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GOVERNOR DEPARTS FOR VISIT TO LONDON

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, LEFT HONG KONG TONIGHT (FRIDAY) FOR A SEVEN-DAY VISIT TO LONDON.

IT WAS ANOTHER OF THE SERIES OF REGULAR VISITS TO LONDON BY THE GOVERNOR. HE LAST WENT THERE IN OCTOBER 1987.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO MEET THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND OTHER MINISTERS.

"I WILL BE TALKING ABOUT GENERAL MATTERS, RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND UNITED KINGDOM, AND GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS HERE IN HONG KONG. I WILL BE RAISING THE SUBJECT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"AND I AM ALSO TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHILE I AM IN LONDON," HE ADDED.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE VISIT BY MR LU PING YESTERDAY MORNING, SIR DAVID SAID THAT IT WAS A COURTESY CALL BUT THE OPPORTUNITY WAS TAKEN TO TALK ABOUT THE GENERAL STATE OF RELATIONS, MATTERS AFFECTING HONG KONG AND CHINA, AND TO LOOK AT PROGRESS OVER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

ASKED IF HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THE DEFENCE COSTS WITH U.K. OFFICIALS, SIR DAVID SAID THAT HE DID EXPECT THAT TO COME UP SINCE THE DEFENCE COSTS HAD NOT YET BEEN FINALLY NEGOTIATED.

"BUT I DON'T EXPECT TO BE GOING INTO DETAILED NEGOTIATION MYSELF," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID WILL ALSO GIVE A TALK AT THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DURING HIS VISIT TO LONDON. HE IS DUE TO RETURN TO HONG KONG NEXT THURSDAY (MARCH 24).

THE GOVERNOR WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG; AND THE SENIOR MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

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COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SET UP

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO ADVISE IT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE SETTING UP OF A CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES WAS NEEDED AS SUCH ISSUES WERE ASSUMING INCREASING IMPORTANCE IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMY AND GENERAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SUCH A NEED HAD ALREADY BEEN ENUNCIATED BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST OCTOBER.

THE GOVERNOR SAID: "THE TASK OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL BE TO SEEK OUT AND DEVELOP NEW SCIENTIFIC IDEAS OF RELEVANCE TO HONG KONG AND TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON HOW THEY MIGHT BEST BE APPLIED."

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ARE:

- (A) TO ACT AS THE CATALYST FOR THE EXCHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL IDEAS APPLICABLE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HONG KONG;
- (B) WHERE AND WHEN APPROPRIATE TO RECOMMEND THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF THESE IDEAS THROUGH THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY;
- (C) TO OFFER ADVICE ON GOVERNMENT'S SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY; AND
- (D) TO REPORT REGULARLY TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

THE COMMITTEE, HEADED BY PROFESSOR POON CHUNG-KWONG, COMPRISES 14 MEMBERS FROM AMONG HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY. MEMBERS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR ARE MISS LILY CHIANG, MR STEPHEN LAU KA-MEN, MR LEUNG TIN-PUI, PROFESSOR ARTHUR LI KWOK-CHEUNG, MR STEVEN POON KWOK-LIM, MR TAM CHUNG-DING AND DR DONALD FRANK TAYLOR.

MEMBERS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE THE DATA PROCESSING MANAGER, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, THE DIRECTOR OF ROYAL OBSERVATORY, AND THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE IS THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) OF THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM ON THE COMMITTEE WOULD ENSURE THAT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES AND PROPOSALS WERE ASSESSED PROPERLY AND GIVEN DUE WEIGHT IN THE FORMULATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES.

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH ACCORDED HIGH PRIORITY
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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH IS A FIELD OF MEDICAL SCIENCE WHICH IS GROWING RAPIDLY ALL OVER THE WORLD, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT IS ALSO AN AREA OF WORK TO WHICH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS ACCORDED HIGH PRIORITY, HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT, MR HAMMOND NOTED THAT TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF WORKERS, THE DEPARTMENT'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DIVISION CONDUCTED MANY FIELD SURVEYS ON SPECIAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE.

"IN ADDITION, SEVERAL SURVEYS, SUCH AS THE LARGE-SCALE STUDIES ON WAYS AND MEANS TO REDUCE THE PROBLEM OF SILICOSIS IN MINES, QUARRIES AND CONSTRUCTION SITES AND HAZARDS CAUSED BY COTTON DUST IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY ARE PROGRESSING STEADILY," HE SAID.

"MEMBERS OF THE DIVISION ALSO PAY REGULAR VISITS TO INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS, NOT ONLY TO PREVENT OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS BUT ALSO TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL HEALTH OF THE WORKERS AND TO ADVISE ON IMPROVING WORK PROCESSES TO PROTECT THE WORKERS' HEALTH."

LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 379 CASES OF CONFIRMED OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES, AN INCREASE OF 100 OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTAL.

THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME TO RAISE THE STANDARDS OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK WAS OBVIOUS, HE STRESSED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR DR CHIU HIN-KWONG.

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DR CHIU POINTED OUT THAT THE 2.7 MILLION WORKERS WHO WERE SPENDING AT LEAST EIGHT HOURS A DAY IN THE WORKPLACE, WERE CONFRONTED WITH VARIOUS HAZARDS TO HEALTH.

HE NOTED THAT WITH THE RAPID DIVERSIFICATION OF INDUSTRY IN RECENT YEARS, PRODUCTION PROCESSES WERE BECOMING MORE AND MORE SOPHISTICATED AND NEW KINDS OF RAW MATERIALS AND CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES WERE NOW IN USE WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY AFFECTED WORKERS' HEALTH.

"AT PRESENT, THE LAW IDENTIFIES 37 TYPES OF OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES FOR WHICH COMPENSATION IS PAYABLE.

"BUT I BELIEVE THAT AS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPS, MORE TYPES OF DISEASES WILL HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES.

"IT IS FAIR TO SAY, THEREFORE, THAT WITH THESE ADVANCES IN INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH MUST NOT BE OVERLOOKED," DR CHIU SAID.

THE EXHIBITION, WHICH IS BEING HELD AT THE CITYPLAZA IN TAIKOO SHING, WAS JOINTLY OPENED BY DR CHIU, MR HAMMOND, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR RON BRIDGE, AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES, DR S.H. LEE.

IT IS AIMED TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE, AND TO ACQUAINT EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS WITH THE VARIOUS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH HAZARDS AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES, AS WELL AS THE PREVENTIVE MEASURES WHICH CAN BE TAKEN.

THROUGH VISUAL AND AUDIO DISPLAYS, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO GET A BETTER PICTURE OF THE NINE MOST COMMON OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS AND DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG. THESE INCLUDE SILICOSIS, DECOMPRESSION SICKNESS, INFLAMMATION OF THE SKIN AND GAS POISONING.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY, AND FROM 11 AM TO 7 PM DAILY BETWEEN MARCH 21 AND 24.

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TAC MEMBERS APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS RE-APPOINTED MISS MARIA TAM AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

A NEW MEMBER, MR STEVEN POON KWOK-LIM, WILL REPLACE MR VINCENT LO WHO WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE COMMITTEE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AFTER TWO YEARS' SERVICE.

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MR POON, DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER OF CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. LTD, HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SINCE 1986 AND A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY SINCE 1987. HIS TERM OF APPOINTMENT WILL BE FOR TWO YEARS FROM APRIL 1.

THE TAC COMPRISES 18 MEMBERS, SIX OF WHOM ARE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THE FULL LIST OF MEMBERSHIP FROM APRIL 1 IS AS FOLLOWS -

MISS MARIA TAM WAI-CHU (CHAIRMAN)

THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT (VICE-CHAIRMAN)

DR CONRAD LAM KUI-SHING

MR LIU LIT-FOR

MR RICHARD LAI SING-LUNG

MR TAI CHIN-WAH

MR JACKIE CHAN CHAI-KEUNG

MR FAN SAI-YEE

DR LEUNG CHI-KEUNG

MR STEPHEN CHENG WUI-YAU

MR MAN SAI-CHEONG

DR STEPHEN TANG LUNG-WAI

MR STEVEN POON KWOK-LIM

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE

THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES
OR HER REPRESENTATIVE

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE

THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT

THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS

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MARINE FISH MARKETING LAW COMES INTO FORCE

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THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE COMING INTO EFFECT OF THE NEW AMENDMENT REGULATIONS ENACTED TO COUNTER ILLEGAL WHOLESALING OF MARINE FISH IN HONG KONG.

THE MARINE FISH (MARKETING AND EXPORTATION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1988, WHICH WERE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL EARLY THIS MONTH, PROVIDE FOR MORE STRINGENT CONTROL OVER THE LANDING AND TRANSPORTATION OF MARINE FISH AND PRESCRIBE MUCH HEAVIER FINES FOR BREACHING THESE PROVISIONS.

UNDER THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, ALL MARINE FISH MUST BE LANDED ONLY AT A WHOLESALE MARKET OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION EXCEPT WITH A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARKETING.

IN ADDITION, THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS PROHIBIT THE TRANSPORTATION OF MARINE FISH IN QUANTITIES GREATER THAN 60 KILOGRAMS BY SEA ON ANY VESSEL OTHER THAN FISHING VESSEL. TRANSPORTATION ON LAND IN QUANTITIES GREATER THAN 60 KILOGRAMS MUST BE AUTHORISED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARKETING.

CONTRAVENTION OF THESE PROVISIONS IS PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000 - 10 TIMES THE PREVIOUS LEVEL OF \$1,000 - AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

COMMENTING ON THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FISHERIES) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, DR CHRISTOPHER LEE, SAID THE NEW CONTROL PROVIDED BY THESE REGULATIONS SERVED TO PLUG A LOOPHOLE IN THE OLD LAW.

THIS HAD HITHERTO ALLOWED THE LANDING OF MARINE FISH TO BE DONE RELATIVELY FREELY EXCEPT IN THE URBAN AREAS, THUS ENCOURAGING ILLEGAL LANDING AND MARKETING.

"THE PREVIOUS PENALTY IS CONSIDERED FAR FROM SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE A DETERRENT EFFECT. WITH THE TENFOLD INCREASE IN FINES, IT IS HOPED THAT THE COURT WILL TAKE THE MAXIMUM FINES INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN IMPOSING FINES ON CONVICTED OFFENDERS.

"BY DETERRING ILLEGAL MARKETING, IT SHOULD STRENGTHEN THE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT WHOLESALE MARKETING OF MARINE FISH IN THE TERRITORY, THEREBY PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF FISHERMEN AND CONSUMERS," HE SAID.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE GARDENS OPEN TO PUBLIC

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THE GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SUNDAY (MARCH 20) FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM TO ENABLE RESIDENTS TO SEE THE AZALEAS IN BLOOM.

THE OPEN DAY HAS BEEN AN ANNUAL EVENT SINCE 1968.

PEOPLE WISHING TO VISIT THE GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE ARE REQUESTED TO ENTER BY THE MAIN GATE AND LEAVE BY THE SIDE GATES SO THAT ALL CAN ENJOY THE FLOWERS WITHOUT CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO OTHERS.

APART FROM THE GARDENS, THE MAIN HALL OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE WILL ALSO BE OPEN.

SCOUTS AND POLICEMEN WILL BE PRESENT AND VISITORS ARE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THEM TO AVOID OVERCROWDING.

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LAND COMMISSION TO MEET

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THE TWO SIDES OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION HAVE AGREED THAT THE COMMISSION'S 15TH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (MARCH 21).

THE MEETING, BEGINNING AT 10 AM, WILL DISCUSS THE 1988-89 LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST MEETING ATTENDED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR J.R. TODD, WHO WILL RETIRE FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

HE WILL BE REPLACED AS THE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BRITISH SIDE OF THE LAND COMMISSION BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A MEMBER OF THE LAND COMMISSION WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

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NAMES OF SUCCESSFUL DB CANDIDATES GAZETTED

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THE NAMES OF 230 CANDIDATES WHO WERE ELECTED IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS HELD ON MARCH 10 WERE PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRA ORDINARY ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE 230 SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES, TOGETHER WITH 34 OTHER CANDIDATES WHO HAVE BEEN RETURNED UNOPPOSED, WILL SERVE A THREE-YEAR TERM IN THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS STARTING APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

THE NAMES OF THE 34 CANDIDATES WHO WERE RETURNED UNOPPOSED HAVE BEEN GAZETTED EARLIER.

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YAU MA TEI DISTRICT RENAMED

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YAU MA TEI DISTRICT WILL BE RENAMED YAU TSIM DISTRICT FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE NEW NAME, THE SHORT FORM OF YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI, WAS TO REMOVE ANY MISCONCEPTION THAT TSIM SHA TSUI WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT SEPARATE FROM YAU MA TEI.

THE PROPOSAL TO RENAME THE DISTRICT WAS INITIATED BY THE TSIM SHA TSUI AREA COMMITTEE AND WAS ENDORSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD AFTER CONSULTATION WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

AS A RESULT, THE NAME OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE CHANGED ACCORDINGLY. BUT THE EXISTING BOUNDARY OF THE DISTRICT WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

A NUMBER OF AMENDMENT ORDERS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE NEW NAME.

THEY ARE: THE DECLARATION OF DISTRICTS (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1988, THE DECLARATION OF CONSTITUENCIES (DISTRICT BOARDS) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1988, THE DECLARATION OF URBAN COUNCIL AREA AND REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1988 AND THE DECLARATION OF CONSTITUENCIES (URBAN COUNCIL) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1988.

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BILL SEEKS TO AVOID COURT TRANSLATION DELAYS

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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ADMISSION INTO EVIDENCE OF STATEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 PROVIDES THAT IF A STATEMENT TENDERED IN EVIDENCE IS MADE IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, IT SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION, WHICH SHALL BE CERTIFIED UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE PROSECUTOR AND THE DEFENDANT.

"THUS IF ALL PARTIES ARE IN AGREEMENT AS TO THE CONTENT OF THE TRANSLATED STATEMENT, THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT CAN BE DISPENSED WITH," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT PRESENT, THE ADMISSION INTO EVIDENCE OF WRITTEN STATEMENTS IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, OTHER THAN A COMMITTAL, IS ALLOWED IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET.

ONE IS THAT A STATEMENT IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION CERTIFIED BY A COURT TRANSLATOR.

THIS HAS CAUSED PROBLEMS AT TRIAL BECAUSE OF DELAYS EXPERIENCED WHILE THE COURT TRANSLATION SERVICE, WHICH IS UNDER PRESSURE, PRODUCES A CERTIFIED TRANSLATION.

DESCRIBING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT AS A PROCEDURAL REFORM, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS FELT THAT WHERE ALL THE PARTIES ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT AN AVAILABLE TRANSLATION IS SATISFACTORY, NO USEFUL PURPOSE IS SERVED BY REQUIRING THE COURT TO CERTIFY THE TRANSLATION.

TIME MAY BE LOST AND COSTS INCURRED WHILE WAITING FOR IT TO DO SO.

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PROPRIETORS REMINDED OF CONSEQUENCES OF TAX EVASION
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED PROPRIETORS THAT EVASION OF PROFITS TAX COULD LEAD TO HEAVY FINES AND IMPRISONMENT.

THIS FOLLOWED A COURT CASE IN WHICH A PROPRIETOR OF A PLASTICWARE AND METAL FACTORY WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$347,000 AND SENTENCED TO TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT RANGING FROM TWO WEEKS TO THREE MONTHS ON EIGHT CHARGES OF WILFUL INTENT TO EVADE TAX BETWEEN 1983-84 AND 1986-87.

THE TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT ARE TO BE SERVED CONCURRENTLY.

A TOTAL OF \$964,913 IN PROFITS WAS OMITTED BY THE PROPRIETOR WHEN MAKING TAX RETURNS, RESULTING IN AN EVASION OF PROFITS TAX TOTALLING \$160,858.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE FOR SOCIALLY HANDICAPPED WORKING SMOOTHLY
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EMPLOYERS WHO WERE SUPPORTIVE IN EMPLOYING THE SOCIALLY HANDICAPPED THROUGH THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESENTED WITH SOUVENIRS BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MRS WONG EXPRESSED HER APPRECIATION FOR THE MEANINGFUL WORK PERFORMED BY THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND HER GRATITUDE FOR THE VALUABLE SUPPORT OF MANY EMPLOYERS WHO ENABLED THE SERVICE TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES.

SHE NOTED THAT THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE HAD A LONG HISTORY DATING BACK TO 1959 WHEN IT AIMED AT HELPING "MEMBER AGENCIES TO FIND EMPLOYMENT FOR CLIENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERED TO BE IN NEED OF SPECIAL ATTENTION".

IT WAS LATER REORGANISED IN 1970 WHEN BOTH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AGREED TO PROVIDE JOB PLACEMENTS FOR THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, WHILE THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE CONCENTRATED ITS WORK ON THE EMPLOYMENT NEEDS OF THE SOCIALLY HANDICAPPED.

"TODAY, THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ASSISTS THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REHABILITATION OF SOCIALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE BY PROVIDING THEM WITH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES," MRS WONG SAID.

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"IN EFFECT, IT HELPS PROBATIONERS, DISCHARGED PRISONERS, CURED DRUG ADDICTS AND SOME OTHERS WHO HAVE PERSONALITY PROBLEMS WHICH RENDER THEM UNABLE TO FIND WORK, TO SETTLE DOWN IN WORK OR TO FIND REMUNERATIVE EMPLOYMENT.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS WELL AWARE OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THIS UNIQUE SERVICE TO THE REHABILITATION OF THESE PEOPLE AND CONSIDERS THAT THE SUBVENTION OF SOME \$1.15 MILLION FOR THE SERVICE IS WELL SPENT," SHE ADDED.

SHE SAID SHE WAS ALSO GLAD THAT HER DEPARTMENT HAD BECOME A CLOSE WORKING PARTNER WITH THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE IN THIS USEFUL WORK.

AN EXAMPLE OF THIS PARTNERSHIP WAS THE ATTEMPT BY THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND THE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT GUIDANCE PROJECTS IN THE DEPARTMENT'S CORRECTIONAL HOMES.

MRS WONG SAID THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THESE PROJECTS WAS TO ADEQUATELY PREPARE RESIDENTS OF THESE INSTITUTIONS THROUGH A SERIES OF GROUP SESSIONS INVOLVING PARTICIPATION OF CONCERNED PARTIES, VISITS TO PROSPECTIVE PLACES OF WORK; AND TRAINING OF INTERVIEW SKILLS.

THE PROJECTS ALSO AIMED TO ENSURE THAT THESE PEOPLE WERE SUITABLY PLACED IN WORK THAT BEST FITTED THEIR INDIVIDUAL APTITUDES AND SKILL AND ALSO MOTIVATED THEM TO MOVE ON, SHE SAID.

SHE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE LAST FIVE TO SIX YEARS, BETWEEN 1980-81 AND 1986-87, A TOTAL OF 3,067 CASES WERE REFERRED TO THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE BY VARIOUS UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

IN 1986-87 ALONE, SHE SAID, OF THE 614 REFERRALS TO THE SERVICE, 463 CASES, REPRESENTING 75.4 PER CENT, CAME FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

"THE ENCOURAGING ACHIEVEMENT WAS THAT 529 OUT OF 614 CASES REGISTERED FOR EMPLOYMENT WERE MATCHED WITH JOBS, REPRESENTING A SUCCESS RATE OF 86.16 PER CENT - THE HIGHEST RECORD SINCE 1971," SHE ADDED.

MRS WONG ENVISAGED THAT THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WOULD MOVE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH IN THE YEARS TO COME WITH MORE AND MORE SUPPORT FROM THE EMPLOYERS.

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ULTRA-MODERN MUNICIPAL COMPLEX FOR RESIDENTS OF WESTERN DISTRICT

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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S \$192.6-MILLION ULTRA-MODERN SHEUNG WAN COMPLEX, WHICH IS NEARING COMPLETION, WILL PROVIDE RESIDENTS OF WESTERN DISTRICT WITH A SUPERB VENUE FOR THEIR MARKETING, RECREATION AND CULTURAL PURSUITS, ALL UNDER ONE ROOF.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL WORKS SELECT COMMITTEE, MR PAO PING-WING, SAID THIS TODAY AFTER LEADING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON AN INSPECTION TOUR OF THE MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECT.

"THE COMPLEX IS NOT ONLY THE FIRST IN WESTERN DISTRICT BUT THE LARGEST UC COMPLEX EVER BUILT, WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 3,670 SQUARE METRES," HE SAID.

"THE 13-STOREY COMPLEX IS LOCATED AMID A HEAVILY POPULATED AREA AND WILL CERTAINLY BE VERY POPULAR WHEN IT OPENS BY THE END OF JULY."

MR PAO SAID SPECIAL AMENITIES WOULD INCLUDE A CIVIC CENTRE ON THE FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH FLOORS PROVIDING SUCH FACILITIES AS AN AIR-CONDITIONED AUDITORIUM WITH SEATING FOR MORE THAN 500, A LECTURE HALL AND A DISPLAY CENTRE.

"IN ADDITION, THE MARKET AND COOKED-FOOD CENTRE ON THE LOWER FLOORS WILL BE WELL SERVED WITH ESCALATORS, GIVING EASY ACCESS TO CUSTOMERS," SAID MR PAO.

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PLEA FOR PRECAUTIONS IN SCHOOL SPORTS MEETS

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON SCHOOLS TO MINIMISE THE RISKS OF INJURY TO STUDENTS DURING PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS MEETS BY FOLLOWING THE PROPER PROCEDURES AND TAKING THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE FINALS OF INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS (DIVISION ONE) AT WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND, MR LI SAID THE RISK OF INJURY HAD INCREASED BECAUSE OF A HIGHER PARTICIPATION RATE IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES.

"THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED GUIDELINES ON THE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE MADE MORE COMPREHENSIVE TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS WITH FURTHER ASSISTANCE," MR LI SAID.

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WHILE COMPLIMENTING THE ORGANISERS AND PARTICIPANTS OF TODAY'S EVENT ON THE WAY IN WHICH THEY HAD DEMONSTRATED THAT INJURY COULD BE AVOIDED BY OBSERVING BASIC RULES OF SAFETY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S GUIDELINES, MR LI URGED ALL SCHOOLS TO FOLLOW THEIR GOOD EXAMPLE.

"PHYSICAL EDUCATION IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF EDUCATION AND I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT ITS IMPORTANCE IS INCREASINGLY BEING RECOGNISED," MR LI SAID.

"WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ENCOURAGEMENT, SCHOOLS ARE PAYING MORE AND MORE ATTENTION TO THE ORGANISATION OF SPORTS, GYMNASTICS AND OTHER PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES IN BOTH THE FORMAL AND INFORMAL CURRICULUM, AND MORE AND MORE STUDENTS ARE TAKING PART IN SUCH ACTIVITIES."

ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOL, MR LI SAID PHYSICAL EDUCATION WOULD BE OFFERED AS A SUBJECT IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

IN ADDITION, MR LI SAID, A SPECIALIST SCHOOL FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ART WOULD BE SET UP IN SHA TIN TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WHO HAVE AN APTITUDE IN SPORTS WITH ENHANCED OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR TALENT.

MORE THAN 22,000 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS HAD REGISTERED FOR COMPETITION IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE 15 SPORTS EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS (DIVISION ONE). OF THESE, SOME 12,500 STUDENTS FROM 156 MEMBER SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN ATHLETICS ALONE.

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PUBLIC URGED TO REPORT DANGEROUS AD SIGNS

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DANGEROUS OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ADVERTISEMENT SIGNS ARE PUBLIC HAZARDS, AND THEY SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE DANGEROUS SIGNS UNIT OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ON 5-8482487.

COPIES OF A POSTER, ILLUSTRATING "DANGEROUS" AND "POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS" SIGNS, HAVE BEEN PUT UP ON GOVERNMENT POSTER SITES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO ALERT THE PUBLIC TO THE HAZARD.

THE POSTER, IN CARTOON FORM, DEPICTS ADVERTISEMENT SIGNS IN VARIOUS STATES OF DILAPIDATION, AND POSING A HAZARD TO THE PUBLIC.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DANGEROUS SIGN UNIT, WHICH WAS SET UP IN APRIL LAST YEAR, SAID THE PRIMARY CONCERN WAS TO REMOVE THESE DANGEROUS/POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SIGNS TO ENSURE THEY DID NOT INJURE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

BY MARCH 1, ACTION BY THE DANGEROUS SIGNS UNIT HAD RESULTED IN THE REMOVAL OR REPAIR OF 2,047 SIGNS.

THE UNIT REMOVED 667 SIGNS BY ITSELF AND OTHERS WERE REMOVED BY OWNERS.

THOSE REMOVED BY THE UNIT WERE IN THE MAIN "ABANDONED SIGNS". OWNERS MAY REMOVE SIGNS VOLUNTARILY, FAILING WHICH ORDERS CAN BE SERVED ON THEM.

THE UNIT HAS COMPLETED SURVEYS IN 16 URBAN LOCATIONS TO SEEK OUT AND REMOVE DANGEROUS SIGNS, AND SIMILAR SURVEYS IN 28 MORE URBAN LOCATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT THIS YEAR.

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INCREASES IN ANIMAL LICENCE FEES ANNOUNCED

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THE FEE LEVELS OF SIX LICENCES AND PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH (ANIMALS AND BIRDS) ORDINANCE WILL BE INCREASED FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME DATE, NEW FEES WILL BE IMPOSED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON PERMITS/SPECIAL PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE REMOVAL FROM A VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS DESTINED FOR HONG KONG OR FOR TRANSHIPMENT PURPOSES.

THE CHANGES, PRESCRIBED IN A SERIES OF NEW AMENDMENT REGULATIONS TO THE ORDINANCE, WERE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL LAST WEEK. A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THE SIX LICENCES AND PERMIT ARE ANIMAL TRADER LICENCE, DAIRY LICENCE, EXHIBITION LICENCE, TEMPORARY EXHIBITION PERMIT, BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE AND RIDING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE. THE LEVELS OF THE FEES CHARGED IN RESPECT OF THESE LICENCES AND PERMIT HAVE NOT BEEN REVISED FOR MORE THAN 14 YEARS.

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THEIR EXISTING AND REVISED FEE LEVELS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	EXISTING LEVEL -----	REVISED LEVEL -----
ANIMAL TRADER LICENCE	\$500 PER YEAR	\$700 PER YEAR
	\$250 PER HALF YEAR	\$350 PER HALF YEAR
DAIRY LICENCE	\$12 PER COW OR \$480 PER DAIRY	\$25 PER COW OR \$1,000 PER DAIRY
EXHIBITION LICENCE	\$500 PER YEAR	\$2,000 PER YEAR
	\$250 PER HALF YEAR	\$1,000 PER HALF YEAR
TEMPORARY EXHIBITION PERMIT	\$100 PER EXHIBITION	\$200 PER EXHIBITION
BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE	\$500 PER YEAR \$250 PER HALF YEAR	\$1,200 PER YEAR \$600 PER HALF YEAR
RIDING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE	\$500 PER YEAR	\$1,200 PER YEAR
	\$250 PER HALF YEAR	\$600 PER HALF YEAR

THE FEES INTRODUCED FOR PERMITS/SPECIAL PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE REMOVAL OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS WILL BE CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE CATEGORY OF ANIMAL OR BIRD AND THE NUMBER OF UNITS OF EACH CATEGORY REQUIRED TO BE REMOVED FROM A VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT.

THE FOLLOWING DETAILS THE FEES PRESCRIBED FOR SUCH PERMITS:

CATEGORY OF ANIMAL OR BIRD -----	SIZE OF UNIT -----	FEE PER UNIT (OR PART THEREOF) -----	FEE PER EACH ADDITIONAL UNIT (OR PART THEREOF) -----
CATTLE	50 ANIMALS	\$240	\$100
SHEEP, GOATS AND PIGS	100 ANIMALS	\$240	\$100
EQUINES	1 ANIMAL	\$130	\$20
DAY-OLD POULTRY	500 BIRDS	\$60	\$20
BIRDS (OTHER THAN DAY-OLD POULTRY)	50 BIRDS	\$60	\$20

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REPTILES (OTHER THAN TURTLES FOR FOOD)	200 ANIMALS	\$60	\$20
RODENTS AND LAGOMORPHS	50 ANIMALS	\$60	\$20
DOGS AND CATS	1 ANIMAL	\$60	\$20
TURTLES FOR FOOD	200 KG	\$60	\$20
OTHER ANIMALS NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE	1 ANIMAL	\$60	\$20

ANNOUNCING THESE DETAILS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (AGRICULTURE) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, DR THOMAS YIP, SAID INCOME FROM THE EXISTING FEES CHARGED DID NOT COVER THE COST OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES.

"TO REDUCE THE SHORTFALL BETWEEN FEE INCOME AND THE COST OF THE SERVICES, THE GOVERNMENT, AFTER EXAMINING CAREFULLY THE CURRENT FEE LEVELS WITH DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE NATURE AND SCALE OF BUSINESSES INVOLVED, DECIDED TO PHASE IN THE INCREASES OVER A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS STARTING FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE INTENTION WAS TO RECOVER THE FULL COSTS BY 1990.

DR YIP SAID THE PERMITS/SPECIAL PERMITS FOR THE REMOVAL OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS FROM A VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT WERE HITHERTO ISSUED FREE OF CHARGE.

"AS THE SERVICE INVOLVES ADMINISTRATIVE WORK AS WELL AS PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF IMPORTING CONSIGNMENT, IT WAS DECIDED THAT A FEE SHOULD BE CHARGED TO RECOVER THE COST," HE SAID.

"THE PENALTY FOR CONTRAVENING THE PUBLIC HEALTH (ANIMALS AND BIRDS) REGULATIONS WOULD ALSO BE INCREASED FROM THE SAME DATE FROM \$1,000 TO \$2,000 SO AS TO DETER WOULD BE OFFENDERS," DR YIP ADDED.

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JANUARY ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED
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IN JANUARY 1988, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME AS IN DECEMBER 1987 BUT SHOWED SOME DECREASE COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1987, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND, MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS, REFERS TO THE POSITION AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1987, THE ORDERS POSITION IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IMPROVED SUBSTANTIALLY IN JANUARY 1988, BUT WAS STILL CONSIDERABLY BELOW THAT IN JANUARY 1987.

THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY REPORTED SOME DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS COMPARED WITH BOTH DECEMBER 1987 AND JANUARY 1987.

THE OTHER INDUSTRIES SURVEYED SHOWED NO CHANGE IN THEIR ORDERS POSITION WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1987 BUT MOST INDUSTRIES REPORTED SOME DECREASES WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1987. THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, HOWEVER, RECORDED A SLIGHT INCREASE IN ORDERS COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1987.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN JANUARY 1988 WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH DECEMBER 1987 AND JANUARY 1987.

COMPARING JANUARY 1988 WITH DECEMBER 1987, EMPLOYMENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES DECREASED, WHILE THAT IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES SHOWED SOME INCREASES.

COMPARING WITH JANUARY 1987, EMPLOYMENT IN JANUARY 1988 DROPPED IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. PARTLY OFFSETTING THESE DECREASES WERE THE INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN JANUARY 1988, BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER DECEMBER 1987 BUT DECREASED WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1987.

CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN INTERPRETING THE FIGURES ON PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THE YEAR, IN VIEW OF THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, WHICH OCCURRED IN LATE JANUARY LAST YEAR BUT TOOK PLACE IN MID-FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

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THIS HAS AFFECTED THE TIMING OF THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE PAY AND ANNUAL BONUSES BY EMPLOYERS TO THEIR WORKERS.

COMPARING JANUARY 1988 WITH DECEMBER 1987, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN MOST INDUSTRIES SURVEYED MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE PAY AND ANNUAL BONUSES IN SOME MANUFACTURING FIRMS.

THE INCREASES WERE LARGEST IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1987, HOWEVER, BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JANUARY 1988 DECREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN MOST INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST DECREASES RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT IN JANUARY 1988 WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN DECEMBER 1987, WHILE PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1987, EMPLOYMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHILE PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY.

IN THE SERVICES SECTORS SURVEYED, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN JANUARY 1988 REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME AS IN DECEMBER 1987, WHILE PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS SHOWED SOME INCREASES.

HOTELS, IN PARTICULAR, REPORTED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS DUE TO THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE PAY AND ANNUAL BONUSES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SUBSTANTIAL DECREASES IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN BANKS FOLLOWING SHARP INCREASES IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1987, EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES SECTORS AS A WHOLE SHOWED AN INCREASE IN JANUARY 1988. PAYROLL ALSO INCREASED BUT PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECREASED SLIGHTLY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, DECREASES IN BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN BANKS AND HOTELS, WHILE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PUBLIC UTILITIES.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 AND 2 BELOW.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

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AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT THE MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.

NEVERTHELESS, THESE RESULTS ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JANUARY 1988 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234820.

TABLE 1: ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	FOR JAN. 1988 (MONTH)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH DEC. 87 (%)	JAN. 87 (%)
ALL INDUSTRIES	4.33	*	-2
WEARING APPAREL	4.75	-3	-1
TEXTILES	2.83	*	-6
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.15	+21	-19
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.23	*	-5
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	4.96	*	+1
OTHERS	4.19	*	-3

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TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF JANUARY 1988		PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH		CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH		
	DEC. 87	JAN. 87	IN JAN. 88	DEC. 87	JAN. 87
	(%)	(%)	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
MANUFACTURING	-1	-2	4,967	+18	-12
FOOD AND DRINKS	+1	+3	5,747	+13	-11
WEARING APPAREL	-1	-7	4,055	+10	-7
TEXTILES	-1	*	4,534	+3	-32
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	+2	-5	3,975	+9	-37
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	+1	+3	4,992	+30	-5
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-2	*	4,921	+23	-2
OTHERS	-1	-3	7,012	+29	-8
CONSTRUCTION [#]	*	+2	6,590	+11	-12
SERVICES	*	+2	9,053	+2	-1
BANKS	*	+3	8,194	-20	-4
HOTELS	*	+1	9,306	+65	-4
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	-1	9,041	+4	+9
OTHERS	+1	+9	10,009	+16	-7

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTE: UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS" WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE FIRMS SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE FIRMS SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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LONG SERVICE MEDALS FOR 15 FIREMEN

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FIFTEEN FIREMEN FROM THE HEADQUARTERS COMMAND WERE PRESENTED FIRE BRIGADE LONG SERVICE MEDALS BY THE ACTING CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR PETER CHEUNG, TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY AT THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI, MR CHEUNG SAID THE AWARDS REPRESENTED MANY YEARS OF CONSISTENT DEDICATION AND HARD WORK BY THE RECIPIENTS.

HE SAID THE FIRE SERVICES HAD ATTAINED ITS PRESENT REPUTATION THROUGH THE UNSELFISH DEVOTION OF ITS STAFF.

"EACH OF YOU, THROUGH YOUR LOYALTY AND DEDICATION TO DUTY, HAD CONTRIBUTED IN MANY WAYS YOUR SHARE IN BUILDING UP THIS BRIGADE."

"THE LONG SERVICE AWARDS ARE DUE RECOGNITION OF YOUR MANY YEARS OF LOYAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY," MR CHEUNG SAID.

THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 46 FIRE AND AMBULANCE PERSONNEL WHO HAVE SERVED THE DEPARTMENT BETWEEN 18 AND 30 YEARS HAVE BEEN AWARDED FIRE BRIGADE LONG SERVICE MEDALS.

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PAST AND PRESENT OF CUSTOMS SERVICE

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WILL EMBARK UPON ANOTHER MAJOR STRUCTURAL REFORM TO MAXIMISE THE DEPLOYMENT OF ITS RESOURCES, COUPLED WITH A THOROUGH REVIEW OF REVENUE CONTROL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPUTERISED SYSTEM, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR K.S. TONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

EXPLAINING THE CHANGING ROLE AND DEVELOPMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OVER THE YEARS AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG (HOST), MR TONG POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG WOULD MAINTAIN A SEPARATE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION AFTER 1997 WHEN IT BECAME A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ITS INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION IN THE FIELD OF MUTUAL CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION SINCE ITS ACCESSION TO THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL AS A FULL MEMBER AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CCC REGIONAL LIAISON OFFICE FOR THE CO-ORDINATION OF NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE AMONG CUSTOMS SERVICES OF THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION LAST YEAR.

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"THE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IN CONSUMER PROTECTION WILL ALSO BE FURTHER EXPANDED, INCLUDING NEW RESPONSIBILITIES IN ENFORCING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND THE SALE OF UNSAFE PRODUCTS.

"OTHER OBJECTIVES INCLUDE FURTHERING OUR EFFICIENCY IN THE SUPPRESSION OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA, MAINTENANCE OF THE LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEM AND THE COLLECTION OF A LARGER REVENUE ARISING FROM RECENT INCREASES IN DUTIES ON DUTIABLE COMMODITIES."

MR TONG ALSO NOTED THAT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE WAS UNIQUE IN THE SENSE THAT IT WAS PERHAPS THE ONLY DISCIPLINED CUSTOMS FORCE IN THE WORLD, OPERATING UNDER A STATUTORY CODE OF DISCIPLINE.

"THERE IS ALSO AN ELEMENT OF CONTINUITY IN THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT IN HISTORY," HE ADDED.

"THE PRESENT CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAS ITS ROOTS IN THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE ESTABLISHED IN 1909 UNDER THE THEN IMPORT AND EXPORT DEPARTMENT, THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SUCCESSIVELY.

"THE SERVICE BEGAN AS A COLLECTOR AND PROTECTOR OF DUTY ON INTOXICATING LIQUORS. THE LIST WAS EXTENDED IN TIME TO INCLUDE TOBACCO, MOTOR SPIRITS, METHYL ALCOHOL AND, MORE RECENTLY, COSMETICS AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DERIVING AN ANNUAL REVENUE OF NEARLY \$4 BILLION TODAY."

MR TONG EXPLAINED THAT THE SERVICE'S OPERATIONS HAD ALSO FOCUSSED ON FIVE OTHER MAJOR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE YEARS.

"THEY INCLUDE, FIRSTLY, THE CONTROL OF THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF PROHIBITED ARTICLES OCCASIONED BY THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR I, FOLLOWED BY THE DUTY TO PRESERVE HONG KONG'S TRADING INTEGRITY AFTER THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREFERENTIAL TARIFF SYSTEM IN 1932.

"OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE THE INTERDICTION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AFTER WORLD WAR II, THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEW COPYRIGHT LAW ENACTED IN 1973 AND THE PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE AS FROM 1981.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS UNDERGONE SIGNIFICANT STAGES DURING ITS LONG PROCESS OF EVOLUTION, CHARACTERISED BY MAJOR ORGANISATION RE-CONSTRUCTIONS AND UNEQUALLED ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN EACH STAGE, BEFORE IT BECAME A HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL AND MULTI-FACETED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF TODAY.

"AMONG THEM, THE MORE IMPORTANT ONES WERE THE OUTBREAK OF THE KOREAN WAR WITH ITS SUBSEQUENT TRADE EMBARGO, THE UPSURGE IN GOLD SMUGGLING AND OPERATION OF ILLICIT STILL FOR CHINESE WINE IN THE 1950'S AND 1960'S, THE ENACTMENT OF THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE ORDINANCE IN 1963 AND NEW RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANTI-NARCOTIC OPERATIONS ON LAND AND PROTECTION OF COPYRIGHT IN 1972 AND 1973 RESPECTIVELY.

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"WITH THE DEFEDERATION OF THE THEN TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT IN 1982, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT FINALLY BECAME FULLY INDEPENDENT."

FROM A TEAM OF ONLY 26 OFFICERS, MR TONG SAID, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAD NOW GROWN TO A FORCE OF 3,827 OFFICERS.

IT IS MADE UP OF TWO COMPONENT PARTS, THE DISCIPLINED CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE AND THE CIVILIAN TRADE CONTROLS GROUP, WITH ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOME 35 ORDINANCES.

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TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHING MING FESTIVAL

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE CHING MING FESTIVAL, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL INCLUDE CLOSURE OF ROADS IN WO HOP SHEK, FANLING AND TSUEN WAN AS WELL AS STRENGTHENING OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ON ROADS NEAR THE CEMETERIES, GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE UTMOST CARE AND PATIENCE, OR TO VISIT THE CEMETERIES EARLY OR TO GO THERE ON OTHER, NON-FESTIVAL DAYS.

ROAD CLOSURES:

BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 PM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 20), MARCH 27, APRIL 1 TO 5, 10 AND 17, THE SECTION OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD FROM WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDBOUT TO THE JUNCTION OF ROAD D6 WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL PRIVATE VEHICLES INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs.

AT THE SAME TIME, KIU TAU ROAD AND THE SECTION OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD BEYOND ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D6 WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC (INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs) EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs.

FROM 7 AM TO 6 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, THE SLIP ROAD AT WO HOP SHEK CONNECTION FROM NORTHBOUND NT CIRCULAR ROAD LEADING TO WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDBOUT WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND FRANCHISED BUSES.

AT THE SAME TIME, FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND RESIDENTS FOR LOCAL ACCESS.

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IN ADDITION, THE FANLING KCR FORECOURT WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AT ITS ACCESS FROM ROAD D5, EXCEPTING FRANCHISED BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

IN TSUEN WAN, LO WAI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 7 AM TO 4 PM ON MARCH 27, APRIL 1 TO 5, AND APRIL 10.

THE LO WAI END TERMINATING POINT FOR NT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 81 AND 81M WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE LO WAI BUS TERMINUS.

FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON MARCH 27, APRIL 1 TO 5, AND APRIL 10, WING SHUN STREET BETWEEN TSUEN WAN CEMETERY AND KWAI HEI STREET IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT HEARSEs AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

AS ROAD CLOSURE MEASURES WILL BE ENFORCED BY POLICE OFFICERS AT THE JUNCTION OF WING SHUN STREET, KWAI HEI STREET AND KWAI YUE STREET, GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THE MTR AND ALIGHT AT KWAI FONG STATION.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

ON MARCH 20, 27, APRIL 1 TO 5, 10 AND 17, KCR TRAIN SERVICES WILL OPERATE AT FANLING AT A FIVE-MINUTE INTERVAL DURING THE PEAK PERIOD FROM 7 AM TO 9 AM AND FROM 5 PM TO 7 PM.

FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, TRAIN SERVICES WILL OPERATE AT A FREQUENCY OF SEVEN-AND-A-HALF MINUTES OR EIGHT-AND-A-HALF MINUTES.

A SPECIAL SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 70R, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN FANLING KCR STATION AND WO HOP SHEK AT ABOUT THREE MINUTES FREQUENCY ON MARCH 20, 27, APRIL 3, 4, 10 AND 17.

ON THE SAME DAYS, ANOTHER SPECIAL BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 70S, WILL OPERATE FROM JORDAN ROAD FERRY BUS TERMINUS TO WO HOP SHEK VIA TOLO HIGHWAY AT INTERVALS OF ABOUT SIX MINUTES.

MEANWHILE, SERVICES ON KMB ROUTES NO. 70, 70K, 70X, 73 AND 73A WILL ALSO BE STRENGTHENED DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD.

GRAVE-SWEEPERS WISHING TO GO TO SANDY RIDGE CAN EITHER TAKE THE REGULAR BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 73K, PLYING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND SAN UK LING OR THE TRAIN SERVICE TO LO WU.

DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES (PLB'S), TAXIS AND COACHES CARRYING PASSENGERS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO SET DOWN PASSENGERS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AND WAITING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

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PLB'S AND PRIVATE CARS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SET DOWN OR PICK UP PASSENGERS WITHIN ONE KILOMETRE ON TAI WO SERVICE ROAD (WEST) ON EITHER SIDE OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD; AND ALSO WITHIN 300 METRES ON TAI WO SERVICE ROAD (WEST) ON EITHER SIDE OF KIU TAU ROAD.

AS THERE WILL BE NO PARKING FACILITIES IN WO HOP SHEK AND PARKING SPACES IN SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING AND TSUEN WAN CEMETERY ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE URGED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO GO TO THE CEMETERIES.

GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED TO FOLLOW THE PEDESTRIAN ROUTE FROM THE SOUTH SIDE OF FANLING KCR STATION AND TO WALK ALONG ROAD D6.

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SERVICES FOR ELDERLY IN NORTH DISTRICT

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APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR ELDERLY SERVICES IN THE NORTH DISTRICT, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A FEAST FOR THE ELDERLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELDERLY ACTIVITIES.

MR CHEUNG NOTED THAT OF THE 150,000 POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT, ABOUT 17,000 WERE OVER 60 YEARS OLD, REPRESENTING MORE THAN 10 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION THERE.

OUTLINING THE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, HE SAID THE FUNG YING SIN KOON LIMITED SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING, HAD COMMENCED OPERATION IN JANUARY.

ANOTHER SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY WOULD BE SET UP IN TIN PING ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI, IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

BY 1990, A HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY AND A HOME/CARE AND ATTENTION UNIT WOULD BE IN OPERATION IN TIN PING ESTATE AND IN FANLING'S WAH MING ESTATE RESPECTIVELY, HE ADDED.

TO MEET THE DEMAND FROM THE GROWING POPULATION IN FANLING SOUTH, A MULTI-SERVICES CENTRE AND A DAY CARE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE SET UP IN 1990-91.

MR CHEUNG PRAISED THE EFFORTS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELDERLY ACTIVITIES, LED BY MR TSUI CHIN-WAN, IN ORGANISING A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY.

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THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED VISITS TO INSTITUTIONS FOR THE ELDERLY, FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UP, MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES AND A CARNIVAL. IT HAD ALSO DISTRIBUTED ABOUT 720 UMBRELLAS TO SENIOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

MR CHEUNG ALSO THANKED LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MEET PART OF THE PROGRAMME EXPENSES WHICH TOTALLED \$130,000.

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SPORTS WINNERS TO GET THEIR PRIZES

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WINNERS OF COMPETITIONS HELD BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION IN 1987-88 WILL RECEIVE PRIZES AT AN ANNUAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE ASSOCIATION'S LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE ON SUNDAY (MARCH 20).

WITH ALLOCATIONS TOTALLING ABOUT \$150,000 FROM THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE ASSOCIATION ORGANISED DURING THE YEAR 20 COMPETITIONS BY ITSELF OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THESE INCLUDED TABLE-TENNIS, BADMINTON, TENNIS, VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS, A LONG-DISTANCE RUN AND AN ATHLETIC MEET.

THE PRESENTATION, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 5.30 PM, WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A BASKETBALL MATCH BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ARTISTES FROM TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT ON SUNDAY (MARCH 20) AT THE LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE AT 2 ON CHEUNG ROAD, TAI PO.

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GOOD CITIZENS HONOURED IN TSUEN WAN

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR ITS GOOD CITIZEN AWARD SCHEME ON SUNDAY (MARCH 20).

RECIPIENTS UNDER THE AWARD SCHEME WERE SELECTED FROM NOMINATIONS AMONG CIVIC-MINDED PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT WHO HAVE ASSISTED POLICE IN FIGHTING CRIME.

THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE.

OFFICIATING WILL BE THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR JOHN HUI; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHOW KWAN-SING.

WINNERS OF THE FIGHT CRIME POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION, RELATING TO A LIFT DISPLAY PROJECT, WILL ALSO RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A STREET PLAY JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE FRINGE CLUB.

THE 30-MINUTE PLAY, CONVEYING AN ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGE, DEPICTS HOW TRIADS TRY TO INFILTRATE SCHOOLS AND HIGHLIGHTS THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF ANYONE WHO GETS INVOLVED IN TRIAD ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOOD CITIZEN AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND ANTI-TRIAD PLAY TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 TAI HO ROAD IN TSUEN WAN. THE PRESENTATION BEGINS AT 2.30 PM.

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KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN PRIZE PRESENTATION

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A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1987-88 ISLANDS DISTRICT KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE BUDDHIST WAI YAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE ON CHEUNG CHAU.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR YIU KAI-HANG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL START AT 10 AM.

A DANCE PERFORMANCE BY STUDENTS OF THE DISTRICT WILL FOLLOW THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 1987-88 ISLANDS DISTRICT KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE BUDDHIST WAI YAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE ON CHEUNG CHAU TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 10 AM.

THE PRESS LAUNCH "CLEMENTI" WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, FOR CHEUNG CHAU AT 8.30 AM. INFORMATION OFFICER, MR RAYMOND TAM, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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EIGHTY TO RECEIVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATES

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ABOUT 80 PEOPLE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDING OWNERS' CORPORATIONS OR FACTORY OWNERS WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES IN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT ON SUNDAY (MARCH 20).

THE MEMBERS ATTENDED A COURSE ON INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

THE COURSE COVERED SUCH TOPICS AS DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT, FINANCE CONTROL, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND FIRE PREVENTION.

IT WAS ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAM OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD.

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A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE CERTIFICATES ARE PRESENTED.

THIS WILL ENABLE COURSE MEMBERS TO ASK FURTHER QUESTIONS ON INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND TO DISCUSS THEIR EXPERIENCES IN THIS MATTER.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD HAVE MADE A PIONEER MOVE BY JOINTLY PRODUCING A HANDBOOK ON INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

THE HANDBOOK WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO OWNERS' CORPORATIONS OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND TO FACTORY OWNERS.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES WILL BE THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK; ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR TSUI KWOK-KEI; ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MS BETTY CHEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF INSTITUTE OF HOUSING (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR PETER YIP; HOUSING MANAGER, MR LEE KANG-SUM; AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR CHAN KWOK-WAI AND MR CHAN KWOK-WAH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT COURSE AND THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (MARCH 20) IN THE ACTIVITIES ROOM OF WONDERLAND VILLA. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD GATHER AT 3.30 PM AT GROUND FLOOR OF KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), KWAI CHUNG. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED.

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OPERATION HOURS OF PARKING METERS SHORTENED

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THE OPERATING HOURS FOR THE GOODS VEHICLE PARKING METERS IN CHEUNG SHA WAN INDUSTRIAL AREA WILL BE SHORTENED FROM THE EXISTING 16 HOURS TO 12 HOURS WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (MARCH 21).

THE NEW OPERATING HOURS WILL BE FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM INSTEAD OF FROM 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT.

THE AFFECTED METERS ARE LOCATED AT KING LAM STREET, WING HONG STREET, YU CHAU WEST STREET, YEE KUK WEST STREET AND TUNG CHAU WEST STREET.

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TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS IN NORTH POINT AND SHEUNG WAN
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FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (MARCH 19), JAVA ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 73 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TIN CHIU STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 108 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

IN SHEUNG WAN, THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KO SHING STREET BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 22 AND 48C WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 21). THE RESTRICTION WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

NO VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE ABOVE URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR GOODS OR PASSENGERS.

MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KO SHING STREET BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 19 AND 77 IMPLEMENTED DAILY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM WILL BE RESCINDED.

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