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TALKS IN PEKING ARE WORKMANLIKE AND DOWN TO EARTH: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING DESCRIBED THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS HE HAD IN PEKING WITH CHINESE LEADERS AS WORKMANLIKE AND DOWN TO EARTH.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT AFTER HIS THREE-DAY VISIT TO PEKING, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH SIDES TO PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS AND THEIR CONCERNS CLEARLY AND IN A SENSIBLE WAY.

"WE COVERED A RANGE OF ISSUES AFFECTING HONG KONG AND HONG KONG-CHINA RELATIONS," HE SAID.

"AMONGST THOSE WERE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS HERE, ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA, INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG, BY THAT I MEAN THE BIG PLANS WE'VE GOT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AIRPORT AND THE PORT," HE ADDED.

"WE TALKED ABOUT THE BASIC LAW AND WE TALKED ABOUT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG, AND THAT GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT ACROSS THE VIEWS AND THE CONCERNS OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ON ALL THOSE ISSUES," SIR DAVID SAID.

"I CAN'T SAY THAT WE HAVE SOLVED ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT FACE US, BUT IT HAS BEEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO RE-ESTABLISH A SENSIBLE DIALOUGE WITH PEOPLE IN PEKING WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH HONG KONG AFFAIRS.

"AND THAT, I THINK, HAS BEEN HELPFUL AND WILL, I HOPE, BE HELPFUL ALSO IN THE FUTURE," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR HAD TALKS AND MEETINGS WITH CHINESE PRIME MINISTER, MR LI PENG; THE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR ZHOU NAN; THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE, MR JI PENGFEI; AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTORS, MR LI HOU AND MR LU PING.

SIR DAVID SAID THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENT OF THE VISIT WAS THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF A DIALOUGE WITH CHINESE LEADERS.

"WE'VE HAD A LONGISH PERIOD OF TIME WHEN THERE HASN'T BEEN MUCH STRAIGHTFORWARD DIALOUGE BETWEEN OURSELVES AND CHINESE LEADERS.

"WE'VE GOT A LOT OF CONCERNS HERE AND PROBLEMS HERE. TO BE ABLE TO RE-ESTABLISH THAT DIALOUGE, TALK ABOUT PROBLEMS IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY, THAT, I THINK, IS THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENT OF THE VISIT," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, SIR DAVID SAID HE TALKED TO THE CHINESE LEADERS ABOUT ALL THE RANGE OF OPINIONS IN HONG KONG. "THE OMELCO CONSENSUS IS PART OF THAT, THE FOUR-FOUR-TWO PROPOSAL IS PART OF THAT. I WAS PUTTING ACROSS TO THEM THE RANGE OF THE VIEWS THERE ARE IN HONG KONG ABOUT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT," HE ADDED.

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THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT ONE POINT HE WAS TRYING TO GET ACROSS IN HIS TALKS WITH CHINESE LEADERS WAS THE IMPORTANCE OF PROSPERITY, NOT JUST TO HONG KONG BUT THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT PROSPERITY MADE TO CHINA.

"THAT WAS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I DISCUSSED WITH PRIME MINISTER, MR LI PENG, AND HE WAS VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE ROLE THAT HONG KONG PLAYS IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA AND VICE VERSA OF COURSE, BECAUSE IT ALWAYS WORKS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS," HE SAID.

"I WAS ALSO TALKING ABOUT THE QUESTION OF DEMOCRACY AND POLITICAL STABILITY IN HONG KONG.

"THAT MEANS EVOLVING THE POLITICAL SYSTEM IN A WAY THAT CREATES STABILITY AND CREATES A SOCIETY WHERE PEOPLE BELIEVE THEY HAVE A CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO THE PROGRESS OF THAT SOCIETY," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

HE SAID MR LI WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP OF THE ECONOMY BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA AND CLEARLY THOUGHT THAT THIS WAS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CHINA AS WELL AS HONG KONG.

IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION, SIR DAVID SAID NOBODY SUGGESTED TO HIM IN HIS TALKS THAT DEMONSTRATIONS IN HONG KONG SHOULD BE PUT TO AN END.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO SAID THAT THE CHINESE SIDE TOUCHED VERY BRIEFLY ON THE QUESTION WHICH THEY HAD SPOKEN ABOUT A GOOD DEAL RECENTLY IN PUBLIC, AND THAT WAS THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG AS A BASE FOR SUBVERSION AGAINST CHINA.

"I SAID TO THEM TWO THINGS. ONE IS WE HAVE NO WISH THAT HONG KONG SHOULD BE A BASE FOR SUBVERSION AGAINST CHINA. SECONDLY WE ATTACH A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANCE TO THE FREEDOMS OF PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO OPERATE UNDER THE LAW AND WE ARE DETERMINED THAT THOSE FREEDOMS SHOULD CONTINUE," HE SAID.

"THERE WAS NO CHALLENGE TO THAT VIEW," SIR DAVID ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON WERE MET ON THEIR ARRIVAL BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN NOVEMBER 1989, AT \$95,802 MILLION, SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN NOVEMBER 1989 RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT TO \$19,412 MILLION IN NOVEMBER 1989. HOWEVER, RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 8 PER CENT TO \$30,046 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1989 TO \$49,458 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 4 PER CENT OVER NOVEMBER 1988.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT TO \$46,344 MILLION.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1989, AT \$1,036,345 MILLION, INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988. OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT TO \$204,189 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 28 PER CENT TO \$316,819 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT TO \$521,008 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT TO \$515,337 MILLION.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1989 WITH NOVEMBER 1988, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS DECREASED, PARTICULARLY THOSE TO AUSTRALIA (-17 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (-15 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (-11 PER CENT) AND CANADA (-9 PER CENT). THOSE TO THE USA, CHINA AND JAPAN DECLINED BY 4 PER CENT, 2 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, A SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED FOR VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TAIWAN, BY 35 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, JAPAN, THE UNITED KINGDOM, SWITZERLAND AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECREASED BY 31 PER CENT, 23 PER CENT, 15 PER CENT, 9 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE, CHINA, THE USA, TAIWAN AND ITALY INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT, 11 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT, 1 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CANADA, THE USA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, SINGAPORE AND JAPAN INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS IN NOVEMBER 1989 OVER NOVEMBER 1988, BY 42 PER CENT, 32 PER CENT, 28 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT, 19 PER CENT AND 17 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA DECREASED BY 19 PER CENT.

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, THE MARKETS WITH SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED TAIWAN (+27 PER CENT), JAPAN (+16 PER CENT), CHINA (+15 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+12 PER CENT). HOWEVER, THOSE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT, 4 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE USA SHOWED NO CHANGE.

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IMPORTS IN JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1989 FROM MOST MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH THOSE IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM CHINA (+28 PER CENT), ITALY (+26 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+22 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+19 PER CENT) AND THE USA (+13 PER CENT). IMPORTS FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, SWITZERLAND AND JAPAN ALSO INCREASED, BY 6 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE USA, CANADA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS, BY 54 PER CENT, 48 PER CENT, 46 PER CENT, 41 PER CENT, 34 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED FOR VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE, TAIWAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND CHINA, BY 27 PER CENT, 19 PER CENT, 14 PER CENT AND 12 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN NOVEMBER 1989 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, INCREASES IN VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$4,782 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,521 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$1,245 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT) AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$986 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$1,654 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$997 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT).

TABLE 2 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS. THE MORE NOTABLE ONES WERE CLOTHING (BY \$11,772 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$9,499 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$8,255 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$7,118 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$2,093 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT) AND ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$1,307 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, NOTABLE INCREASES IN VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$13,135 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$11,905 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$7,943 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$7,517 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$1,225 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT) AND ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$480 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS. THE NOVEMBER 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE ON SALE AROUND JANUARY 15, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1989 WILL BE AVAILABLE AROUND JANUARY 20 AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. 8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	NOV	NOV 89	JAN-NOV	JAN-NOV
	1989	OVER	1989	88
	(HKD MN.)	(%)	(HKD MN.)	(%)
USA	6,372	- 4	65,947	*
			/CHINA	3,757

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CHINA	3,757	- 2	39,723	+ 15
FR OF GERMANY	1,299	*	13,933	- 3
UK	1,219	- 15	13,233	- 5
JAPAN	1,120	- 2	11,970	+ 16
CANADA	435	- 9	5,745	+ 7
SINGAPORE	527	- 1	5,326	+ 12
NETHERLANDS	379	- 11	4,209	- 4
TAIWAN	443	+ 35	3,996	+ 27
AUSTRALIA	363	- 17	3,844	+ 2

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5 %.

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	NOV 1989 (HKD MN.)	NOV 89 OVER NOV 88 (%)	JAN-NOV 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-NOV 89 OVER JAN-NOV 88 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	6,199	+ 7	64,423	+ 8
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,330	- 16	25,918	- 6
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,723	- 14	17,899	+ 2
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,523	- 3	16,471	+ 3
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,553	*	15,317	+ 9

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1,381 - 19 14,810 - 6

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5 %.

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	NOV 1989 (HKD MN.)	NOV 89 OVER NOV 88 (%)	JAN-NOV 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-NOV 89 OVER JAN-NOV 88 (%)
CHINA	17,375	+ 11	178,710	+ 28
JAPAN	6,852	- 23	85,755	+ 3
TAIWAN	4,468	+ 1	47,285	+ 19
USA	3,782	+ 6	42,639	+ 13
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,834	- 31	23,505	*
SINGAPORE	1,901	+ 13	20,429	+ 22
FR OF GERMANY	1,149	- 5	12,525	+ 6
UK	1,057	- 15	11,953	+ 2
ITALY	779	+ 1	9,220	+ 26
SWITZERLAND	825	- 9	8,727	+ 5

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%.

TABLE 4: IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	NOV 1989 (HKD MN.)	NOV 89 OVER NOV 88 (%)	JAN-NOV 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-NOV 89 OVER JAN-NOV 88 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6,145	*	66,187	+ 17

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ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	4,618	- 10	52,288	+ 10
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,016	+ 25	40,435	+ 41
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,615	+ 3	36,373	+ 24
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,260	+ 17	34,360	+ 32
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,432	- 5	26,860	+ 10

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%.

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	NOV 1989 (HKD MN.)	NOV 89 OVER NOV 88 (%)	JAN-NOV 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-NOV 89 OVER JAN-NOV 88 (%)
CHINA	8,263	- 19	94,938	+ 12
USA	6,353	+ 28	65,990	+ 48
JAPAN	1,965	+ 17	20,531	+ 30
TAIWAN	1,423	+ 10	14,994	+ 19
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,128	+ 13	12,260	+ 14
FR OF GERMANY	1,206	+ 42	11,766	+ 54
SINGAPORE	997	+ 19	9,981	+ 27
UK	718	+ 20	8,180	+ 41

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AUSTRALIA	511	*	5,299	+ 34
CANADA	454	+ 32	4,935	+ 46

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%.

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	NOV 1989 (HKD MN.)	NOV 89 OVER NOV 88 (%)	JAN-NOV 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-NOV 89 OVER JAN-NOV 88 (%)
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,743	+ 37	38,983	+ 51
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,637	+ 3	38,968	+ 26
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,270	+ 40	34,070	+ 54
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,782	- 3	30,605	+ 19
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,708	+ 17	25,078	+ 43
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,233	+ 9	12,169	+ 29

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF QUARTERLY SURVEY
OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS, PURCHASES
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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989, ESTIMATED AT \$8,061 MILLION, WAS 16 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1988, WHILE THE VOLUME REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989 WAS \$3,308 MILLION, WHICH WAS 10 PER CENT HIGHER IN VALUE TERMS THAN IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988.

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE (28 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988.

THESE WERE FOLLOWED BY NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (19 PER CENT), CHINESE RESTAURANTS (15 PER CENT), "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" - COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND OTHER OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY ETC. - (14 PER CENT) AND BARS (5 PER CENT).

IN VOLUME TERMS, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THOSE FOR CHINESE RESTAURANTS REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED, WHILE THOSE FOR BARS AND "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME; AND THE TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS ROSE BY 14 PER CENT.

IN VALUE TERMS, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" GREW BY 25 PER CENT, 17 PER CENT, 16 PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE FOR BARS RECORDED ALMOST NO CHANGE.

IN VOLUME TERMS, INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR FAST FOOD SHOPS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS. AT 10 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. WHILE DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR CHINESE RESTAURANTS, "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" AND BARS, AT 1 PER CENT, 2 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989 WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER - AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS - TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THE VALUE OF PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS ROSE BY 9 PER CENT.

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IN VALUE TERMS, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, BARS, CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" ROSE BY 14 PER CENT, 13 PER CENT, 11 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES WERE 10 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR THE TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT FOR THE SECOND AND THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

ALSO TABULATED ARE COMPARISONS OF THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 AND FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988. COMPARISONS OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 5565240).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

		2nd qtr. 1989 (Revised figures)	3rd qtr. 1989 (Provisional figures)
Total restaurant receipts	(in HK\$ million)	7 276	8 061
Total purchases by restaurants	(in HK\$ million)	3 025	3 308

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 2ND QUARTER 1989 AND 3RD QUARTER 1989

(Quarterly average of October 84 - September 85 = 100)

Type of restaurant	Index of total restaurant receipts	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	3rd qtr. 1989 compared with 2nd qtr. 1989		3rd qtr. 1989 compared with 3rd qtr. 1988		1st-3rd qtr. 1989 compared with 1st-3rd qtr. 1988	
		1989	1989	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
Chinese restaurants	Value	151	166	15	10	21	15	22	16
	Volume	110	115	5	5	-3	†	-1	-1
Non-Chinese restaurants	Value	162	183	21	13	29	19	24	17
	Volume	118	130	12	10	5	4	3	3
Fast food shops	Value	208	237	29	14	52	28	42	25
	Volume	163	179	16	10	17	10	15	10
Bars	Value	123	136	14	11	6	5	1	†
	Volume	103	110	8	8	-2	-1	-4	-4
Other eating and drinking places	Value	161	168	7	4	20	14	19	14
	Volume	119	121	2	2	-6	-5	-3	-2
Entire restaurant sector	Value	157	174	17	11	25	16	23	17
	Volume	115	123	7	6	†	†	1	1

Notes: 1. Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.
2. † denotes a figure within ±0.5.

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LAND OFFICE FIGURES FOR 1989 RELEASED

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REPORTING ON LAND OFFICE FIGURES FOR 1989, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OF FLATS REGISTERED FOR THE AREAS OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON WAS 61,365, A DECREASE OF 7.7 PER CENT FROM THE FIGURE FOR 1988.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IN THESE AGREEMENTS, HOWEVER, INCREASED BY 12.1 PER CENT FROM \$79.986 BILLION IN 1988 TO \$89.7 BILLION IN 1989.

DURING 1989, 87,676 ASSIGNMENTS OF FLATS WERE REGISTERED IN THE URBAN AREA, COMPARED WITH 90,486 IN 1988.

OF THESE, A TOTAL OF 10,709 ASSIGNMENTS WERE COMPLETED BY HIS DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, COMPARED WITH 4,418 IN 1988.

THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IN ASSIGNMENTS OF FLATS INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT FROM \$79.096 BILLION TO \$98.842 BILLION.

THERE WERE 760 ASSIGNMENTS OF LOTS AND SECTIONS, 23.4 PER CENT LESS THAN IN 1988. THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IN ASSIGNMENTS OF LOTS AND SECTIONS WAS LOWER DURING 1989, BEING DOWN BY 3.8 PER CENT FROM \$32.411 BILLION IN 1988 TO \$31.176 BILLION.

SIXTY BUILDING MORTGAGES AND 90,822 OTHER MORTGAGES FOR THE URBAN AREA WERE REGISTERED, COMPARED WITH 55 AND 97,423 RESPECTIVELY IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER BUILDING MORTGAGES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR ROSE BY 226.2 PER CENT, FROM \$0.783 BILLION TO \$2.555 BILLION.

THE AMOUNT SECURED UNDER MORTGAGES OTHER THAN BUILDING MORTGAGES DROPPED BY 19.5 PER CENT, FROM \$74.034 BILLION TO \$59.597 BILLION.

REPAYMENTS UNDER MORTGAGES OF ALL KINDS IN THE URBAN AREA, AS EVIDENCED BY DISCHARGES AND MORTGAGEES' RECEIPTS, ROSE BY 22.2 PER CENT, FROM \$28.656 BILLION IN 1988 TO \$35.03 BILLION IN 1989.

SEARCHES IN THE HONG KONG LAND OFFICE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DECREASED BY 6.1 PER CENT TO 1,565,167.

THERE WERE 2,095 SURRENDERS AND RESUMPTIONS OF LAND WITH A TOTAL COMPENSATION OF \$1.567 BILLION PAID IN BOTH THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, COMPARED WITH 1,309 AND \$0.714 BILLION IN 1988.

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DURING 1989, THE SEVEN NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT LAND REGISTRIES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT REGISTERED A TOTAL OF 238,022 INSTRUMENTS, AGAIN AN ALL-TIME HIGH.

THESE INCLUDED 43,668 SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OF FLATS, 58,293 ASSIGNMENTS OF FLATS, 4,735 ASSIGNMENTS OF LOTS AND SECTIONS, 45 BUILDING MORTGAGES, 63,334 OTHER MORTGAGES AND 37,664 MORTGAGEES' RECEIPTS, REASSIGNMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF SATISFACTION WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF CONSIDERATION OF \$32.337 BILLION, \$33.058 BILLION, \$14.127 BILLION, \$1.1 BILLION, \$15.146 BILLION AND \$9.347 BILLION RESPECTIVELY.

COMMENTING ON THE OVERALL FIGURES, MR GLEESON SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THEY WERE DOWN BY ABOUT 20 PER CENT DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST, THEY REFLECTED A CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN THE PROPERTY MARKET GENERALLY DURING THE YEAR AND ALSO THE CONTINUING URBANISATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE TERRITORY NOW STOOD AT 1,213,000, AN INCREASE OF 96,791 OR 8.7 PER CENT OVER THE FIGURE AT THE END OF 1988 WHICH ITSELF WAS AN INCREASE OF 9.0 PER CENT OVER 1987.

A TOTAL OF 1,380 GOVERNMENT LAND TRANSACTIONS WERE CONCLUDED IN 1989 IN BOTH THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES COMPARED WITH 1,125 IN 1988. AMONG THE MORE SIGNIFICANT OF THESE TRANSACTIONS WERE THE FOLLOWING:

- * THE GRANT ON JANUARY 24 OF A 47,000-SQUARE METRE SITE (NEW KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 6046) AT LEI YUE MUN ROAD, LAM TIN TO NEW HONG KONG TUNNEL COMPANY LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$750,000,000 FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN AND HOTEL) PURPOSES.
- * THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON JANUARY 25 OF A 7,230-SQUARE METRE SITE (INLAND LOT NO. 8643) AT HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI TO CHEER CITY PROPERTIES LIMITED AND PROTASAN LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$3,350,000,000 FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (INCLUDING HOTEL AND/OR SERVICE APARTMENTS BUT EXCLUDING GODOWN AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL) PURPOSES.
- * THE GRANT ON FEBRUARY 13 OF A 58.7-HECTARE SITE (LOT NO. 846 IN DD227) AT TAI PO TSAI, SAI KUNG TO THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PURPOSES OF A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY AND OTHER ANCILLARY PURPOSES.
- * THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON MARCH 28 OF A 2.215-HECTARE SITE (TAI PO TOWN LOT NO. 66) AT AREA 22, TAI PO, TO ALWAYS SUCCESS DEVELOPMENT LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$700,000,000 FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

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- * THE SALE BY CASH TENDER ON AUGUST 3 OF A 8,546-SQUARE METRE SITE (INLAND LOT NO. 8888) AT GARDEN ROAD TO SHINE HILL DEVELOPMENT LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$2,700,000,000 FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN AND RESIDENTIAL BUT INCLUDING HOTEL AND SERVICE APARTMENTS) PURPOSES AND A PUBLIC CARPARK.
- * THE AWARD OF A CASH TENDER ON DECEMBER 21 OF A 11,220-SQUARE METRE SITE (RURAL BUILDING LOT NO. 3) AT PEAK ROAD, HONG KONG TO STOOKET LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$328,000,000 FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.
- * THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON DECEMBER 28 OF A 27,300-SQUARE METRE SITE (NEW KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 5983) AT TAT CHEE AVENUE, YAU YAT TSUEN TO GRANNIS LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$1,065,000,000 FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

OF THE EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT LAND REGISTRIES, SEVEN HAVE NOW BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT AND, WITH INCREASES OF STAFF AND BETTER ACCOMMODATION, HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE OVER THE REMAINING ONE, AT NORTH DISTRICT, THIS YEAR.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION NOMINATIONS INVITED

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A REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED TO FILL THE VACANCY ARISING FROM THE DEATH OF MR KWONG PING-YAU OF THE ISLANDS CONSTITUENCY.

THE VACANCY IS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT TERM ENDING MAY 31, 1991.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE CALLED FOR NEXT FRIDAY (JANUARY 19) BY NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE OBTAINABLE FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 15) AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, HARBOUR BUILDING, 20TH FLOOR, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, AND AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

INTENDING CANDIDATES MUST BE REGISTERED ELECTORS ON THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL AND HAVE BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR THE 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING NOMINATION.

A CANDIDATE CAN BE A RESIDENT ANYWHERE IN HONG KONG, BUT HIS NOMINATION MAY ONLY BE MADE BY REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

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EACH NOMINATION REQUIRES 10 SUBSCRIBERS AND EACH SUBSCRIBER MAY GIVE SUPPORT TO ONE CANDIDATE ONLY.

THE ISLANDS CONSTITUENCY OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL COVERS THE ENTIRE ISLANDS DISTRICT AND HAS A REGISTERED ELECTORATE OF 21,764.

NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE ON FEBRUARY. UNLESS THERE IS ONLY ONE VALID NOMINATION, A BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 22.

ENQUIRY MAY BE MADE WITH THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE (8524334) OR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION (8934796).

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FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES FORMED TO EXAMINE SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES

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THE WORKING PARTY ON SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES, AT ITS MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY), SET UP FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE SPECIFIC AREAS OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES.

THE FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES COVER THE SERVICE PROGRAMMES OF FAMILY SERVICES (INCLUDING CHILD CARE), SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES, SOCIAL SECURITY AND SUPPORT SERVICES.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT DEALING WITH THE SAME SERVICE PROGRAMME WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RESPECTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES ARE BEING NOMINATED AND WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE WORKING PARTY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED SEPARATELY. THEY ARE ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THEIR SPECIFIC AREAS OF WORK, AND ARE MAINLY FROM THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

THE WORKING PARTY IS CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG.

AT TODAY'S MEETING, MRS WONG REITERATED THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PREPARATION OF A NEW SOCIAL WELFARE WHITE PAPER SETTING OUT PROPOSALS FOR THE WAY AHEAD AND, ON THE ADVICE OF THE WORKING PARTY, CLARIFIED TWO POINTS:

- * MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON SPECIFIC AREAS OF SOCIAL SERVICES WHICH THEY FEEL ARE INADEQUATE OR INVALID AND TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW THEY FEEL THESE SERVICES CAN BE IMPROVED. THESE INCLUDE CHILD CARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES, SOCIAL SECURITY AND SUPPORT SERVICES; AND

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* THE WORKING PARTY STRESSED THAT THE CONSULTATION IS A CONTINUOUS EXERCISE AND THAT AFTER EACH WORKING PARTY MEETING, THERE WILL BE FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERACTION AND CONSULTATION BEFORE THE FINALISATION OF A DRAFT WHITE PAPER.

MRS WONG WAS PLEASED WITH THE FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND THE SUPPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY, WHO ARE ALL EXPERTS IN THEIR OWN FIELDS. SHE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER WOULD BE A SUCCESS.

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GOVT LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING FOR SALE BY TENDER A PIECE OF GOVERNMENT LAND AT MEI WO CIRCUIT, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES.

MEASURING ABOUT 949 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, THE SITE IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AND SHALL BE OCCUPIED BY ONE FAMILY. THE DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES ONE FAMILY SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING UPON THE PURCHASER.

THE BUILDING COVENANT OF THE LOT STIPULATES THAT A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 228 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1993.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

TENDER DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON FEBRUARY 9 THIS YEAR.

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TRADITIONAL VILLAGE DINNER TO END SHA TIN FESTIVAL

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A TRADITIONAL CHINESE VILLAGE DINNER WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14) EVENING IN THE CARITAS HALL, TAI WAI, SHA TIN TO CONCLUDE THE MONTH-LONG SHA TIN FESTIVAL.

THE TRADITIONAL CUISINE, CONSISTING OF CANTONESE FOOD SERVED IN "WASH-BASINS", IS SERVED DURING FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS IN INDIGENOUS VILLAGES.

ABOUT 450 LOCAL CELEBRITIES, COMMUNITY LEADERS, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS NOW WORKING OR WHO HAVE FORMERLY WORKED IN SHA TIN HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE FEAST.

EARLIER IN THE MORNING, A VILLAGE BAZAAR WILL BE STAGED IN CENTRAL PARK, SHA TIN. THERE WILL BE 20 STALLS PROVIDING OLD RURAL LIFESTYLE ENTERTAINMENT SUCH AS FORTUNE TELLING, HANDICRAFTS, AND TRADITIONAL SNACKS.

A SPECIAL ATTRACTION FOR CHILDREN WILL BE A LARGE INFLATED TOY AEROPLANE.

FREE GAMES TICKETS FOR THE BAZAAR WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE AMPHITHEATRE OF THE PARK AROUND 10.45 AM.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A CLOSING CEREMONY AND A VARIETY SHOW, FEATURING DANCES, SINGING AND A MAGIC SHOW, WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM IN THE AMPHITHEATRE AREA.

THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; SHA TIN FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WONG PO-MING; AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR ANDREW WONG.

AT 7.30 PM IN THE AUDITORIUM OF SHA TIN TOWN HALL, THERE WILL BE A DANCE PERFORMANCE BY 14 WINNING TEAMS OF THE 10TH SHA TIN DISTRICT DANCE COMPETITION AND FOUR INVITATION TEAMS.

THE PERFORMANCE WILL INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S DANCE, BALLET, JAZZ, ORIENTAL AND WESTERN FOLK DANCES, SOCIAL DANCE AND A DANCE DRAMA.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FOLLOWING EVENTS OF THE SHA TIN FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14):

- * THE CLOSING CEREMONY TO BEGIN AT 11 AM AT THE AMPHITHEATRE, CENTRAL PARK, SHA TIN.
- * THE TRADITIONAL VILLAGE DINNER TO BEGIN AT 6 PM AT THE CARITAS HALL, 18-24 MAN LAI ROAD, TAI WAI, SHA TIN. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM MRS DIANA LEE, INFORMATION OFFICER OF SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, ON REQUEST.
- * THE WINNERS' NIGHT OF THE 10TH SHA TIN DISTRICT DANCE COMPETITION TO BEGIN AT 7.30 PM AT THE AUDITORIUM, SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

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CARNIVAL TO CLOSE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD IN KENNEDY TOWN ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14) TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE FIVE-MONTH LONG CENTRAL AND WESTERN FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

THE OUTDOOR EVENT, FEATURING A VARIETY SHOW, STALL GAMES, A PUPPET SHOW AND A PRIZE-CARRYING QUIZ, WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM AT THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND.

IT HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND FOUR LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

AMONG THE OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MONICA CHEN; DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (CENTRAL, WESTERN AND ISLANDS), MRS KATHERINE SHIN; A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR ALEXANDER CHANG; AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD POINTED OUT TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE EVENT WOULD MARK THE FINALE IN A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED UNDER THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT.

"ACTIVITIES HELD DURING THE PAST FIVE MONTHS INCLUDED TALKS, EXHIBITIONS, ESSAY COMPETITIONS AND FAMILY CAMPS, ALL WITH THE POSITIVE THEME OF DEVELOPING HARMONIOUS FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS.

"THE DB'S SPONSORSHIP OF OVER \$140,000 FOR THESE EVENTS HAS ACHIEVED ITS DESIRED OBJECTIVES, JUDGING FROM THE VERY GOOD PARTICIPATION AND FEEDBACK FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS," HE NOTED.

THE SPOKESMAN THANKED THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE CARITAS, YMCA AND YWCA, FOR ORGANISING THESE ACTIVITIES.

HE REMINDED THOSE INTENDING TO TAKE PART IN THE STALL GAMES AT SUNDAY'S CARNIVAL TO OBTAIN FREE COUPONS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S THREE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES AND THE CAINE ROAD AND SHEK TONG TSUI CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN CLOSING CEREMONY AND CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14) AT THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND, KENNEDY TOWN.

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VARIED PROGRAMME FOR TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL
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A VARIED PROGRAMME OF OVER 40 EVENTS HAS BEEN DRAWN UP FOR THE 12TH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL FROM JANUARY 19 TO MARCH 2.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY) BY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, WHO DESCRIBED THE FESTIVAL AS AN IMPORTANT ANNUAL CULTURAL EVENT WELL SUPPORTED BY THE PUBLIC.

"IN THIS 12TH YEAR, WE WILL AGAIN ADHERE TO THE FESTIVAL'S OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING THE VARIOUS FORMS OF PERFORMING ARTS BY PRESENTING RENOWNED ARTISTS, AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT," MR SHIU SAID.

HE SAID THE GRAND OPENING NEXT FRIDAY (JANUARY 19) WOULD FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY TROUPES FROM CHINA AND JAPAN AS WELL AS BY THE DISTRICT'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG CHUNG-YAN, SAID HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WOULD BE CANTONESE OPERA BY THE CHOR FUNG MING OPERA TROUPE AND PERFORMANCES BY THE XIAO BAI HUA SHAOXING OPERA TROUPE AND THE JIANGSU WUXI MUSIC AND ART TROUPE.

"OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE AN ORCHESTRAL CONCERT BY HONG KONG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, DRAMA BY HIGH NOON PRODUCTION AND ZUNI ICOSAHEDRON, MIME PERFORMANCE, NAM YIN (SOUTHERN MELODIES) CONCERT, JAZZ MUSIC AND POP-FOLK CONCERTS," MR CHEUNG SAID.

THE FESTIVAL HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION.

THE ESTIMATED COST OF \$2 MILLION WILL BE FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL SPONSORSHIP.

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

PEOPLE WISHING TO ATTEND THE SHOWS ARE ADVISED TO BOOK THEIR TICKETS AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND THE URBIX OUTLETS NOW.

TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ON 7349009, AND ENQUIRIES ON 4140144 OR 4149662.

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CARNIVAL TO SPREAD ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGE TO ISLANDERS

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RESIDENTS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO JOIN AN ANTI-TRIAD CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION PLAZA ON PENG CHAU ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14).

THE CARNIVAL, FEATURING SINGING AND AN EXHIBITION OF ANTI-TRIAD MATERIALS, WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE EVENT FORMS PART OF AN ANTI-TRIAD CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

THE CAMPAIGN'S AIMS ARE TO URGE ISLANDERS TO AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN TRIAD ACTIVITIES, TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO REPORT ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES TO THE POLICE, AND TO PUBLICISE THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION SCHEME.

A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, AND THE ISLANDS POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR WILLIAM WORRALL, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CARNIVAL'S OPENING CEREMONY.

WINNERS OF AN ANTI-TRIAD POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION, HELD EARLIER FOR STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, WILL BE PRESENTED PRIZES AT THE CEREMONY.

A TOTAL OF 64 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED AND THEY WILL BE EXHIBITED AT THE VENUE.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR FOR WAN CHAI RESIDENTS

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOUSING, URBAN SERVICES, AND LABOUR DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS A PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY WILL SPEAK ON THE TECHNIQUES AND VARIOUS ASPECTS OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT AT A SEMINAR TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE SEMINAR HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE TO IMPROVE RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND TO MAKE THEM MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

COMMENTING ON THE CONDITIONS OF BUILDINGS IN WAN CHAI, THE HOUSING MANAGER OF THE WAN CHAI BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM, MR JAMES LAU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HE WAS HAPPY TO SEE A RECENT TREND IN THE DISTRICT TO RENOVATE BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN 20 AND 30 YEARS AGO.

"IT SHOWS THAT PROPERTY OWNERS ARE BEGINNING TO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT GOOD MAINTENANCE WILL BOOST THE VALUE OF THEIR FLATS. IT ALSO SHOWS THAT THE WORK OF OUR TEAM IS BEARING FRUIT," HE NOTED.

ACCORDING TO MR LAU, IMPROVEMENT WORK WAS CARRIED OUT ON 55 "TARGET BUILDINGS" IN WAN CHAI SELECTED BY HIS TEAM DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS. A FURTHER 25 BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN SHORTLISTED FOR IMPROVEMENT THIS YEAR.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORK USUALLY INVOLVED UPGRADING THE QUALITY OF THE BUILDING, FOSTERING STRONGER NEIGHBOURHOOD TIES, AND RECTIFYING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE BUILDING, MR LAU SAID.

AT THE SEMINAR, MR LAU WILL SPEAK ON THE PREVAILING PROBLEMS IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT.

OTHER SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE CHIEF HEALTH INSPECTOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN KWOK-KAN; LABOUR OFFICER, MR AU CHI-KEUNG; AND MANAGER (BUILDING MANAGEMENT) OF HONG YIP SERVICE CO. LTD, MR EDMUND KWOK.

THEY WILL SPEAK ON WAYS TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS, THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PROFESSIONAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM IN ROOM 606, HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE. IT WILL BE SUPPORTED BY AN EXHIBITION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN ROOM 606, HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, 1 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG, BEGINNING AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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DISTRICT FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN CLOSES ON SUNDAY

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A COMBINED PRIZE PRESENTATION AND VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD IN WONG TAI SIN ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14) TO MARK THE CLOSING OF A CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE FIRE PREVENTION AND TO COMBAT ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY AT SQUATTER AREAS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE FUNCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE SITTING-OUT AREA OF SUN HING ROAD IN TAI HOM VILLAGE, DIAMOND HILL, BEGINNING AT 8 PM.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF VARIOUS COMPETITIONS HELD DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

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THE VARIETY SHOW WILL FEATURE SINGING AND A DRAMA ON FIRE PREVENTION.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM; WONG TAI SIN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SANDY CHAN; FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S DIVISIONAL OFFICER OF KOWLOON CENTRAL DIVISION, MR LAM CHUNG-MING; A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED, MR LEUNG SHUI-CHUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MR LI YUK-WA.

THE CAMPAIGN, ORGANISED BY A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE, WAS LAUNCHED ON DECEMBER 17.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION AND VARIETY SHOW OF THE WONG TAI SIN SQUATTER AREAS FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14) AT THE SITTING-OUT AREA OF SUN HING ROAD IN TAI HOM VILLAGE, DIAMOND HILL.

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GARMENT MANUFACTURER FINED FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS
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A GARMENT MANUFACTURER WAS FINED \$360,000 TODAY (FRIDAY) AFTER HE PLEADED GUILTY TO MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS WHEN APPLYING FOR EXPORT LICENCES COVERING ABOUT 7,000 PIECES OF COTTON WOVEN ANORAK AND BLOUSON FOR EXPORT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

THE VALUE OF THE COTTON ITEMS WAS ABOUT \$1 MILLION.

THE DEFENDANT COMPANY, NGAI LAM GARMENT FACTORY LIMITED, ADMITTED THE CHARGES WHEN APPEARING BEFORE THE NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY.

THE COURT HEARD THAT IN AUGUST LAST YEAR, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED FROM THE DEFENDANT COMPANY TWO APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT LICENCES COVERING A TOTAL OF 6,984 PIECES OF MEN'S 100 PER CENT COTTON WOVEN ANORAK AND BLOUSON FOR EXPORT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

IN THE MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATIONS, THE DEFENDANT COMPANY STATED THAT THE GOODS COVERED BY THESE APPLICATIONS WERE OF HONG KONG ORIGIN.

/SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATIONS

SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SHOWED THAT THE SEWING PROCESS IN RESPECT OF THE GARMENT ITEMS HAD IN FACT BEEN SUBCONTRACTED TO CHINA.

THE COURT WAS TOLD THAT GOODS CLAIMING HONG KONG ORIGIN MUST UNDERGO PRINCIPAL PROCESSES IN HONG KONG. IN THE MANUFACTURE OF KNITTED ANORAKS AND BLOUSONS, SEWING IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL PROCESSES.

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FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN IN TYPHOON SHELTERS

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THE MARINE DIVISION OF THE HONG KONG FIRE COMMAND TODAY (FRIDAY) STARTED A LUNAR NEW YEAR FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN IN VARIOUS TYPHOON SHELTERS.

THE CAMPAIGN IS TO MAKE USE OF THE COMING FESTIVE PERIOD, WHEN THE MAJORITY OF THE FISHING COMMUNITY RETURN TO THE TERRITORY AND MOOR THEIR BOATS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTERS TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, TO DRIVE HOME THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION.

FROM TODAY UNTIL JANUARY 26 (FRIDAY) AND BETWEEN JANUARY 30 (TUESDAY) AND FEBRUARY 2 (FRIDAY), FIRE BOATS WILL VISIT THE ABERDEEN AND SHAU KEI WAN TYPHOON SHELTERS DAILY.

FIRE SERVICES PERSONNEL WILL BROADCAST FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGES AND DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS TO FISHERMEN AND BOAT DWELLERS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTERS.

SIMILAR DAILY VISITS BY FIRE BOATS WILL ALSO BE MADE TO THE YAU MA TEI AND CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTERS BETWEEN TODAY AND JANUARY 30.

FIRE BOATS WILL ALSO VISIT TYPHOON SHELTERS IN CHAI WAN, TUEN MUN AND CHEUNG CHAU DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD.

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RATEPAYERS GIVEN REMINDER ON 1ST QUARTER PAYMENT

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RATEPAYERS SHOULD BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES FOR RATES FOR THE QUARTER JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 1990 WHICH ARE DEMANDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RATING ORDINANCE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY RATEPAYER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE MAY BRING A RATES DEMAND NOTE OF ANY PREVIOUS QUARTER AND MAKE PAYMENT AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE TREASURY CENTRAL COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;
- * THE NORTH POINT SUB-TREASURY, ODEON BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 28 SHU KUK STREET, HONG KONG;
- * THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD (MARKET STREET ENTRANCE), KOWLOON;
- * THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD), KOWLOON.

ANY RATEPAYER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE AND CANNOT PRODUCE A RATES DEMAND NOTE FOR ANY PREVIOUS QUARTER SHOULD INQUIRE AT THE TREASURY RATES SECTION, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), NINTH FLOOR, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG.

NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE RATES MUST BE PAID BY 4 PM ON JANUARY 31, 1990 AND UNLESS SO PAID MAY BE SUBJECT TO A SURCHARGE OF FIVE PER CENT IMPOSED UNDER SECTION 22 OF THE RATING ORDINANCE.

A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT MAY BE ADDED TO ACCOUNTS (INCLUDING THE NORMAL FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE) WHICH REMAIN UNPAID SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED A VALID DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORISATION SHOULD NOTE THAT PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY POST, OR IN PERSON AS STIPULATED IN THE DEMAND NOTE UNLESS THE WORDING "PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY AUTOPAY" IS SHOWN IN THE DEMAND NOTE.

IN THIS CASE THEIR PAYMENT OF RATES WILL BE MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT TO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS ON JANUARY 31, 1990. RATEPAYERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS CONTAIN THE NECESSARY FUNDS ON THAT DATE.

RATEPAYERS ARE ALSO ADVISED THAT THE AMOUNT PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DATE IS INDICATED ON THE DEMAND NOTE BY AN ARROW-HEAD IN THE "TOTAL AMOUNT DUE" BOX.

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RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PROPERTIES BUT ARE REFUNDABLE UNDER THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 30 OF THE ORDINANCE.

UNDER SECTIONS 30 (1A) AND (2A), HOWEVER, NO REFUNDS WILL BE PAYABLE IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES OR FOR PARKING OF VEHICLES (UNLESS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT).

TO AVOID THE POSSIBLE INCONVENIENCE OF QUEUEING, RATEPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

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ACAF MEMBERS VISIT CHEUNG PO, TAI LUNG FARM

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MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED CHEUNG PO IN YUEN LONG AND THE GOVERNMENT'S TAI LUNG EXPERIMENTAL STATION IN SHEUNG SHUI TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE PROGRESS OF THE AGRICULTURAL LAND REHABILITATION SCHEME AND THE INTRODUCTION OF EXOTIC VEGETABLES FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION.

ACCOMPANIED BY STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD), THE PARTY FIRST VISITED CHEUNG PO WHICH, TOGETHER WITH HOK TAU IN SHEUNG SHUI, WAS SELECTED FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PILOT AGRICULTURAL LAND REHABILITATION SCHEME IN MID-1988.

THE SCHEME IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING ACTIVE USE OF ARABLE LAND AND ASSISTING DISPLACED OR POTENTIAL FARMERS TO OBTAIN LAND FOR CROP FARMING.

MEMBERS LEARNT THAT THE SCHEME HAD BEEN MAKING STEADY PROGRESS DESPITE VARIOUS INHERENT PROBLEMS. ALTOGETHER, A TOTAL AREA OF 8.7 HECTARES OF FALLOW, ARABLE LAND IN CHEUNG PO AND HOK TAU HAD BEEN BROUGHT BACK TO VEGETABLE AND FLOWER CULTIVATION, SO FAR.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO THE TAI LUNG EXPERIMENTAL STATION WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE AFD'S PROGRAMME TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL FARMERS TO GROW EXOTIC VEGETABLE SPECIES BY A NEWLY DEVELOPED TECHNIQUE - THE MASS SEEDLING PRODUCTION SYSTEM. THEY WERE TOLD THAT BUYERS' INITIAL RESPONSE TO THE PROGRAMME HAD BEEN FAVOURABLE.

MEMBERS SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN THE 120 VARIETIES OF 30 EXOTIC VEGETABLE SPECIES DEMONSTRATED IN THE FIELD. THEY WERE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE TASTE OF THE SUPER-SWEET CORN.

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CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE VISITS SWD

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THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO GAIN A FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK IN PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

THIS IS ONE IN A SERIES OF VISITS ARRANGED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

MEMBERS WERE RECEIVED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (YOUTH AND REHABILITATION), MR KWOK KA-CHI, AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE WORK DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT BOTH AT THE CENTRAL AND DISTRICT LEVELS TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE COMMITTEE WAS SET UP IN MAY 1986 TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS AND RESPONSIBILITY.

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ACAN DISTRIBUTES SILVER JUBILEE POSTCARDS

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A TOTAL OF 12,000 SETS OF SPECIAL POSTCARDS TO COMMEMORATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) ARE TODAY (FRIDAY) DISTRIBUTED FREE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN CENTRAL.

"THIS IS THE FIRST BATCH OF THE 41,000 SETS OF SPECIAL POSTCARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC BY ACAN," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT'S NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID.

"THIS IS THE SECOND ACAN PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP PROJECT AS THE POSTCARDS WERE PRINTED WITH THE SUPPORT AND A CONTRIBUTION OF \$60,000 FROM THE HONGKONG CHINESE BANK," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE DESIGNS OF THE FOUR POSTCARDS, WHICH DEPICT IN AN EMBROIDERY STYLE VARIOUS POSTURES OF THE HORSE, ARE BASED ON THE YEAR OF THE HORSE SPECIAL STAMPS TO BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE.

THE POSTCARDS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE FOLLOWING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- * TUEN MUN CENTRAL POST OFFICE, TUEN HI ROAD (JANUARY 15);

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* SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE, KCR HOUSE (JANUARY 16); AND

* TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, MIDDLE ROAD (JANUARY 17).

THE DISTRIBUTION WILL START AT 10 AM DAILY ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. EACH PERSON WILL BE OFFERED ONLY ONE SET OF POSTCARDS.

THE ACAN SILVER JUBILEE POSTCARDS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE HEAD OFFICE AND THE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE HONGKONG CHINESE BANK FROM TODAY TO JANUARY 17.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY CHEST WALK

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY CHEST'S WALK FOR MILLIONS ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14), THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT:

ROAD CLOSURES:

- LINK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 8.45 AM AND 9.30 AM.
- UPPER BLUE POOL ROAD SOUTH OF TAI HANG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT WITH POLICE APPROVAL BETWEEN 8 AM AND 2 PM.

THESE TRAFFIC RE-ROUTEINGS WILL BE IN EFFECT BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND NOON:

- EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD FROM THE HONG KONG STADIUM TO TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- THE WESTERN ARM OF CAROLINE HILL ROAD FROM LEIGHTON ROAD TO THE HONG KONG STADIUM WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND, TRAFFIC BEING RESTRICTED TO THE NEAR-SIDE LANE.
- EXCEPT WHEN IT IS COMPLETELY CLOSED FROM 8.45 AM TO 9.30 AM, THE SECTION OF LINK ROAD FROM BROADWOOD ROAD TO THE WESTERN ARM OF CAROLINE HILL ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND (DOWNHILL), TRAFFIC BEING RESTRICTED TO THE NEAR-SIDE LANE.
- BROADWOOD ROAD BETWEEN LINK ROAD AND TAI HANG ROAD WILL BE MADE ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND (UPHILL), TRAFFIC BEING RESTRICTED TO THE NEAR-SIDE LANE.

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- TAI HANG ROAD FROM BROADWOOD ROAD TO BLUE POOL ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND, TRAFFIC BEING RESTRICTED TO THE NEAR-SIDE LANE. THE EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG TAI HANG ROAD BETWEEN BROADWOOD ROAD AND UPPER BLUE POOL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES BETWEEN 8 AM AND 11 AM.
- WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD WILL BE REDUCED FROM TWO LANES TO ONE LANE SOUTHBOUND (UPHILL) BETWEEN THE HONG KONG TENNIS CENTRE AND OPPOSITE THE PETROL STATION AT THE NORTHBOUND LANE. TWO-LANE TRAFFIC WILL BE RESUMED, ONCE THE LAST WALKER HAS PASSED THIS POINT.
- TRAFFIC ENTERING TAI HANG ROAD FROM STUBBS ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED NORTH DOWN BLUE POOL ROAD.
- MOUNT BUTLER ROAD FROM TAI HANG ROAD TO HENDERSON ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND (UPHILL), TRAFFIC BEING RESTRICTED TO THE NEAR-SIDE LANE.
- THE NORTHBOUND LANE OF MOUNT CAMERON ROAD FROM THE JUNCTION WITH WAN CHAI GAP TO ABOUT 50 METRES OF THE SAME ROAD WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR ONE LANE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC BETWEEN 6 AM AND 4 PM.

LINK ROAD BETWEEN BROADWOOD ROAD AND CAROLINE HILL ROAD, HAVING BEEN CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC AT 8.45 AM, WILL BE OPENED AGAIN AT 9.30 AM FOR ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FROM BROADWOOD ROAD TO CAROLINE HILL ROAD. THE UPHILL LANE WILL BE BLOCKED OFF BY CONES AND RESTRICTED TO WALKERS ONLY. THIS DIVERSION WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL 11 AM.

BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 2 PM, NORTH POINT-BOUND BUSES ON CMB ROUTE NO. 41 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LOWER STUBBS ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, MORRISON HILL ROAD, TIN LOK LANE, HENNESSY ROAD, YEE WO STREET AND CAUSEWAY ROAD.

CMB ROUTE NOS. 7, 38, 42, 70, 72, 76, 95 AND 98 WILL BE STRENGTHENED BETWEEN 11 AM AND 5 PM.

BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND NOON, SERVICES ON GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 14M BOUND FOR JARDINE'S LOOKOUT WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LEIGHTON ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND BROADWOOD ROAD. GREEN MINIBUSES BOUND FOR CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA TAI HANG ROAD, FUK KWAN AVENUE, TAI HANG ROAD, TUNG LO WAN ROAD, MORETON TERRACE AND CAUSEWAY ROAD.

BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND NOON, SERVICES ON GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 24M BOUND FOR MOUNT BUTLER WILL BE DIVERTED ALONG QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, MORRISON HILL ROAD, LEIGHTON ROAD, HYSAN AVENUE, SUNNING ROAD, LEIGHTON ROAD, PENNINGTON STREET, YEE WO STREET, TUNG LO WAN ROAD, AND TAI HANG ROAD.

THE CARPARK AT THE HONG KONG TENNIS CENTRE IN WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 11 AM.

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THE PARKING SPACES ON THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE NO. 1 CARPARK OF THE HONG KONG STADIUM WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 6 AM AND 4 PM.

ONLY VEHICLES WITH VALID PARKING LABELS WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THE NOS. 1, 2 AND 5 CARPARKS OF THE STADIUM.

BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 5 PM, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM USING TAI HANG ROAD, CAROLINE HILL ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD SOUTHBOUND, STUBBS ROAD FLYOVER SOUTHBOUND, ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD, YUE KWONG ROAD AND YUE HONG STREET.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YAU MA TEI

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE VICINITY OF YAU MA TEI FRUIT MARKET FROM MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 13) TO MIDNIGHT ON JANUARY 26 (FRIDAY) TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO THE FRUIT MARKET DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

RECLAMATION STREET NORTHBOUND BETWEEN THE UNNAMED ROAD SOUTH OF SHEK LUNG STREET AND WATERLOO ROAD; AND WATERLOO ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND FERRY STREET WILL BE REDUCED FROM THREE-LANE TO TWO-LANE TRAFFIC.

THE UNNAMED ROAD SOUTH OF SHEK LUNG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND; CHING PING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND; TUNG KUN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND; AND THE RIGHT TURNING FROM CANTON ROAD NORTHBOUND TO TUNG KUN STREET WILL BE BANNED.

SHEK LUNG STREET BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET, AND MAN MING LANE BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND DESIGNATED A PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

THE METERED PARKING SPACES AT CANTON ROAD BETWEEN CHEUNG SHUI STREET AND THE UNNAMED ROAD SOUTH OF SHEK LUNG STREET; AND AT LEE TAT STREET BETWEEN CANTON ROAD AND CHING PING STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KOWLOON CITY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TIN KWONG ROAD BETWEEN HOP YAT ROAD AND MA TAU WAI ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14) TO 5 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 15) TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORK ON A SALT WATER MAIN AT THE JUNCTION OF TIN KWONG ROAD AND MA TAU WAI ROAD.

BUSES ON KMB ROUTE 17, ON JOURNEYS TO KWUN TONG (YUET WAH STREET), WILL BE DIVERTED AT FAT KWONG STREET TO OPERATE VIA PUI CHING ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, ARGYLE STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTEING.

GREEN MINIBUSES ON GMB ROUTE 13, ON JOURNEYS TO HUNG HOM FERRY, WILL BE DIVERTED AT ARGYLE STREET TO OPERATE VIA PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD AND MA TAU WAI ROAD BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTEING.

ROUTE 28M GREEN MINIBUSES, ON JOURNEYS TO KOWLOON CITY (WAI HANG CHEONG SUN CHUEN), WILL BE DIVERTED AT SHEUNG SHING STREET TO OPERATE VIA TIN KWONG ROAD, ARGYLE STREET, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD AND MA TAU WAI ROAD BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTEING.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CHAI WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14), THE UNNAMED ROAD LINKING CHAI WAN ROAD AND SIU SAI WAN ESTATE WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE OUTERMOST TRAFFIC LANE OF THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THIS UNNAMED ROAD IMMEDIATELY OFF THE SIU SAI WAN BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DESIGNATED A BUS LANE 24 HOURS DAILY.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BUS LANE.

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BAN ZONE AT BUS TERMINUS IN EASTERN DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14), SIU SAI WAN BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR BAN ZONE.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE TERMINUS.

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FERRY SERVICE FROM LEI YUE MUN TO SAM KA TSUEN

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THE LICENSED FERRY SERVICE FROM LEI YUE MUN TO SAM KA TSUEN (ACROSS TSAU WAN) WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 4 PM AND MIDNIGHT INSTEAD OF 6 AM AND 12.10 AM WITH EFFECT FROM SUNDAY (JANUARY 14), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

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