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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY PRAISED

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HONG KONG IS NOT ONLY COSMOPOLITAN, IT IS VIGOROUS, EVER-CHANGING AND VIBRANT, BUT DESPITE THE PRESSURES UPON IT, HONG KONG REMAINS A VERY STABLE COMMUNITY, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, MR DAVID FORD, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE TEN OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS AWARDS PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR FORD SAID: "I AM SURE THAT WE CAN BE THANKFUL THAT WE LIVE IN A PLACE WHERE THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE HONOURED THIS EVENING HAVE THE FREEDOM AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO FLOURISH AND SO MAKE SUCH VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY."

HE SAID THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS YEAR'S AWARDS HAD DEMONSTRATED, BY THEIR EFFORTS, HOW WILLING AND ABLE THEY WERE TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

"I AM STRUCK BY THEIR DIVERSITY OF INTERESTS AND THE WIDE RANGE OF PROFESSIONS THEY REPRESENT.

"IT IS A REFLECTION OF HOW INTERNATIONAL AND SOPHISTICATED HONG KONG HAS BECOME IN RECENT YEARS THAT THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THIS COSMOPOLITAN SOCIETY OF OURS," HE SAID.

MR FORD SAID ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVING AWARDS HAD PROVED THEIR ABILITY AND THEIR COMMITMENT AND HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT EACH ONE OF THEM WOULD, IN THEIR OWN WAY, CONTINUE TO MAKE A MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION.

HE SAID HE WAS MOST IMPRESSED WITH THE CONCEPT AND THE SPIRIT OF THE AWARD SCHEME WHICH WAS IN ITS 18TH YEAR.

"IT GIVES WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION TO OUR TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE WHO, BY THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THEIR OWN FIELDS, HAVE SET AN EXAMPLE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ALL OTHERS TO FOLLOW," HE ADDED.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER PUBLISHED

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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED IN OCTOBER COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH.

BUT THE GROWTH IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WAS SLOWER THAN THAT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. REFLECTING THIS DEVELOPMENT, HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS EXPERIENCED SLOWER GROWTH DURING THE MONTH.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS CONTINUED TO INCREASE IN OCTOBER, BUT THE RATE OF GROWTH WAS SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN THAT IN SEPTEMBER. THIS SLOWDOWN WAS MAINLY DUE TO A DECELERATION IN THE GROWTH OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG.

ON THE OTHER HAND, LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG GREW FASTER IN OCTOBER THAN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH, WHILE LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE RECOVERED SLIGHTLY IN OCTOBER AFTER A FALL IN SEPTEMBER.

SUMMARY FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 1987 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS ARE SET OUT IN A TABLE.

DEPOSITS

IN OCTOBER, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 6.6 PER CENT WHILE SAVINGS DEPOSITS DECREASED BY 4.9 PER CENT. TIME DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 4.2 PER CENT AFTER A DECLINE OF 1.7 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. AS A RESULT, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE BY 1.0 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AFTER INCREASES OF 1.8 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND 3.2 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. OVER THE YEAR (I.E. FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER), TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 24.9 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 5.6 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AFTER A DECLINE OF 0.3 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. THESE DEPOSITS GREW BY 6.8 PER CENT OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER AND BY 29.2 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR. OF THE TOTAL, DEPOSITS IN U.S. DOLLARS ROSE BY 2.2 PER CENT IN OCTOBER WHILE DEPOSITS IN OTHER FOREIGN CURRENCIES GREW BY 11.5 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 0.1 PER CENT IN OCTOBER. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 0.9 PER CENT IN OCTOBER WHILE ADJUSTED FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ROSE BY 6.2 PER CENT.

DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 3.1 PER CENT IN OCTOBER WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 8.5 PER CENT. FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER, DEPOSITS IN BOTH KINDS OF DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS INCREASED BY 6.5 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, DEPOSITS WITH BANKS GREW BY 29.5 PER CENT BUT THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 10.1 PER CENT.

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REFLECTING A SLOWER GROWTH IN DEMAND DEPOSITS, THE RATE OF INCREASE IN HONG KONG DOLLAR M1 SLOWED DOWN TO 5.4 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, FROM 9.1 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. HONG KONG DOLLAR M2 AND M3 INCREASED BY 0.8 PER CENT AND 1.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN OCTOBER, COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES OF 3.2 PER CENT AND 3.0 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER, HK DOLLAR M1, M2 AND M3 GREW BY 39.1 PER CENT, 27.6 PER CENT AND 24.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS INCREASED FASTER THAN THEIR HONG KONG DOLLAR COUNTERPARTS IN OCTOBER. TOTAL M1 GREW BY 6.1 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AFTER AN INCREASE OF 6.8 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3, ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASED BY 3.0 PER CENT AND 3.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN OCTOBER, COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE OF 1.2 PER CENT IN BOTH AGGREGATES IN SEPTEMBER.

OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 41.5 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 29.3 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 27.1 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW BY 2.0 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, AFTER INCREASES OF 4.9 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND 4.0 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. WHILE LOANS DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLAR INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT, THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES GREW BY 2.5 PER CENT. THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR THE TWO TYPES OF LOANS WERE 3.2 PER CENT AND 4.7 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

LOANS TO FINANCE THE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG ROSE BY 1.9 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AFTER A DECLINE OF 0.4 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER; OVER THE YEAR THESE LOANS GREW BY 23.0 PER CENT.

GROWTH IN OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG SLOWED DOWN TO 2.0 PER CENT IN OCTOBER FROM 3.6 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 31.5 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG GREW BY 3.8 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, BUT LOANS WHERE THE PLACE OF USE IS UNKNOWN FELL BY 4.2 PER CENT.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS INCREASED BY ONE TO 154. THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 35, WHILE THAT OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY ONE TO 237.

MONETARY STATISTICS - OCTOBER 1987

	Oct 1987 -----	Earlier months (% change to October 1987)			(HK\$mn)
		Sep 1987 -----	Jul 1987 -----	Oct 1986 -----	
Money Supply -----					
M1 - HK\$	66,279	62,876 (5.4 %)	57,624 (15.0 %)	47,649 (39.1 %)	
Foreign currency	7,416	6,581 (12.7 %)	6,277 (18.1 %)	4,417 (67.9 %)	
Total	73,694	69,456 (6.1 %)	63,902 (15.3 %)	52,066 (41.5 %)	
M2 - HK\$	287,356	285,026 (0.8 %)	271,329 (5.9 %)	225,138 (27.6 %)	
Foreign currency	349,216	332,932 (4.9 %)	329,359 (6.0 %)	267,120 (30.7 %)	
Total	636,571	617,958 (3.0 %)	600,688 (6.0 %)	492,258 (29.3 %)	
M3 - HK\$	323,370	319,732 (1.1 %)	304,773 (6.1 %)	258,889 (24.9 %)	
Foreign currency	382,139	362,031 (5.6 %)	358,265 (6.7 %)	296,036 (29.1 %)	
Total	705,509	681,763 (3.5 %)	663,038 (6.4 %)	554,925 (27.1 %)	
Notes and coins in circulation	26,342	25,343 (3.9 %)	24,585 (7.1 %)	21,391 (23.1 %)	
of which held by public	23,021	22,287 (3.3 %)	21,394 (7.6 %)	18,571 (24.0 %)	
Deposits -----					
Demand deposits	50,674	47,169 (7.4 %)	42,508 (19.2 %)	33,495 (51.3 %)	
Savings deposits	146,069	148,736 (-1.8 %)	142,462 (2.5 %)	118,625 (23.1 %)	
Time deposits with banks	407,337	390,275 (4.4 %)	384,838 (5.8 %)	314,396 (29.6 %)	
Time deposits with dtcs	64,646	59,577 (8.5 %)	58,028 (11.4 %)	58,731 (10.1 %)	
HK\$ deposits	292,880	289,980 (1.0 %)	276,002 (6.1 %)	234,410 (24.9 %)	
US\$ deposits	229,173	224,197 (2.2 %)	215,569 (6.3 %)	196,545 (16.6 %)	
Other foreign currency deposits	146,673	131,579 (11.5 %)	136,266 (7.6 %)	94,294 (55.5 %)	
All deposits	668,726	645,756 (3.6 %)	627,836 (6.5 %)	525,248 (27.3 %)	
Foreign currency swap deposits	34,912	34,879 (0.1 %)	34,110 (2.4 %)	29,195 (19.6 %)	
Loans and advances -----					
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	43,230	42,429 (1.9 %)	42,599 (1.5 %)	35,151 (23.0 %)	
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	6,721	7,908 (-15.0 %)	6,473 (3.8 %)	4,609 (45.8 %)	
Other loans for use in H.K.	347,481	340,534 (2.0 %)	322,870 (7.6 %)	264,145 (31.5 %)	
Other loans for use outside H.K.	258,153	248,596 (3.8 %)	227,405 (13.5 %)	159,427 (61.9 %)	
Other loans where the place of use is not known	54,020	56,372 (-4.2 %)	38,130 (41.7 %)	30,616 (76.4 %)	
Loans in HK\$	312,607	308,684 (1.3 %)	293,549 (6.5 %)	244,508 (27.9 %)	
Loans in foreign currencies	396,998	387,156 (2.5 %)	343,929 (15.4 %)	249,439 (59.2 %)	
Total loans and advances	709,605	695,839 (2.0 %)	637,477 (11.3 %)	493,947 (43.7 %)	

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NINE QUESTIONS ON LEGCO AGENDA

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ASK NINE QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER TWO BILLS IN THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE BILLS ARE THE CORRUPT AND ILLEGAL PRACTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 AND THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER WILL MOVE TWO MOTIONS, ON THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE, AND THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY WILL MOVE ONE MOTION, ON THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE.

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES REVISED

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THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PUBLISHED YESTERDAY (MONDAY) CONTAINS A LEGAL NOTICE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS AUTHORISED A DECREASE IN THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES. AS FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST WILL BE 3 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 3.24 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.25 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETE MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 2, 1987.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE DECEMBER 2, 1987 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS -

2.76 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 23, 1985 AND BEFORE SEPTEMBER 4, 1985;

3.36 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 4, 1985 AND BEFORE APRIL 3, 1986;

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4.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 3, 1986 AND BEFORE MAY 14, 1986;
4.08 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 14, 1986 AND BEFORE AUGUST 19, 1986;
3.36 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 19, 1986 AND BEFORE JANUARY 19, 1987;
2.52 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 19, 1987 AND BEFORE MARCH 4, 1987;
3.00 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 4, 1987 AND BEFORE APRIL 9, 1987;
3.36 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 9, 1987 AND BEFORE JUNE 4, 1987;
3.84 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 4, 1987 AND BEFORE JUNE 24, 1987;
4.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 24, 1987 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 14, 1987;
5.28 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 14, 1987 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 28, 1987;
4.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 28, 1987 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 30, 1987; AND
3.24 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 30, 1987 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 2, 1987,

BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETE MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE: \$1,000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON DECEMBER 2, 1987, JANUARY 2, 1988 AND FEBRUARY 2, 1988 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON MARCH 1, 1988 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS -

ON \$1,000, DECEMBER 2, 1987 TO MARCH 1, 1988 3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$2.50 PER MONTH	= 7.50
ON \$1,000, JANUARY 2, 1988 TO MARCH 1, 1988 2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$2.50 PER MONTH	= 5.00
ON \$1,000, FEBRUARY 2, 1988 TO MARCH 1, 1988 1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$2.50 PER MONTH	= 2.50

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FORUM TO DISCUSS VOLUNTARY SAFETY MOVEMENT
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A FORUM ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO EXPLORE WAYS OF PROMOTING VOLUNTARY SAFETY MOVEMENT IN INDUSTRY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

ABOUT 150 MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND WORKERS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES WILL TAKE PART IN THE EVENT.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JAPAN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION, MR HIRAGA TOSHIYUKI, HAS BEEN INVITED TO COME TO HONG KONG TO SHARE HIS EXPERIENCE ON SELF-REGULATORY APPROACH TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AT WORK IN JAPAN.

OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE THE CHIEF SAFETY AND SECURITY ADVISER OF THE SHELL COMPANY, MR WONG WING-HOU, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG AIR CARGO TERMINALS LTD, MISS ADA LEUNG.

THEY WILL SPEAK ON THE MANAGEMENT'S ROLE IN EFFECTIVE IN-PLANT VOLUNTARY SAFETY MOVEMENT AND THE BENEFITS OF SUCH MOVEMENT IN THE EYES OF EMPLOYEES RESPECTIVELY.

THE FORUM WILL BE OPENED BY MR TOSHIYUKI; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE (ISHC), MR HAROLD KWOK; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, MR CHENG YIU-TONG; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PUBLICITY PROGRAMME SUB-COMMITTEE OF ISHC, MR K.Y. TONGSON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUM WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE VICTORIA BALLROOM, VICTORIA HOTEL, CENTRAL. IT WILL START AT 6 PM.

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PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO HOLD OPEN DAYS
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THE 18 PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG WILL HOLD OPEN DAYS BETWEEN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND DECEMBER 12 TO PROMOTE A GREATER PUBLIC AWARENESS OF WHAT PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION CAN OFFER.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THAT THESE SCHOOLS OFFER NOT ONLY TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS BUT ALSO A GENERAL EDUCATION SIMILAR TO GRAMMAR SCHOOLS. THEY WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT FURTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREER PROSPECTS PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION CAN OFFER.

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THE OPEN DAYS WILL BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO PARENTS AND TO PRIMARY SIX LEAVERS WHO INTEND TO CONTINUE THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE PREVOCATIONAL STREAM.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION AT A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL HAVE MANY OUTLETS. THEY CAN TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT IMMEDIATELY, ENTER APPROVED APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES OR PROCEED TO SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION IN PREVOCATIONAL, GRAMMAR OR TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

SECONDARY 5 GRADUATES ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACQUIRING TECHNOLOGIST QUALIFICATIONS.

PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WILL START OPERATING SECONDARY 6-7 COURSES FROM 1991 TO ENABLE STUDENTS OF THESE SCHOOLS TO PURSUE THEIR MATRICULATION EDUCATION IN THE SAME SCHOOL.

PLANS ARE ALSO IN HAND TO BUILD 10 MORE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE 14,000 MORE PLACES IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THIS WILL BRING THE NUMBER OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO 28 AND THE NUMBER OF PREVOCATIONAL PLACES TO 29,000 BY 1992.

COPIES OF A PAMPHLET SETTING OUT THE OBJECTIVES, FUNCTIONS AND FACILITIES IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

THE 18 PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DURING SCHOOL HOURS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:-

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| DECEMBER 2 AND 3 | CARITAS ST FRANCIS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL, AND
CMA PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL. |
| DECEMBER 3 AND 4 | CARITAS ST PAUL PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL,
CARITAS ST JOSEPH PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL,
COTTON SPINNERS ASSOCIATION PREVOCATIONAL
SCHOOL,
MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL
- TUEN MUN,
MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL
- SHA TIN, AND
THE TEXTILE INSTITUTE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE WOO HON FAI PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL. |
| DECEMBER 3, 4 AND 5 | CCC ROTARY PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL, AND
MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL
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DECEMBER 4 AND 5 CCC MADAM FUNG LEUNG KIT MEMORIAL
PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL,
CMA CHOI CHEUNG KOK PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL,
PO LEUNG KUK C.W. CHU PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL,
TWGH'S YOW KAM YUEN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL,
AND
CARITAS ST GODFREY PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

DECEMBER 8 AND 9 HK WEAVING MILLS ASSOCIATION CHU SHEK LUN
PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL, AND
THE HOLY CARPENTER PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

DECEMBER 11 AND 12 BISHOP HALL MEMORIAL PREVOCATION SCHOOL.

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MANPOWER SURVEY OF ADVERTISING,
PUBLIC RELATIONS, PUBLISHING

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THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT ITS FIRST MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE ADVERTISING, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLISHING SECTORS BETWEEN DECEMBER 8 AND 29.

THE CONVENER OF THE BOARD'S AD HOC WORKING PARTY ON ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, MR JOHN LENAGHAN, HAS URGED EMPLOYERS TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING ACCURATE INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE IMPORTANT IN FORMULATING MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS TO MEET THE INDUSTRY'S NEEDS.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY. SURVEY INTERVIEWING OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES, AND TO COLLECT THEM.

INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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CAD/CAM EDUCATION CENTRE OPENS

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STAFF AND STUDENTS OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF CAD/CAM EDUCATION PROGRAMMES SINCE THE VTC - IBM EDUCATION CENTRE BEGAN OPERATION IN OCTOBER.

UNDER A JOINT PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND IBM WORLD TRADE CORPORATION, THE \$6 MILLION EDUCATION CENTRE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO PROVIDE CAD/CAM PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS.

THE CENTRE WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 3). THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VTC, MR K.C. CHAN, AND COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES WILL OFFICIATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 10.45 AM ON THURSDAY AT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 702 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON. AFTER THE CEREMONY, A TOUR OF THE CENTRE WILL BE ARRANGED FOR GUESTS SO THEY CAN EXAMINE THE CAD/CAM EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAMMES.

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DRAMA COMPETITION RESULTS ANNOUNCED

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THE RESULTS OF THE 1987 TUEN MUN FESTIVAL CHILDREN DRAMA COMPETITION WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY). SIX OUTSTANDING TEAMS WERE SELECTED FROM 13 GROUPS TAKING PART IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN SECTIONS.

IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION, AWARDS WERE GIVEN TO THE SHUN TAK FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION WU SIU HUI MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, TAOIST CHING CHUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL, AND TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT SCHOOL.

WAI MAN KINDERGARTEN, GUIDEPOST KINDERGARTEN AND TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS KO TEK KIN MEMORIAL KINDERGARTEN WERE WINNERS IN THE KINDERGARTEN SECTION.

THE CHIEF ADJUDICATOR MISS MAY WONG SAID SHE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE COLOURFUL COSTUME AND DIVERSIFIED SUBJECTS PRESENTED BY THE KINDERGARTEN TEAMS. AS FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION, SHE THOUGHT THAT THE ACTING WAS NATURAL AND THE THEMES OF THE PLAYS WERE EDUCATIONAL.

OTHER ADJUDICATORS INCLUDED RENOWNED DRAMATISTS YUEN LAP-FUN AND FUNG CHI-KEUNG.

ORGANISED BY THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE COMPETITION WAS HELD TO PROMOTE CHILDREN DRAMA IN THE DISTRICT.

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REGIONAL SECRETARY TO OPEN ARTS FESTIVAL

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EIGHTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 4) EVENING.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7.30 PM IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE LUT SAU HALL, TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING LOCAL TALENTS INCLUDING THE YUEN LONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR, CHINESE ORCHESTRA, A DANCE TROUPE AND A CANTONESE OPERA TROUPE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EIGHTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR LEE KAE-BUN, AND MR SUEN WILL BOTH GIVE A SPEECH DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE EIGHTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL.

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HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY TO PERFORM IN SOUTHERN

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO AN EVENING OF CHINESE DANCES BY THE HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 5) AT YU CHUN KEUNG MEMORIAL COLLEGE, POK FU LAM.

SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE PERFORMANCE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE PROGRAMME, STARTING AT 8 PM, WILL INCLUDE THE "BOW DANCE" AND "SWORD DANCE", BOTH OF WHICH WERE CHOREGRAPHED BY THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY, SHU QIAO, AND HAD WON AWARDS IN THE DANCE COMPETITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH GALA FESTIVAL.

THE TROUPE ALSO PRESENTS A NUMBER OF UYGUR DANCES, AMONG WHICH ARE SELECTED SECTIONS OF THE NEWLY CHOREGRAPHED "THE STORY OF AFANTI".

ESTABLISHED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL IN 1981, THE HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY PRESENTS TRADITIONAL CHINESE DANCE AS WELL AS INNOVATIVE DANCE DRAMAS ON CHINESE AND HONG KONG THEMES.

TICKETS FOR FREE ADMISSION ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN ABERDEEN CENTRE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN STANLEY, WAH FU AND AP LEI CHAU, AS WELL AS FROM THE PREMISES OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION IN AP LEI CHAU ESTATE.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-540271 OR 5-550187

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY ALMANAC 1988 PUBLISHED
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A BILINGUAL ALMANAC FOR 1988 PREPARED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HAS BEEN PUBLISHED.

CONTAINING THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE CALENDAR AND INFORMATION ON THE TIMES OF DAILY SUNRISE, SUNSET, MOONRISE, MOONSET, HIGH AND LOW TIDES ARRANGED ON A MONTH-BY-MONTH BASIS, THE BOOKLET IS A HANDY PUBLICATION FOR STUDENTS, SCIENTISTS, FISHING AND BOATING ENTHUSIASTS, DOCKYARDS AND SHIPPING COMPANIES.

THE 40-PAGE BOOKLET LISTS THE GENERAL HOLIDAYS, EQUINOXES, SOLSTICES, AND ECLIPSES OF THE YEAR AND PROVIDES THE METEOROLOGICAL (AIR TEMPERATURE, AMOUNT OF RAIN AND NUMBER OF RAINY DAYS) NORMALS OF HONG KONG AND OTHER MAJOR ASIAN CITIES.

IT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AT \$14 A COPY.

BUYERS OF THE ALMANAC WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF PURCHASING A COPY OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S CENTENARY PUBLICATION "FROM TIME BALL TO ATOMIC CLOCK" AT A REDUCED PRICE OF \$19.

THE BOOK, WHICH NORMALLY COSTS \$34 A COPY, TRACES THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND ITS PROGRESS OVER 100 YEARS.

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LANTAU TAXI FARE CONVERSION TABLES READY FOR COLLECTION
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CONVERSION TABLES SHOWING EXISTING LANTAU TAXI FARES AND THE NEW FARE SCALE DUE TO COME INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 14 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY LANTAU TAXI OPERATORS FROM FRIDAY (DECEMBER 4), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

LANTAU TAXI OPERATORS MAY COLLECT THE TABLES FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION AT ROOM 906-909, HUTCHISON HOUSE, 10 HARCOURT ROAD, HONG KONG.

THESE TABLES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER OF MUI WO DISTRICT OFFICE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED TAXI OPERATORS TO BRING ALONG THEIR TAXI REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS WHEN COLLECTING THE CONVERSION TABLES AND TO DISPLAY THE TABLES PROMINENTLY INSIDE THEIR VEHICLES UNTIL THE TAXIMETERS ARE RECALIBRATED.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR HUNG HOM BAY RECLAMATION

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH HUNG HOM BAY RECLAMATION - PHASE II.

THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 2.5 HECTARES OF LAND IN THE NORTH OF PHASE I RECLAMATION, CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE EXTENSION, DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING HUNG HOM FERRY PIER AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WALKWAY COVER ON HUNG HOM WAN STREET.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN FEBRUARY AND BE COMPLETED IN JULY 1989.

THE RAILWAY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS DESIGNED THE WORKS AND WILL SUPERVISE THEIR CONSTRUCTION.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON DECEMBER 18.

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WATER CUT ON LANTAU ISLAND

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES ON THE SOUTH OF LANTAU ISLAND WILL BE TURNED OFF ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 4) FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM DUE TO SUSPENSION OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE AT SHUI HAU VILLAGE, TONG FUK VILLAGE (EXCLUDING MA PO PING PRISON AND TONG FUK CENTRE), CHEUNG SHA AREA (INCLUDING ALL BUNGALOW-TYPE BUILDINGS AND CHEUNG SHA UPPER AND LOWER VILLAGES), SAN SHEK WAN VILLAGE, PUI O SAN TSUEN, LO UK TSUEN, PUI O KAU TSUEN, WO LIU TSUEN AND HAM TIN TSUEN.

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PROHIBITED ZONE ON TSING YI

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FROM 6 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 4), THE CHEUNG ON BUS TERMINUS IN TSING YI WILL BE MADE A PROHIBITED ZONE. NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BUS TERMINUS AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY.

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