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UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS RELEASED

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BOTH THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES REMAINED STABLE AT A LOW LEVEL IN THE THREE MONTHS SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1987 COMPARED WITH THE THREE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1987, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THESE FIGURES INDICATE THAT THE LABOUR MARKET CONDITIONS HAVE REMAINED TIGHT, WITH THE LOCAL WORKFORCE FULLY EMPLOYED.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1987 WAS 1.9 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 1.8 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1987 AND 2.4 PER CENT FOR THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE INCREASE OF 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT, WHILE THE DECREASE OF 0.5 PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1987 WAS ESTIMATED AT 53,400, COMPARED WITH 50,500 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1987 AND 65,100 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1986.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1987 WAS 1.1 PER CENT, WHICH COMPARES WITH 1 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1987. THE RATE FOR SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1986 WAS 1.2 PER CENT.

THE INCREASE OF 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS THREE-MONTH PERIOD AND THE DECREASE OF 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1987 WAS 29,800, COMPARED WITH 27,400 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1987 AND 33,100 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1986.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

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COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS, FOR EXAMPLE, PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL, VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH. THEREFORE, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY.

THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1987 WAS 1.9 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 50,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG. PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 1987 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AROUND MARCH 20, 1988, AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

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RESULTS OF QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT
RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987, ESTIMATED AT \$6,039 MILLION, WAS 18 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986, WHILE THE VOLUME WAS 12 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THESE RESULTS INDICATE A STRONG BUSINESS PERFORMANCE FOR THE RESTAURANT SECTOR DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF LAST YEAR, CONTINUING THE TREND IN THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS.

AS THE DATA REFER TO THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE REVEALED THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS, IF ANY, OF THE STOCK MARKET INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED IN OCTOBER 1987.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987 WAS \$2,627 MILLION, WHICH WAS 20 PER CENT HIGHER IN VALUE TERM THAN IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986.

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, CHINESE RESTAURANTS RECORDED THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE (20 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986.

THESE WERE FOLLOWED BY "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" - COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND OTHER OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY AND SO ON (17 PER CENT), NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (15 PER CENT), FAST FOOD SHOPS (13 PER CENT) AND BARS (4 PER CENT).

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS, "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES", NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, FAST FOOD SHOPS AND BARS WENT UP BY 14 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT, 9 PER CENT, 9 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS ROSE BY 18 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN VOLUME; AND THE TOTAL VALUE OF PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 21 PER CENT.

IN VALUE TERMS, CHINESE RESTAURANTS RECORDED THE LARGEST GROWTH IN TOTAL RECEIPTS (20 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY FAST FOOD SHOPS (14 PER CENT), NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (13 PER CENT), BARS (12 PER CENT) AND "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" (12 PER CENT).

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IN VOLUME TERMS, THE GROWTH IN THE TOTAL RECEIPTS RECORDED BY CHINESE RESTAURANTS, FAST FOOD SHOPS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, BARS AND "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" WERE 15 PER CENT, 11 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987 WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS AND "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME; THOSE OF NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS BY 9 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN VOLUME; THOSE OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS BY 6 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME; AND THOSE OF BARS BY 3 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR THE TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

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

ALSO TABULATED ARE COMPARISONS OF THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987 AND FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986.

COMPARISONS OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1987 WITH THOSE FOR 1986 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, 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 ON TEL. NO. 5-8234941.

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Results of Quarterly Survey of Restaurant Receipts and Purchases

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

	(in HK\$ million)	2nd qtr. 1987	3rd qtr. 1987
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)
Total restaurant receipts		5 632	6 039
Total purchases by restaurants		2 460	2 527

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 2ND QUARTER 1987 AND 3RD QUARTER 1987

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

Type of restaurant	Index of total restaurant receipts	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	3rd qtr. 1987 compared with 2nd qtr. 1987		3rd qtr. 1987 compared with 3rd qtr. 1986		1st-3rd qtr. 1987 compared with 1st-3rd qtr. 1986	
		1987	1987	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
Chinese restaurants	Value	(Revised figures) 121	(Provisional figures) 129	8	6	22	20	21	20
	Volume	113	117	4	4	14	14	15	15
Non-Chinese restaurants	Value	120	121	10	9	17	15	14	13
	Volume	109	116	8	7	9	9	7	7
Fast food shops	Value	129	146	17	13	16	13	17	14
	Volume	122	137	15	13	11	9	12	11
Bars	Value	116	120	4	3	5	4	13	12
	Volume	105	106	2	2	1	1	7	7
Other eating and drinking places	Value	125	138	13	10	20	17	14	12
	Volume	113	124	11	10	11	10	6	6
Entire restaurant sector	Value	121	130	9	7	20	18	19	18
	Volume	113	118	6	5	13	12	13	13

Note: Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.

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WHITE PAPER PROPOSALS NOT YET FINALISED,
CHIEF SECRETARY ASSURES URBAN COUNCIL DELEGATION

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, TODAY ASSURED AN URBAN COUNCIL DELEGATION THAT THE COMING WHITE PAPER ON DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET BEEN FINALISED, AND POINTS CONCERNING THE COUNCIL'S FUTURE WERE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

THE DELEGATION, LED BY THE COUNCIL'S CHAIRMAN, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, AND VICE CHAIRMAN, MRS ELSIE TU, SPENT MORE THAN AN HOUR WITH SIR DAVID.

"THE DISCUSSION WAS EXTREMELY FRANK AND FRIENDLY," SAID MRS TU.

"THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT -- JUST DISCUSSION.

"WE PUT FORWARD ALL THE PROBLEMS WE WOULD FACE IF CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE COUNCIL'S STRUCTURE AT THIS TIME.

"THE TIMING WOULD BE VERY UNFORTUNATE IF IN FACT IMPORTANT CHANGES WERE TO BE MADE AT THIS JUNCTURE.

"WE RECEIVED SIR DAVID'S ASSURANCE THAT EVERYTHING WE SAID WOULD BE CONVEYED TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

"I BELIEVE HE WAS QUITE IMPRESSED WITH THE ARGUMENTS WE PUT FORWARD.

"HE ALSO ASSURED US THAT WHAT WAS SAID BY THE BRITISH MP MR GEORGE FOULKES WAS CORRECT, IN THAT THE WHITE PAPER HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED AND THAT ANY PROPOSALS COULD BE CHANGED."

MR LEE CHIK-YUET SAID THAT THE COUNCIL DELEGATION HAD STRESSED THAT IF CHANGES WERE TO BE MADE TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL, AT THE VERY LEAST ELECTED URBAN COUNCILLORS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETAIN THEIR SEATS ON THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

HOWEVER, IF THE WHITE PAPER WERE TO RECOMMEND THAT COUNCILLORS WISHING TO SIT ON THE DISTRICT BOARDS SHOULD STILL HAVE TO STAND FOR ELECTION, THE DELEGATION WISHED AS A LAST RESORT THAT THIS BE DEFERRED UNTIL 1991.

THE DELEGATION ALSO COMPRISED MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, MR STEPHEN LAU, MR WALTER SULKE, MR LO KING-MAN, MRS CHOW CHEUNG WAI-PING AND MR MAN SAI-CHEONG.

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CS VISITS KWAI TSING POLLUTION SITES

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED SEVERAL POLLUTION BLACK SPOTS IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT TO TAKE A FIRST HAND LOOK AT PROBLEMS THERE.

SIR DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, AND TWO ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, MR ROBERT LAW AND MR PAUL HOLMES.

THE POLLUTION PROBLEMS HIGHLIGHTED DURING THE VISIT WERE MAINLY AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CAUSED BY EMISSIONS FROM INDUSTRIAL PREMISES.

AFTER ARRIVING BY HELICOPTER ON TSING YI, SIR DAVID FIRST WENT TO THE SEAFRONT FACING RAMBLER CHANNEL WHERE HE SAW UNTREATED TRADE EFFLUENTS FROM FACTORIES IN TSING YI INDUSTRIAL CENTRE BEING DISCHARGED INTO THE CHANNEL.

HE LEARNT THAT AS A RESULT OF EFFORTS BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) AND BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THE FACTORIES OF THE INDUSTRIAL CENTRE WHICH REQUIRED EFFLUENT PRE-TREATMENT HAVE COMMISSIONED GOVERNMENT APPROVED ARCHITECTS AND CONSULTANTS TO DESIGN A CENTRALISED WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR THE CENTRE.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO A VANTAGE POINT AT CHEUNG CHING ESTATE WHERE THEY SAW THE PROLIFERATION OF CHIMNEYS IN TSING YI INDUSTRIAL CENTRE CAUSING AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS TO THE AREA.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT EPD HAS SET UP TWO MONITORING STATIONS TO ASSESS THE EXTENT OF THE PROBLEMS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT ABATEMENT NOTICES WOULD BE SERVED UNDER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE ON THE CONCERNED FACTORIES AS SOON AS THE EXTENT OF THE NECESSARY REDUCTION OF EMISSIONS IS ASCERTAINED FROM THIS MONITORING EXERCISE.

LATER THE PARTY WENT TO YIP SHING STREET IN KWAI CHUNG AND WAS MET BY KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK.

A TOTAL OF 11 FACTORIES, MOSTLY DYEING FACTORIES, HAVE BEEN DISCHARGING TRADE EFFLUENTS VIA UNAUTHORISED DRAINAGE CONNECTIONS TO STORMWATER DRAINS ON YIP SHING STREET OR DIRECTLY TO THE SLOPE BEHIND THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

REMEDIAL ACTION IS BEING PURSUED ACTIVELY BY A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. IN MOST CASES, THE FACTORY OWNERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRE-TREAT THEIR EFFLUENTS BEFORE RECONNECTING TO THE FOUL SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

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AT YIP SHING STREET, SIR DAVID WAS BRIEFED BY MR COAK ON THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM, THE WORK OF WHICH WAS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE, MULTI-OWNED AND MULTI-STOREY INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT.

BEFORE WINDING UP THE VISIT, SIR DAVID WENT TO PO SING CENTRE, A RESIDENTIAL TOWER SURROUNDED BY INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS WHICH IS FACING AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS. EPD IS CONSIDERING ISSUING ABATEMENT NOTICES FOR THE CENTRE TO THE FACTORIES CAUSING THE AIR POLLUTION.

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ANNUAL REPORT ON HONG KONG 1987 TO PARLIAMENT

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS HAD PRESENTED THE ANNUAL REPORT ON HONG KONG 1987 TO PARLIAMENT ON JANUARY 13, 1988, AND THE REPORT HAD BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE FORM OF A WHITE PAPER IN LONDON ON THE SAME DAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT AGREED IN 1985, DURING THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES ON THE HONG KONG BILL, TO PRODUCE ANNUAL REPORTS ON HONG KONG AND TO LAY THEM BEFORE PARLIAMENT.

"THE PURPOSE OF THIS SERIES OF REPORTS IS TO KEEP PARLIAMENT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS IS THE THIRD ANNUAL REPORT. IT CONTAINS A GENERAL SURVEY OF THE MAIN EVENTS IN HONG KONG DURING THE YEAR 1987.

"IT COVERS THE FURTHER PROGRESS MADE DURING THE YEAR IN IMPLEMENTING THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION; DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT; MATTERS CONCERNING THE PUBLIC SERVICE; THE REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES; CONTINUED LOCAL REACTIONS TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN THE GUANGDONG PROVINCE OF CHINA; THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY; SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT; VIETNAMESE REFUGEES; AND PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE REPORT WILL BE TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 20, 1988.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN A FREE COPY OF THE REPORT, AVAILABLE BILINGUALLY, FROM TOMORROW FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES; THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE; AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES OFFICE AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, BATTERY PATH, CENTRAL.

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NEW LICENCE FOR JET-WAY TRAVEL

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THE REGISTRAR OF TRAVEL AGENTS HAS ISSUED A NEW LICENCE TO JET-WAY TRAVEL AND TOURS SERVICE (BEAU-RAY CO. LTD.) FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL OF A CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF THE COMPANY.

THE NEW LICENCE, WHICH WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), WILL ENABLE JET-WAY TRAVEL AND TOURS SERVICE TO RESUME BUSINESS AS A TRAVEL AGENT OPERATING OUTBOUND TRAVEL SERVICES.

"UNDER A FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING PACKAGE, JET-WAY TRAVEL AND TOURS SERVICE HAS BEEN PLACED UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT AND OWNERSHIP," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THE CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF JET-WAY TRAVEL AND TOURS SERVICE AND THE GRANTING OF THE NEW LICENCE WERE APPROVED UNDER SECTIONS 16 AND 18 OF THE TRAVEL AGENTS ORDINANCE WHICH ENABLE THE REGISTRAR TO REVOKE AN EXISTING LICENCE AND ISSUE A NEW ONE WHERE APPROVAL IS GIVEN TO A CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF A LICENSED TRAVEL AGENT," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE LICENCE OF JET-WAY TRAVEL AND TOURS SERVICE WAS SUSPENDED ON NOVEMBER 26 LAST YEAR UNDER THE TRAVEL AGENTS ORDINANCE FOLLOWING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY WHICH LED THE REGISTRAR OF TRAVEL AGENTS TO CONCLUDE THAT THE AGENCY HAD BEEN CARRYING ON BUSINESS CONTRARY TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

THE ISSUING OF THE NEW LICENCE AND THE REVOCATION OF THE OLD LICENCE (NO. 350002) WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN SUPPORTING INDUSTRIES ENCOURAGED

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THE GOVERNMENT ACTIVELY ENCOURAGES OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN THE SUPPORTING INDUSTRIES AND THERE HAS BEEN A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN SUCH INVESTMENT IN RECENT YEARS, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y.YEUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION GIVEN BY KYOWA INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD., MR YEUNG SAID HONG KONG HAD NOW BECOME MORE CAPABLE OF SUPPLYING PRECISION PARTS, COMPONENTS AND MECHANISMS FOR MANY FINISHED PRODUCTS, IN PARTICULAR OFFICE AUTOMATION EQUIPMENT, ELECTRONIC MODULES, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MOST ENGINEERING PRODUCTS.

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"THERE ARE ALREADY QUITE A FEW NEW FACTORIES IN THE TAI PO AND YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES WHICH SPECIALISE IN PRECISION PARTS, COMPONENTS AND SPECIALISED MECHANISMS.

"THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE COLLECTIVE PRESENCE OF THESE FACTORIES HELPS SIGNIFICANTLY TO STRENGTHEN AND ENRICH OUR SUPPORTING INDUSTRIES," HE STRESSED.

MR YEUNG EXPLAINED THAT AN IMPORTANT CONDITION FOR OVERSEAS MANUFACTURERS TO INVEST AND TO SHARE THEIR TECHNOLOGY WITH HONG KONG WAS THAT THEY COULD GET THE SUPPORT THEY NEEDED IN ORDER TO OPERATE THEIR BUSINESS.

"THE HIGHER THE LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY INVOLVED THE MORE DEMANDING THEY WILL BE OF SUPPORT IN TERMS OF TRAINED MANPOWER, CONSULTANCY SERVICES AND LABORATORY FACILITIES.

"SO THE CURRENT THRUST OF OUR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IS AIMED AT PROVIDING MANUFACTURERS, BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS, WITH A FULLER RANGE OF INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES.

"IN THE CASE OF METAL WORKING AND MACHINE SHOP OPERATIONS, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL NOW OPERATES A PRECISION TOOLING TRAINING CENTRE TO PROVIDE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE FOR TECHNICIANS IN PRECISION MACHINING, WHILE THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL'S METALS DIVISION IS ALSO BEING DEVELOPED AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY.

"IN THE CASE OF PLASTICS CONVERSION, THE PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE TO BE ESTABLISHED WILL PROVIDE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE LOCAL PLASTICS CONVERSION INDUSTRY," MR YEUNG SAID.

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CALL FOR PERMANENT INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION SERVICE

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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HOPES TO CONVINCING THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD THAT A PERMANENT INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION SERVICE (IES) SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED LATER THIS YEAR, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

ADDRESSING A ROTARY CLUB MEETING, MR LEUNG SAID THE PILOT IES SCHEME NOW IN PROGRESS HAD DEMONSTRATED THAT PERMANENT SERVICE WOULD BE WELCOMED BY MANUFACTURERS.

A PERMANENT SERVICE WILL ALSO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE BOTH IN MARKETING EXISTING SERVICES AND IN IDENTIFYING AREAS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRY.

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"SO FAR, ABOUT 200 OF THE PLANNED TOTAL OF 300 FACTORIES IN THE MAJOR MANUFACTURING SECTORS HAVE BEEN VISITED BY THE THREE IES TEAMS WHO WERE GENERALLY WELCOMED BY MANUFACTURERS.

"THEY DISCOVERED THAT MOST MANUFACTURERS VISITED HAD ONLY A VERY BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR INDUSTRY AND WERE VERY INTERESTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

"THERE HAS ALSO BEEN AN ENCOURAGING DEGREE OF WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AVAILABLE SERVICES AND SOME MANUFACTURERS HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO PAY FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG DESIGN INNOVATION COMPANY.

"A SOMEWHAT LARGER NUMBER HAVE APPROACHED THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION ON QUALITY MATTERS OR THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL ADVICE.

"THERE HAS ALSO BEEN CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE TRAINING COURSES AVAILABLE FROM THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL."

MR LEUNG ALSO NOTED THAT MANY MANUFACTURERS HAD WELCOMED THE FACTORY VISITS AS AN INDICATION THAT GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SMALLER MANUFACTURERS.

HE ADDED THAT THE FACTORY VISITS HAD ALSO PROVED USEFUL AS A MEANS OF OBTAINING MANUFACTURERS' OPINIONS ON DIFFERENT ISSUES AND THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO USE THOSE VISITS TO ASSESS THE LIKELY REACTION TO A NUMBER OF QUALITY PROMOTION MEASURES BEING CONSIDERED BY GOVERNMENT.

"THE PILOT SCHEME IS PLANNED TO LAST FOR SIX MONTHS AND WILL FINISH IN EARLY MARCH 1988."

MR LEUNG SAID THEY HOPED TO RUN THE PERMANENT EXTENSION SERVICE AT A MODEST LEVEL INITIALLY BUT INTENDED THAT THEIR MARKETING EFFORTS WOULD GROW IN LINE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUPPORT SERVICES AND THAT THE EXTENSION SERVICE WOULD BECOME AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

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ENTRY SCHEME FOR MACAU RESIDENTS

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EX-CHINA RESIDENTS OF MACAU WHO ARE MARRIED TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS AND WHOSE MACAU IDENTITY CARDS WERE ISSUED IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1980 MAY APPLY, TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN, TO JOIN THEIR SPOUSES IN HONG KONG, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

APPLICATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED FROM FEBRUARY 2 THIS YEAR, BY THE HONG KONG SPONSORS IN PERSON TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, 61 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO MAKE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE ENTRY SCHEME MAY TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 3-7333126.

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HEROIN ABUSE PROBLEM BEING CONTAINED

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HEROIN ABUSE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CONTAINED IN HONG KONG, BUT THE INCREASING ABUSE OF CANNABIS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, ALTHOUGH NOT YET A MAJOR PROBLEM, IS CAUSING CONCERN.

THE YEAR 1987 SAW A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN CANNABIS SEIZURES, ORIGINATING MAINLY IN THE PHILIPPINES AND SOME IN THE NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED IN THE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD (INCB) PUBLISHED IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA, TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE REPORT OF THE INCB, A SPECIAL AGENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ALSO NOTED THAT HONG KONG CONTINUED TO COMBAT TRAFFICKERS WHO ATTEMPTED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION ON THE MAIN SHIPPING AND AIR ROUTES.

"DRUGS ARE TRAFFICKED INTO THE TERRITORY MAINLY BY SEA AND OPIATE SUPPLIES TO HONG KONG, MAINLY HEROIN FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA, CONTINUE TO FLUCTUATE," THE REPORT SAID.

THIS IS A REFLECTION OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION BOTH WITHIN THE TERRITORY ITSELF AND IN COUNTRIES IN THE REGION.

INTENSIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES, WITH COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, HAD BEEN DEVELOPED OVER MANY YEARS AND WERE NOW CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE AND WELL-INTEGRATED APPROACH TO THE DRUG PROBLEM, THE REPORT SAID.

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CLEARANCE IN HONG NING ROAD

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SIX ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN THE SIDE LANE OF HONG NING ROAD IN KWUN TONG WERE CLEARED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THEY INCLUDED TWO DOMESTIC STRUCTURES, THREE COMMERCIAL UNDERTAKINGS AND A STALL.

TWO ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS WHO WERE AFFECTED IN THE CLEARANCE HAD BEEN ALLOCATED TEMPORARY HOUSING UNITS, WHILE ELIGIBLE SHOP OPERATORS HAD BEEN GRANTED EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES TOTTALLING \$12,000.

CO-ORDINATED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE OPERATION WAS JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

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DEADLINE FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUND APPLICATIONS

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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARE REMINDED THAT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING ACTIVITIES TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN APRIL AND JULY THIS YEAR SHOULD REACH THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT BY FEBRUARY 1.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO FILL IN FORM A, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SEVEN SUB-OFFICES AT KWAI FONG, SHEK LEI, TAI WO HAU, LAI KING, SHEK YAM, KWAI SHING AND CHEUNG CHING ESTATE.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF FUNDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AFTER CONSIDERING THE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE LIAISON OFFICERS OF THE SUB-OFFICES FOR ENQUIRIES AND FURTHER DETAILS.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS FACED BY THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

PROGRESS REPORTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND WATER SUPPLY TO MA WAN WILL ALSO BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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FIVE SITES TO BE AUCTIONED TOMORROW

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THREE INDUSTRIAL AND TWO RESIDENTIAL SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE AUCTIONED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THE INDUSTRIAL SITES ARE IN TUEN MUN, FANLING AND SAI KUNG.

THE TUEN MUN SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 8,124 SQUARE METRES IN AREA 40 NEAR BUTTERFLY ESTATE, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, INCLUDING CONCRETE AND/OR ASPHALT BATCHING.

THE FANLING SITE, LOCATED AT ON LOK TSUEN, COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,120 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, BUT NOT FOR OFFENSIVE TRADES.

THE SAI KUNG SITE IS AT TUI MIN HOI AND OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 1,410 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN USES, BUT NOT FOR THE MANUFACTURE OR STORAGE OF PAINT PRODUCTS, RELATED PRODUCTS AND OTHER DANGEROUS GOODS, NOR FOR OFFENSIVE TRADE.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO ARGENTINA EXPANDED
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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO ARGENTINA WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE MERCHANDISE ITEMS FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 18), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

AT PRESENT, THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO ARGENTINA IS RESTRICTED TO BUSINESS PAPERS AND SAMPLES.

THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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UPGRADING COURSE FOR TOURISM PERSONNEL
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AN UPGRADING COURSE ON 'EFFECTIVE SELLING SKILLS FOR TRAVEL AGENCY PERSONNEL' WILL BE HELD FOR TOURISM STAFF ON FEBRUARY 1 AND 2.

THE TWO-DAY COURSE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC) AND THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF HONG KONG.

THE COURSE WILL EXAMINE TOPICS ON THE ROLES AND DUTIES OF COUNTER SALES PERSONNEL, TELEPHONE TECHNIQUE, CUSTOMER RECEPTION, EFFECTIVE SELLING SKILLS AS WELL AS AFTER-SALES SERVICES.

PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE FULFILLED ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT WILL BE AWARDED AN ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE BY VTC.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENT IS JANUARY 22.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY FOR THE TRAINING BOARD ON 5-8932341 EXT. 282.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON WONG HING-PING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1986, SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A SENTENCE OF 12 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

WONG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF MR LEE TAK-SUM.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON CITY TO CONTINUE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN KOWLOON CITY FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS ON LOK SIN ROAD;

- * LOK SIN ROAD BETWEEN CARPENTER ROAD AND TUNG TSING ROAD, AND THE UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN CARPENTER ROAD AND LOK SIN ROAD ARE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * SA PO ROAD BETWEEN CARPENTER ROAD AND LOK SIN ROAD IS CONVERTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC, WHILE CARPENTER ROAD BETWEEN KAI TAK ROAD AND SA PO ROAD BECOMES ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.
- * VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON TAK KU LING ROAD HEADING FOR LOK SIN ROAD, INCLUDING KMB ROUTES NO. 2D AND 10 AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 33, ARE DIVERTED VIA CARPENTER ROAD, SA PO ROAD AND LOK SIN ROAD.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH

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TO FACILITATE THE GALA OPENING OF THE 1988 HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL, EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND H.M.S. TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6 AM TO MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 17).

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