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SYNAGOGUE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVED

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THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE AT ROBINSON ROAD, MID-LEVELS, WAS AMONG 56 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN OCTOBER, 1987.

THE PLAN INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF TWO APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BLOCKS OF SIX AND 42 STOREYS ON THE SITE OF THE SYNAGOGUE.

ALSO APPROVED WERE TWO TRAM DEPOTS FOR THE HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

ONE OF THE DEPOTS IS A TWO-STOREY STRUCTURE LOCATED ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION NEAR WHITTY STREET, WHILE THE ONE ON THE ALDRICH BAY RECLAMATION IS A SINGLE-STOREY BUILDING.

THIRTY-THREE OF THE APPROVED PLANS WERE FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING FIVE APARTMENT BLOCKS OF 37 AND 38 STOREYS AT THE TAIKOO RESERVOIR SITE IN QUARRY BAY AND FIVE APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BLOCKS OF 36 AND 40 STOREYS AT TEXACO ROAD IN TSUEN WAN.

OF THE PLANS APPROVED, 23 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 13 IN KOWLOON AND 20 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

CONSENT TO START WORK WAS GIVEN ON 64 PROJECTS WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 402,015.8 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 195,353.7 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

THE DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,236 MILLION.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED A TOTAL OF 38 OCCUPATION PERMITS, INCLUDING 11 ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FIVE IN KOWLOON AND 22 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THIRTY DEMOLITION ORDERS AFFECTING 91 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED DURING THE MONTH.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE RECEIVED 487 COMPLAINTS ABOUT ILLEGAL STRUCTURES OR ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 768 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 79 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 368 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED THREE EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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TRIPARTITE EFFORTS NEEDED TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS

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A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED FOR SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

AT THE OPENING OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DAY '88 ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE (ISHC) OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD AT KO SHAN ROAD PARK, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, DR HENRIETTA IP, SAID INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH HAD BECOME A MATTER OF GROWING CONCERN AMONG THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN RECENT YEARS.

SHE SAID INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS RESULTED NOT ONLY IN LOSS OF PRODUCTION AND HEAVY COMPENSATION COSTS TO EMPLOYERS, BUT ALSO AFFECTED HEAVILY ON THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

"THEREFORE, VIGOROUS EFFORTS AMONG THE GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES ARE ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY," SHE SAID.

IN THIS RESPECT, DR IP PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ISHC FOR HAVING ORGANISED MANY SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST YEARS TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND HEALTH.

THESE ACTIVITIES NOT ONLY HELPED RAISE THE LOCAL INDUSTRIAL SAFETY STANDARDS BUT ALSO PROVIDED AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION CHANNEL BETWEEN EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, SHE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY WAS THE ISHC CHAIRMAN, MR HAROLD KWOK, WHO TOLD THE GATHERING THAT THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DAY '88 WAS AIMED AT DRIVING HOME THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MESSAGE THROUGH EXHIBITION AND ENTERTAINMENT.

HE THANKED THOSE TAKING PART IN THE EVENT FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH, HE SAID, HAD FURTHER ENHANCED THE TRIPARTITE NATURE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THE SAFETY DAY FORMED PART OF THE 1987/88 INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PROMOTION ACTIVITIES.

IT FEATURED SOME 50 GAMES STALLS AND EXHIBITION BOOTHS, MUSICAL PERFORMANCES BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE PIPE AND DRUM BAND, DISC JOCKEY SHOWS AND SAFETY QUIZZES.

A CONCERT TO MARK THE CONCLUSION OF THE RADIO SERIES, SAFETY HINTS IN INDUSTRY, JOINTLY PRODUCED BY COMMERCIAL RADIO AND THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT KO SHAN THEATRE AT 8 PM THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

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CHILDREN TRAINED TO KNOW HONG KONG BETTER

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"GET TO KNOW YOUR HONG KONG BETTER" WAS THE THEME HIGHLIGHTED IN A CARNIVAL FOR YOUNG CITIZENS HELD TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI NEW WORLD CENTRE.

ORGANISED BY HONG KONG CARITAS, THE CARNIVAL WAS ONE OF 23 CIVIC EDUCATION-ORIENTED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE CARNIVAL WAS AIMED AT FOSTERING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY BY THE YOUNGER GENERATION, THROUGH WHICH TO MAKE THEM MORE AWARE OF THEIR SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT, PARTICULARLY THEIR DISTRICT; HENCE TO BECOME MORE PREPARED TO EXERCISE GOOD CITIZENSHIP FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

THE CARNIVAL PRESENTED A HANDFUL OF PROGRAMMES EACH OF WHICH DELIVERED THE THEME MESSAGE.

THE PROGRAMMES INCLUDED AN EXHIBITION WHICH FEATURED THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH OF THE 19 DISTRICTS; AN OPERA; A MUPPET SHOW; A SLIDE SHOW; A MODEL DISPLAY; COMPUTER GAMES; AND A TELEMATCH GAME IN WHICH YOUNG VISITORS TO THE SHOW WERE MOBILISED TO DRAW A HUGE MAP OF HONG KONG AND PRODUCE REPLICAS OF THEIR DISTRICT'S EMBLEM.

THE CARNIVAL WAS PRECEDED BY A BRIEF OPENING CEREMONY OFFICIATED BY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR CHAN WING-TAI; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER, CHINESE BANK, MR J.P. LEE; MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE, HONG KONG CARITAS, MISS DIANA MAK; AND SOCIAL WORK SECRETARY, HONG KONG CARITAS, MISS JOYCE CHANG.

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ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE IN YAU MA TEI

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A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES FOR YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS WAS HELD TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR WAI KIN-BONG, SAID THE PUBLICITY DRIVE WAS TO EDUCATE AND REMIND RESIDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD TRAFFIC RULES.

"CAREFULNESS ON THE ROADS ON THE PART OF THE PEDESTRIANS AND MOTORISTS WILL HELP REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS," HE SAID.

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ACCORDING TO POLICE STATISTICS, MORE THAN 16,000 PEOPLE WERE INJURED OR DIED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF LAST YEAR.

TO HELP PROMOTE THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES, THE COMMITTEE HAS PUT UP PUBLICITY SIGNBOARDS AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC BLACK SPOTS TO DISSUADE RESIDENTS FROM JAYWALKING AND DISTRIBUTED PAMPHLETS TO MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO SENT QUESTIONNAIRES ON ROAD TRAFFIC RULES TO SCHOOL CHILDREN TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE RISKS IN ROAD TRAFFIC.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY WERE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG; YAU MA TEI DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR J. MAIN; AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH.

THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WAS SPONSORED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD.

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IVY STREET WIDENED FOR SAFE TRAFFIC

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A SECTION OF IVY STREET BETWEEN ELM STREET AND TAI KOK TSUI ROAD HAS BEEN WIDENED TO ENABLE BETTER VEHICLE FLOW AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN TAI KOK TSUI.

THERE WAS ORIGINALLY ONLY ONE 3.3-METRE CARRIAGEWAY AND PAVEMENT ON ONLY THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THIS ROAD SECTION.

WITH THE SCHEDULED COMPLETION OF THE TAI KOK TSUI TEMPORARY MARKET ON AN ADJACENT EARTH MOUND EARLY THIS YEAR, THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE ANTICIPATED AN INCREASE IN PEDESTRIAN FLOW AND HEAVY LOADING ACTIVITIES.

IT WAS THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT A PORTION OF THE EARTH MOUND SHOULD BE REMOVED TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTRA CARRIAGEWAY AND A PAVEMENT BORDERING THE MARKET.

THE BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$130,000 FOR REMOVING THE EARTH MOUND AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SLOPE FORMATION WORK.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE NEW CARRIAGEWAY AND PAVEMENT AND IS RESURFACING THE ORIGINAL CARRIAGEWAY TO ENSURE A UNIFORM ROAD SURFACE FOR THE ENTIRE SECTION.

THE PACKAGE OF WORKS IS DUE TO COMPLETE AROUND FEBRUARY TO TIE IN WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW MARKET.

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MEMORABLE BIRTHDAY FOR 105-YEAR-OLD LADY

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AFTER MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF LONELY LIFE, MADAM CHAN SAI-MUI, ONE OF THE OLDEST RESIDENTS IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT, TODAY (SUNDAY) CELEBRATED HER 105TH BIRTHDAY AT THE KWAI SHING CARE SHELTER FOR THE ELDERLY.

BORN IN MA WAN AND MARRIED TO A FISHERMAN ON THE ISLAND, MADAM CHAN LIVED IN A FISHING BOAT AND SPENT HER EARLIER YEARS CATCHING FISH.

AFTER THE DEATHS OF HER HUSBAND AND SON, SHE STOPPED FISHING AND MOVED TO LIVE IN A SQUATTER HUT NEAR MA WAN TYPHOON SHELTER.

ALTHOUGH MADAM CHAN HAD TO BE IN A SQUATTING POSITION MOST OF THE TIME AND HAD TO WALK WITH HER HANDS AS A RESULT OF HER LONG STAY IN A FISHING BOAT, SHE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF HERSELF WHILE LIVING ALONE IN THE SQUATTER HUT.

HER LIFE WAS CHANGED A YEAR AGO AFTER KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, DISCOVERED HER CONDITIONS DURING A VISIT OF THE TSING YI AREA COMMITTEE TO MA WAN.

MR COAK HOPED TO FIND A PLACE FOR HER IN A CARE SHELTER IN THE DISTRICT, AND MADAM CHAN WAS FINALLY ADMITTED TO THE HELPING HAND'S KWAI SHING CARE SHELTER FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE END OF 1986.

MADAM CHAN HAS BEEN LIVING IN THE CARE SHELTER FOR MORE THAN A YEAR AND IS HEALTHY AND INDEPENDENT. ACCORDING TO THE NURSES OF THE CARE SHELTER, THE MAJOR DIFFICULTY IN TAKING CARE OF HER IS HOW TO IMPROVE HER MOBILITY.

THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO MAKE A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED CHAIR FOR MADAM CHAN TO RELEASE HER FROM SITTING MOST OF THE TIME ON A WHEELCHAIR AND TO FACILITATE HER TO SIT AND STAND UP ON HER OWN.

ON KNOWING THE STORY OF MADAM CHAN, KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR LAM YAU-KWONG, HELPED ORGANISE TODAY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY. MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S YIN NGAI SOCIETY AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HELPING HAND, DR KALEI INN, ALSO TOOK PART IN THE CELEBRATION.

MADAM CHAN SAID HER 105TH BIRTHDAY WAS REALLY MEMORABLE AND ALL THOSE PRESENT WISHED HER HAPPINESS.

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JOB SATISFACTION REWARD FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISERS

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THE WORK IS HARD, THE HOURS ARE LONG AND THERE ARE NO FRINGE BENEFITS; BUT BEING A COMMUNITY ORGANISER PROVIDES GREAT JOB SATISFACTION BECAUSE HE OR SHE CAN SERVE THE COMMUNITY DIRECTLY.

A COMMUNITY ORGANISER IS A PART-TIME WORKER IN A DISTRICT OFFICE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION EXPLAINED.

HE ASSISTS THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN PROMOTING GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS AND IN REFLECTING TO THE GOVERNMENT THE VIEWS OF THE RESIDENTS WITH WHOM THEY COME INTO CONTACT.

A COMMUNITY ORGANISER ALSO SERVES MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS, AND HELPS RESIDENTS TO RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS RELATING TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT WHEN REQUIRED.

THE WORKING HOURS OF COMMUNITY ORGANISERS ARE FLEXIBLE.

MOST OF THEM WORK IN THE AFTERNOONS OR EVENINGS AFTER WORK.

THEY WORK ALSO ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND GENERAL HOLIDAYS.

THEY ARE EXPECTED TO WORK A MINIMUM OF 25 HOURS A WEEK AND 100 HOURS A MONTH.

"WITH EFFECT FROM EARLY THIS YEAR, A REVISED MONTHLY HONORARIUM OF \$1,900 WILL BE PAID TO COMMUNITY ORGANISERS.

"THE REVISION WILL INCREASE THE EXISTING HONORARIUM BY \$300," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MAIN SOURCE OF COMMUNITY ORGANISERS IS THOSE PUBLIC-MINDED CITIZENS WHO HAVE SOME WORKING EXPERIENCE AND WHO ARE PREPARED TO SACRIFICE SOME OF THEIR SPARE TIME FOR COMMUNITY WORK.

MOST OF THEM ARE PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATES, POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS AND SOCIAL WORKERS.

THE QUALIFICATIONS NORMALLY REQUIRED OF A COMMUNITY ORGANISER ARE : COMPLETION OF FORM 5 OR ABOVE; FLUENT CANTONESE AND GOOD WRITTEN CHINESE OR ENGLISH.

CANDIDATES WHO ARE AGED BETWEEN 21 AND 45 AND THOSE WHO HAVE HIGHER ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND WHO ARE ABLE TO SPEAK OTHER CHINESE DIALECTS ARE GENERALLY GIVEN PREFERENCE.

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IN RECENT YEARS, COMMUNITY ORGANISERS HAVE BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN VARIOUS IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS, SUCH AS THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGNS, DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND MATTERS RELATING TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

WORKING CLOSELY WITH STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES, COMMUNITY ORGANISERS ARE NOT ONLY ABLE TO HAVE FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME BUT THEY ARE ALSO ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHEME.

THE PRESENT STRENGTH OF COMMUNITY ORGANISERS WORKING IN THE 19 DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY IS SOME 500 STRONG.

"IN VIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND THE APPROACHING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY ORGANISERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE BACK-UP SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

"THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THIS CHALLENGING JOB MAY CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICES IN THEIR DISTRICT FOR MORE DETAILS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SILICON HARBOUR PROJECT

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A HIGHLY ADVANCED THREE-STORY ELECTRONICS PLANT OF MORE THAN 29,000 SQUARE METRES AND COSTING SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS WILL SOON OCCUPY A SITE IN THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY ZONE OF THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ON THE WATERFRONT NEXT TO TOLO HARBOUR.

THE PROJECT IS CALLED "SILICON HARBOUR" AND IT PROVIDES A CLUE TO THE PRODUCTS TO BE DESIGNED, MANUFACTURED AND TESTED AT THE NEW FACILITY.

SEMICONDUCTORS WILL BE DESIGNED AND PRODUCED UTILISING COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN/COMPUTER-AIDED MANUFACTURING/COMPUTER INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING (CAD/CAM/CIM) TECHNOLOGIES.

BY 1990 WHEN THE BUILDING IS COMPLETED, THESE TECHNOLOGIES WILL NOT ONLY REPRESENT THE "STATE OF THE ART" IN THE HONG KONG SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY BUT WILL ALSO BE ONE GENERATION AHEAD OF SIMILAR FACILITIES NOW IN U.S. AND EUROPE.

THE EMPHASIS IS ON PRODUCING HIGH QUALITY SEMICONDUCTORS OF INCREASING COMPLEXITY AT THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE CYCLE TIME TO SERVE THE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY.

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THE PROJECT WILL ALSO HELP THE LOCAL ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TO MOVE INTO THE CURRENT GENERATION OF MODERN CIRCUITRY AND PRODUCT MINIATURISATION.

THE PLANT WILL ACCOMMODATE MOTOROLA SEMICONDUCTORS' ASIA PACIFIC DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, REGIONAL COMPUTER CENTRE, DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING CENTRE FOR ASIC, BIPOLAR/MOS LSI SEMICONDUCTOR.

IN EXPLAINING WHY THEY NAMED THEIR LATEST PROJECT "SILICON HARBOUR", VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF MOTOROLA'S ASIA PACIFIC DIVISION, MR C.D. TAM SAID THE COMPANY FELT THAT THEY COULD GENERATE A PHENOMENON FOR THE HONG KONG ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY SIMILAR TO SILICON VALLEY IN CALIFORNIA.

A LOT OF PIONEERING EFFORT WAS DONE IN THE WEST COAST OF CALIFORNIA WHEN THE SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY WAS BORN MANY YEARS AGO.

FROM THAT A MAJOR HIGH-TECH ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY HAS DEVELOPED, GIVING BIRTH TO WHAT IS KNOWN TODAY AS THE SILICON VALLEY.

MR TAM NOTED THAT THE GLOBAL SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY HAD GROWN FROM ABOUT U.S.\$14 BILLION IN 1981 TO U.S.\$27 BILLION IN 1986 - AND THAT IT WOULD EXCEED U.S.\$32 BILLION IN 1987. BY 1992 IT WAS EXPECTED TO EXCEED U.S.\$60 BILLION.

WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY ZONE IN THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, THE DECISION TO LOCATE THE ADVANCED FACILITY IN HONG KONG WAS MADE IN 1987.

MR TAM ALSO NOTED THAT THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF MOTOROLA SEMICONDUCTOR PRODUCT SECTOR'S FIVE-YEAR DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING PLAN.

"WITHOUT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S FORESIGHT IN BUILDING THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, THIS PROJECT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE IN HONG KONG AND WOULD MOST CERTAINLY BE LOCATED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY, EVEN THOUGH TECHNICAL AND SKILLED PEOPLE ARE AVAILABLE AND CAN BE TRAINED HERE," COMMENTED MR TAM.

FOR A PROJECT AS HUGE AS THE MOTOROLA'S "SILICON HARBOUR", THE CRITERIA FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A LOW-RISE MODERN BUILDING INCLUDE A VERY HIGH CEILING FOR THE GROUND FLOOR, STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND VERY SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE CLEAN ROOM - ALL WITHIN A SINGLE LARGE SITE.

THIS IS POSSIBLE AT THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WHICH ALSO PROVIDES AN AESTHETIC ENVIRONMENT.

"IN ADDITION, THE SITE IS LOCATED IN AN AREA CLOSE TO MAJOR POPULATION CENTRES SO THAT PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL PEOPLE, PLUS SKILLED WORKERS, ARE AVAILABLE," SAID MR TAM.

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ACCORDING TO MR TAM, THE PROJECT IS A CAPITAL-INTENSIVE AND BRAIN-INTENSIVE ONE AND THE SUCCESS OF THE PROJECT DEPENDS VERY MUCH ON FUTURE AVAILABILITY OF ENGINEERS, TECHNICIANS, DATA PROCESSING AND PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT PEOPLE.

"YEARS OF CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS HAVE TAUGHT US THAT SUCH CANDIDATES CAN BE GENERATED LOCALLY.

"WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S EMPHASIS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WE KNOW THAT ADEQUATE TECHNICAL PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE," ADDED MR TAM.

"FURTHERMORE, GIVEN ADEQUATE TRAINING, EXPOSURE AND MOTIVATION, ENGINEERS IN HONG KONG ARE ABLE TO PERFORM FIRST-CLASS WORK."

MR TAM SAID THAT THROUGHOUT THE DESIGN AND FEASIBILITY STAGES OF THE PROJECT, THE COMPANY HAD RECEIVED SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION.

HONG KONG HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS THE LOCATION FOR MOTOROLA'S "SILICON HARBOUR" PROJECT MAINLY BECAUSE OF ITS ADVANCED INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT - ESPECIALLY IN AREAS SUCH AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND COMPUTERS - AS WELL AS THE COMPANY'S OWN STRONG PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT TEAM WHICH HAS BEEN BUILT UP DURING THEIR 20 YEARS' OPERATION IN THE TERRITORY.

"THE COMPANY WERE ALSO IMPRESSED WITH OTHER FAVOURABLE FACTORS SUCH AS STABLE GOVERNMENT AND LOW TAX RATES," MR TAM SAID.

MOTOROLA'S NEW FACILITY IN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WILL PROVIDE A STRATEGIC TOOL TO HELP PENETRATE THE CHINA MARKET, WHILE THE PROXIMITY OF HONG KONG TO CHINA AND THE COMMON LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ARE ALSO SEEN AS DEFINITE ADVANTAGES.

MOTOROLA, A MAJOR U.S.-BASED ELECTRONIC COMPANY, STARTED ITS OPERATION IN HONG KONG IN 1967.

DURING 1982, MOTOROLA SEMICONDUCTOR INAUGURATED A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FACILITY IN KWAI FONG TO HOUSE ITS ASIA PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS, PRODUCTION/TEST CENTRE AND ENGINEERING LABORATORIES.

A FULLY AUTOMATED INTEGRATED CIRCUIT ASSEMBLY CENTRE WHICH IS A MORE RECENT DEVELOPMENT STARTED OPERATIONS A FEW MONTHS AGO.

FOR MANY YEARS THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN THE LEADING OVERSEAS INVESTOR IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE LATEST STATISTICS SHOW THAT AMERICAN INTERESTS ACCOUNT FOR 41 PER CENT OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN INDUSTRY.

AT HK\$8,053 MILLION THE TOTAL VALUE OF AMERICAN INVESTMENTS AT THE END OF 1986 SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 42 PER CENT OVER 1985.

OF THIS TOTAL, 69 PER CENT WAS IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

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UPGRADING COURSE FOR TRAVEL AGENCY EXECUTIVES

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AN UPGRADING COURSE ON 'EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT SKILLS' WILL BE OFFERED FOR TOURISM STAFF WITH SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN JANUARY 18 AND 30.

THE COURSE IS A JOINT EFFORT OF THE HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF HONG KONG.

THIS SIX-EVENING AND TWO-DAY COURSE WILL EXAMINE TOPICS ON THE CHANGING ROLE OF AN EXECUTIVE, STAFF RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING, MOTIVATION, SITUATIONAL LEADERSHIP, HANDLING STAFF COMPLAINTS AS WELL AS PROBLEM SOLVING.

COURSE FEE IS \$1,600.

PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE FULFILLED ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT WILL BE REPAID HALF OF THE FEE AND AWARDED AN ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENT IS JANUARY 11.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TRAINING BOARD ON 5-8932341 EXT. 282.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC REARRANGEMENTS ON MIDDLE ROAD AND COMPLAINTS ABOUT VEHICLE NOISE AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON CARNARVON ROAD AT A MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE EXISTING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT AT THE JUNCTION OF JORDAN ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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TSUEN WAN DB TO DISCUSS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS MAJOR DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT TRENDS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 5).

AT THE MEETING, THE TSUEN WAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WILL PRESENT A PAPER ON THE REVIEW OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

A RECENTLY COMPLETED REPORT OF THE DB'S WORKING GROUP ON POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN TSUEN WAN WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR ENDORSEMENT.

THE REPORT PROPOSES TO REVIEW THE LEGISLATION REGARDING POLLUTION OFFENCES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL MEASURES AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

QUESTIONS ON CLEARANCE AND REHOUSING OF SQUATTERS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE RAISED BY BOARD MEMBERS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING INCLUDE REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 5) 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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LEFT-TURN BAN TO CONTINUE

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THE EXISTING LEFT-TURN BAN ON VEHICLES FROM LAI CHI KOK ROAD EASTBOUND ON TO CHEUNG LAI STREET NORTHBOUND, WHICH HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED SINCE OCTOBER LAST YEAR FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CABLES, WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN FORCE UNTIL MARCH 31.

MOTORISTS ON LAI CHI KOK ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR CHEUNG LAI STREET NORTHBOUND ARE ADVISED TO USE CHEUNG YEE STREET OR TAI NAN WEST STREET.

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(3) COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS NORTH DISTRICT FACILITIES
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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 5) TO CONSIDER A NUMBER OF PROPOSED PROJECTS TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SHEUNG SHUI AND FANLING SOUTH; A STANDARD COMMUNITY CENTRE IN FANLING; A COOKED FOOD CENTRE AND A REGIONAL COUNCIL COMPLEX IN SHEK WU HUI.

SENIOR TOWN PLANNER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES NORTH EAST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR KWAN TSOI-KWAN, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THESE PROJECTS.

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WATER CUT IN TSZ WAN SHAN
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSZ WAN SHAN, KOWLOON, WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 6) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL BLOCKS IN TSZ OI AND TSZ CHING ESTATES.

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