALL INCREASE IN RATEABLE VALUES RESULTING FROM THE REVALUATION WILL ENABLE THE COUNCILS AND THE GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN THE SAME PERCENTAGE RATE CHARGES IN 1988-89 AS HAVE APPLIED SINCE APRIL 1, 1986. CONSEQUENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PROPOSE TO MAKE ANY CHANGE TO THOSE CHARGES FOR 1988-89.

A REDUCED PERCENTAGE CHARGE OF 15 PER CENT USUALLY APPLIES WHERE THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT WATER SUPPLY AVAILABLE, AND OF 7.5 PER CENT WHERE THERE IS ONLY AN UNFILTERED GOVERNMENT WATER SUPPLY. THE DEMANDS FOR RATES WILL SHOW THESE REDUCTIONS WHERE APPROPRIATE.

CONCERNING PASSING ON OF RATE INCREASES TO DOMESTIC TENANTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF THE RENT OF A DOMESTIC PROPERTY IS CONTROLLED UNDER PARTS I OR II OF THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE, THE LANDLORD MAY INCREASE THE RENT BY THE AMOUNT OF INCREASE IN RATES.

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INCREASES IN RATEABLE VALUES OF DOMESTIC PROPERTIES RESULTING FROM THE REVALUATION DO NOT RESULT IN ANY CHANGE IN STATUS FOR THESE PREMISES UNDER PART II OF THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE.

"FOR OTHER DOMESTIC TENANCIES ANY SUCH ADJUSTMENT CAN ONLY BE MADE IF PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDLORD AND TENANT.

"FOR FURTHER INFORMATION RATEPAYERS SHOULD CONSULT THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE BOOKLET AVAILABLE FROM THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT OR CALL AT THE DEPARTMENT," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT RATEPAYERS SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THEIR NEW RATEABLE VALUES UNTIL EARLY MARCH WHEN THEY WILL HAVE RECEIVED THE OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS. INFORMATION WILL NOT BE GIVEN REGARDING THE REVISED FIGURES PRIOR TO THIS.

"UPON RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE ANYONE WHO HAS ANY QUERIES MAY CALL AT THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT OR TELEPHONE 5-8957888 WHERE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

"IF ANYONE WISHES TO SPEAK TO THE VALUER FOR A PARTICULAR DISTRICT, THEY SHOULD TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT," HE SAID.

IF ANYONE WISHES TO LODGE AN OBJECTION TO THE NEW RATEABLE VALUE, HE MAY, DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH ONLY, MAKE A PROPOSAL TO HAVE IT ALTERED.

"PROPOSALS MUST BE MADE ON FORMS R20A WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR AT ANY DISTRICT OFFICE. PROPOSALS RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 1 OR AFTER MARCH 31, 1988 CANNOT BE ACCEPTED," HE SAID.

SHOULD RATEPAYERS WISH TO INSPECT THE VALUATION LISTS, THESE WILL BE ON DISPLAY DURING MARCH AT THE TREASURY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG. COPIES OF APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE LISTS WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY AT THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS  
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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED A NEW COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE UNITED KINGDOM/HONG KONG SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE EXPANDED JOINT FUNDING SCHEME FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS IN BRITAIN.

THE APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), ARE FOR THE PERIOD UP TO DECEMBER 31, 1989.

/THE UK/HK .....

THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED BY MR HENRY LITTON, A QUEEN'S COUNSEL. ITS MEMBERSHIP IS AS FOLLOWS:

- \* MR JULIAN DAVEY, DIRECTOR OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL IN HONG KONG;
- \* MR SIMON LI FOOK-SEAN, A STEWARD OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND A FORMER JUSTICE OF APPEAL;
- \* DR MA LIN, FORMER VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG;
- \* DR JAMES WONG SAI-WING, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CHINA DYEING WORKS LTD;
- \* MR C.C. HAYWARD, DEPUTY SENIOR TRADE COMMISSIONER OF THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ONE MEMBER FROM THE LOCAL BRITISH BUSINESS COMMUNITY WOULD ALSO BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMITTEE AND THE APPOINTMENT WOULD BE MADE SHORTLY.

"THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AIMED AT PROVIDING FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTSTANDING LOCAL STUDENTS OF HIGH INTELLECTUAL PROMISE AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES TO STUDY IN THE UK," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WE EXPECT THE SCHOLARS ON THEIR RETURN TO NUMBER AMONG OUR FUTURE LEADERS AND TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG AND TO LIFE IN HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

A TOTAL SUM OF UP TO \$3.5 MILLION CONTRIBUTED ON A JOINT AND EQUAL BASIS BY THE UK AND HONG KONG WILL BE AVAILABLE PER YEAR FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS. FULL DETAILS OF THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME ARE EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT MONTH.

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INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR 1987 3RD QUARTER PUBLISHED

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THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987, AT 184, WAS 25 POINTS OR 15.7 PER CENT ABOVE THAT FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987, THE INDEX SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 13 POINTS OR 7.6 PER CENT. MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION IN THE THIRD QUARTER IS NORMALLY AT A HIGHER LEVEL IN ORDER TO MEET THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR DEMAND.

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INDUSTRIES WITH THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PRODUCTION OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986 WERE: BASIC METALS (+61.5 PER CENT), PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (+40.3 PER CENT), CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+37.7 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND MACHINERY (+33.9 PER CENT), AND NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (+33.1 PER CENT).

THE CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY WAS THE ONLY INDUSTRY THAT SHOWED A DECLINE IN PRODUCTION COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986 (-12.1 PER CENT). THIS MAINLY REFLECTED A DECLINE IN THE PRODUCTION OF MEDICINES AND POLYSTYRENE.

COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987, INDUSTRIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PRODUCTION INCLUDED BEVERAGE (+32.5 PER CENT), TOBACCO (+24.3 PER CENT), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (+21.1 PER CENT), NEWSPAPER PRINTING, JOB PRINTING AND OTHER PRINTING (+20.2 PER CENT), AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (+18.6 PER CENT).

AT THE SAME TIME, SEVERAL INDUSTRIES RECORDED SOME DECREASES IN PRODUCTION COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER.

THEY WERE LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR (EXCEPT RUBBER, PLASTIC AND WOODEN FOOTWEAR) (-9.5 PER CENT), PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-8.5 PER CENT), CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (-3.9 PER CENT), FOOD (-3.0 PER CENT), RUBBER PRODUCTS (-2.6 PER CENT), AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (-2.1 PER CENT).

IN RELEASING THESE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO REFLECT THE LEVELS AND TRENDS OF OUTPUT IN REAL TERMS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VOLUME OF PRODUCTION IS MEASURED AFTER REMOVING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGE.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, 3RD QUARTER 1987".

THIS PUBLICATION IS ON SALE AT \$3 A COPY AND CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED WITH THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234832.

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Index of Industrial Production for third quarter of 1987Table 1 Summary table of quarterly indices of industrial production by broad industry group, 3rd quarter 1984 to 3rd quarter 1987

(1981 = 100)

Broad industry group	Weight	1984	1985	1986	1984		1985				1986				1987		
					3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q
					1. Food, beverages and tobacco	34.8	119	139	150	127	124	126	134	145	150	137	144
2. Wearing apparel, except knitwear and footwear	251.3	114	105	125	116	121	95	97	105	123	103	122	131	144	125	144	144
3. Textiles (including knitting)	127.4	115	120	150	121	120	86	120	132	141	101	147	175	177	141	172	190
4. Paper products and printing	61.3	157	157	183	177	169	139	158	164	167	141	178	204	208	194	223	260
5. Chemical, rubber, plastic and non-metallic mineral products	110.0	161	160	183	200	176	135	164	183	160	134	182	216	201	162	199	231
6. Basic metals, fabricated metal products and non-electrical machinery	104.1	132	131	148	152	125	108	141	136	138	107	154	162	169	135	174	204
7. Electrical and electronic products, professional equipment and optical goods	216.2	134	129	145	143	155	119	129	130	138	126	143	148	162	157	182	190
8. Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	94.9	155	114	130	168	186	104	106	122	125	121	126	132	141	134	149	146
All manufacturing industries	1000.0	132	126	146	145	144	109	125	132	138	117	144	159	165	145	171	184

Note : As a result of a recent review of product classification, sponge goods and foam rubber goods have been reclassified from the rubber products industry to the plastic products industry. The indices in respect of broad industry group 5 and that of "All manufacturing industries" are thereby affected. The indices shown are based on the new classification.

### Index of Industrial Production for third quarter of 1987

Table 2 Quarterly indices of industrial production by industry group,  
3rd quarter 1984 to 3rd quarter 1987

(1981 = 100)

Industry group	Weight	1984			1985				1986				1987				
		1984	1985	1986	1984		1985		1986		1987						
					3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q
1.1 Food	20.5	119	135	154	122	123	129	130	135	148	143	154	155	164	144	164	159
1.2 Beverage	9.6	109	108	114	140	98	81	113	135	102	90	115	153	99	91	120	159
1.3 Tobacco	4.7	138	215	206	119	179	203	192	210	255	204	161	208	251	276	218	271
2 Wearing apparel, except knitwear and footwear	251.3	114	105	125	116	121	95	97	105	123	103	122	131	144	125	144	144
3 Textiles (including knitting)	127.4	115	120	150	121	120	86	120	132	141	101	147	175	177	141	172	190
4.1 Paper and paper products	11.9	240	224	256	271	243	188	232	263	212	188	263	303	269	298	391	425
4.2 Newspaper printing, job printing and other printing	49.4	137	141	166	155	151	128	140	139	156	130	158	181	194	169	183	220
5.1 Chemicals and chemical products	15.1	133	161	193	148	144	148	154	165	175	152	180	224	216	166	205	197
5.2 Rubber products	3.2	195	147	113	205	251	126	175	136	152	91	113	116	130	146	155	151
5.3 Plastic products	81.1	173	169	194	223	188	138	173	198	165	137	194	232	212	167	209	253
5.4 Non-metallic mineral products	10.6	97	102	114	95	107	92	107	103	107	103	115	118	121	122	124	138
6.1 Basic metals	9.0	98	90	80	98	100	70	90	96	104	79	91	65	84	79	101	105
6.2 Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	77.0	138	133	152	166	126	110	143	139	141	104	158	171	173	129	177	210
6.3 Machinery, except electrical	18.1	124	141	167	119	134	119	156	144	144	134	171	172	192	189	199	229
7.1 Consumer electrical and electronic products	103.2	150	135	158	165	185	129	138	125	148	135	152	162	182	186	208	223
7.2 Electrical and electronic parts, accessories and machinery	60.3	105	100	100	111	116	96	102	108	94	83	99	112	107	106	130	150
7.3 Professional and scientific equipment, photographic and optical goods, watches and clocks	52.7	134	151	171	137	141	125	143	165	169	158	177	163	185	159	189	173
8.1 Leather products and footwear (except rubber, plastic and wooden footwear)	12.2	68	66	83	65	71	50	70	75	71	74	81	84	91	96	116	105
9.2 Wood and cork products, and furniture and fixtures (except primarily of metal)	18.5	84	87	99	85	83	88	83	84	93	86	95	102	114	93	105	107
9.3 Transport equipment	27.0	133	113	136	155	147	109	113	118	112	151	161	122	112	125	140	137
4.4 Miscellaneous manufacturing industries, n.e.c.	37.2	234	144	156	253	302	127	124	159	167	133	130	170	192	173	188	185
All manufacturing industries	1000.0	132	126	146	145	144	109	125	132	138	117	144	159	165	145	171	184

Note : As a result of a recent review of product classification, sponge goods and foam rubber goods have been reclassified from the rubber products industry to the plastic products industry. The indices in respect of industry groups 5.2, 5.3 and that of "All manufacturing industries" are thereby affected. The indices shown are based on the new classification.

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SCHOOL BUILDING SPEEDED UP  
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TO ALLEVIATE THE SHORTAGE OF SCHOOL PLACES, THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IN ADDITION TO ITS NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME, HAS EMBARKED ON A SCHEME TO ADVANCE THE COMPLETION OF 18 SCHOOLS FROM 1991 TO 1989.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HARNAM GREWAL, WAS TOLD THIS DURING A VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SCHEME, COSTING AN ESTIMATED \$317 MILLION, WILL INCLUDE FOUR SECONDARY AND TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN SHA TIN, THREE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TUEN MUN, AND THREE SECONDARY AND TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN YUEN LONG.

IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN TAI PO, A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN FANLING AND TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN JUNK BAY.

A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PROJECT GROUP WAS FORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT LAST JULY TO UNDERTAKE THE ADVANCED SCHOOL BUILDING SCHEME. CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN MAY.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO EMBARKED ON ANOTHER SCHEME TO BUILD ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS IN MANY OF THE EXISTING SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THE NEED WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE ABOLITION OF THE "FLOTATION SYSTEM".

THIS SCHEME INVOLVES BUILDING A CLASSROOM AND TWO REMEDIAL TEACHING ROOMS ON THE GROUND FLOOR LEVEL OF EACH EXISTING SECONDARY SCHOOL. THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE PROGRAMME WILL START IN JULY.

MR GREWAL WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURES INTRODUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT AT SOME SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY AIRCRAFT NOISE.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS, TO BE PHASED OVER A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS, WILL INCLUDE DOUBLE GLAZING AND ALTERATION OF EXISTING WINDOWS, AND INSTALLATION OF WINDOW-TYPE AIR-CONDITIONERS TO CLASSROOMS AND TO SPECIAL TEACHING ROOMS.

IN THE FIRST STAGE OF THE NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAMME, WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES.

PHASE ONE, WHICH BEGAN LAST JULY AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER, COVERS A GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL AND NINE AIDED SCHOOLS.

PHASE TWO OF THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES A GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL AND 13 AIDED SCHOOLS. WORK WILL START IN JUNE AND TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS FOR THE TWO GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS IN BOTH PHASES, WHICH WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY, WILL COST ABOUT \$6.72 MILLION.

WORKS FOR THE 22 AIDED SCHOOLS ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE SCHOOLS' ARCHITECTS AND CONTRACTORS.

ADVISORY SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SUBVENTED PROJECTS DIVISION.

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SHA TIN DB CANDIDATES MEET THE PRESS TOMORROW  
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CANDIDATES FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT WILL MEET THE PRESS IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE ROOM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

EACH CANDIDATE WILL BE ALLOWED TWO MINUTES TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF AND HIS PLATFORM. AFTER COMPLETING THE ROUND, THE CANDIDATES MAY FREELY MIX WITH THE PRESS.

ALTOGETHER, 35 CANDIDATES WERE NOMINATED FOR THE ELECTIONS IN SHA TIN BUT FOUR OF THEM, FOR THE YUEN WO AND TSANG TAI UK CONSTITUENCIES, WILL BE ELECTED UNOPPOSED.

THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, WILL ALSO TALK ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S PUBLICITY PROGRAMME AT THE OPENING OF THE SESSION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE MEET-THE-PRESS SESSION FOR CANDIDATES STANDING FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION. IT WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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SPECIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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SPECIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 18) FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE HELD IN VICTORIA HARBOUR, STARTING AT 8 PM.

RESIDENTS WISHING TO GO TO WATCH THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND TO ALLOW THEMSELVES PLENTY OF JOURNEY TIME.

CMB BUS ROUTES TO CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO AVOID THE CLOSED ROADS IN THE AREAS, WHILE THE TSIM SHA TSUI BUS TERMINAL WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED AND REPLACEMENT TERMINALS WILL BE PROVIDED IN NEARBY AREAS.

THE DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CMB BUS SERVICES

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- \* FROM 6.30 PM ROUTE 21 ON JOURNEYS TO MACAU FERRY PIER WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO AVOID THE CLOSED ROADS.
  - \* FROM 6.30 PM ROUTES 8, 11A AND 40 ON JOURNEYS TO AND FROM WAN CHAI WILL OMIT WAN CHAI FERRY PIER AND OPERATE ON A CIRCULAR BASIS.
  - \* THE FREQUENCY OF ROUTE 15 WILL BE STRENGTHENED TO ABOUT 10 MINUTES SUBJECT TO PASSENGER DEMAND.
  - \* ADDITIONAL BUSES WILL BE OPERATED ON ROUTES 8, 38, 40, 40M, 70 AND 72.
  - \* ROUTE 780 WILL BE CURTAILED AT 5.25 PM.
  - \* EMPTY BUSES WILL BE OPERATED AT THE FOLLOWING BUS TERMINI TO CATER FOR PASSENGER DEMAND AFTER THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY: NORTH POINT FERRY BUS TERMINUS; MORETON TERRACE BUS TERMINUS; ADMIRALTY MTR STATION BUS TERMINUS; CENTRAL (EXCHANGE SQUARE) BUS TERMINUS; AND THE PEAK BUS TERMINUS.

CMB BUS SERVICES WILL RESUME NORMAL ROUTING WHEN CLOSED ROADS ARE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

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KMB BUS SERVICES  
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DIVERSION AND RELOCATION OF TERMINAL FACILITIES FOR KMB BUS SERVICES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN TSIM SHA TSUI FROM 6.30 PM TO ABOUT 11 PM.

- \* THE STAR FERRY BUS TERMINUS WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED AND THE TERMINAL FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED AT CANTON ROAD BETWEEN KOWLOON PARK DRIVE AND PEKING ROAD; THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS AT SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD; AND AT GRANVILLE ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.
- \* ROUTES 1, 1A, 2, 6, 6A, 7 AND 9 ON JOURNEYS TO THE STAR FERRY BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DIVERTED TO TERMINATE AT THE CANTON ROAD TEMPORARY TERMINUS.
- \* ROUTE 26 WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED TO TERMINATE AT THE CANTON ROAD TEMPORARY TERMINUS.
- \* ROUTES 5 AND 5C WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED FROM STAR FERRY BUS TERMINUS TO TERMINATE AT GRANVILLE ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.
- \* ROUTES 2C, 8 AND 28 WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED TO TERMINATE AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST BUS TERMINUS AT SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD.
- \* ROUTE 5A WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6 PM AT KOWLOON CITY AND FROM 6.25 PM AT STAR FERRY.
- \* ROUTE 208 WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 5.30 PM AT BROADCAST DRIVE AND FROM 6 PM AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.
- \* ROUTES 3, 3C, 3E, 4A, 8, 13, 60X, 68, 68X, 70 AND 81 OPERATING ON JOURNEYS TO AND FROM THE JORDAN ROAD BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DIVERTED.
- \* ROUTE 1K (MONG KOK KCR STATION - SOUTHBOUND CIRCULAR ROUTE) WILL BE DIVERTED ON JOURNEYS TO THE MONG KOK KCR STATION AT WUHU STREET, WHILE ROUTE 2K (MONG KOK KCR STATION - NORTHBOUND CIRCULAR ROUTE) WILL BE DIVERTED ON JOURNEYS FROM THE MONG KOK KCR STATION AT NATHAN ROAD.
- \* ROUTE 8A ON JOURNEYS TO JORDAN ROAD (CANTON ROAD) AND WHAMPOA GARDENS WILL BE DIVERTED.
- \* ROUTE A1 OPERATING ON SOUTHBOUND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH WILL BE DIVERTED.

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CROSS HARBOUR BUS SERVICES  
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ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED TO COPE WITH PASSENGER DEMAND.

FROM 6.30 PM, CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE 110 ON JOURNEYS TO AND FROM TSIM SHA TSUI EAST BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DIVERTED.

AT THE SAME TIME, CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE A2 OPERATING ON GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND ON JOURNEYS TO KOWLOON WILL OMIT HARBOUR ROAD.

MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY SERVICES  
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- \* THE MTR SERVICES WILL OPERATE ACCORDING TO NORMAL SUNDAY TIMETABLE WITH 11 SPARE TRAINS TO STANDBY. PASSENGERS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR THE STATION ENTRANCE CONTROLS AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI, JORDAN AND WAN CHAI MTR STATIONS.

KCR SERVICES  
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- \* AFTER THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY, ADDITIONAL TRIPS WILL BE OPERATED FROM THE KOWLOON KCR STATION AT 8.43 PM; 9 PM; 9.16 PM; 9.49 PM; AND 10.03 PM.
- \* THE SHA TIN TRAIN DEPARTING KOWLOON KCR STATION AT 0.12 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED TO TERMINATE AT THE SHEUNG SHUI STATION.

FERRY SERVICES  
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- \* THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY WAN CHAI - JORDAN ROAD SERVICE WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 7.20 PM AND 8.40 PM. NORMAL SERVICE WILL RESUME AS SOON AS THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY IS COMPLETED.
- \* ADDITIONAL FERRY SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED BY THE STAR FERRY TO COPE WITH PASSENGER DEMAND.

PEAK TRAM SERVICE  
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THE SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED AS NECESSARY, DEPENDING ON PASSENGER DEMAND.

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HONG KONG TRAMWAY SERVICES

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- \* ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED FROM NORTH POINT TO WHITTY STREET AND ALSO BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND SHAU KEI WAN AFTER THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO COPE WITH PASSENGER DEMAND.

GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES

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- \* ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE GREEN MINIBUS STAND AT HMS TAMAR WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6.30 PM. ROUTES 1, 2, 3 AND 3A WILL BE DIVERTED TO TERMINATE AT A TEMPORARY GMB STAND OUTSIDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN CENTRAL. ROUTES 6, 7, 10, 11, 24M, 25, 25A, 31 AND 36 WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED FROM 6.30 PM.

IN KOWLOON, THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR GMB WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 6.30 PM TO ABOUT 11 PM.

- \* ROUTE 1 (STAR FERRY TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) AND ROUTE 1M (TSIM SHA TSUI MTR STATION TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE.
- \* THE EXISTING TERMINUS FOR ROUTE 3 (TSIM SHA TSUI TO TAI TUNG SUN CHUEN) AT HANKOW ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED AND THE SERVICE WILL BE REVISED TO OPERATE FROM LOCK ROAD.
- \* ROUTE 6 (WHAMPOA GARDENS TO TSIM SHA TSUI) WILL BE TEMPORARILY CONVERTED INTO A CIRCULAR ROUTE LINKING WHAMPOA GARDENS WITH JORDAN ROAD FERRY CONCOURSE.
- \* ROUTE 7 (KOWLOON CITY TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) WILL BE DIVERTED.
- \* ROUTE 8 (HO MAN TIN ESTATE TO TSIM SHA TSUI) WILL BE TEMPORARILY CONVERTED INTO A CIRCULAR ROUTE.
- \* ROUTE 31M (MONG KOK MTR STATION TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) WILL BE DIVERTED.

SUSPENSION OF TAXI AND GREEN MINIBUS STANDS

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- \* THE TAXI STAND IN CONNAUGHT PLACE WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6 PM TO 10 PM.
- \* THE TAXI STANDS IN HARBOUR ROAD OPPOSITE HARBOUR CENTRE, IN PERCIVAL STREET OUTSIDE ELIZABETH HOUSE AND AT THE TEMPORARY WAN CHAI FERRY PIER TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 4 PM TO 10 PM.
- \* THE GREEN MINIBUS STAND IN HARBOUR ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6 PM TO 10 PM.
- \* THE GREEN MINIBUS STAND IN EDINBURGH PLACE EAST WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6.30 PM TO 10 PM.

MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED TO STRENGTHEN TEACHER TRAINING

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VARIOUS MEASURES DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE TRAINING OF TEACHERS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISION OF FUNDS WHERE APPROPRIATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, SAID THESE MEASURES WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION AND COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMMES, SOME OF WHICH HAD ALREADY COMMENCED.

"THE MEASURES APPROVED COMPRISE THE ENLARGED ENROLMENT CAPACITY OF THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS TO ENABLE 80 PER CENT OF GRADUATE TEACHERS TO BE PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED BY 1994 AND THE PROVISION OF RELIEF TEACHERS SO THAT THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TEACHING STAFF WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND TEACHER TRAINING COURSES.

"THEY ALSO COMPRISE THE INTRODUCTION OF A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE COURSE IN PRIMARY EDUCATION FOR HEADS OF PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND THE PROVISION OF GRADUATE TEACHER POSTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THE TEACHING OF PRACTICAL, TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL SUBJECTS.

"ALSO INCLUDED ARE REVISED ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS TO ATTEND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID PROGRAMMES WHICH INVOLVED THE EXPANSION OF EXISTING COURSES AND THE SETTING UP OF NEW COURSES AT THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY WAY OF GRANTS EARMARKED FOR THESE INSTITUTIONS, ESTIMATED AT \$20 MILLION A YEAR.

"FUNDS FOR THE OTHER PROGRAMMES, AMOUNTING TO ABOUT \$8 MILLION A YEAR, WILL BE SOUGHT IN THE USUAL WAY THROUGH THE ANNUAL BUDGET EXERCISE," HE SAID.

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SIR S.Y. CALLS ON ELECTORS TO VOTE

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THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON SOME 90,000 REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 10.

SPEAKING AT THE SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR LIGHTING DECORATIONS AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL THIS EVENING, HE SAID: "VOTING IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS BUILDING UP A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY."

HE NOTED THAT THE DISTRICT BOARDS HAD BECOME MORE MATURE SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IN 1981.

"DB MEMBERS GIVE VALUABLE ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT ON DISTRICT MANAGEMENT MATTERS AND DB'S PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT," HE SAID.

"IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DB MEMBERS ARE VERY ACTIVE IN PLANNING, PARTICIPATING, AND PROMOTING VARIOUS CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, SPORTS, CIVIC EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

"THIS HAS DONE MUCH IN DEVELOPING A HEALTHY AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY. IN SHA TIN, SUCH ACHIEVEMENTS ARE SELF-EVIDENT."

SIR SZE-YUEN SAID THE VAST NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAD MOVED INTO SHA TIN IN RECENT YEARS HAD MIXED WELL WITH THE INDIGENOUS RESIDENTS.

"WORKING HARD TOGETHER, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RESIDENTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROSPERITY OF SHA TIN WHICH HAS BECOME A MODEL NEW TOWN TODAY," HE ADDED.

THE LIGHTING DECORATIONS IN SHA TIN CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR ARE MOUNTED NEAR SHING MUN RIVER, LIGHTING UP THE SAND MARTIN BRIDGE, BANYAN BRIDGE AND RIVERSIDE PROMENADES.

THE MOST PROMINENT FEATURE IS A PICTURE OF A ROARING DRAGON AMIDST CLOUDS, BLESSING RESIDENTS IN THE COMING YEAR OF THE DRAGON. THE PICTURE, ABOUT 100 METRES LONG AND SEVEN METRES HIGH AND LINED WITH COLOURFUL LIGHT BULBS, FORMS THE CENTRE OF ATTRACTION ON SAND MARTIN BRIDGE.

THE LIGHTS WILL BE SWITCHED ON EVERY EVENING FROM 5.30 PM TO MIDNIGHT UNTIL MARCH 2. ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE (FEBRUARY 16) TILL FEBRUARY 19 AND ON MARCH 2, THEY WILL BE SWITCHED ON TILL 5 AM THE NEXT DAY.

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FARM DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS BEING SPEEDED UP

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MEMBERS OF THE STEERING GROUP OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE LEARNED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS SPEEDING UP THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON PRIVATE FARMS.

THE PROJECTS ARE BEING SET UP IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

OF THOSE FARMS NOMINATED BY VARIOUS LIVESTOCK REARING ORGANISATIONS, 15 FARMS - COMPRISING 11 PIG FARMS, THREE CHICKEN FARMS AND ONE MIXED FARM - HAVE MET THE SELECTION CRITERIA.

FARMERS REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO NOMINATE MORE FARMS FOR SELECTION.

AT TODAY'S MEETING, AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT AN INITIAL SITE ASSESSMENT OF THE NOMINATED FARMS WAS IN PROGRESS.

MEMBERS WERE ALSO TOLD THAT PREPARATIONS WERE BEING MADE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR URGENT ALLOCATION OF FUNDS. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD APPOINT CONSULTANTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER FUNDING WAS APPROVED.

EPD REPRESENTATIVE EXPLAINED THAT BY THEN THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE SHORTLISTED AROUND 20 FARMS WHICH WERE LIKELY TO BE CHOSEN TO TAKE PART IN THE SCHEME.

HE ADDED THAT THE CONSULTANTS WOULD CARRY OUT FURTHER SITE ASSESSMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE FARMS SELECTED INITIALLY WERE SUITABLE FOR THE SCHEME, AND THEN SUBMIT A LIST FOR THE STEERING GROUP'S APPROVAL.

THE DEMONSTRATION SCHEME WOULD TAKE ABOUT 30 WEEKS TO COMPLETE. AFTER COMPLETION OF THE DEMONSTRATION, THE EPD WOULD SUBMIT AN ASSESSMENT REPORT TO THE STEERING GROUP.

MEANWHILE, THE STEERING GROUP HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT, AS A COMPROMISE, FARMERS WHO TAKE PART IN THE SCHEME AND SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDE TO CEASE BUSINESS WITHIN SIX MONTHS UPON COMPLETION OF THE DEMONSTRATION, SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO BE INCLUDED IN AN ARRANGEMENT FOR PROVISION OF AN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE.

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NEW CHAIRMEN FOR MEDICAL BOARDS ELECTED

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THE FOUR STATUTORY BODIES OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONS EACH ELECTED A NEW CHAIRMAN AT ELECTION MEETINGS HELD TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FOUR PROFESSIONAL BODIES ARE THE MEDICAL COUNCIL, THE DENTAL COUNCIL, THE NURSING BOARD AND THE MIDWIVES BOARD.

THE NEW CHAIRMEN OF THE FOUR BOARDS ARE: PROFESSOR ROSIE YOUNG (MEDICAL COUNCIL), DR JEFFREY Y. S. TSANG (DENTAL COUNCIL), MISS ROSE CHEN (NURSING BOARD) AND MRS RUTH WONG (MIDWIVES BOARD).

WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY, THESE FOUR CHAIRMEN WILL REPLACE THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES WHO FORMERLY HAD BEEN THE EX-OFFICIO CHAIRMEN OF THE FOUR BODIES.

THE ELECTIONS WERE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 20.

THE FOUR CHAIRMEN WILL EACH HOLD OFFICE FOR THREE YEARS OR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THEIR CURRENT TERM AS MEMBERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS, WHICHEVER IS THE SHORTER. THEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR RE-ELECTION AT THE END OF THEIR TERM.

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FRONTIER CURFEW RELAXED FOR NEW YEAR VISITS

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THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA CURFEW WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS TO ENABLE RESIDENTS THERE TO MAKE AND RECEIVE FAMILY VISITS DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON.

HOWEVER, FRONTIER CLOSED AREA PERMITS WILL STILL BE REQUIRED AND WILL BE CHECKED DURING THE CURFEW SUSPENSION PERIOD, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS A PERMANENT CURFEW IN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 4 AM.

THE CURFEW SUSPENSION, ANNOUNCED IN THE PUBLIC ORDER CURFEW (VARIATION) ORDER 1988 GAZETTED TODAY, WILL LAST FROM MIDNIGHT ON FEBRUARY 16 (TUESDAY) TO 4 AM ON FEBRUARY 20 (SATURDAY).

"IT WILL BE AN EXPERIMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUESTS FROM RESIDENTS OF THE CLOSED AREA.

"THE SUSPENSION DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS RELAXING ITS GUARD AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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LUCKY CAR NUMBER '8' FOR AUCTION TOMORROW

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LOVERS OF LUCKY CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE AUSPICIOUS NUMBER "8" WILL BE PUT UP FOR BIDDING AT AN AUCTION TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE AUCTION, SPECIALLY ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM AT THE RECITAL HALL, EIGHTH FLOOR, CITY HALL HIGH BLOCK.

THE AUCTION OF THE LUCKY NUMBER "8", WHICH WILL BE PUT UP AS THE EIGHTH NUMBER FOR BIDDING, WILL START BEFORE 11 AM. INTERESTED BIDDERS ARE ADVISED TO ARRIVE EARLY. PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL GO TO THE LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY.

THE NUMBER "8", WHICH STANDS FOR "FAT CHOY" OR PROSPERITY, WILL BE AUCTIONED BY MISS HONG KONG MISS PAULINE YEUNG, WHO HAS KINDLY ACCEPTED THE DEPARTMENT'S INVITATION TO BE THE HONORARY AUCTIONEER FOR THE LUCKY NUMBER.

MISS YEUNG WILL PRESENT THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR NUMBER "8" WITH A NUMBER PLATE BEARING THE REGISTRATION MARK. THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, WILL PRESENT A SOUVENIR TO MISS YEUNG IN APPRECIATION OF HER SUPPORT FOR THE CHARITABLE CAUSE.

EIGHTEEN OTHER SPECIALLY SELECTED NUMBERS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING AT TOMORROW'S AUCTION. THEY ARE:

AL 99	CY 3
BB 2623	CW 600
AA 818	CP 22
AW 2	DW 1
CL 33	AF 18
AY 125	BM 821
CW 888	CL 9
213	AP 11
HK 77	XX 28

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED FOR THE LOTTERIES FUND DURING THE PAST 120 AUCTIONS IS CLOSE TO \$50 MILLION, WITH THE REGISTRATION MARK "3" FETCHING THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$1,030,000.

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LAISEE FOR NEEDY FROM TANG-HO FUND

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MORE THAN 7,000 NEEDY PEOPLE ARE TO RECEIVE NEW YEAR LAISEE FROM THE TANG SHIU-KIN AND HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND THIS YEAR.

THE 7,200 PEOPLE COMPRISE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS WITH DEPENDANT CHILDREN AND WHO ARE RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, RESIDENTS IN SELECTED INSTITUTIONS FOR THE ELDERLY AND AGED PATIENTS IN THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

AT A CEREMONY HELD IN TUNG WAH HOSPITAL TODAY (FRIDAY), 150 WIDOWED FAMILIES FROM HONG KONG ISLAND RECEIVED RED PACKETS OF \$50 EACH.

DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER BENEFICIARIES WILL TAKE PLACE LATER TODAY.

ABOUT \$380,000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR DISTRIBUTION BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE FUND.

ASSISTING MR HO TIM, CO-FOUNDER OF THE FUND, AT THE DISTRIBUTION WERE LADY TANG; THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND TRUSTEE OF THE FUND, MRS ELIZABETH WONG; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MRS THERESA LAU; MR CHARLES LUI, ADVISER TO THE FUND; MR STANLEY HO, A FUND MEMBER; AND FILM STAR MISS CHERIE CHUNG.

THE FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDES IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES IN COPING WITH HARDSHIP BROUGHT ABOUT BY UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES.

GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE TO PUT A CHILD THROUGH EDUCATION, TO PURCHASE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT OR TO MEET HIGH COSTS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OR OTHER NEEDS.

PAYMENTS ARE ALSO MADE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ARISING FROM PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS.

IN PARTICULAR, THE FUND HELPS VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS WITH URGENT NEEDS.

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND CAN BE MADE TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, PO LEUNG KUK OR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

SOCIAL WORKERS OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES MAY ALSO REFER HARDSHIP CASES TO THE SECRETARY OF THE FUND OR THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

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AMENDMENT TO APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO ENABLE ANY MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FUND COMMITTEE TO BE APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN.

UNDER THE EXISTING PROVISION OF THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FUND ORDINANCE WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FUND, ONLY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE MAY BE APPOINTED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) ALSO PROVIDES FOR ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS OF THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FUND TO BE KEPT AS THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES MAY REQUIRE.

THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MARCH 9 THIS YEAR.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE BILL SHOULD WRITE TO OMELCO, 8 JACKSON ROAD OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

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SOUTHERN ISSUES PUBLICITY POSTER AGAINST EXTORTION

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) URGES SHOP OPERATORS IN THE DISTRICT TO CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY IF THEY FIND THEMSELVES BEING FORCED TO BUY POTS OF FLOWERS AT INFLATED PRICES BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH CRIMES AT THIS TIME, THE COMMITTEE HAS PRODUCED A COLOURFUL POSTER CARRYING THE ANTI-CRIME MESSAGE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SHOP KEEPERS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE POSTER, WHICH FEATURES A POT OF MANDARIN ORANGES AND A NEW YEAR BLESSING, CARRIES WITH IT INFORMATION ON HOW TO REPORT TO THE POLICE WHEN EXTORTION DEMANDS ARE MADE.

"THE POSTER SERVES THE DUAL PURPOSE OF BEING A WARNING TO THE BAD ELEMENTS THAT THE POLICE ARE PAYING ATTENTION TO SUCH ACTIONS, AND AS A FESTIVE DECORATION FOR THE SHOPS," A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

COPIES OF THE POSTER, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO SHOPS IN THE DISTRICT BY NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE CO-ORDINATORS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR MAINTAINING WIRELESS INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEMS  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR SCHOOL WIRELESS INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEMS FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1 TO MARCH 31 NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, SUPPLIES TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TENDER BOX SITUATED AT 12 OIL STREET, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG, BEFORE 9 AM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 4.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AT 21ST FLOOR, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

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NEW WARNING SIGNAL PANEL FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS  
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL SOON USE A NEW WARNING SIGNAL PANEL TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY DURING MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS ON EXPRESSWAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THE NEW SIGNAL PANEL, KNOWN AS THE MULTIPLE SEQUENCE WARNING SIGN, COULD BE MOUNTED ON A TRAILER OR ON THE REAR OF A MAINTENANCE VEHICLE.

THE RECTANGULAR PANEL IS MADE UP OF 25 AMBER COLOURED LIGHTS. THESE LIGHTS CAN BE CONTROLLED ELECTRONICALLY TO SIMULATE THE EFFECT OF A MOVING ARROW TO DIRECT FOLLOWING VEHICLES TO THE RIGHT OR TO THE LEFT OF THE MAINTENANCE VEHICLE. A HAZARD WARNING SIGNAL CAN ALSO BE PRODUCED.

IT CAN BE USED BY DAY OR BY NIGHT FOR THREE PURPOSES:

- \* FIRST, TO WARN FOLLOWING TRAFFIC THAT A MAINTENANCE VEHICLE IS ABOUT TO STOP ON THE HIGHWAY TO SET UP A TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE USING SIGNS AND CONES.
- \* SECOND, TO WARN FOLLOWING VEHICLES THAT A MAINTENANCE VEHICLE IS TRAVELLING SLOWLY WHILST CARRYING OUT CERTAIN MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS SUCH AS SWEEPING OR GULLYING.
- \* THIRD, TO WARN FOLLOWING VEHICLES THAT A MAINTENANCE VEHICLE IS STOPPED FOR A SHORT PERIOD ON THE HIGHWAY TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN WORKS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON EXPRESSWAYS WAS MUCH FASTER THAN ON ORDINARY ROADS. IT WAS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL THAT THE MESSAGE CONVEYED BY THIS TYPE OF SIGNAL LIGHTING SHOULD BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND FOLLOWED BY DRIVERS.

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RECLAMATION PLANS ON AP LEI CHAU, TSING YI APPROVED

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APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR WORK TO PROCEED ON TWO RECLAMATION PROJECTS ON AP LEI CHAU AND TSING YI FOR INDUSTRIAL AND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTAL PURPOSES.

IN WEST AP LEI CHAU, OWNERS OF THE AP LEI CHAU SHELL OIL DEPOT AND AP LEI CHAU POWER STATION SITES (THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG LIMITED AND THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED RESPECTIVELY) HAVE BEEN AUTHORISED TO REDEVELOP THE LOTS FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY PURPOSES.

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THIS REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL, THE OWNERS HAD PROPOSED TO RECLAIM A PORTION OF FORESHORE AND SEABED EXTENDING TO APPROXIMATELY 1.75 HECTARES.

THEY WILL ALSO ENJOY TEMPORARY OCCUPATION OF ANOTHER 2.3 HECTARES OF SEABED FOR MINOR DREDGING WORK AND WORKING SPACE DURING THE RECLAMATION WORKS.

THE TOTAL AREA AFFECTED WILL BE 4.05 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

THE RECLAMATION WORKS WILL COMMENCE SHORTLY AND LAST FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS.

ON THE WEST COAST OF TSING YI, THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED A PLAN BY THE HONGKONG UNITED DOCKYARD AND THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG TO RECLAIM LAND WITHIN AN ENVELOPE AREA OF ABOUT 41.35 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED, TOGETHER WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF PIERS.

THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE USED FOR SHIPBUILDING, SHIP REPAIRING, HEAVY ENGINEERING, CONTAINER RELATED USES, BULK STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND PETROCHEMICALS.

THE ACTUAL AREA TO BE RECLAIMED, HOWEVER, WILL AMOUNT TO ONLY ABOUT 10 HECTARES. THE TWO COMPANIES HAVE BEEN GIVEN 42 MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE RECLAMATION WORKS WHICH IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE AROUND MID-1988.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IN BOTH RECLAMATION PROJECTS IS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 11 NEXT YEAR.

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