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GOVT PROPOSES CHANGES TO ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR LAWYERS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO AMEND THE LAW TO RATIONALISE THE CRITERIA UNDER WHICH LAWYERS QUALIFIED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CERTAIN OTHER COMMONWEALTH JURISDICTIONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE ADMITTED TO PRACTISE AS SOLICITORS OR BARRISTERS IN HONG KONG.

THREE CHANGES TO THE EXISTING ADMISSION CRITERIA ARE PROPOSED, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FIRST AFFECTS LAWYERS QUALIFIED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SEEKS TO RESTRICT THE RIGHT OF ADMISSION OF UK SOLICITORS AND BARRISTERS.

THE SECOND CONCERNS LAWYERS QUALIFIED IN CERTAIN COMMONWEALTH JURISDICTIONS WHO ARE CURRENTLY WORKING IN THE JUDICIARY OR THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT LEGAL SERVICE.

THE THIRD PROPOSAL RELATES TO LIMITED RIGHTS OF PRACTICE FOR LAW LECTURERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POST GRADUATE LEGAL EDUCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WHO ARE SOLICITORS QUALIFIED IN CERTAIN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

THEY ARE BASED ON THE REPORT OF A COMMITTEE WHICH WAS SET UP IN AUGUST 1986 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE THEN CHIEF JUSTICE. THE COMMITTEE'S TASK WAS TO SUGGEST HOW TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE THEN UMELCO STANDING PANEL ON SECURITY, FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION FROM CERTAIN AUSTRALASIAN LAWYERS IN THE GOVERNMENT, THAT BARRISTERS QUALIFIED IN CERTAIN COMMONWEALTH JURISDICTIONS SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTISE IN HONG KONG WITHOUT EXAMINATION AFTER A PERIOD OF SERVICE AS A GOVERNMENT LAWYER. THE COMMITTEE WAS ALSO INVITED TO SUGGEST OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW AFFECTING ADMISSIONS OF LAWYERS WHICH IT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.

IN ITS REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR IN JANUARY LAST YEAR THE CJ'S COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF MEMBERS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, THE BAR ASSOCIATION, THE LAW SOCIETY AND MR PETER POON WING-CHEUNG, MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS.

THE AMENDMENTS CONCERN THE THREE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE CJ'S REPORT INVOLVING CHANGES TO THE EXISTING ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR LAWYERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CHANGES TO THE LAW WILL BE GAZETTED ON JANUARY 20 AND INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 15.

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ADMISSION OF UK SOLICITORS

AT PRESENT A SOLICITOR QUALIFIED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IS ELIGIBLE FOR AUTOMATIC ADMISSION WITHOUT FURTHER QUALIFICATION AND REGARDLESS OF HOW LONG HE HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG.

THE PRESENT SITUATION REFLECTS THE HISTORICAL POSITION, WHICH OBTAINED BEFORE HONG KONG BEGAN TO TRAIN LAWYERS LOCALLY, WHEN ONLY UK-QUALIFIED LAWYERS COULD BE ADMITTED TO PRACTISE HONG KONG LAW.

THE GOVERNMENT NOW PROPOSES THAT THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE BE AMENDED SO THAT A UK SOLICITOR SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE HE CAN APPLY FOR ADMISSION AND FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS (WHICH CAN INCLUDE THE PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS) BEFORE HE CAN APPLY FOR AN UNCONDITIONAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE.

"IT IS THOUGHT DESIRABLE TO IMPOSE A MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENT FOR UK SOLICITORS WISHING TO PRACTISE IN HONG KONG TO ENSURE AT LEAST SOME BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL CONDITIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ADMISSION OF UK BARRISTERS

BARRISTERS QUALIFIED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM ARE ALSO ENTITLED TO BE ADMITTED TO THE HONG KONG BAR WITHOUT FURTHER EXAMINATION OR QUALIFICATIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO AMEND THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT THE RIGHT OF ADMISSION TO AN APPLICANT WHO HAS HAD THREE YEARS' PRACTICE IN THE UK (THE "THREE YEARS RULE"); OR A HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENT; OR HAS HONG KONG AS HIS NATURAL PLACE OF DOMICILE; OR HAS BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS.

COMMENTING ON THE "THREE YEARS RULE", THE CJ'S COMMITTEE SAID IT APPEARS TO BE "A RECOGNITION BY OMELCO OF THE CONCERNS WHICH HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED AT THE DANGER THAT UK ADMISSIONS, IF TOO EASILY GRANTED, MAY DETER HONG KONG QUALIFIED LAWYERS, ON WHOM THE FUTURE STRENGTH OF THE PROFESSION MUST MAINLY RELY, FROM JOINING IT."

COMMONWEALTH QUALIFIED LAWYERS

THERE ARE AT PRESENT LAWYERS QUALIFIED IN CERTAIN COMMONWEALTH JURISDICTIONS WORKING IN THE JUDICIARY OR THE GOVERNMENT LEGAL SERVICE. THEY WERE RECRUITED IN THE PAST BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES IN RECRUITING SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF LAWYERS QUALIFIED IN HONG KONG AND THE UK. MORE RECENTLY, THEY INCLUDE HONG KONG CHINESE LAWYERS QUALIFIED IN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

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UNDER THE EXISTING RULES THEY MAY PRACTISE HONG KONG LAW AS JUDICIAL OFFICERS OR AS MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT LEGAL SERVICE (THE LEGAL, LEGAL AID AND REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENTS) WITHOUT RESTRICTION. THEY ARE NOT, HOWEVER, ENTITLED TO PRACTISE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, UNLESS THEY OBTAIN THE POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF LAWS (PCLL) AND, IN THE CASE OF SOLICITORS, ALSO UNDERGO TWO YEARS OF ARTICLED CLERKSHIP.

THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO AMEND THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE SO THAT EXPERIENCED BARRISTERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT LEGAL SERVICE WILL BE ENTITLED TO BE ADMITTED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE AS BARRISTERS AND PERMITTED TO PRACTISE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITHOUT BEING REQUIRED FIRST TO OBTAIN A PCLL, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- * THE APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED IN A JURISDICTION LISTED IN A SCHEDULE TO THE ORDINANCE. THE SCHEDULE LISTS THOSE SPECIFIC JURISDICTIONS FROM WHICH LAWYERS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE HAVE BEEN RECRUITED IN THE PAST. COMMONWEALTH JURISDICTIONS LISTED IN THE SCHEDULE ARE AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, CANADA (EXCEPT QUEBEC) AND ZIMBABWE. THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED BECAUSE OF THE HISTORICAL CONNECTION OF IRISH LAWYERS WITH HONG KONG;
- * THE APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS' RESIDENCE IN HONG KONG;
- * THE APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN THE JUDICIARY OR THE GOVERNMENT LEGAL SERVICE;
- * THE APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE, FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS, UNDERTAKEN WORK APPROPRIATE TO A BARRISTER OF 10 YEARS' SENIORITY;
- * BEFORE ADMITTING AN APPLICANT UNDER THE SCHEME, THE CHIEF JUSTICE SHOULD CONSULT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE BAR ASSOCIATION;
- * THERE SHOULD BE A QUOTA OF FIVE ADMISSIONS TO PRACTISE EACH YEAR.

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IN THE CASE OF SOLICITORS IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE BE AMENDED SO THAT EXPERIENCED SOLICITORS FROM THE JUDICIARY AND THE GOVERNMENT LEGAL SERVICE WILL BE ENTITLED TO APPLY TO BE ADMITTED AS A HONG KONG SOLICITOR AND PERMITTED TO PRACTISE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS BEING MET:

- * THE APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED IN A JURISDICTION TO BE LISTED IN THE SCHEDULE;
- * THE APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS' RESIDENCE IN HONG KONG;
- * THE APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN THE JUDICIARY OR THE GOVERNMENT LEGAL SERVICE;
- * BEFORE ADMITTING AN APPLICANT UNDER THE SCHEME THE CHIEF JUSTICE SHOULD CONSULT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE LAW SOCIETY;
- * THERE SHOULD BE A QUOTA OF 10 ADMISSIONS TO PRACTISE EACH YEAR.

THE PROPOSAL IS THE RESULT OF A PETITION TO UMELCO IN MAY 1986 FROM A GROUP OF AUSTRALASIAN LAWYERS EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT. THEY CALLED FOR A CHANGE IN THE LAW TO ENABLE THEM TO BE ADMITTED TO PRACTISE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. AFTER CONSIDERING THEIR ARGUMENTS, UMELCO RECOMMENDED THAT THE LAW BE CHANGED TO ALLOW CERTAIN COMMONWEALTH QUALIFIED LAWYERS TO BE ADMITTED ON SPECIFIED CONDITIONS.

THE THIRD PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE EXISTING ADMISSION CRITERIA RELATES TO LECTURERS OF THE POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LAW (PCLL) COURSE.

THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE CJ COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOW CERTAIN LAW LECTURERS A LIMITED RIGHT OF PRIVATE PRACTICE.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT SOME OF THE LECTURERS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EDUCATION ARE SOLICITORS QUALIFIED IN JURISDICTIONS OTHER THAN HONG KONG AND THE UK. THEY TEACH SUBJECTS RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN HONG KONG AND IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR STUDENTS IF THEIR LECTURERS HAVE EXPERIENCE OF PRACTICE IN HONG KONG.

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THE PROPOSAL GIVES EFFECT TO THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMITTEE THAT CERTAIN LECTURERS IN THE PCLL COURSE SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION AS HONG KONG SOLICITORS PROVIDED THE APPLICANT -

- * HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO PRACTISE AS A SOLICITOR IN A JURISDICTION SET OUT IN THE SCHEDULE;
- * HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN AT LEAST TWO YEARS' PRACTICE AS A SOLICITOR IN THAT JURISDICTION; AND
- * IS EMPLOYED, AND HAS BEEN EMPLOYED FOR ONE YEAR, AS A FULL TIME, NON-PROBATIONARY, NON-TEMPORARY LAW LECTURER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EDUCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG OR AT ANY OTHER INSTITUTION APPROVED BY THE CJ AFTER CONSULTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE COUNCIL OF THE LAW SOCIETY.

SUCH ADMISSION WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY DURING THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT AS A LECTURER AND A PERSON ADMITTED UNDER THE SCHEME WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PRACTISE ON HIS OWN ACCOUNT OR AS A PARTNER.

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\$2.4 BILLION IMPROVEMENT PACKAGE PROPOSED FOR KAI TAK * * * * *

A GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONED CONSULTANCY STUDY HAS RECOMMENDED A \$2.4 BILLION PACKAGE OF IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANSION FOR KAI TAK AIRPORT TO ENABLE IT TO REALISE ITS ULTIMATE POTENTIAL CAPACITY UNTIL THE MID-1990'S.

ACCORDING TO THE FINAL REPORT OF THE KAI TAK CONSULTANCY, THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL REACH CAPACITY BY 1992 IF AIR TRAFFIC GROWS AT THE RATE FORECAST BY CONSULTANTS.

A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED TO ENABLE KAI TAK TO COPE WITH FURTHER GROWTH IN AIR TRAFFIC FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

THE REPORT ALSO ENVISAGES THAT IF THE HONG KONG AIRPORT CANNOT MEET ITS AIR TRAFFIC NEEDS BEYOND THE SATURATION YEAR, THE ECONOMY WILL SUFFER SIGNIFICANT LOSSES. CUMULATIVE ECONOMIC DISBENEFITS ESTIMATED AT \$101 BILLION WOULD ARISE FROM THE PERIOD 1997 TO 2010.

ANNOUNCING THESE TODAY (FRIDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONSULTANTS WERE ASKED TO EXAMINE KAI TAK'S ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL.

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"THE STUDY HAS IDENTIFIED THAT MANY ELEMENTS OF KAI TAK'S SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE RUNWAY, AIRCRAFT PARKING FACILITIES AND ROAD ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT, ARE OPERATING CLOSE TO CAPACITY AND WILL REACH SATURATION BY 1992 IF GROWTH IN AIR TRAFFIC IS SUSTAINED AT THE RATE FORECAST BY CONSULTANTS," HE SAID.

"THE CONSULTANTS HAVE RECOMMENDED A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND THE AIRPORT FACILITIES AND ADJACENT ROAD NETWORK WHICH WILL DEFER THE SATURATION DATE TO 1996.

"THESE INCLUDE MEASURES TO EXPAND AIRSIDE FACILITIES, OPTIMISE USAGE OF THE SINGLE RUNWAY, IMPROVE THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM, TERMINAL COMPLEX FACILITIES AS WELL AS ON AND OFF-AIRPORT ACCESS SYSTEMS.

"OF THE \$2.4 BILLION WORTH OF IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDED, \$610 MILLION ARE ALREADY IN THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME FOR THE AIRPORT UP TO 1992-93 AND IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME.

"THE BALANCE OF \$1.8 BILLION REPRESENTS ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR WHICH NO FINANCIAL PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE.

"SUBJECT TO FURTHER SCRUTINY OF INDIVIDUAL ITEMS, THEIR PHASING AND COSTS, AND THE PROVISION OF FUNDS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED TO ENABLE KAI TAK TO COPE WITH DEMAND."

UNDERTAKEN BY RMP BNCON, LTD, THE KAI TAK CONSULTANCY WAS STARTED IN OCTOBER 1987 AND COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE CONSULTANTS WERE REQUIRED TO PREPARE AIR TRAFFIC FORECASTS FOR KAI TAK UP TO THE YEAR 2010, IDENTIFY SHORTFALLS IN CAPACITY, RECOMMEND MEASURES FOR IMPROVEMENT AND ASSESS THE ECONOMIC DISBENEFITS WHICH WOULD ARISE SHOULD DEMAND EXCEED CAPACITY.

THE STUDY FORECASTS THAT BETWEEN 1987 AND 2010, PASSENGER TRAFFIC WILL GROW AT AN AVERAGE OF 5.7 PER CENT PER ANNUM, REACHING SOME 46.4 MILLION IN 2010.

CARGO SERVICES DEMAND IS FORECAST TO INCREASE AT AN AVERAGE OF 6.5 PER CENT PER ANNUM, REACHING 2.61 MILLION TONNES IN 2010. CIVIL INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS ARE FORECAST TO GROW AT 5.2 PER CENT PER ANNUM.

THE MAIN FEATURE OF AIRSIDE IMPROVEMENTS IS TO INCREASE AIRCRAFT PARKING FACILITIES FROM 39 STANDS TO OVER 60 STANDS. THIS WILL INVOLVE EXTENSION OF THE EAST APRON TO PROVIDE 12 STANDS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH APRON ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION TO PROVIDE 11 STANDS.

/DEMAND MANAGEMENT

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DEMAND MANAGEMENT MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED TO OPTIMISE THE USAGE OF KAI TAK'S SINGLE RUNWAY CAPACITY BY SCHEDULING MORE FLIGHTS IN NON-PEAK HOURS.

CONSULTANTS HAVE ALSO RECOMMENDED MEASURES FOR AUGMENTING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND TRAINING FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL STAFF AND MODERNISING THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM TO ENHANCE HANDLING CAPACITY TO 32 AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS PER HOUR.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROAD ACCESS SYSTEM TO KAI TAK AIRPORT ARE ALSO RECOMMENDED.

OFF-AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDED INCLUDE CONSTRUCTING THE SUNG WONG TOI ROAD-OLYMPIC AVENUE FLYOVER, WIDENING OLYMPIC AVENUE AND HAVING A LINK INTO THE HUNG HOM BYPASS.

ON-AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE MODIFYING THE TAXI TERMINUS AND BUS SHELTER, CONSTRUCTING AN EASTERN EXTENSION FOR THE DEPARTURE LEVEL PODIUM AND UPGRADING THE CONCORDE ROAD-EASTERN ROAD FLYOVER.

IN CONSIDERING OTHER CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT MEASURES, THE CONSULTANTS HAVE EXAMINED THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A SECOND RUNWAY AT KAI TAK.

THEY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT WHILE TECHNICALLY IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONSTRUCT A NEW PARALLEL RUNWAY, IT WOULD ONLY ENHANCE THE RUNWAY CAPACITY FROM 30 TO 36 AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS PER HOUR.

CONSTRUCTION AND RECLAMATION WOULD COST \$6.9 BILLION. IN ADDITION, EXISTING FACILITIES SUCH AS THE MA TAU KOK GASWORKS WOULD NEED TO BE REPROVISIONED.

THE SECOND RUNWAY WOULD DISRUPT WATER FLOW AND HARBOUR FACILITIES AROUND LEI YUE MUN AND INCREASE NOISE POLLUTION. EFFECTIVELY, IT WOULD CLOSE THE EASTERN APPROACH TO VICTORIA HARBOUR.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONSIDERABLE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL COSTS INVOLVED, THE CONSULTANTS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT A SECOND RUNWAY WOULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED.

THE CONSULTANTS ALSO STUDIED THE CONTRIBUTION OF KAI TAK TO THE HONG KONG ECONOMY BY ASSESSING THE VALUE-ADDED CONTENT OF VISITOR SPENDING, AND ON-AIRPORT ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE AIRPORT DEPENDENT.

THEY THEN ASSESSED THE VALUE-ADDED CONTENT WHICH WOULD BE LOST TO HONG KONG IF PART OF THE FORECAST INCREASE IN AIR TRAFFIC COULD NOT BE MET BEYOND KAI TAK'S SATURATION BY 1996.

FOR THE PERIOD 1997 TO 2010, THE CUMULATIVE ECONOMIC DISBENEFITS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE \$101 BILLION IN PRESENT VALUE TERMS.

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IN ADDITION TO THESE QUANTIFIABLE ECONOMIC DISBENEFITS, THE ECONOMY WOULD ALSO SUFFER INTANGIBLE LOSSES ARISING FROM LOST OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS AND FROM THE SUBSEQUENT DIMINUTION OF HONG KONG'S ATTRACTIVENESS AS A PLACE TO DO BUSINESS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY COMMITTED TO PROVIDING ADEQUATE AIRPORT FACILITIES TO UNDERPIN HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE KAI TAK CONSULTANCY STUDY HAS INDICATED THE SCOPE FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXISTING AIRPORT TO SERVE HONG KONG IN THE 1990'S.

"AT THE MOMENT, OTHER AIRPORT-RELATED STUDIES ARE UNDERWAY. THESE INCLUDE THE CHEK LAP KOK MASTER PLAN REVIEW, THE ALTERNATIVE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT SITES CONSULTANCY, AND THE FINANCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL STUDY.

"THESE STUDIES WILL GIVE A BASIS FOR EVALUATING THE RELATIVE ADVANTAGES OF SITING A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK OR THE WESTERN HARBOUR. CONSULTANTS WILL ALSO RECOMMEND THE OPTIMAL FINANCING PACKAGE AND APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT.

"THE FINDINGS OF THESE CONSULTANCY STUDIES WILL BE DRAWN TOGETHER TO PROVIDE A FIRM BASIS FOR A FINAL DECISION TO BE MADE ON PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR."

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25 NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR ELECTIONS

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TWENTY-FIVE NOMINATIONS FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MARCH WERE RECEIVED UP TO 5 PM TODAY (FRIDAY), THE FIRST DAY FOR NOMINATIONS.

FOURTEEN WERE FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND 11 FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THERE WERE 79 CANDIDATES (39 IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND 40 IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL) CONTESTING THE 1986 ELECTIONS.

TWENTY-EIGHT CANDIDATES (18 IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND 10 IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL) LODGED NOMINATION PAPERS ON THE FIRST DAY OF NOMINATION ON THAT OCCASION.

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON SATURDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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SO FAR, THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED IS IN THE WONG TAI SIN SOUTH CONSTITUENCY WITH THREE CANDIDATES.

FOLLOWING ARE THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE CANDIDATES WHOSE NOMINATION FORMS WERE RECEIVED TODAY.

URBAN COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	CONTACT TEL NO.
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WAN CHAI	WONG HON-CHING	M	36	COST ENGINEER	5-546519
	HILTON CHEONG-LEEN	M	66	COMPANY DIRECTOR	5-228332
NORTH POINT	MAN SAI-CHEONG	M	44	SOLICITOR	5-667888(R) 5-265775(O)
KOWLOON CITY EAST	PAO PING-WING	M	40	COMMUNITY SERVICE CONSULTANT	3-7656362
KWUN TONG WEST	ELSIE TU	F	75	SCHOOL SUPERVISOR	3-412932
MONG KOK	WONG YUEN-WEI	M	59	SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	3-7870015 3-7871701
SHAM SHUI PO WEST	MA LEE-WO	M	28	SOCIAL WORKER	3-600161
WONG TAI SIN SOUTH	FOK PUI-YEE	F	38	HOUSEWIFE	3-7262150
	MOK YING-FAN	M	38	HERBALIST	3-236255
	YEUNG CHIU-MING	M	41	PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER	3-7955366 3-915341 PAGE 1689
WONG TAI SIN NORTH	NG NGOK-SHING	M	42	SOCIAL WORKER	3-268588
	KAN CHI-HO	M	42	AIRCRAFT TECHNICIAN	3-258744
YAU TSIM	WONG KWOK-TUNG	M	39	SOLICITOR	5-236934
	WOO YAN-YUE	F	47	PRINCIPAL OF DANCING SCHOOL	5-8931213

/REGIONAL COUNCIL

REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	CONTACT TEL NO.
ISLANDS	KWONG PING-YAU	M	68	MERCHANT	5-9810219
SHA TIN WEST	FUNG CHI-WOOD	M	32	CLERGYMAN	0-6010789
	LAU KONG-WAH	M	31	RESEARCH STUDENT	3-7970666 PAGE 6676
TSUEN WAN	CHAN WAI-YIP, ALBERT	M	33	SOCIAL WORKER	0-4113107
TUEN MUN WEST	NG MING-YUM	M	32	TEACHER	0-4572649
KWAI CHUNG WEST AND TSING YI	WONG MAN-TAI JAMES,	M	33	SOCIAL WORKER	0-4110030
TUEN MUN EAST	POON CHIN-HUNG, ALMON	M	32	SOLICITOR	0-4570088
	CHEUNG YUET-LAN	F	31	DB MEMBER	0-4517066
YUEN LONG	CHUNG KWAI-PING	M	33	SOCIAL WORKER	0-4744562
	NGAN KAM-CHUEN	M	41	BANK MANAGER	0-792643
KWAI CHUNG EAST	CHOW YICK-HAY	M	30	STAFF OF CUHK	0-6952637

FOLLOWING IS A STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF THE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR:

URBAN COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NO. OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED
1. CENTRAL AND WESTERN	-
2. WAN CHAI	2
3. NORTH POINT	1
4. SHAU KEI WAN	-
5. SOUTHERN	-

/6. KOWLOON CITY WEST

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6. KOWLOON CITY WEST	-
7. KOWLOON CITY EAST	1
8. KWUN TONG WEST	1
9. KWUN TONG EAST	-
10. MONG KOK	1
11. SHAM SHUI PO EAST	-
12. SHAM SHUI PO WEST	1
13. WONG TAI SIN SOUTH	3
14. WONG TAI SIN NORTH	2
15. YAU TSIM	2

SUB-TOTAL	14

REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NO. OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED
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1. ISLANDS	1
2. NORTH	-
3. SAI KUNG	-
4. SHA TIN EAST	-
5. SHA TIN WEST	2
6. TAI PO	-
7. TSUEN WAN	1
8. TUEN MUN EAST	2
9. TUEN MUN WEST	1
10. YUEN LONG	2
11. KWAI CHUNG EAST	1
12. KWAI CHUNG WEST AND TSING YI	1

SUB-TOTAL	11

NEW MEMBERSHIP OF EDUCATION COMMISSION, BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE NEW MEMBERSHIP OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SIR QUO-WEI LEE WILL CONTINUE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, WHILE MISS MARIA TAM WAI-CHU AND MISS KATHLEEN ESTHER BARKER HAVE BEEN RE-APPOINTED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

SIX NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITY, HE SAID. THEY ARE MRS ANGELA CHEUNG WONG WAN-YIU, MR DAVID CHEUNG CHI-KONG, MR TIMOTHY HA, MR HO SAI-CHU, DR PAUL MORRIS AND MR TSIM TAK-LUNG.

MRS ANGELA CHEUNG IS THE EDUCATION SERVICES SECRETARY OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND IS THE MANAGER OF TUNG WAH SCHOOLS. SHE IS ACTIVE IN A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL BODIES INCLUDING THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SPONSORING BODIES OF SCHOOLS AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION.

MR DAVID CHEUNG CHI-KONG IS THE PRINCIPAL OF THE CARMEL SECONDARY SCHOOL AND A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. HE SITS ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE AND IS THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINESE TEXTBOOKS COMMITTEE. HE SERVED PREVIOUSLY ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

MR TIMOTHY HA WING-HO IS THE PRINCIPAL OF ST PAUL'S COLLEGE, A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE. MR HA IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN MANY EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY GROUPS.

DR PAUL MORRIS IS THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, SENATE AND COURT. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION.

MR HO SAI-CHU IS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTOR OF A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL AND A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S BUILDINGS AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD.

MR TSIM TAK-LUNG IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY PRESS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG AND A MEMBER OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY. HE IS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS TELEVISION SERIES ON THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

THE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, THE CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE AND THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE. THEY ARE MR JAMES TIEN PEI-CHUN AND MISS SANSAN CHING TEH-CHI.

MR TIEN, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD, IS AN INDUSTRIALIST WITH AN EXTENSIVE RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE TEXTILE ADVISORY BOARD, THE HONG KONG PORTS COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL.

MISS SANSAN CHING IS THE HEADMISTRESS OF A KINDERGARTEN AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SERVICES.

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GOVERNOR PRAISES WORK OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE MUST BECOME MORE PROFESSIONAL AND SOPHISTICATED TO COUNTER THE GROWING SOPHISTICATION OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO EVADE THE LAW, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE SENIOR OFFICERS' MESS SPECIAL GUEST NIGHT, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY AND EFFICIENCY.

"HONG KONG HAS PASSED THE STAGE WHERE WE CAN HOPE TO SOLVE PROBLEMS SIMPLY BY CREATING MORE POSTS AND EMPLOYING MORE STAFF," HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT THIS WAS A CHALLENGE THE WHOLE GOVERNMENT WAS FACING, AND POINTED OUT THAT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HAD RESPONDED TO IT WITH WILLINGNESS AND IMAGINATION.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THE SERVICE HAD A LONG AND HONOURABLE HISTORY, WITH RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH WERE PROBABLY WIDER THAN THOSE OF ANY OTHER CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION IN THE WORLD.

"AND THEY ARE ALSO VERY IMPORTANT," HE SAID.

THE SERVICE HAD TO COUNTER THE TRADE IN NARCOTICS, TO WHICH HONG KONG ATTACHED A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANCE AND WHERE ITS SUCCESS HAD WON PRAISE ELSEWHERE, PARTICULARLY IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE SERVICE WAS ALSO TASKED TO PREVENT SMUGGLING TO AND FROM CHINA, COLLECT EXCISE DUTY AND ENFORCE BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS, HE SAID.

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"THESE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE SEEN NOT AS HINDERING TRADE BUT ACTING TO HELP PROMOTE LEGITIMATE TRADE," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE SERVICE DID NOT DEAL ONLY WITH THE CRIMINAL OR POTENTIAL CRIMINAL.

"FOR HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF TRAVELLERS ARRIVING AT OUR SHORES, THE CUSTOMS OFFICER IS ONE OF THE FIRST REPRESENTATIVES OF HONG KONG THEY SEE.

"YOUR EFFICIENCY AND COURTESY CAN DO A GREAT DEAL TO CREATE THE RIGHT IMPRESSION OF HONG KONG FOR OUR MANY VISITING TOURISTS AND BUSINESSMEN," HE SAID.

ON THE FUTURE OF THE SERVICE, SIR DAVID SAID THAT ONE OF THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION WAS THAT THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION WOULD BE A SEPARATE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION.

"THE CONTINUING EXISTENCE OF, AND NEED FOR, A SEPARATE HONG KONG CUSTOMS SERVICE WITH ITS OWN IDENTITY IS BEYOND DOUBT," HE SAID.

"HONG KONG'S ADMITTANCE TO THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL IN ITS OWN RIGHT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF ESTABLISHING THAT SEPARATE IDENTITY.

"SO IS THE GROWTH OF YOUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH OTHER CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS."

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CS: TRIAD RENUNCIATION TRIBUNAL RECEIVES 670 ENQUIRIES
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BETWEEN DECEMBER 8, 1988 AND YESTERDAY THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED TRIAD RENUNCIATION TRIBUNAL HAD RECEIVED SOME 670 ENQUIRIES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

"SOME 460 APPLICATION FORMS HAVE BEEN ISSUED AND 42 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO REPORT THESE FIGURES, WHEN SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, OF WHICH HE IS CHAIRMAN, AND THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES.

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SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE BRIEFING SESSION ON THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION SCHEME LAST DECEMBER, WHICH WAS INSTIGATED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, WAS VERY WELL SUPPORTED BY THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES.

"I UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES OF YAU TSIM, SOUTH, SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN WILL FURTHER PUBLICISE THE SCHEME AT THE ANTI-TRIAD FUNCTIONS IN THEIR DISTRICTS," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID PAID TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES IN FIGHTING CRIME OVER THE PAST YEAR.

HE SAID THE TWO-TIER STRUCTURE OF THE CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE PROVIDED A FRAMEWORK FOR CONSIDERATION OF POLICY ISSUES WHICH AFFECTED THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG BOTH AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND DISTRICT LEVELS.

"IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT THERE IS GOOD COMMUNICATION, EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO TIERS," HE SAID.

"I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES HAVE MAINTAINED CLOSE LINKS AND CO-OPERATION IN PURSUING ISSUES TO THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY."

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT IN THE PAST YEAR, ALL DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES HAD CONTINUED TO ASSIST THE POLICE IN REPORTING CRIME AND MONITORING THE CRIME SITUATION IN THEIR DISTRICTS.

THEY HAD MADE GOOD USE OF GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL RESOURCES TO COMPLEMENT THE EFFORTS OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IN THE FIGHT CRIME PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WHICH CENTRED ON ANTI-TRIAD, ANTI-SHOPTHEFT AND HOME SECURITY.

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MANPOWER SHORTAGE IN EDP PROFESSION

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A VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SURVEY INDICATED THAT THE ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING (EDP) PROFESSION WAS SEVERELY SHORT OF TRAINED PERSONNEL AND IT ALSO ESTIMATED THAT THIS YEAR THE FIELD WOULD NEED 2,000 MORE STAFF TO COPE WITH ITS MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS.

THE SURVEY FOUND THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN VACANCIES, A HIGH STAFF MOBILITY RATE AND A SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF EXPERIENCED EMPLOYEES AS A RESULT OF RAPID BUSINESS EXPANSION AND EMIGRATION.

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THESE AND OTHER FINDINGS SUPPORTED THE VIEW THAT THERE WAS A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF DATA PROCESSING PERSONNEL IN THE PROFESSION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED REPORT ON MANPOWER IN THE PROFESSION FOUND THAT IN NOVEMBER 1987, A TOTAL OF 13,300 PERSONS WERE EMPLOYED IN EDP RELATED JOBS, AND THERE WERE ABOUT 1,000 VACANCIES IN THE SURVEYED ORGANISATIONS.

THIS NUMBER OF VACANCIES REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 48 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS SURVEY IN 1985.

A VERY HIGH STAFF MOBILITY RATE RECORDED IN THE SURVEY AND A COMPARISON OF THE 1985 AND 1987 FIGURES ON THE EXPERIENCE ON DATA PROCESSING MANPOWER SHOWED THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF EXPERIENCED EMPLOYEES FROM THE LOCAL DATA PROCESSING PROFESSION.

THE SURVEY ALSO REVEALED THAT THE ACTUAL EXPERIENCE OF SYSTEMS ANALYSTS AND APPLICATION PROGRAMMERS FELL SHORT OF THE EXPERIENCE PREFERRED BY EMPLOYERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS SUGGESTED THAT EMPLOYERS HAD TO SETTLE FOR WHAT THEY COULD RECRUIT.

THESE MANPOWER AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATIONS INDICATED THAT THE EDP FIELD WAS EXPERIENCING A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF STAFF, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

IN THE SURVEY, EMPLOYERS FORECAST THAT THE TOTAL MANPOWER WOULD HAVE RISEN TO 15,000 IN 1988 AND WOULD FURTHER INCREASE TO 17,000 IN 1989 - WHICH WOULD MEAN AN ADDITIONAL 2,000 RECRUITS THIS YEAR.

THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING TRAINING, WHICH CONDUCTED THE SURVEY, SAID THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES TRAINED BY LOCAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE INADEQUATE TO MEET THIS MANPOWER DEMAND.

EMPLOYERS WOULD HAVE TO RELY ON OVERSEAS GRADUATES TO MEET PART OF THE SHORTFALL.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO URGED LOCAL TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND THE COUNCIL'S EDP TRAINING CENTRE TO INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS IN THE TRAINING OF NEW ENTRANTS.

THE 1987 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON THE ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING INDUSTRY CONTAINS DETAILED STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE MANPOWER STRUCTURE OF THE PROFESSION, AND IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CENTRAL, AT \$26 A COPY.

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SEPTEMBER EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS RELEASED

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THERE WERE 844,600 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN SEPTEMBER 1988, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 3.5 PER CENT IN COMPARISON WITH SEPTEMBER 1987, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 698,500 IN SEPTEMBER 1988, WAS 7.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1987.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 230,500, WAS UP BY 9.9 PER CENT.

EMPLOYMENT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES INCREASED BY 2.5 PER CENT COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1987.

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

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 CONSTRUCTION SITES.

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THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1988 IN THESE SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, WITH COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1987 AND JUNE 1988, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN*			PERCENTAGE CHANGE**	
	SEPT 87	JUNE 88	SEPT 88	SEPT 88 ON SEPT 87	SEPT 88 ON JUNE 88
MANUFACTURING	875,300	869,000	844,600	-3.5	-2.8
CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES ONLY)	71,300	70,300	73,100	+2.5	+4.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	647,600	710,400	698,500	+7.9	-1.7
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	209,900	225,700	230,500	+9.9	+2.1

* FIGURES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST HUNDRED.

** BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1988 WITH JUNE 1988, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING AND THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTORS DECREASED BY 2.8 PER CENT AND 1.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION SITES AND IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS INCREASED BY 4.0 PER CENT AND 2.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL ALSO PROVIDES VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS (EXCEPT CONSTRUCTION SITES WHICH ARE COVERED IN A SEPARATE SURVEY).

THE VACANCY DATA TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1987 AND JUNE 1988 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN*			PERCENTAGE CHANGE**	
	SEPT 87	JUNE 88	SEPT 88	SEPT 88 ON SEPT 87	SEPT 88 ON JUNE 88
MANUFACTURING	53,890	48,460	55,070	+ 2.2	+13.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	25,620	27,590	34,380	+34.2	+24.6
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	7,610	8,320	9,640	+26.7	+15.9

* FIGURES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST TEN.

** BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES.

RELATIVE TO SEPTEMBER 1987, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 2.2 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 34.2 PER CENT AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AN INCREASE OF 26.7 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 13.6 PER CENT, 24.6 PER CENT AND 15.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SEPTEMBER 1988.

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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*
	3RD QTR. 1987	3RD QTR. 1988	3RD QTR. 1988 ON 3RD QTR. 1987
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	9,253	10,137	+ 9.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	6,708	8,184	+22.0
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	3,728	4,435	+18.9

* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES

COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 9.6 PER CENT, 22.0 PER CENT AND 18.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988.

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

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 SEPTEMBER 1987 AND SEPTEMBER 1988 ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW :-

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NOMINAL INDEX OF
PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED
(JUNE 1980 = 100)

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY			% CHANGE
	SEPT 87	SEPT 88	SEPT 88 ON SEPT 87
MANUFACTURING	243.4	277.1	+13.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	226.8	258.7	+14.1
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	232.2	246.5	+ 6.2

REAL INDEX OF
PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED
(JUNE 1980 = 100)

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY			% CHANGE
	SEPT 87	SEPT 88	SEPT 88 ON SEPT 87
MANUFACTURING	140.4	146.8	+4.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	130.8	137.1	+4.8
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	133.9	130.6	-2.5

/BETWEEN SEPTEMBER

BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1987 AND SEPTEMBER 1988, AN INCREASE OF 13.8 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 14.1 PER CENT AND FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THE INCREASE WAS 6.2 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED REGISTERED AN INCREASE OF 4.6 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND 4.8 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, BUT A DECREASE OF 2.5 PER CENT FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A GENERAL INCREASE IN WAGES AND SALARIES IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED FOR THIS SECTOR REGISTERED A DECLINE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1987 AND SEPTEMBER 1988.

THE DECLINE WAS LARGELY ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE DECREASES IN THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE INSURANCE (BY 6.6 PER CENT) AND BUSINESS SERVICES (BY 15.3 PER CENT) GROUPS, WHICH WERE MAINLY DUE TO AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SMALL UNDERTAKINGS AND THUS IN THE PROPORTION OF UNPAID WORKERS (INCLUDING PROPRIETORS, PARTNERS AND UNPAID DIRECTORS), AND THE REPLACEMENT OF EMPLOYEES WITH HIGH SALARIES BY THOSE WITH LOWER SALARIES.

HOWEVER, WITHIN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES BANKS, DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, REGISTERED A RISE OF 9.9 PER CENT IN THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1988, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$11 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AND AT THE SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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PEAK TRAM MODERNISATION WORKS APPROVED

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN APPLICATION BY THE PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY TO CARRY OUT MODERNISATION WORKS FOR ITS TRAMWAYS SYSTEM.

ON SEPTEMBER 2 LAST YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT EXTENDED THE COMPANY'S FRANCHISE TO RUN AND OPERATE THE PEAK TRAM SERVICE FOR A FURTHER 10 YEARS FROM JANUARY 1, 1994, AFTER THE COMPANY HAD MADE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO CARRY OUT A MODERNISATION PROGRAMME FOR THE TRAMWAY SYSTEM.

THE CAPACITY OF THE MODERNISED SYSTEM WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE PRESENT 540 PASSENGERS PER HOUR IN ONE DIRECTION TO ABOUT 1,400 PASSENGERS PER HOUR.

MAJOR INSTALLATION WORKS OF THE MODERNISATION PROGRAMME WILL COMMENCE IN MAY THIS YEAR AND THE PEAK TRAMWAY WILL HAVE TO BE SHUT DOWN FOR SIX WEEKS FROM MID-JUNE TO END OF JULY TO FACILITATE THE WORKS.

THE MODERNISED TRAMWAY WILL BEGIN OPERATION IN AUGUST.

THE PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY WILL GIVE ADEQUATE ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC, IN PARTICULAR TO THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION AND TOUR OPERATORS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR BUILDING RC/RSD HEADQUARTERS

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CONSTRUCTION WORK ON A PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND ITS EXECUTIVE ARM, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (RSD), IS SCHEDULED TO START IN APRIL.

TENDERS FOR BUILDING THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE HEADQUARTERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IT WILL CONSIST OF A LOW-RISE TO ACCOMMODATE THE COUNCIL FACILITIES AND A 20-STOREY HIGH-RISE TO HOUSE RSD OFFICES.

PILING FOUNDATION WORK FOR THE PROJECT HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED AT THE JUNCTION OF PAI TAU STREET AND SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD IN AREA 20 OF SHA TIN.

THE PROJECT ARCHITECT, MR PETER KEEPING, SAID THE BUILDING IS INTENDED TO CENTRALISE ALL COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES, WHICH ARE NOW LOCATED IN TSUEN WAN AND SEVERAL LEASED COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN KOWLOON RESPECTIVELY.

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"THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGES IN ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENIENCE AND GREATLY IMPROVE LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO ALL COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT STAFF.

"THE BUILDING OCCUPIES A 0.4 HECTARE SITE WITH CONVENIENT TRANSPORT LINKS TO OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY," MR KEEPING SAID.

EXCLUDING CIRCULATION AND SERVICE AREAS, THE COUNCIL COMPONENTS WILL TAKE UP OVER 2,500 SQUARE METRES.

THESE WILL INCLUDE A 500-SQUARE-METRE CHAMBER SEATING 80 PEOPLE AS WELL AS PRESS AND SPECTATOR GALLERIES.

BOTH THE CHAMBER AND A 250-SQUARE-METRE COMMITTEE ROOM WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION AND BROADCASTING FACILITIES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE INDIVIDUAL OFFICES FOR THE CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, COUNCILLORS AND THE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT.

OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A RECEPTION/EXHIBITION HALL, LIBRARY, COMMON ROOM, DINING ROOM, AUDIO-VISUAL ROOM, PRESS ROOM, INTERVIEW ROOM, RECREATION AND FUNCTION ROOM, KITCHEN, WASHROOMS, AND BUILDING SERVICES AND STORE ROOMS.

THE RSD OFFICES WILL COVER MORE THAN 6,700 SQUARE METRES, NOT INCLUDING CIRCULATION AND SERVICE AREAS.

THEY WILL HOUSE ALL HEADQUARTERS DIVISIONS AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE BUILDING IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 1991.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON FEBRUARY 3.

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NEW MTRC CHAIRMAN TO TAKE UP POST IN MARCH

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPOINTMENT OF MR HAMISH T. MATHERS AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION IS ADVANCED FROM APRIL 1, 1989 TO MARCH 4, 1989.

THIS WILL ENABLE MR MATHERS TO SUCCEED THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN, MR C.W. NEWTON, WHO WILL RETIRE AND LEAVE HONG KONG SOON TO TAKE UP THE POST OF CHAIRMAN OF THE LONDON REGIONAL TRANSPORT.

MR MATHERS IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG SHORTLY AND WILL BECOME MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN (DESIGNATE) OF THE CORPORATION FROM JANUARY 16, 1989.

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KCRC MEMBER RE-APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS RE-APPOINTED MR SAMUEL WONG PING-WAI, JP AS A MEMBER OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1989.

A NOTICE ON THE RE-APPOINTMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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GIRL WINS SPORTS AID FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

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A 19-YEAR-OLD GIRL, MISS MALINA NGAI MAN-LIN, HAS WON THE FIRST SPORTS AID FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE SPORTS AID FOUNDATION WHICH WAS FORMED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT IN FEBRUARY 1987.

THE SCHOLARSHIP AIMS AT ENABLING OUTSTANDING ATHLETES WITH NECESSARY ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS TO UNDERTAKE A COURSE OF STUDY IN SPORTS-RELATED SUBJECTS NOT AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG BUT IN A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE OVERSEAS.

AFTER A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS BY THE SELECTION BOARD, MISS NGAI WAS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE THE 1988 SCHOLARSHIP.

MISS NGAI WILL UNDERTAKE A DEGREE COURSE IN SPORTS ADMINISTRATION AT THE CANBERRA COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA.

SHE IS THE HONG KONG NATIONAL RECORD HOLDER IN THE DISCUS THROW AND IN THE JUNIOR SHOT PUT.

MISS NGAI WAS ELECTED SPORTSGIRL OF THE YEAR BY THE HONG KONG SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION IN 1985-86, 1986-87 AND 1987-88.

SHE WAS ELECTED THE JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR BY THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION IN 1985, 1986 AND 1987.

MISS NGAI REPRESENTED HONG KONG IN THE FIRST ASIAN JUNIOR TRACK AND FIELD MEET IN 1986 AND IN THE SEVENTH ASIAN TRACK AND FIELD MEET IN 1987.

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LESS CLOUD, MORE RAIN IN DECEMBER

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THERE WAS LESS CLOUD BUT MORE RAINFALL THAN USUAL IN DECEMBER, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTED TODAY (FRIDAY) IN ITS MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY.

THE MEAN CLOUD AMOUNT OF 30 PER CENT FOR THE MONTH IS THE SIXTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR DECEMBER.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A WET SPELL AT THE END OF THE MONTH BROUGHT THE TOTAL DECEMBER RAINFALL TO 106.6 MILLIMETRES. THIS IS ABOUT FOUR TIMES THE NORMAL MONTHLY RAINFALL OF 25.3 MILLIMETRES AND IS THE SIXTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR DECEMBER.

THE WEATHER WAS FINE DURING THE FIRST SIX DAYS OF DECEMBER. FRESHENING EASTERLIES BROUGHT CLOUDY SKIES ON DECEMBER 7. IT RAINED THAT EVENING AND THE NEXT MORNING.

EARLY ON DECEMBER 9, WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY BRINGING MUCH DRIER AIR AND THE WEATHER IMPROVED ALBEIT BEING COOLER.

A WEAK REPLENISHMENT OF THE WINTER MONSOON FROM THE NORTH BROUGHT THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 11 TO 12.9 DEGREES CELSIUS, WHICH WAS THE MONTH'S LOWEST.

FINE WEATHER CONTINUED UNTIL EARLY ON DECEMBER 17 WHEN A BRIEF BURST OF EASTERLIES BROUGHT CLOUDY PERIODS. HOWEVER, FINE CONDITIONS RETURNED DURING THE DAY. TEMPERATURES ALSO BEGAN TO RISE. BY DECEMBER 20, TEMPERATURES ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 23.4 DEGREES, THE HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH.

GENERALLY FINE AND MILD WEATHER PREVAILED THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD EXCEPT ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 26 WHEN WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST AND THERE WAS ALSO SOME LIGHT RAIN FOR A FEW HOURS.

THEREAFTER, APART FROM OVERNIGHT CLOUDINESS, FINE CONDITIONS CONTINUED UNTIL THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 28. MOIST EASTERLIES TOGETHER WITH AN APPROACHING UPPER-LEVEL DISTURBANCE BROUGHT OVERCAST SKIES AND LIGHT RAIN.

WEATHER WORSENERD DURING THE NEXT TWO DAYS WITH PERIODS OF RAIN WHICH WERE HEAVY AT TIMES. THE RAIN LET UP DURING THE DAY ON DECEMBER 31 AND CLOUDS CLEARED UP THAT EVENING.

DURING THE MONTH, NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

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THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON DECEMBER 4, 5 AND BETWEEN 10 AND 13.

THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON DECEMBER 3, 4, 16, 17, 18 AND BETWEEN 24 AND 27.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE OF TIME OF LOWERING
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DEC.8 11.30 PM	DEC.9 12.05 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DEC.17 11 PM	DEC.18 7.05 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	231.1 HOURS	; 51.8 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	12.22 MJ/SQ. M	; 0.01 MJ/SQ. M BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	106.6 MM	; 81.3 MM ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	30 %	; 22 % LESS THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	68 %	; 1 % LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	20.2 DEGREES CELSIUS	; 0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	17.7 DEGREES CELSIUS	; NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	15.5 DEGREES CELSIUS	; 0.3 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	11.4 DEGREES CELSIUS	; NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	81.4 MM	; 34.6 MM BELOW NORMAL

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SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL TO OPEN TOMORROW
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THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WITH A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY OF FESTIVE LIGHTING ON KWONG FUK BRIDGE.

THE FESTIVE LIGHTING DEPICTING A FIREWORK DISPLAY WILL LIGHT UP PO HEUNG STREET, KWONG FUK BRIDGE, PO HEUNG BRIDGE, AND THE RIVERSIDES OF LAM TSUEN RIVER.

OFFICIATING AT THE SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY WILL BE THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR MICHAEL SUEN. THERE WILL BE A LION DANCE AND A COCKTAIL RECEPTION.

ALSO, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF A POSTER DESIGN AND A SLOGAN COMPETITION HELD RECENTLY TO PUBLICISE THE FESTIVAL.

THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL, WITH NEARLY 60 COLOURFUL AND ENTERTAINING ACTIVITIES, WILL LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY 20.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY OF THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON KWONG FUK BRIDGE BESIDE THE TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AT 1 TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO AT 7.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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EXCITING PROGRAMME LINED UP FOR TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL

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A FULL PROGRAMME OF QUALITY PERFORMANCES HAS BEEN DRAWN UP FOR THE 11TH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 21 AND FEBRUARY 27.

BOTH LOCAL AND VISITING ARTISTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL.

THE GRAND OPENING WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY THE JIANGSU ARTISTIC TROUPE AND TAIPEI'S YOUTH FOLK ARTS TROUPE. THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL ALSO GIVE ITS DEBUT PERFORMANCE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

EVENTS SUCH AS CANTONESE OPERA, POP FOLK CONCERTS, ORCHESTRAL CONCERT, BALLET, DRAMA, FILM SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME THIS YEAR.

THE FESTIVAL IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION TO STIMULATE RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN THE APPRECIATION OF THE ARTS.

THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE FESTIVAL OF ABOUT \$2 MILLION IS PARTLY FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND PARTLY BY LOCAL SPONSORSHIP.

PROGRAMME LEAFLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

PEOPLE INTENDING TO ATTEND SHOWS ARE ADVISED TO BOOK THEIR TICKETS AT THE URBIX OUTLETS NOW.

TELEPHONE RESERVATION CAN BE MADE ON 5-739595 AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4145501 OR 0-4140144.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE 11TH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15) AT 2.15 PM AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND, TSUEN WAN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HOSTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL, MR CHEUNG CHUNG-YAN.

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KWUN TONG FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY

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A CARNIVAL WHICH AIMS AT DRIVING HOME THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15) AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND IN KWUN TONG.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, AND THE KWUN TONG AND SAU MAU PING DISTRICTS OF THE POLICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID THE CARNIVAL WOULD HIGHLIGHT THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME EFFORTS.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION OF WINNING ENTRIES IN THE COLOURING AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS HELD EARLIER TO PUBLICISE THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE, A VARIETY SHOW, GAME STALLS AND A BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN WHICH WINNERS IN A SERIES OF FIGHT CRIME ACTIVITIES WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES.

ELEVEN RESIDENTS WILL BE AWARDED THE "GOOD RESIDENTS AWARD" FOR BRAVE ACTIONS AND OTHER EFFORTS IN COMBATTING CRIME.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 1 PM WILL BE THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (KWUN TONG), MR M.N.W. PELLY; DIVISIONAL COMMANDER (SAU MAU PING), MR S.G. CHANDLER; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR MAU KEI-ON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL BEGINNING AT 1 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND.

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ANTI-CRIME CARNIVAL IN KWAI TSING

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THE ANNUAL FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15) TO PROMOTE ANTI-CRIME MESSAGES AMONG RESIDENTS.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE DEMONSTRATIONS BY A SCHOOL CYCLING TEAM, TAEKWONDO TEAM OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND BY POLICE DOGS.

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THERE WILL ALSO BE A DISPLAY OF FIRE ENGINES AND THE POLICE "FIGHT CRIME BUS" WILL BE AT THE VENUE. RESIDENTS MAY ALSO TAKE PART IN STALL GAMES.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF A CHILDREN'S COLOURING COMPETITION AND MODEL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONTEST. GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHOI BING-SHUN; KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG; KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT; AND POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, MR J.R. ELLIOTT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15) AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND (NEAR KWAI FONG MTR STATION).

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CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION IN MEI FOO

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CHILDREN IN SHAM SHUI PO WIL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR TALENT IN A DRAWING COMPETITION TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15).

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE LAI WAN AREA COMMITTEE AS PART OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL, IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS - ONE FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN NINE AND 12 YEARS OLD AND THE OTHER FOR THOSE UNDER NINE.

IT WILL BE HELD FROM 9.30 AM TO 11.30 AM IN MEI FOO SUN CHUEN. THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION SHOULD APPROACH THE MEI FOO SUB-OFFICE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE ON THAT DAY.

IN THE AFTERNOON, A CHILDREN'S HEALTH COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN MEI FOO SUN CHUEN.

THE COMPETITION AIMS AT PROMOTING PARENTS' CONCERN FOR THE HEALTH OF THEIR CHILDREN AND A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO GENERATIONS.

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CLEAN-UP EXERCISE AT PAK SHA WAN

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A CLEAN-UP EXERCISE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO COLLECT THE FLOATING REFUSE AT PAK SHA WAN, SAI KUNG.

THE EXERCISE AIMS AT SPREADING THE "KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN" MESSAGE TO VILLAGERS AND BOAT DWELLERS IN THE AREA TO AROUSE THEIR AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF, LOCAL STUDENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM KAU SAI VILLAGE AND PAK SHA WAN VILLAGE WILL TAKE PART IN THE CLEANING UP. THEY WILL ALSO HELP DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY MATERIALS TO BOAT DWELLERS AND FISHERMEN.

THE EXERCISE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (SAI KUNG OFFICE). IT WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM AT THE PAK SHA WAN PIER.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PAK SHA WAN CLEAN-UP EXERCISE TOMORROW (SATURDAY). TRANSPORT TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO SAI KUNG WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 9 AM.

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PAINT AND PLAY DAY FOR CHILDREN ON SUNDAY

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ABOUT 200 CHILDREN WILL BE TAKING PART IN A CREATIVE PROGRAMME KNOWN AS THE "PAINT AND PLAY ACTIVITIES DAY" AT THE EDINBURGH PLACE IN CENTRAL ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15).

THERE WILL BE 20 ART ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING WOODWORK, WATER-COLOUR PAINTING, DOUGH MODELLING, SANDWICH MAKING, CLAYDOLL MAKING, BUBBLES GAME AND COLLAGE ART.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 12.30 PM. OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MR HUI YIN-FAT; CENTRAL AND WESTERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS JOEY LAM; AND CHAIRMAN OF CHUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE, MR LAWRENCE LAM.

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THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CHUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE, THE SALVATION ARMY AND THE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUNPS ASSOCIATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT "PAINT AND PLAY ACTIVITIES DAY" WHICH WILL BEGIN AT NOON ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15) AT THE EDINBURGH PLACE IN CENTRAL. THE PROGRAMME IS EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL 4.30 PM.

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NEW PREMISES FOR JU CHING CHU ENGLISH COLLEGE

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED FUNDS FOR BUILDING NEW PREMISES AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF ABOUT \$15.9 MILLION TO REPROVISION THE JU CHING CHU ENGLISH COLLEGE AT A SITE AT AREA 31A IN TUEN MUN.

THE SCHOOL STARTED OPERATION AS A PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN 1977 AND BECAME FULLY SUBSIDISED IN SEPTEMBER 1982.

THE SCHOOL CURRENTLY OPERATES BI-SESSIONAL CLASSES IN TWO TEMPORARY SUB-STANDARD PREMISES IN SEPARATE LOCATIONS IN TUEN MUN AFTER THE LEASE OF ITS ORIGINAL PREMISES AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN TUEN MUN EXPIRED IN 1986.

ON COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS IN MAY 1991, THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING WILL HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS, 12 SPECIAL ROOMS, AN ASSEMBLY HALL AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

IN THE NEW PREMISES, THE SCHOOL WILL OPERATE 30 CLASSES UNDER A STRUCTURE OF 6664422 FROM SECONDARY ONE TO SEVEN.

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FLYOVER FOR CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A FLYOVER ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT SHA TSUI ROAD IN TSUEN WAN.

THE FLYOVER WILL INCORPORATE A FOOTBRIDGE.

A TEMPORARY ROAD LINKING ON YUK ROAD WITH THE FLYOVER WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

THE EXISTING JUNCTIONS OF ON YUK ROAD AND SHA TSUI ROAD WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED, RESULTING IN THE TRAFFIC FLOWS ALONG THIS SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO AND FROM TUEN MUN ROAD BEING IMPROVED.

AT PRESENT, THE ONLY ACCESS TO TSUEN WAN NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT IS VIA TSUEN KING CIRCUIT FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE NEW FLYOVER WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITION ACCESS TO THIS AREA.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE WORKS WILL START IN JULY AND BE COMPLETED IN JUNE 1991.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A NOTICE HAS ALSO BEEN POSTED AT THE SITE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN MARCH 14 THIS YEAR.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR LAI CHI KOK BAY RECLAMATION
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RECLAMATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN LAI CHI KOK BAY TO PROVIDE LAND FOR A DISTRICT OPEN SPACE AND A TRANSPORT LINK TO THE NEW CONTAINER PORT ROAD NETWORK.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN APRIL.

WORKS UNDER THIS CONTRACT INCLUDE THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 6.3 HECTARES OF LAND, CONSTRUCTION OF 150 METRES OF SEAWALL, EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING FOUR-CELL BOX CULVERT BY 280 METRES AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE.

PIERS STRENGTHENING THE EXISTING BRIDGE AT THE LAI CHI KOK BAY ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY LATE 1991.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 17.

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NEW LINK ROAD TO BE BUILT IN YUEN LONG
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD A LINK ROAD FROM MA TIN ROAD TO TAI TONG ROAD PARALLEL TO AND SOUTH OF SAI CHING STREET IN YUEN LONG.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE WIDTH OF THE LINK ROAD IS FROM 7.3 METRES TO 10.5 METRES WITH PROVISION OF A FOOTPATH ON BOTH SIDES.

A PERMANENT VEHICULAR BRIDGE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED OVER THE EXISTING NULLAH.

AN AMENITY AREA WITH LANDSCAPING WORKS WILL BE PROVIDED TO SEPARATE THE NEW ROAD FROM SAI CHING STREET.

A HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ON COMPLETION THE NEW ROAD WOULD FORM PART OF THE ROUTE FOR HAULAGE TRAFFIC GOING TO AND FROM THE TAI TONG EAST BORROW AREA, THUS AVOIDING HAVING TO TRAVEL THROUGH KAU YUK ROAD.

IT WOULD ALSO BECOME AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE BETWEEN THE EASTERN AND WESTERN PARTS OF YUEN LONG TOWN CENTRE, THUS EASING TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT KAU YUK ROAD.

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A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS AND SCHEME CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG.
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, NINTH TO 11TH FLOORS, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MARCH 14 THIS YEAR.

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NEW ROAD TO BE BUILT IN NORTHERN KWAI CHUNG

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND THE WORKS RELATING TO THE BUILDING OF A ROAD BETWEEN TAI PAK TIN STREET AND SHEK PAI STREET WITH ROAD CONNECTIONS WITH SHEK LI STREET AND ON CHIT STREET.

THE WORKS ARE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SITE FORMATION WORKS FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN SHEK LEI AREA, KWAI CHUNG.

THE NEW ROAD WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE FORMED SITES AND IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

THE WORKS WERE ORIGINALLY DESCRIBED IN THE PLAN AND SCHEME PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE LAST YEAR ON MAY 20 AND 27.

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THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT INVOLVES:

- * REALIGNMENT OF THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE TAI PAK TIN STREET ELECTRIC SUB-STATION;
- * DELETION OF THE PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE AT THE SOUTHEASTERN BEND OF ON CHIT STREET; AND
- * SHORTENING OF AN ACCESS ROAD.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START THIS YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY 1992.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLANS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY;
- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH AND 11TH FLOORS, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WORKS MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN MARCH 14 THIS YEAR.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN MID-LEVELS

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THE SECTION OF CASTLE ROAD IN THE MID-LEVELS BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 3 AND HOUSE NO. 7 WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR URGENT SLOPE WORK WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED UNTIL TUESDAY (JANUARY 17).

CHINA MOTOR BUS ROUTE NO. 23B ON ITS EASTBOUND JOURNEYS WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIVERTED VIA SEYMOUR ROAD AND ROBINSON ROAD INSTEAD OF CAINE ROAD.

CMB ROUTE NO. 13 ON ITS EASTBOUND JOURNEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIVERTED VIA SEYMOUR ROAD, ROBINSON ROAD AND GARDEN ROAD INSTEAD OF CAINE ROAD, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, WYNDHAM STREET, LOWER ALBERT ROAD AND ICE HOUSE STREET.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF KING'S ROAD SECTION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE WATERWORKS, A SECTION OF KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND OUTSIDE CITYPLAZA IN TAIKOO SHING WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15) TO 5 AM THE NEXT DAY.

HOWEVER, THE ACCESS TO THE KING'S ROAD FLYOVER LEADING TO HONG ON STREET WILL REMAIN OPEN.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KORNHILL ROAD AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.

EASTBOUND JOURNEYS ON BUS ROUTES 2, 20, 80, 81, 82 AND 102 AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 32 WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED VIA KORNHILL ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YAU YAT CHUEN, YUEN LONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 16), OSMANTHUS ROAD IN YAU YAT CHUEN WILL RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

MOTORISTS FROM MAGNOLIA ROAD HEADING FOR OSMANTHUS ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CASSIA ROAD, DIANTHUS ROAD AND TAT CHEE AVENUE.

MEANWHILE, TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF A NULLAH BRIDGE, MA TIN ROAD IN YUEN LONG BETWEEN KAU YUK ROAD AND THE UNNAMED NULLAH-BUND ROAD LEADING TO MA TIN TSUEN WILL BE CLOSED DAILY BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 5.30 AM FROM MONDAY FOR TWO NIGHTS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ENTERING OR LEAVING THE UNNAMED NULLAH-BUND ROAD LEADING TO MA TIN TSUEN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MA TIN ROAD AND TAI YUK ROAD.

ALSO, TRAFFIC ALONG YUEN LONG ON HING STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ON HONG ROAD AND KAU YUK ROAD.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS, LEARNER DRIVER BAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THREE ROAD SECTIONS IN MONG KOK WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 16).

THE FOLLOWING TWO SECTIONS OF SHANGHAI STREET WILL BECOME 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS: THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH SHANTUNG STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH SOY STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

IN ADDITION, RECLAMATION STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH MONG KOK ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 22 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A PEAK HOUR (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE BANNED FROM PUI TAK STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TAI PO ROAD SECTIONS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SECTIONS OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 16) FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

THE NORTHBOUND OUTERMOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) NEAR WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM JANUARY 16 TO 18 WHILE THE NORTHBOUND OUTERMOST LANE NEAR KAI LENG ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED FROM JANUARY 23 TO 25.

IN ADDITION, THE NORTHBOUND INNERMOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) NEAR WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE AND KAI LENG ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 30 AND 31 RESPECTIVELY.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN SHA TIN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 9.30 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 16) FOR TWO NIGHTS.

THEY ARE THE MERGING LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD SOUTHBOUND NEAR A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES NORTH OF SUN TIN WAI FOOTBRIDGE AND THE SLOW LANE OF SHA TIN ROAD SOUTHBOUND NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THE SLOW AND MIDDLE LANES OF TAI PO ROAD NORTHBOUND NEAR TOLO HIGHWAY IN SHA TIN WILL ALSO BE CLOSED DAILY BETWEEN 8 PM AND 8 AM THE NEXT DAY ON JANUARY 16 AND 17 FOR WEIGH BRIDGE MAINTENANCE WORKS.

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

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN TAI PO
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, THE NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROADS LINKING TAI PO TAI WO ROAD AND TOLO HIGHWAY WILL BE CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 16) FOR TWO NIGHTS.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON TAI PO TAI WO ROAD AND LAM KAM ROAD HEADING FOR FANLING MAY USE TAI WO SERVICE ROAD WEST AT HONG LOK YUEN.

AT THE SAME TIME, VEHICLES FROM THE NORTH HEADING FOR THE AT-GRADE JUNCTIONS AT HONG LOK YUEN ROAD AND LAM KAM ROAD MAY EITHER USE TAI WO SERVICE ROAD WEST IN WO HOP SHEK OR TRAVEL VIA TOLO HIGHWAY, TAI PO NORTH INTERCHANGE AND TAI PO TAI WO ROAD IN SHUI WAI.

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