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JUNE NOMINAL SALARY INDICES RELEASED

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THE OVERALL NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A), MEASURING CHANGES IN AVERAGE SALARY LEVELS FOR MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, INCREASED BY 7.7 PER CENT OVER JUNE 1986 TO 146.6 IN JUNE 1987.

THE OVERALL NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B), WHICH MEASURES THE CHANGES IN AVERAGE SALARY LEVELS ONLY FOR THOSE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES WHO REMAIN IN THE SAME JOB AND IN THE SAME COMPANY IN 1986 AND 1987 WAS 163.1 IN JUNE 1987, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 12.9 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986.

THESE WERE THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY OF SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES - EXCLUDING TOP MANAGEMENT) RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY).

THESE SALARY INDICES USED JUNE 1983 AS THE BASE PERIOD.

THE RATE OF INCREASE IN THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B) IS USUALLY HIGHER THAN IN THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) BECAUSE THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) INCLUDES THE SALARIES OF NEWLY RECRUITED OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES, WHO TEND TO BE PAID COMPARATIVELY LOWER SALARIES THAN THOSE IN THE SAME RANK.

THE DIFFERENCE RECORDED IN THIS YEAR WAS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN IN THE PAST BECAUSE A HIGHER LEVEL OF STAFF TURNOVER HAD OCCURRED IN 1987.

COMPARING JUNE 1986 WITH JUNE 1987, THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR INCREASED BY 7.4 PER CENT; FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR BY 4.6 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR BY 12.3 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR BY 2.7 PER CENT; AND FOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR BY 10.1 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR INCREASED BY 13.8 PER CENT; FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR BY 11.5 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR BY 14.6 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR BY 9.6 PER CENT; AND FOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR BY 13.7 PER CENT.

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BETWEEN JUNE 1986 AND JUNE 1987, THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR LARGE COMPANIES INCREASED BY 8.9 PER CENT AND THAT FOR MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES BY 7.4 PER CENT. AS REGARDS THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B), THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES WERE 13 PER CENT AND 12.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

DEFINITIONS OF LARGE AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES ARE SHOWN IN THE FOOTNOTE TO TABLE 1 BELOW.

THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) AND NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR JUNE 1987 FOR THE MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ANALYSED BY SIZE OF COMPANY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1 AND TABLE 2 BELOW.

MEANWHILE, THE OVERALL REAL SALARY INDEX (A) STOOD AT 115.2 IN JUNE 1987, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 1.1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986. THE OVERALL REAL SALARY INDEX (B), ON THE OTHER HAND, STOOD AT 128.2 IN JUNE 1987, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986.

COMPARING JUNE 1987 WITH JUNE 1986, THE REAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR INCREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT; FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR DECREASED BY 1.8 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR INCREASED BY 5.4 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR DECREASED BY 3.6 PER CENT; AND FOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR INCREASED BY 3.3 PER CENT.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR INCREASED BY 6.8 PER CENT; FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR BY 4.7 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR BY 7.6 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR BY 2.9 PER CENT; AND FOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR BY 6.7 PER CENT.

BETWEEN JUNE 1986 AND JUNE 1987, THE REAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR LARGE COMPANIES INCREASED BY 2.2 PER CENT AND THAT FOR MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES BY 1 PER CENT WHILE THE REAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR LARGE AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES INCREASED BY 6.1 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE REAL SALARY INDEX (A) AND REAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR JUNE 1987 FOR THE MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTOR ANALYSED BY SIZE OF COMPANY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3 AND TABLE 4 BELOW.

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AMONG THE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COVERED IN THE SURVEY, IT WAS FOUND THAT 58 PER CENT OF THEM WERE ENTITLED TO PROFIT-SHARING BONUS. MOREOVER, 32 PER CENT WERE ENTITLED TO HOUSING BENEFITS OF SOME KIND AND 69 PER CENT TO PROVIDENT-RETIREMENT FUND OR PENSION. IT WAS ALSO FOUND THAT 80 PER CENT OF THEM WERE ENTITLED TO GUARANTEED YEAR-END BONUS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING THE ANNUAL SURVEY OF SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES - EXCLUDING TOP MANAGEMENT) SINCE 1984 TO MEASURE CHANGES IN SALARY RATES FOR THE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES.

EMPLOYEES OCCUPYING TOP POSITIONS IN MANAGEMENT ARE STILL NOT INCLUDED BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING DATA FOR THEM. LOWER LEVEL EMPLOYEES ARE ALREADY COVERED IN THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEES BENEFITS AND THEREFORE ARE ALSO EXCLUDED.

IN THE SURVEY, ONLY EMPLOYEES WORKING IN COMMON OCCUPATIONS OF MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS IN THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR; BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR; WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR; TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR; AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR ARE COVERED.

BOTH LOCAL AND EXPATRIATE STAFF EMPLOYED IN LARGE AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES ARE COVERED IN THE SURVEY.

A SAMPLE OF 202 COMPANIES WAS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY. ALL THE LARGE COMPANIES IN THE ABOVE FIVE ECONOMIC SECTORS WERE ENUMERATED IN FULL WHEREAS RANDOM SAMPLES OF MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES WERE SELECTED FROM EACH ECONOMIC SECTOR.

BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY, A NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) AND A NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B) WERE COMPILED.

THESE SALARY INDICES ARE DESIGNED TO MEASURE CHANGES IN SALARY RATES BY HOLDING THE OCCUPATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES THE SAME AS THAT IN JUNE 1983, WHICH IS TAKEN AS THE BASE PERIOD OF THE INDICES.

THE SALARY INDEX (A) IS COMPILED BY CHAINING THE CHANGES IN AVERAGE SALARY LEVELS OF MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES BETWEEN JUNE 1986 AND JUNE 1987 WITH THE RELATED INDEX FOR JUNE 1986. IT IS A COMPREHENSIVE MEASURE OF CHANGES IN SALARY LEVELS AND IT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN SALARY LEVEL RESULTING FROM MOVEMENTS ACROSS COMPANIES AND IN AND OUT OF OCCUPATIONS IN ADDITION TO CHANGE IN SALARIES FOR THOSE WHO REMAIN IN THE SAME OCCUPATION AND THE SAME COMPANY IN BOTH 1986 AND 1987.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SALARY INDEX (B) MEASURES THE CHANGES IN SALARY LEVELS ONLY FOR THOSE WHO REMAIN IN THE SAME OCCUPATION AND IN THE SAME COMPANY IN BOTH YEARS. IT THEREFORE ACCOUNTS ONLY FOR CHANGES DUE TO A GENERAL INCREMENT, MERITORIOUS INCREASE AND GAIN IN SENIORITY AND SHOULD BE USEFUL TO PERSONNEL MANAGERS IN MAKING SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.

WHILE THE NOMINAL SALARY INDICES MEASURE THE CHANGES IN SALARY RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL SALARY INDICES, WHICH ARE OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL SALARY INDICES BY THE HANG SENG CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MEASURE THE CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY EARNED.

APART FROM BASIC SALARIES, THE SALARY RATE IS DEFINED TO INCLUDE ALSO COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE, GUARANTEED YEAR-END BONUS, COMMISSION AND TIPS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH MAY CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE TOTAL PAY PACKAGE OF EMPLOYEES AT THIS LEVEL SUCH AS PROFIT-SHARING BONUS AND HOUSING ALLOWANCE ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF WAGE RATE.

HOWEVER, STATISTICS ON FRINGE BENEFITS ARE SEPARATELY COMPILED. THEY ARE EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGES OF EMPLOYEES INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY ENTITLED TO THEM.

DETAILS OF THE SALARY MOVEMENT, AVERAGE SALARY RATE FOR MAJOR OCCUPATIONS AND STATISTICS ON EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENT TO VARIOUS FRINGE BENEFITS, TOGETHER WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODOLOGY, ARE PUBLISHED IN A "REPORT OF SALARY AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES - EXCLUDING TOP MANAGEMENT)".

COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT \$15 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SALARY INDICES CAN BE MADE AT THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234746 OR 5-8234747.

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/Table 1

June Indices for Managerial, Professional Employees

Table 1 : Nominal Salary Index (A) analysed by major economic sector
by size of company for June 1987

(June 1983 = 100)

Selected major economic sector	Indices *		
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies	All companies
Manufacturing/electricity, gas & steam	145.0 (+8.9)	144.3 (+7.0)	144.4 (+7.4)
Building & construction and related trades	122.3 (+6.1)	140.0 (+4.5)	137.9 (+4.6)
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	145.9 (+11.6)	161.6 (+12.4)	158.9 (+12.3)
Transport, storage and communication	140.4 (+4.8)	128.5 (+0.5)	134.4 (+2.7)
Financial institutions and insurance	153.0 (+12.3)	155.7 (+9.4)	155.1 (+10.1)
All sectors above	142.6 (+8.9)	147.7 (+7.4)	146.6 (+7.7)

* All indices are rounded to one decimal place.

Figures in brackets are percentage changes for June 1987 over June 1986 and are calculated from indices rounded to one decimal place.

Table 1 (cont'd)

Note : Large and medium-sized companies are defined as below :

Selected major economic sectors	No. of persons engaged	
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies
Manufacturing/electricity, gas & steam	≥ 2 000	200 - 1 999
Building & construction and related trades	≥ 500	50 - 499
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	≥ 500	100 - 499
Transport, storage and communication	≥ 500	100 - 499
Financial institutions and insurance (excluding holding and investment companies)	≥ 1 000	100 - 999
Holding and investment companies	≥ 500	20 - 499

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Table 2 : Nominal Salary Index (B) analysed by major economic sector
by size of company for June 1987

(June 1983 = 100)

Selected major economic sector	indices *		
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies	All companies
Manufacturing/electricity, gas & steam	162.3 (+12.9)	159.6 (+14.0)	160.2 (+13.8)
Building & construction and related trades	157.6 (+12.3)	156.8 (+11.4)	156.9 (+11.5)
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	160.8 (+12.8)	174.5 (+15.0)	172.1 (+14.6)
Transport, storage and communication	157.9 (+10.5)	148.9 (+8.6)	153.5 (+9.6)
Financial institutions and insurance	168.5 (+15.6)	171.2 (+13.0)	170.6 (+13.7)
All sectors above	161.9 (+13.0)	163.5 (+12.9)	163.1 (+12.9)

* All indices are rounded to one decimal place.

Figures in brackets are percentage changes for June 1987 over June 1986 and are calculated from indices rounded to one decimal place.

Table 3 : Real Salary Index (A) analysed by major economic sector
by size of company for June 1987

(June 1983 = 100)

Selected major economic sector	Indices *		
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies	All companies
Manufacturing/electricity, gas & steam	113.9 (+2.2)	113.4 (+0.5)	113.5 (+0.9)
Building & construction and related trades	96.1 (-0.3)	109.9 (-2.0)	108.3 (-1.8)
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	114.6 (+4.8)	127.0 (+5.5)	124.8 (+5.4)
Transport, storage and communication	110.3 (-1.6)	101.0 (-5.7)	105.6 (-3.6)
Financial institutions and insurance	120.2 (+5.4)	122.3 (+2.7)	121.8 (+3.3)
All sectors above	112.0 (+2.2)	116.1 (+1.0)	115.2 (+1.1)

* All indices are rounded to one decimal place.

Figures in brackets are percentage changes for June 1987 over June 1986 and are calculated from indices rounded to one decimal place.

Table 4 : Real Salary Index (B) analysed by major economic sector
by size of company for June 1987

(June 1983 = 100)

Selected major economic sector	Indices *		
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies	All companies
Manufacturing/electricity, gas & steam	127.5 (+6.0)	125.4 (+7.0)	125.8 (+6.8)
Building & construction and related trades	123.8 (+5.4)	123.2 (+4.7)	123.2 (+4.7)
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	126.3 (+5.9)	137.1 (+8.0)	135.2 (+7.6)
Transport, storage and communication	124.0 (+3.7)	117.0 (+1.9)	120.6 (+2.9)
Financial institutions and insurance	132.4 (+8.5)	134.5 (+6.1)	134.0 (+6.7)
All sectors above	127.2 (+6.1)	128.4 (+6.0)	128.2 (+6.0)

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Figures in brackets are percentage changes for June 1987 over June 1986 and are calculated from indices rounded to one decimal place.

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CHANGES TO CLOSED CENTRE POLICY NOT CONSIDERED

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THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR NIGEL FRENCH, TODAY (TUESDAY) CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING CHANGING ITS CLOSED CENTRE POLICY SO AS TO ALLOW REFUGEES WHO HAD BEEN STAYING IN THE CLOSED CENTRES FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE OPEN CENTRES.

MR FRENCH WAS RESPONDING TO REPORTS IN THE MEDIA YESTERDAY AND TODAY.

A RECOMMENDATION TO THIS EFFECT IS CONTAINED IN THE OXFAM REPORT "VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG: THE WAY AHEAD" PUBLISHED ON DECEMBER 22.

"THIS REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT AND IS BEING CONSIDERED AS A WHOLE, BUT THE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION ON RELAXATION OF THE CLOSED CENTRE POLICY IS UNACCEPTABLE," MR FRENCH SAID.

THE CLOSED CENTRES WERE INTRODUCED IN JULY 1982 AS A HUMANE APPROACH TO DETER MORE REFUGEES FROM COMING TO HONG KONG IN VIEW OF CONTINUING ARRIVALS AND DIMINISHING RESETTLEMENT PROSPECTS.

"THE SITUATION HAS REGRETTABLY NOT CHANGED MATERIALLY SINCE THEN AND THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CLOSED CAMP POLICY IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY AS A DETERRENT TO MORE ARRIVALS," MR FRENCH ADDED.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 9,529 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG, 6,565 OF WHOM ARE IN THE CLOSED CENTRES. THIS POPULATION FIGURE IS 18 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT OF 8,039 AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

"BECAUSE OF THIS INCREASE IN THE REFUGEE POPULATION, IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO START SEARCHING FOR POSSIBLE SITES FOR A FOURTH CLOSED CENTRE IN ORDER TO RELIEVE THE OVERCROWDING IN THE CLOSED CENTRES," MR FRENCH SAID.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO LOOKING FOR A SITE TO RELOCATE THE OPEN CENTRE AT KAI TAK WHICH IS REQUIRED TO BE SURRENDERED IN EARLY 1989 TO MAKE WAY FOR WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL PROJECT."

"THIS NEW CAMP SITE IS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE OPEN CENTRE REFUGEES FROM KAI TAK," HE ADDED.

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TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT AT LION ROCK TUNNEL FROM MONDAY
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THE TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL SUCCESSFULLY TESTED ON DECEMBER 17 AND 18 WILL BE GIVEN AN EXTENDED TRIAL FOR TWO WEEKS FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 4).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT WILL BEGIN AT 6 AM AND WILL END AT ABOUT 7.30 AM TO 7.45 AM, DEPENDING ON THE TRAFFIC SITUATION AT THE KOWLOON ENTRANCE TO THE TUNNEL.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN JANUARY 4 AND 15, EXCEPT ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT, ONE OF THE TWO LANES IN THE NORTHBOUND TUBE OF THE TUNNEL WILL BE CONVERTED FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC, GIVING A TOTAL OF THREE LANES FOR VEHICLES TRAVELLING TO KOWLOON.

HOWEVER, AFTER LEAVING THE KOWLOON EXIT, VEHICLES USING THE ADDITIONAL "TIDAL" LANE CAN ONLY PROCEED STRAIGHT TO WATERLOO ROAD AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT ON TO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

"MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC DIRECTIONAL SIGNS AND DRIVE WITH CARE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, MOTORISTS AT THE SHA TIN ENTRANCE HEADING FOR THE FAST LANE OF THE TUNNEL FROM NEXT MONDAY SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR A NEWLY ERECTED TRAFFIC LIGHT AFTER PASSING THE TOLL BOOTHS.

"THE NEW TRAFFIC LIGHT WILL BE ERECTED AT ABOUT 80 METRES BEYOND THE TOLL BOOTHS. IT IS USED TO REGULATE THE MERGING OF VEHICLES ON TO THE FAST LANE TO SEE IF THE TUNNEL'S THROUGHPUT CAPACITY CAN BE INCREASED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AN ASSESSMENT ON THE TWO-WEEK TRIAL WILL BE MADE BY THE CONSULTANT AND THE DEPARTMENT TO DECIDE WHETHER SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ON A LONG-TERM BASIS.

THE TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT WAS CONDUCTED IN THE EARLY MORNINGS OF DECEMBER 17 AND 18. ON THOSE TWO DAYS, A REDUCTION IN QUEUE LENGTH AND A POSTPONEMENT IN THE FORMATION OF TRAFFIC QUEUES ON THE SOUTHBOUND APPROACH ROADS TO THE TUNNEL WERE OBSERVED.

ON THE FIRST DAY, SOME 410 MORE SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES TRAVELLED THROUGH THE TUNNEL BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7.20 AM, AND ON THE SECOND DAY, AN ADDITIONAL 640 VEHICLES PASSED THROUGH THE TUNNEL SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7.30 AM.

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING TEAM (IBMCT) OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE MANAGEMENT CONCEPT AMONG OWNERS OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE COMPRISING MEMBERS OF THE IBMCT, THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF RELATED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAS BEEN FORMED TO ORGANISE THE PROGRAMMES.

SPEAKING AT TOMORROW'S PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN KWOK-WAH; ASSISTANT DIVISION OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR TSUI KWOK-KEI; ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MS BETTY CHEUNG; AND HOUSING MANAGER, MR LEE KANG-SUM.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSTITUTE OF HOUSING (HONG KONG BRANCH), THE CO-ORGANISER OF THE PROGRAMMES, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

THE IBMCT, SET UP IN AUGUST LAST YEAR, IS THE FIRST GOVERNMENT ATTEMPT TO ASSIST OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS OF MULTI-STORY INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR BUILDINGS AND TO GIVE PROFESSIONAL ADVICE TO HELP OWNERS OF FACTORIES SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO BE HELD AT 11.30 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), KWAI CHUNG.

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BANNER PRESENTATION TO LAUNCH KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN

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EIGHT TEAMS OF JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WILL ATTEND A BANNER PRESENTATION CEREMONY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO LAUNCH THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

THE CEREMONY, CO-ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SECTION, WILL BE HELD AT CHEUNG CHAU POLICE STATION AT 10 AM.

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ISLANDS DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR MIKE HARRIS; CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR FUNG PAK-TAI; AND ISLANDS DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR YIU KAI-HANG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BANNER PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD AT CHEUNG CHAU POLICE STATION TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 10 AM.

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EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION

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A "NEW CITIZENS OF THE GREAT TIMES" EXHIBITION ELABORATING ON FOUR IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION, WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN FROM DECEMBER 31 TO JANUARY 2 (THURSDAY TO SATURDAY).

THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE "JOINT CONFERENCE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION" AND FINANCED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION (CPCE).

THE FOUR ASPECTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION COVERED ARE TRACING ONE'S ROOTS, LAYING THE FOUNDATION, MANAGING PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND PROMOTING CIVIC-MINDEDNESS.

EXHIBITION MATERIALS WILL INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF LAMINATED DISPLAY PANELS, INFORMATION BROCHURES, SLIDES, VIDEO TAPE AND ABOUT 200 PICTURE CARDS.

THESE MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON LOAN TO COMMUNITY GROUPS AND SCHOOLS FOR STAGING THEIR OWN EXHIBITIONS. THE ORGANISER HAS ALSO PREPARED A SET OF QUESTIONS TO GO WITH THE SLIDE AND VIDEO PRESENTATIONS TO FACILITATE IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 2. CPCE CHAIRMAN, MRS RITA FAN, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUEST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE "NEW CITIZENS OF THE GREAT TIMES" EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT 3 PM ON JANUARY 2 (SATURDAY) AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN.

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LAND TO BE RESUMED FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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SEVENTEEN PRIVATE LOTS INVOLVING 17,956.8 SQUARE METRES OF LAND ON CHEUNG CHAU AND IN TUEN MUN ARE TO BE RESUMED TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

TWO OF THE LOTS, COMPRISING 4,108.5 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 40.5 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND, ARE AT KWUN YAM WAN, CHEUNG CHAU.

THEY WILL BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTING AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FROM NEW DEVELOPMENTS NOW TAKING SHAPE ON THE ISLAND.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 24 MONTHS.

THE REMAINING 15 LOTS WITH A TOTAL OF ABOUT 13,807.8 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND ARE NEAR SHAN KING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN.

THE LAND WILL BE REQUIRED FOR BUILDING A THREE-HECTARE BOTANICAL GARDEN FOR RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN THE AREA.

THE GARDEN WILL TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

RESUMPTION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT NEXT MARCH TO ALLOW COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICE

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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 1) WHICH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

THE EIGHT CLINICS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM.

THEY ARE THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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