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INSIGNIA FOR 75 PEOPLE
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SEVENTY-FIVE PEOPLE DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, RECEIVED THEIR INSIGNIA FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

THE RECIPIENTS WERE:

CMG (COMPANION OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF
ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE)

THE HON MICHAEL DAVID THOMAS, QC

CBE (COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, OBE, JP

THE HON CHAN NAI-KEONG, JP

MR GERALD PAUL NAZARETH, OBE, QC, JP

MR WOO HON-FAI, JP

OBE (OFFICER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

MR JOHN CHAN CHO-CHAK

MR CHEN YUAN-CHU, JP

THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG KAM-CHUEN, JP

THE HON HU FA-KUANG, JP

MR JAMES JOSEPH EDWARD MORRIN, QPM, CPM

ISO (IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER)

MISS LYDIA CHEUNG CHI-MING, JP

/MBE (MEMBER

MBE (MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

MR CHENG YANG-PING
MR CHEUNG MAN-SANG
MRS PEGGY LAM PEI YU-DJA, JP
MRS MONA LEONG WONG MAN-SUEN, JP
MR EDWIN LEUNG CHUNG-CHING
MR GEOFFREY CHARLES LYTTON
MR CHARLES STUART WILKINSON, JP

MBE (HONORARY) (MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH
EMPIRE) (HONORARY)

THE REVEREND STEPHEN BUTLER EDMONDS, M.M.

MBE (MIL) (MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)
(MILITARY)

MAJOR NICHOLAS WARD WOOLMINGTON, ED

BEM (BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL)

MRS ANGELINA HUNT
MR CHAN CHING-HIN
MISS CHAN HON-SANG
MR CHU CHUEN-HONG
MR CHU SHIU-LUN
MR LAM KWAN-WAI
MR LIU WAH-NGAH

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MR NG SHIU-LUNG
MR NG YEE-KWAN
MR TANG HON-LIT
MR TANG YUK-MING
MR WAN CHI-YEI
MR WONG KAI-TUNG
MRS WONG YEUNG FUNG-SANG
MR WU PAK-MING

BEM (MIL) (BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL) (MILITARY)

W/O 2 BIRBAHADUR MUKHIA SUNWAR
W/O 2 PETER WOODVILLE MARK WILLIAMS

ISM (IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL)

MR CHUN PAN-HWA
MR CHAN BUN
MR SO LIM
MR TANG SHIU-YING

QPM (QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL) (POLICE)

MR LI KWAN-HA, CPM

QPM (QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL) (ICAC)

MR GRAHAM EDWARD STOCKWELL

/CPM (COLONIAL)

CPM (COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL) (POLICE)

MR ROBERT ANTHONY STEELE
MR PAANG KUI-SAN
MR HUI CHIU-YIN
MR LEE KWAN-TAT
MR ALFRED HENRY MORRIS
MISS RENEE EVELYN LEE
MR TONG HUNG-TO
MR MAK WING-CHUN
MR TSANG SIU-KAN
MR CHAN KAM-SHING
MR TANG SIU-CHUNG
MR LAU CHUNG
MR LING LUNG-SHING

CPM (COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL) (FIRE SERVICES)

MR RAYMOND BRIAN JOHNSTON
MR FONG CHEUNG
MR HUNG YUK-CHEUNG
MR LUI KWONG-YEUNG

BADGE OF HONOUR

MR CHAN KIU
MR CHOW DIK-HIN
MR CHUNG KWOK-WING

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MR HO SUN-WING
MR HO YIU-WAH
MR KWAN CHING-KIT
DR LAM LIN-SEN
MR LAM TAK-ON
MR LEE KWONG
MR LEUNG CHUNG-PANG
MISS LO NGAR-YING
MR MA CHING-YUK
MR NG SUI-KAI
MR WAN HING-YUEN
MR YUEN SHU-KWAN

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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR LONDON TOMORROW
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON
TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR A SHORT VISIT.

SIR EDWARD WILL BE TRAVELLING ON FLIGHT CX 201, ETD 10.50 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN
TO COVER THE DEPARTURE. THOSE COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD
ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM BY 10 PM TOMORROW
(SATURDAY).

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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'COUNCIL MARKS MILESTONE IN CONSTITUTIONAL EVOLUTION'
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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL MARKS A MILESTONE IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL EVOLUTION OF HONG KONG WHICH WILL RESULT IN A MUCH GREATER LOCAL PARTICIPATION AND INFLUENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION MAKING PROCESS, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, THE NEWLY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR CHEUNG, WHOSE APPOINTMENT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE SAID: +THIS IS SO BECAUSE OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL AND THE BUILT-IN CONSULTATIVE PROCESS THAT WILL HAVE A DOMINANT LOCAL REPRESENTATION.+

SET UP UNDER THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE ON APRIL 1, THE COUNCIL WILL BE MADE UP OF 24 MEMBERS, NINE OF THEM ELECTED BY THE NINE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS. THE CHAIRMAN AND THE TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK WILL BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WITH THE REMAINING 12 MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

MR CHEUNG, THE FIRST TO BE APPOINTED, SAID: +SUCH A COUNCIL COMPOSITION SHOULD DISMISS ANY REMAINING DOUBTS ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO DEVOLVE MORE DISTRICT LEVEL DECISION MAKING POWERS TO THE PEOPLE THROUGH THEIR DISTRICT BOARD AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES IN THE COUNCIL.

+THIS DOMINANT LOCAL REPRESENTATION IN THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HAVE A DIRECT BENEFICIAL IMPACT ON THE LOCAL POPULACE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG SAID THAT ALL COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE, THE COUNCIL WILL ACT AS AN ADVISORY BODY TO THE GOVERNOR ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, RECREATION AND CULTURE, AND FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS. THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL IS ALSO TASKED WITH THE ROLE OF ADVISING THE GOVERNOR ON THE PLANNING AND INAUGURAL AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FULL-FLEDGED REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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+IN PRACTICAL TERMS,+ MR CHEUNG SAID, +THE CREATION OF THE COUNCIL IS ALSO INTENDED TO BETTER PLAN, COORDINATE AND IMPROVE THE EXTENSIVE RANGE OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH PREVIOUSLY WERE PROVIDED BY THREE SEPARATE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.+

THIS MUST BE WELCOMED NOT ONLY BY THE RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BUT ALSO BY INDUSTRIALISTS AND ENTREPRENEURS WHO LOOK TO THE REGION FOR ITS TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THEIR INTERESTS, SAID MR CHEUNG.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL BE INCREASED BY 12 ELECTED MEMBERS TO A TOTAL OF 36 WHEN IT BECOMES A FINANCIALLY AUTONOMOUS STATUTORY BODY ON APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR.

MR CHEUNG SAID THE WIDE-SPREAD NATURE OF THE TOWNSHIPS AND THE ON-GOING URBANISATION COULD PRESENT NEW CHALLENGES THAT WERE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE FACED IN THE URBAN AREAS.

+THE GEOGRAPHICALLY SCATTERED CONCENTRATIONS OF POPULATION MAKES IT EXTREMELY DESIRABLE THAT DECISIONS ON THE PROVISIONS OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH STRONG LOCAL AND DISTRICT LEVEL INPUTS.

+SUCH A COMPOSITION ALSO ENSURES THAT THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE FUTURE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL BENEFIT FROM A MORE CONSTITUTIONAL, ORGANISATIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL LINK WITH THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK. IT ALSO GUARANTEES THAT NO GROUP OF PEOPLE WILL BE WITHOUT A REPRESENTATIVE TO REFLECT THEIR VIEWS TO THE PROVISIONAL AND, LATER, THE FULL REGIONAL COUNCIL ON THE WIDE RANGE OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED.

+AT THIS POINT IN OUR CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT INDEED TO DEVISE A BETTER WAY THAT GIVES THE LOCAL PEOPLE A CLOSER INVOLVEMENT AND GREATER INFLUENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT,+ SAID MR CHEUNG.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL'S POLICY DECISIONS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ITS EXECUTIVE ARM -- THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE BULK OF WHOSE MANPOWER CAME FROM THE FORMER NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HE SAID.

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HONG KONG'S BUSINESS PROSPECTS STRESSED

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HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PLACE OF TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS INITIATIVES BECAUSE OF ITS UNIQUE POSITION IN THE REGION, IN PARTICULAR ITS PROXIMITY TO CHINA, AND BECAUSE OF THE AGREEMENT ON ITS FUTURE, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR YAXLEY WAS SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR AT HANOVER IN GERMANY, ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS TAKING PART IN THE FAIR, IN WHICH IT HAS A STAND.

+WE HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF DOING BUSINESS WITH CHINA, AND AS A RESULT OF OUR ACCUMULATED EXPERIENCE ARE PERFECTLY PLACED TO OFFER A UNIQUE SERVICE TO THOSE FROM ELSEWHERE, INCLUDING EUROPE WHO ARE SEEKING TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH CHINA FOR THE FIRST TIME,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT CHINA IS HONG KONG'S SECOND MOST IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNER AFTER THE U.S.A., MR YAXLEY SAID: +I BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO CHINA AND IN ITS ROLE AS A LINK BETWEEN CHINA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT SOME OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA WILL OCCUR.+

THE RECENTLY SIGNED AGREEMENT ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE SHOULD FOSTER EVEN GREATER SINO-HONG KONG TRADE BY CLARIFYING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO ECONOMIES, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANT ROLE TO BE PLAYED BY HONG KONG IN CHINA'S FOUR MODERNISATIONS POLICY, HE SAID.

MR YAXLEY SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A FUNDAMENTAL SHIFT IN THE CENTRE OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC, AND THIS HAD ALREADY BEEN RECOGNISED BY THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES ON THE PACIFIC RIM, SUCH AS AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND JAPAN.

+THE U.S. AND JAPAN, MORE THAN ANY OTHER INDUSTRIALISED NATIONS, HAVE ALSO RECOGNISED THE INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE REGION. IN ALL THIS ACTIVITY WESTERN EUROPE SADLY PLAYS A VERY SMALL PART AND IT IS PERHAPS TIME THAT MORE PEOPLE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD WOKE UP TO THE OPPORTUNITIES AND POSSIBILITIES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE,+ HE SAID.

MR YAXLEY SAID THE AGREEMENT PRESERVED THE ESSENTIALS FOR HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS AND PROVIDED FOR THE RETENTION OF THOSE FEATURES WHICH HAVE HELPED IT TO BE SO SUCCESSFUL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE DIRECTOR'S SPEECH WILL BE BOXED LATER TODAY.

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'SCORRI' REPORT WELCOMED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) WELCOMED THE REPORT FROM THE BRITISH HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S SUB-COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS AND IMMIGRATION (SCORRI).

A SPOKESMAN SAID:

+THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE REPORT AS AN INDICATION OF HMG'S CONTINUED INTEREST IN HONG KONG'S REFUGEE PROBLEM.

+WE SHALL STUDY THE REPORT CAREFULLY, CONSIDER ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH DEAL WITH HONG KONG AND PRESENT OUR VIEWS TO HMG.

+THE COMMITTEE HAS SUBMITTED ITS REPORT TO PARLIAMENT AND HMG WILL RESPOND IN DUE COURSE BY MAKING A STATEMENT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PARLIAMENT.+

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WAGE PROTECTION FUND BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

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THE HONOURABLE CHAN KAM-CHUEN, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, HAS BEEN APPOINTED THE FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND BOARD.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MR CHAN AND EIGHT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FUND BOARD IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FUND BOARD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY ORDINANCE 1985 WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EIGHT MEMBERS ON THE BOARD - FOUR UNOFFICIALS AND FOUR PUBLIC OFFICERS - ARE MR TAM YIU-CHUNG AND MR LAM WAH-HUI, REPRESENTING EMPLOYEES; MR WILLIAM TURNBULL AND MR NICHOLAS YEUNG SHU-YAN, REPRESENTING EMPLOYERS; THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, AND COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

/THE SPOKESMAN

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN HAD LONG BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY WORKERS OF COMPANIES IN RECEIVERSHIP WHICH RECOMMENDED THE SETTING UP OF A FUND TO PROVIDE QUICK RELIEF TO EMPLOYEES AFFECTED BY INSOLVENCY OF THEIR EMPLOYERS.

FOR MANY YEARS, MR CHAN HAS DEVOTED MUCH OF HIS TIME IN PUBLIC SERVICE, HE TAKES A SPECIAL INTEREST IN LABOUR AFFAIRS. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD DURING 1977 TO 1984.

OF THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, MR TAM YIU-CHUNG AND MR LAM WAH-HUI ARE BOTH WELL KNOWN AMONG EMPLOYEES IN GENERAL AND TRADE UNIONS IN PARTICULAR. BOTH HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN PROMOTING EMPLOYEES' WELFARE AND WORKERS' EDUCATION. MR TAM IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

MR WILLIAM TURNBULL, HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN HIS ADVISORY ROLE TO A NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEES. HE HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF FUNDS.

MR NICHOLAS YEUNG SHU-YAN, IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD. HE HAS SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION SINCE 1982.

THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND, ADMINISTERED BY THE FUND BOARD, IS EXPECTED TO HAVE AN ANNUAL INCOME OF \$35 MILLION FROM LEVY ON BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES.

THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO ENSURE THAT EMPLOYEES AFFECTED BY INSOLVENCY OF THEIR EMPLOYERS RECEIVE WAGES DUE TO THEM MUCH MORE QUICKLY THAN IS POSSIBLE UNDER THE EXISTING COMPLICATED INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS.

THE FUND BOARD IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE RATE OF LEVY AND CONSIDERING APPEALS IN RELATION TO APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FROM THE FUND.

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HONG KONG GETS FINNISH GSP
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MR JERMO LAINE, THE FINNISH MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, WHO IS CURRENTLY ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG, HAS REVEALED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS TO INCLUDE HONG KONG AS A BENEFICIARY OF FINLAND'S GENERALISED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP).

THE MOVE, WHICH IS SEEN AS A SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH IN BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS, WILL COME INTO FORCE WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 1, 1985. IT WILL MEAN THAT HONG KONG GOODS ARE GRANTED TOTAL EXEMPTION FROM IMPORT DUTIES AND LEVIES, UNLIMITED BY ANY TARIFF QUOTAS OR SIMILAR RESTRICTIONS.

THE DECISION TO EXTEND ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP TO HONG KONG COMES AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF RAPIDLY GROWING BILATERAL TRADE. IN 1984, TWO-WAY TRADE EXPANDED BY 60 PER CENT TO HK\$691 MILLION, WITH HONG KONG'S IMPORTS OF FINNISH PRODUCTS RISING BY 115 PER CENT TO HK\$357 MILLION, LARGELY THANKS TO A REMARKABLE 582 PER CENT INCREASE IN PURCHASES OF FURSKINS.

HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO FINLAND ALSO ROSE STRONGLY, BY 24 PER CENT TO HK\$300 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 33 PER CENT TO NEARLY HK\$34 MILLION DURING THE YEAR.

MINISTER LAINE SAID THAT THIS HIGHLY POSITIVE GROWTH IN TRADE HAD BEEN +LARGELY DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND ITS CLOSE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH FINNISH FOREIGN TRADE ASSOCIATION IN RECENT YEARS+. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROMINENT LOCAL BUSINESSMAN, MR W.H. CHOU OF WINSOR INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION, AS FINLAND'S HONORARY CONSUL IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN IMPORTANT IN STIMULATING INCREASED TRADE TIES.

MINISTER LAINE NOTED THAT THE TDC'S ACTIVITIES IN FINLAND HAD HELPED TO PROMOTE A GROWING AWARENESS OF HONG KONG BOTH AS A RELIABLE SOURCE OF A WIDE RANGE OF HIGH QUALITY PRODUCTS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, AS AN ATTRACTIVE MARKET.

THE TDC HAS BEEN PLACING GREATER PRIORITY ON DEVELOPING BILATERAL BUSINESS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS AND THE COUNCIL'S STOCKHOLM OFFICE HAS STEPPED UP ITS ACTIVITIES IN THAT MARKET.

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PREFERENCE WELCOMED
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COMMENTING ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR JERMU LAINE, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE FOR FINLAND, THAT TARIFF PREFERENCE WOULD BE EXTENDED TO HONG KONG FROM MAY 1, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO SAID:

+WE WELCOME THIS DECISION BY THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE BEEN MAKING REPRESENTATIONS IN THIS REGARD OVER THE YEARS, AND REGARD IT AS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY FOR ITS DIRECT EFFECT ON TRADE BUT AS THE ATTAINMENT OF EQUAL TREATMENT BY HONG KONG. IT WELL ENABLES US TO COMPETE ON EQUAL TERMS WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ALREADY BENEFIT FROM TARIFF PREFERENCE.+

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME ARE EXPECTED SHORTLY AND WILL THEN BE ANNOUNCED TO THE TRADE IN THE USUAL WAY BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT.

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WAGE SECURITY UNIT SET UP
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP A NEW UNIT TO DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND.

THE WAGE SECURITY UNIT HAS STARTED OPERATION AT TAI SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, A SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

UNDER THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY ORDINANCE, WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT TODAY, EMPLOYEES WHO ARE OWED WAGES AND WHOSE EMPLOYER BECOMES INSOLVENT MAY APPLY FOR PAYMENT FROM THE FUND IN RESPECT OF ANY WAGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED ON OR AFTER APRIL 1, 1985.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-276209 OR AT ANY OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

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RIGHT MOVE IN FIGHT AGAINST CHILD ABUSE
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THE GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF CHILD ABUSE WAS BROADLY IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH TODAY.

BUT THERE WAS A NEED TO IDENTIFY AND BOLSTER THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SYSTEMS WHICH EXIST, OR POTENTIALLY EXIST, AND TO MAKE BETTER USE OF SUCH FACILITIES, SHE ADDED.

MEDICAL OR LEGAL INTERVENTIONS, BY THEMSELVES, WERE UNLIKELY TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF CHILD ABUSE. AS WITH OTHER CHILD CARE SERVICES, A VARIETY OF TREATMENT AND PREVENTIVE APPROACHES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SUIT INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, STEREOTYPED PROGRAMMES SHOULD BE AVOIDED, SHE SAID.

IT WAS ALSO NECESSARY, SHE SAID, TO FACE UP TO THE FACT THAT RESOURCES WOULD PROBABLY NEVER BE AVAILABLE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO PROVIDE THE IDEAL TREATMENT FOR ALL AFFECTED FAMILIES.

IN THIS SITUATION, TREATMENT MUST HAVE SPECIFIC AND LIMITED GOALS WHICH WOULD HOPEFULLY ENABLE REUNION OF THE CHILD AND THE PARENTS WITHIN THE FAMILY HOME IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME, SHE SAID.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF CHILD ABUSE WAS AT TWO LEVELS - CRISIS INTERVENTION, DIRECTED AT INDIVIDUALS, AND PREVENTIVE INTERVENTION, AIMED AT PRESERVING FAMILY UNITY AND HARMONY.

THE MAIN THRUST OF CRISIS INTERVENTION WAS TO PUT AN IMMEDIATE STOP TO THE ABUSE AND TO SECURE THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD. CONCURRENTLY IT WAS NECESSARY TO TREAT THE ABUSIVE PARENTS, AND ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS WAS TO RELIEVE STRESS.

+HOSPITAL TREATMENT IS FREQUENTLY INDICATED FOR THE CHILD SINCE STATISTICS INDICATE THAT PHYSICAL ABUSE CONSTITUTES OVER 80 PER CENT OF ALL KNOWN ABUSE CASES,+ SHE SAID.

IF CONDITIONS IN THE HOME ARE TOLERABLE, IT IS FREQUENTLY BEST TO ALLOW THE CHILD TO REMAIN WITH THE FAMILY WHILE THE SOCIAL WORKER WORKS WITH BOTH THE CHILD AND PARENTS.

MRS CHAN SAID THAT ENFORCED SEPARATION WAS LIKELY TO INCREASE THE FEELINGS OF GUILT ON THE PART OF THE CHILD AND INTENSIFY THE ANIMOSITY THAT THE ABUSIVE PARENT FELT TOWARDS THE CHILD.

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+THUS, SEPARATION, WHETHER TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT, SHOULD BE A MEASURE OF LAST RESORT DICTATED ONLY BY THE INTERESTS OF THE CHILD,+ SHE ADDED.

REFERRING TO THE DEPARTMENT'S CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNIT, MRS CHAN SAID THAT IT SERVED AS +THE FOCAL POINT FOR HANDLING ALL GENUINE CHILD ABUSE CASES.+

THE UNIT PROVIDES PRACTICAL HELP FOR THE FAMILY, INCLUDING ARRANGING FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT, BETTER ACCOMMODATION AND DAY CARE SERVICES FOR THE CHILDREN.

PARENTS ALSO RECEIVE INTENSIVE COUNSELLING TO IMPROVE THEIR SELF IMAGE, TO ENABLE THEM TO SET REALISTIC GOALS FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND TO COPE BETTER WITH THEIR PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

IF NECESSARY, STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE EMPOWERED TO APPLY TO THE COURTS FOR A CARE AND PROTECTION ORDER SO THAT THE ABUSED CHILD CAN RECEIVE THE BEST POSSIBLE TREATMENT.

SPEAKING OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE, MRS CHAN SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE CASES, THE HOTLINE WAS ALSO INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO SEEK HELP WHEN THEY FELT THEMSELVES UNABLE TO COPE.

+UNFORTUNATELY,+ SHE SAID, +VERY FEW CALLS TO OUR HOTLINE ARE ACTUALLY MADE BY PARENTS THEMSELVES. WE HOPE THAT MORE PARENTS AT RISK WILL MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY. THEY CAN BE ASSURED OF PROMPT PROFESSIONAL HELP IN CONFIDENCE.+

TURNING TO ALTERNATIVE CARE FOR THE ABUSED CHILD, MRS CHAN SAID THERE WAS SOME EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT PROPERLY CONTROLLED AND SUPPORTED, RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT COULD BE BENEFICIAL BOTH TO THE CHILD AND TO THE ABUSIVE PARENTS.

IN THE LONGER TERM, AN ALTERNATIVE RESOURCE MIGHT BE TO EXPAND FOSTER CARE AND SMALL GROUP HOME SERVICES SO THAT ABUSED CHILDREN COULD BE PROVIDED WITH A HOME AWAY FROM HOME.

+HOWEVER,+ SHE SAID, +BOTH THESE SERVICES ARE STILL AT AN EARLY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND IT WILL TAKE TIME AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO BUILD UP A POOL OF SUITABLE FOSTER PARENTS, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY DEGREE OF SOCIAL WORK SUPPORT TO ENABLE FOSTER PARENTS, BIOLOGICAL PARENTS AND THE CHILD TO INTERACT AND TO DEVELOP A CO-OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP.+

MRS CHAN DISCLOSED THAT THE DEPARTMENT PLANNED TO OPEN A SECOND RECEPTION CENTRE FOR CHILDREN AT SHA KOK ESTATE IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

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SHE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SUFFICIENT RESOURCES COULD BE IDENTIFIED LATER IN THE YEAR TO ESTABLISH A SMALL EMERGENCY SECTION WITHIN THIS NEW HOME TO CATER FOR ABUSED CHILDREN REQUIRING TEMPORARY, AND PROBABLY INTENSIVE CARE.

ON THE PREVENTIVE FRONT, MRS CHAN REFERRED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S SOCIAL POLICIES ON CASH SUPPORT, HOUSING, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AND SAID THAT CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS IN THESE SERVICES WERE BOUND TO HAVE A BENEFICIAL EFFECT.

SHE ALSO MENTIONED FACILITIES SUCH AS CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRES, CHILD CARE SERVICES, DISTRICT AND TERRITORY-WIDE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, WOMEN'S GROUPS AND HOME HELP.

MRS CHAN SAID THAT IN 1985-86, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL REGISTRY OF ABUSED CHILDREN.

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WOULD BE CONSULTED ON THE ACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME, SHE SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE QUESTION OF MANDATORY REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE, MRS CHAN SAID THAT LEGISLATION ENACTED WITH THE BEST OF INTENTIONS SOMETIMES HAD UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES. SHE FELT THAT LEGAL INTERVENTION COULD ONLY BE JUSTIFIED IF VOLUNTARY MEANS FAILED, AND IF IT DID NOT COMPROMISE THE INTERESTS OF PARENTS AND CHILD AND THOSE PROFESSIONALS WHO HAD TO WORK TOWARDS THEIR REHABILITATION.

FURTHERMORE, SHE SAID, LEGISLATION TO BE EFFECTIVE HAD TO BE ENFORCED. +WHEREAS WE COULD COPE WITH INVESTIGATING A HUNDRED ODD REPORTS OF ALLEGED ABUSE, IT IS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE TO COPE WITH A SUDDEN DELUGE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED REPORTS,+ SHE EXPLAINED.

BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY IN DEFINING +CHILD ABUSE+, AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EXPERIENCE IN OPERATING ITS HOTLINE, IT WAS LIKELY THAT ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF REPORTS WOULD BE SUBSTANTIATED UPON INVESTIGATION.

SHE ADDED THAT IT WAS ALSO NOT EASY TO PRESCRIBE AN APPROPRIATE PENALTY THAT WOULD HAVE A SUFFICIENT DETERRENT EFFECT WITHOUT BEING TOO HARSH.

+ON BALANCE, THEREFORE, MANDATORY REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS STAGE,+ SHE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE TEXT OF MRS CHAN'S SPEECH WILL BE BOXED.

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THREE MORE BOARDS ELECT CHAIRMEN

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THREE MORE DISTRICT BOARDS ELECTED THEIR CHAIRMEN TODAY.

THE CHAIRMEN ARE MR WILLIAM WAN HON-CHEUNG OF SAI KUNG, MR LAU WONG-FAT OF TUEN MUN AND MR STEPHEN CHENG PO-HONG OF SHAM SHUI PO.

ALSO ELECTED AT THE TWO NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARDS ARE MR WAN YUET-KAU AND MR HO SUN-KUEN AS THE RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF SAI KUNG AND TUEN MUN TO THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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MORE PLANTS IN THE PIPELINE TO MAKE HK GREEN

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THE URBAN COUNCIL AIMS TO PLANT SOME 890 000 TREES, SHRUBS AND FLOWERS THROUGHOUT THE URBAN AREA THIS YEAR AS PART OF ITS CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO KEEP HONG KONG GREEN.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WHEN ADDRESSING GUESTS AT THE COUNCIL'S 18TH FLOWER SHOW WHICH WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY MRS LAWRENCE FUNG AT THE CITY HALL LOW BLOCK TODAY.

MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THAT OVER THE YEARS, THE COUNCIL HAS EXERTED EVERY EFFORT TO BEAUTIFY HONG KONG AS COULD BE SEEN SIMPLY BY TAKING A STROLL THROUGH ANY OF THE COUNCIL'S PARKS, GARDENS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

+THE FLOWER SHOW IS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT AS IT NOT ONLY MARKS A FURTHER STEP IN THE COUNCIL'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO TURN HONG KONG INTO A GREENER CITY, IT ALSO ENHANCES OUR APPRECIATION AND LOVE OF NATURAL BEAUTY AND RAISES PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO BEAUTIFY OUR ENVIRONMENT,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT LAST YEAR, THE COUNCIL PLANTED OVER 789 000 SHRUBS, TREES AND FLOWERS IN THE URBAN AREA.

+I THINK THE FIGURE IS WORTH EMPHASISING SINCE IT MEANS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION PLANTINGS. FURTHERMORE, IT REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF ALMO T GLTP VPR CENT OVER THAT OF 1978,+ HE ADDED.

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MEANWHILE, A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED WINNERS OF THE VARIOUS COMPETITIVE SECTIONS, FOR WHICH A RECORD NUMBER OF 1 423 ENTRIES WAS RECEIVED.

THE JUDGES HAD THEIR USUAL HARD TIME IN TRYING TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE SPLENDID DISPLAYS. AMONG THE JUDGES WERE SOME BLIND PEOPLE WHO WERE INVITED BY THE COUNCIL TO JUDGE THE EXHIBITS IN THE SCENTED CUT FLOWERS SECTION.

+THE ACUTE SENSE OF SMELL OF THESE PEOPLE GAVE US CONSIDERABLE HELP IN ASSESSING THE PERFUME OF RELEVANT ENTRIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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| + OVERALL BEST EXHIBIT | - DIAMOND FARM |
| + BEST CUT FLOWER | - CLOVER NUSERY |
| + BEST ROSE FOR GENTLEMEN'S
BUTTONHOLE | - HUNG CHUN YUEN FLORIST |
| + BEST IN SCENTED CUT FLOWER | - LEUNG WO-KAN |
| + BEST ORCHID | - DIAMOND FARM |
| + BEST POT PLANT | - SO SAI CHI |
| + BEST AFRICAN VIOLET | - WONG KWAN MAN-HO |
| + BEST BONSAI TYPE PLANT | - NG PANG |
| + BEST FLOWER ARRANGEMENT
(WESTERN STYLE) | - YUEN YIM-LING |
| + BEST FLOWER ARRANGEMENT
(ORIENTAL STYLE) | - CHAN WAI-KWAN |
| + BEST ROSE ARRANGEMENT | - PAUL TAM SIK-KWONG |
| + BEST FLORAL ART
BY CHILDREN | - LAM MAN-SHUEN |
| + BEST SCHOOL GARDEN PLOT | - KWONG PUI SCHOOL |
| + BEST SCHOOL CHILDREN PLOT
(FLOWER GROWING) | - FANLING PUBLIC SCHOOL |

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| + BEST USD GARDEN
(SMALL GARDEN PLOT) | - | SHA TIN FU SHAN
CC REST GARDEN |
| (LARGE GARDEN PLOT) | - | BOUNDARY STREET
INDOOR GAMES HALL |

PRIZES INCLUDING CASH, AN URBAN COUNCIL CUP AND CHALLENGE CUPS WERE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS BY MRS STEPHEN LAU AT THE MEMORIAL GARDEN, CITY HALL.

THE FLOWER SHOW WILL REMAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 6.30 P.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 5.45 P.M. ON SUNDAY (APRIL 21). ADMISSION IS \$3 FOR AN ADULT AND \$1 FOR A CHILD.

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CONTRACTORS NEEDED FOR ROAD PROJECT
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CONTRACTORS IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR INCLUSION IN A LIST OF QUALIFIED TENDERERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHING MUN SECTION OF A NEW HIGHWAY LINKING TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN.

THE DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, KNOWN AS ROUTE 5, WILL FORM PART OF THE OVERALL SCHEME TO IMPROVE ROAD NETWORKS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SHING MUN SECTION WILL CONSIST OF A PAIR OF 1 600-METRE-LONG TUNNELS UNDER NEEDLE HILL, A PAIR OF 100-METRE-LONG BRIDGES OVER THE LOWER SHING MUN RESERVOIR AND A SECOND PAIR OF TUNNELS OF ABOUT 950 METRES WHICH WILL PASS BENEATH SMUGGLERS RIDGE.

THE TWIN-TUBE TUNNELS OF ARCH SHAPE WILL BE 10.5 METRES IN DIAMETER AND WILL BE DRIVEN GENERALLY THROUGH ROCK.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO CONSIST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROADS IN BOTH TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN, AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND TOLL PLAZA AT THE TSUEN WAN END, ELECTRICITY SUBSTATIONS ALONG THE ROUTE AND ANCILLARY DRAINAGE WORKS.

LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTORS WITH RECENT SATISFACTORY PROVEN EXPERIENCE OF SIMILAR CONTRACTS CAN APPLY FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL BE CALLING FOR TENDERS FOR THIS PROJECT FROM THE LIST OF PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE MONTHS. WORK IS EXPECTED TO START AT THE BEGINNING OF 1986 AND TAKE ABOUT 43 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SEVEN CROWN LOTS FOR AUCTION

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SEVEN LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION ON MAY 20 IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 2.30 PM.

FIVE OF THE SITES ARE ON HONG KONG ISLAND WHILE THE OTHER TWO ARE IN SHA TIN.

ONE PLOT, LOCATED AT HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, IS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES (INCLUDING HOTEL).

THE DEVELOPER WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 30 900 SQUARE METRES OF THE GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE 3 429 SQUARE-METRE SITE BEFORE JULY 1, 1989.

THE NEXT TWO LOTS ARE AT MOORSOM ROAD, JARDINE'S LOOKOUT, AND SOUTH BAY ROAD IN REPULSE BAY. MEASURING ABOUT 2 243 AND 3 650 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY, BOTH ARE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE REMAINING TWO HONG KONG SITES ARE IN KENNEDY TOWN. ONE AT VICTORIA ROAD WHICH MEASURES ABOUT 500 SQUARE METRES IS FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN PURPOSES WHILE THE OTHER IS OF 680 SQUARE METRES AT SAI NING STREET IS TO BE USED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSES.

OF THE TWO PLOTS IN SHA TIN, ONE OF ABOUT 39 440 SQUARE METRES IS NEAR TO SUI WO COURT. IT IS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE.

THE OTHER SITE OF 3 371 SQUARE METRES, BEHIND CITY ONE RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX, IS RESTRICTED TO INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

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MUSICAL CAMP FOR YOUTHS

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THE 1985 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR AT PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP, SAI KUNG, FROM JULY 20 TO AUGUST 4.

THE CAMP AIMS AT DEVELOPING YOUNG PEOPLE'S MUSICAL TALENT THROUGH INTENSIVE TRAINING IN A SUMMER CAMP ATMOSPHERE.

+PROMISING YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL BE RECRUITED HERE AND FROM OVERSEAS.

+RENOWNED MUSICIANS WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO CONDUCT MASTER CLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS IN THE CAMP.

+IT WILL HELP FOSTER INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE THROUGH MUSIC,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID.

APART FROM MUSIC TRAINING, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES RANGING FROM SWIMMING, ARCHERY AND CANOEING TO CYCLING AND VOLLEYBALL WILL BE PROVIDED.

PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 24 WHO CAN PLAY A CHINESE OR WESTERN ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENT MAY APPLY TO JOIN THE CAMP'S SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OR CHINESE ORCHESTRA.

THE MUSIC OFFICE IS PLANNING AN OVERSEAS TOUR IN AUGUST, AND WILL SELECT PARTICIPANTS FROM THE CAMP'S SYMPHONY AND CHINESE ORCHESTRAS.

YOUTHS BELOW 16 YEARS OF AGE, WHO PLAY A WIND INSTRUMENT (WESTERN) MAY JOIN THE CAMP'S JUNIOR BAND.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WITH ORCHESTRAL-BAND EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE AUDITIONED AT A LATER DATE.

THE CAMP FEE FOR THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OR CHINESE ORCHESTRA MEMBER IS \$400 FOR THE WHOLE DURATION, WHILE THAT FOR THE JUNIOR BAND MEMBER IS \$200 FOR THE PERIOD EITHER FROM JULY 20 TO 27 OR FROM JULY 27 TO AUGUST 4.

FEES ARE INCLUSIVE OF TUITION FEE, BOARD AND LODGING AND ALL ACTIVITIES IN THE CAMP.

INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD APPLY NOW. FORMS, WITH FULL DETAILS, ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE MUSIC OFFICE HEADQUARTERS, 11/F, WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG BEFORE MAY 6, 1985.

FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL 5-458791.

SCHOOLS GET NEW CODE ON SALES ITEMS
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A REVISED CODE OF PRACTICE RELATING TO THE SALE OF STATIONERY, UNIFORMS AND OTHER ITEMS IN SCHOOLS HAS BEEN ISSUED TO ALL SCHOOLS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT URGED ALL SCHOOL HEADS TO COOPERATE FULLY TO ENSURE THAT THE CODE IS COMPLIED WITH.

SCHOOLS INVOLVED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN THE SALE OF ITEMS TO STUDENTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT NO PURCHASE SHOULD BE COMPULSORY, AND THAT PARENTS ARE INFORMED ACCORDINGLY, HE SAID.

+AN ADEQUATE DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEMS SHOULD BE GIVEN SO THAT PARENTS AND STUDENTS CAN EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO PURCHASE THESE ITEMS ELSEWHERE,+ HE SAID.

IF THESE ITEMS ARE MADE UP IN PACKAGES, EACH ITEM SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE SEPARATELY WITH INDIVIDUAL PRICES CLEARLY SHOWN, HE ADDED.

UNDER THE CODE, HEADS OF SCHOOLS SHOULD ISSUE LISTS OF ALL BOOKS, INCLUDING TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCE BOOKS AND WORKBOOKS, TO EXISTING STUDENTS BEFORE THE END OF ANY TERM WHEN A CHANGE IS PROPOSED, AND TO NEW STUDENTS OR THEIR PARENTS WHEN ADMISSIONS ARE AGREED, HE SAID.

SCHOOLS WHICH USE EXERCISE BOOKS PRINTED WITH THE SCHOOLS' NAMES AND CRESTS SHOULD PERMIT THEIR STUDENTS TO USE EXERCISE BOOKS OF COMPARABLE SIZE, QUALITY AND LAYOUT WHICH ARE ON SALE AT STATIONERS IF THEY ARE CHEAPER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALSO, SCHOOLS SHOULD NOT COMPEL STUDENTS TO PURCHASE THEIR UNIFORMS FROM THE SCHOOL TAILOR, AND SHOULD ENSURE THAT MATERIALS SELECTED FOR THE UNIFORMS ARE OF A TYPE, QUALITY AND COLOUR GENERALLY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE DESIGN AND MEASUREMENTS OF THE UNIFORM AND SPECIMENS OF THE MATERIALS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS WHO WISH TO MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS.

WHEREVER POSSIBLE, SCHOOL BADGES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BY PARENTS FROM A SOURCE OTHER THAN THE SCHOOL TAILOR.

WHERE SCHOOLS PROVIDE SPORTS CLOTHES, BADGES AND TIES, PRICES SHOULD BE KEPT AS LOW AS POSSIBLE, HE SAID.

OVER \$20.7M HOUSING TENDERS APPROVED

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THREE PUBLIC HOUSING TENDERS TOTALLING OVER \$20.7 MILLION HAVE JUST BEEN APPROVED FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND LANDSCAPING AT TWO RENTAL AND ONE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATES.

TWO OF THE TENDERS, VALUED AT \$19.1 MILLION, ARE FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS ON SEVEN NEW BLOCKS, TWO COMMERCIAL CENTRES, ONE COOKED-FOOD CENTRE AND ONE PRIMARY SCHOOL AT TIN PING AND LEI TUNG ESTATES UNDER THEIR SECOND PHASE.

TIN PING ESTATE, THE THIRD PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT IN FANLING/SHEK WU HUI NEW TOWN, IS BEING DEVELOPED IN TWO PHASES AND WILL HOUSE ABOUT 22 700 PEOPLE IN SIX BLOCKS ON FULL COMPLETION BY 1987.

THE REMAINING TENDER IS WORTH \$1.5 MILLION UNDER WHICH LANDSCAPE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO PROVIDE MORE GREENERY AT THE HOS CHOI PO COURT IN SHEK WU HUI.

THE TENDERS WERE APPROVED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S BUILDING COMMITTEE AT ITS LAST MEETING.

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MUSIC FUND GRANTS OFFERED

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SCHOOLS AS WELL AS MUSIC AND DANCE ORGANISATIONS CAN NOW APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND FOR THE YEAR 1985-86.

THE GRANTS ARE PRIMARILY INTENDED FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE FIELDS OF MUSIC, DANCE AND OTHER ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES.

GRANTS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN MADE TO SCHOOLS, MUSIC AND DANCE ORGANISATIONS FOR PURCHASING INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT, PAYING INSTRUCTORS' FEES FOR TRAINING, PURCHASING MUSIC BOOKS, SCORES AND TAPES, ORGANISING MUSIC EVENTS SUCH AS CONCERTS AND MUSIC CAMPS.

APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE FOR GRANTS FOR OTHER PURPOSES WHICH CONFORM WITH THE OVERALL EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF THE FUND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC FUND SAID THE MUSIC FUND HAS GRANTED ABOUT \$4.6 MILLION TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS. +IN 1984-85, MORE THAN \$540 000 WAS GRANTED TO 35 SCHOOLS, NINE MUSIC AND DANCE ORGANISATIONS AND FOUR VOLUNTARY AGENCIES,+ HE SAID.

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ALL REGISTERED NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANTS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION PAMPHLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM :

- (A) HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT, 10TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG;
- (B) MUSIC OFFICE HEADQUARTERS, 11TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; AND
- (C) ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE (FOR ADDRESSES, PLEASE CALL 5-741455, EXT. 43).

THE CLOSING DATE IS SATURDAY, MAY 4. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED BY DIALING 5-741455, EXT. 43.

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USE OF ESCALATORS DRIVE
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A CAMPAIGN URGING PEOPLE TO +STAND ON THE RIGHT+ AND TO +WALK ON THE LEFT+ WHEN USING ESCALATORS, WILL BE HELD TOMORROW.

FROM 11 AM, ABOUT 120 BOY SCOUTS, DISC JOCKEYS AND VOCALISTS WILL BE TAKING UP POSITIONS AT MTR STATIONS IN TSIM SHA TSUI, CENTRAL, SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN TO DISTRIBUTE CAMPAIGN HANDOUTS. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED WITH A PERFORMANCE OF SONGS AT CHATER GARDEN IN CENTRAL, FROM 1 PM TO 2 PM.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY RTHK AND SPONSORED BY THE BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION AND ROTARY CLUB.

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VISIT TO TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A PRESS VISIT TO THE NEW KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ON TUESDAY (APRIL 23) AFTERNOON, BEFORE IT OFFICIALLY OPENS LATER THIS YEAR.

A BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VTC, MR MORRIS MORGAN. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO FOUR CENTRES - MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY, ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, PLASTICS INDUSTRY AND PRINTING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRES WHERE COURSES HAVE ALREADY STARTED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE COMPLEX AT 46 TAI YIP STREET (OPPOSITE TO NGAU TAU KOK POLICE STATION) AT 1.45 PM SHARP. GIS AND VTC INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL ASSIST.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN SAI WAN HO

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TRAFFIC ON A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS IN SAI WAN HO WILL BE REROUTED AS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 22) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

DETAILS OF THE TRAFFIC CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * TAI FOO STREET BETWEEN WAI HANG STREET AND SAI WAN HO STREET - REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- * WAI HANG STREET BETWEEN TAI FOO STREET AND TAI CHEONG STREET - REROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.
- * TAI CHEONG STREET BETWEEN WAI HANG STREET AND SAI WAN HO STREET - REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

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CAUSEWAY BAY TAPS OFF

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 22) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD, LEE GARDEN ROAD, KAI CHIU ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD INCLUDING HOUSE NO. 482 OF HENNESSY ROAD AND HOUSE NO. 1-3 OF JARDINE'S CRESCENT.

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