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SEPTEMBER EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS

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THERE WERE 875,300 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN SEPTEMBER 1987, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 0.6 PER CENT IN COMPARISON WITH SEPTEMBER 1986, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 647,600 IN SEPTEMBER 1987, WAS 5.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 209,900, WAS UP BY 9.8 PER CENT.

EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES INCREASED BY 3.4 PER CENT COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1986.

A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID THE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN SEPTEMBER 1987 WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THESE SECTORS COVER THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

THERE IS A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1987 IN THESE SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, BY COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1986 AND JUNE 1987, ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	SEPT. 86	JUNE 87	SEPT. 87	SEPT. 87 ON SEPT. 86	SEPT. 87 ON JUNE 87
MANUFACTURING	869,800	895,600	875,300	+ 0.6	- 2.3
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	69,000	70,900	71,300	+ 3.4	+ 0.6

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	614,900	648,700	647,600	+ 5.3	- 0.2
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	191,100	204,700	209,900	+ 9.8	+ 2.5

\* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.  
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COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1987 WITH JUNE 1987, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS INFLUENCED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; AND THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR DECREASED BY 2.3 PER CENT AND 0.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR; AND ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES INCREASED BY 2.5 PER CENT AND 0.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE SURVEY ALSO PROVIDES VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS, OTHER THAN FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION.

THE OVERALL FIGURES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1986 AND JUNE 1987, ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	SEPT. 86	JUNE 87	SEPT. 87	SEPT. 87 ON SEPT. 86	SEPT. 87 ON JUNE 87
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MANUFACTURING	32,100	42,300	53,900	+ 68.0	+ 27.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	8,530	14,850	25,620	+200.5	+ 72.5

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FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	2,930	5,940	7,610	+159.4	+ 28.1
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\* BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES.

RELATIVE TO SEPTEMBER 1986, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 68 PER CENT, 200.5 PER CENT AND 159.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN VACANCIES REFLECTED VERY TIGHT CONDITIONS IN THE LABOUR MARKET DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1987, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 27.4 PER CENT, 72.5 PER CENT AND 28.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SEPTEMBER 1987.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE* 3RD QTR. 1987 ON 3RD QTR. 1986
	3RD QTR. 1986	3RD QTR. 1987	
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	8,080	9,253	+14.5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	5,913	6,708	+13.4

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FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	3,026	3,728	+23.2
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\* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES.  
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COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 14.5 PER CENT, 13.4 PER CENT AND 23.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN SEPTEMBER 1986 AND SEPTEMBER 1987, ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED.

TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THESE TWO INDICES FOR SEPTEMBER 1986 AND SEPTEMBER 1987 ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW:-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	SEPT.86	SEPT.87	SEPT.87 ON SEPT.86
MANUFACTURING	215.9	243.4	+12.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	212.0	226.8	+ 7.0
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	207.5	232.2	+11.9

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SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	SEPT. 86	SEPT. 87	SEPT. 87 ON SEPT. 86
MANUFACTURING	131.8	140.4	+ 6.5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	129.4	130.8	+ 1.1
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	126.7	133.9	+ 5.7

BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1986 AND SEPTEMBER 1987, INCREASES OF 12.7 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT AND 11.9 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WERE 6.5 PER CENT, 1.1 PER CENT AND 5.7 PER CENT.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1987, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$11 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AND AT THE SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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'II MOTHERS' SHOULD FOLLOW PROPER CHANNEL

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THE ONE-WAY PERMIT SYSTEM IS THE LEGAL CHANNEL FOR RESIDENTS OF CHINA TO COME TO HONG KONG FOR RESIDENCE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"WHAT WE ARE ASKING THE 'ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT MOTHERS' TO DO IS TO FOLLOW THE PROPER CHANNEL," HE SAID.

"LAST YEAR, 27,173 PERSONS CAME TO HONG KONG UNDER THE SCHEME, OF WHOM 9,570 (35.2 PER CENT) WERE WIVES OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS. THIS DEMONSTRATES THAT THEY ARE BEING GIVEN PRIORITY IN THE ISSUE OF THESE PERMITS.

"IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO WISH TO COME TO HONG KONG FROM CHINA FOR SETTLEMENT, MANY HAVE TRIED TO JUMP THE QUEUE BY ENTERING HONG KONG ILLEGALLY.

"THE ESTABLISHED POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT IS TO REPATRIATE ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"IN 1986 AND 1987 47,036 ILLEGAL IMMIGRAMTS HAD BEEN REPATRIATED. OF THESE 298 WOMEN HAD HUSBANDS AND IN MANY CASES, CHILDREN IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED.

AS REGARDS THE ALLEGATION THAT INSUFFICIENT TIME WAS GIVEN TO THE "ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT MOTHERS" TO PREPARE FOR REPATRIATION, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WHEN THESE WOMEN WERE RELEASED ON RECOGNIZANCE SOME 16 DAYS AGO, THEY HAD ALREADY BEEN WARNED TO MAKE PREPARATION IN CASE THEY HAD TO RETURN TO CHINA AT SHORT NOTICE.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT REPATRIATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL NORMALLY BE EFFECTED AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

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1987 AN UNUSUALLY WARM YEAR

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LAST YEAR WAS AN UNUSUALLY WARM YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 21.6 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE HIGHEST EVER RECORDED AND THE MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 23.4 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD.

THE MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESSURE OF 1,013.8 HECTOPASCALS FOR 1987 WAS ALSO THE HIGHEST EVER RECORDED.

DESPITE THE UNUSUALLY LOW CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOTAL RAINFALL IN 1987 FROM TROPICAL CYCLONES, THE ABUNDANT RAINFALL EARLIER IN THE YEAR MORE THAN MADE UP FOR THE DEFICIT.

THE ANNUAL RAINFALL OF 2,319.3 MILLIMETRES WAS ABOUT FOUR PER CENT ABOVE THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF 2,224.7 MILLIMETRES.

RELATIVELY FEW TROPICAL CYCLONES AFFECTED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST IN 1987.

THERE WERE ONLY SIX TROPICAL CYCLONES IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN 1987 COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE OF 12 PER YEAR.

FIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS IN HONG KONG.

LAST YEAR WAS THE FIRST YEAR IN WHICH THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3 WAS NOT HOISTED UNTIL LATE OCTOBER SINCE THIS SIGNAL WAS INTRODUCED IN 1956.

JANUARY 1987 HAD PLENTY OF SUNSHINE AND WAS RELATIVELY WARM.

THE MONTHLY MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 17.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS 1.7 DEGREES ABOVE NORMAL.

WARM CONDITIONS DURING THE MONTH WERE DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE AMPLE SUNSHINE, WHICH WAS 19 PER CENT ABOVE MEAN.

ALMOST BALMY CONDITIONS CONTINUED INTO FEBRUARY.

IN FACT, THE MONTH'S MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 18.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE THIRD WARMEST ON RECORD WHILE THE MEAN TEMPERATURE FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THE YEAR, 17.8 DEGREES CELSIUS, WAS THE SECOND HIGHEST.

MARCH 1987 WAS A MONTH OF RECORD-BREAKING WEATHER EVENTS.

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BESIDES BEING THE WARMEST MARCH ON RECORD, WITH A MONTHLY MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 21.3 DEGREES CELSIUS, IT WAS VERY WET WITH A TOTAL RAINFALL OF 234 MILLIMETRES, MORE THAN FOUR TIMES THE NORMAL AMOUNT.

VIOLENT THUNDERSTORMS FROM MARCH 16 TO 18 BROUGHT 194.7 MILLIMETRES OF RAINFALL, THE HIGHEST RECORDED FOR ANY THREE-DAY PERIOD IN MARCH.

RAIN WAS HEAVIEST ON MARCH 17 AND BOTH THE DAILY RAINFALL OF 126.4 MILLIMETRES AND THE HOURLY RAINFALL OF 50.1 MILLIMETRES BETWEEN 9 AM AND 10 AM SET NEW RECORDS FOR MARCH.

THE TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR RESULTED IN 116 CASES OF FLOODING AND FOUR CASES OF MINOR MUDSLIPS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

ON MARCH 18, HAIL WAS REPORTED IN SAI KUNG, SHA TIN AND THE NORTHERN PART OF KOWLOON BETWEEN 8 AM AND 8.45 AM.

APRIL CONTINUED TO BE WETTER THAN USUAL.

THE MONTHLY TOTAL RAINFALL OF 277.8 MILLIMETRES WAS ABOUT TWICE THE NORMAL.

SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS ON APRIL 5 AFFECTED HONG KONG AND HAIL WAS REPORTED IN SHA TIN AND LAI CHI KOK AROUND 5 PM.

PERSISTENT HEAVY RAIN ON APRIL 6 RESULTED IN 133 CASES OF FLOODING AND NINE CASES OF LANDSLIPS.

A TOTAL OF 106 HECTARES OF FARMLAND WERE INUNDATED IN YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND TAI PO.

OVER 5,000 HEADS OF LIVESTOCK WERE DROWNED.

A SIGNIFICANT SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 12 AND FLASHES OF LIGHTNING KILLED A FISHERMAN AND STRUCK TWO OTHERS IN SAI KUNG THAT MORNING.

FREQUENT ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN THE MOISTURE-LADEN SOUTHWEST MONSOON AND COOLER AIR FROM THE NORTH MAINTAINED THE WET AND OVERCAST WEATHER IN MAY.

THE TOTAL DURATION OF SUNSHINE FOR THE MONTH WAS 102.8 HOURS, ONLY TWO-THIRDS OF THE NORMAL, AND THE MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL OF 460.2 MILLIMETRES WAS 54 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL.

THUNDERSTORMS WERE PREVALENT, OCCURRING ON 12 DAYS DURING MAY.

A WATERSPOUT WAS REPORTED OFF THE WATERS OF LAI CHI KOK NEAR MEI FOO SUN CHUEN AT ABOUT 1.30 PM ON MAY 16. THIS WATERSPOUT MIGHT HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SINKING A SIX-METRE FISHING BOAT INJURING TWO PEOPLE.

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IN KENNEDY TOWN, SEVEN WOODEN HUTS WERE DESTROYED BY FIRE AFTER BEING STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

MINOR LANDSLIPS OCCURRED IN KWAI CHUNG AND MT. NICHOLSON.

INTENSE THUNDERSTORMS AGAIN BATTERED THE TERRITORY ON MAY 22 AND 23 CAUSING 66 CASES OF FLOODING THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND AT LEAST SIX CASES OF MINOR LANDSLIPS.

JUNE WAS DRIER THAN USUAL.

HOWEVER, AS EARLY SEASON RAIN HAD BEEN PLENTIFUL, CUMULATIVE RAINFALL FROM JANUARY TO JUNE WAS STILL SOME 24 PER CENT ABOVE THE HALF-YEAR NORMAL.

TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS WERE HOISTED FOR THE FIRST TIME. THAT WAS DURING THE APPROACH OF TROPICAL STORM RUTH ON JUNE 18.

JULY WAS CHARACTERISED BY A SHOWERY START, A MID-MONTH DRY SPELL AND BY THE EPISODE OF TORRENTIAL RAIN BETWEEN JULY 22 AND 30 WHEN FREQUENT THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED FOR NINE CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

ACTIVE SUMMER MONSOON, ENHANCED BY STATIONARY TROUGH ACROSS SOUTH CHINA WAS THE MANIFEST CAUSE.

AT ITS CRESCENDO, FROM JULY 28 TO 30, THE MONSOON BROUGHT TO HONG KONG DAILY RAINFALL OF OVER 80 MILLIMETRES FOR THREE DAYS RUNNING, A RECORD FOR JULY.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THERE WERE 88 REPORTS OF FLOODING AND 46 REPORTS OF LANDSLIPS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

A TOTAL OF 123 HECTARES OF FARMLAND AND THREE HECTARES OF FISH-PONDS WERE INUNDATED.

THE MOST SERIOUS LANDSLIP OCCURRED NEAR CHO YIU CHUEN IN KWAI CHUNG ON JULY 30, WHERE MORE THAN 1,000 RESIDENTS HAD TO BE EVACUATED.

RAINFALL FOR AUGUST WAS 57 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL WITH THE SUNSHINE DURATION THE SIXTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH.

ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE OVER SOUTH CHINA WAS ABNORMALLY HIGH AND THE LOCAL MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESSURE WAS THE HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR AUGUST.

BETTY AND CARY NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF THE STANDBY SIGNAL NO. 1 FOR THE PERIODS AUGUST 14 TO 15, AND 19 TO 21 RESPECTIVELY.

A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE GAVE RISE TO SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS IN THE EVENING OF AUGUST 29.

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THE ASSOCIATED GUSTS WERE BETWEEN 60 AND 80 KM/H, AND CAUSED THE COLLAPSE OF SCAFFOLDINGS ON TWO CONSTRUCTION SITES IN KENNEDY TOWN AND SHAU KEI WAN.

SEPTEMBER WAS AGAIN A RELATIVELY DRY MONTH AND THE MONTHLY TOTAL RAINFALL OF 158.3 MILLIMETRES WAS 51 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL.

THE MEAN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE OF 1,010.6 HPA FOR THE MONTH WAS THE THIRD HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER.

ONLY TYPHOON GERALD POSED A THREAT TO HONG KONG IN THE MONTH AND NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF THE STAND BY SIGNAL NO. 1 FROM SEPTEMBER 9 TO 10.

ON SEPTEMBER 21, A HEAVY DOWNPOUR CAUSED SOME MINOR FLOODING IN THE URBAN AREAS, WHILE ONLY A FEW MILLIMETRES OF RAINFALL WERE RECORDED OVER THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

OCTOBER WAS THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE MONTH WITH RAINFALL LESS THAN THE CLIMATOLOGICAL AVERAGE.

THE MONTHLY TOTAL RAINFALL OF 72.7 MILLIMETRES WAS 40 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL.

THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 24.2 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR OCTOBER.

THE ONLY TROPICAL CYCLONE THAT AFFECTED HONG KONG IN THE MONTH WAS TYPHOON LYNN AND THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3 WAS HOISTED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE YEAR.

THE ASSOCIATED STRONG GUSTY WINDS ON OCTOBER 24 BLEW DOWN SOME BILLBOARDS AND TREES AND CAUSED A COUPLE OF INJURIES.

THE RAINFALL TREND WAS REVERSED IN NOVEMBER AND THE AMOUNT WAS ALMOST DOUBLE THE NORMAL VALUE.

THE MEAN CLOUD AMOUNT WAS THE HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR NOVEMBER WHILE THE TOTAL SUNSHINE DURATION WAS THE SECOND LOWEST.

BUT NOVEMBER WILL BE MOSTLY REMEMBERED FOR THE SPELL OF EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG WINTER MONSOON AT THE END OF THE MONTH AND MANY CLIMATOLOGICAL RECORDS WERE BROKEN.

THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED AT 3 PM ON NOVEMBER 27, BEFORE THE COLD FRONT REACHED HONG KONG THE FOLLOWING DAY.

ENHANCED BY TYPHOON NINA, WHICH ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON NOVEMBER 26, THE MONSOON WINDS REACHED GALE FORCE OFFSHORE ON NOVEMBER 28, LEADING TO RECORD MEAN WINDS OF 85 KM/H AT WAGLAN ISLAND UNDER WINTER MONSOON CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG.

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A FISHING VESSEL SANK OFF WAGLAN ISLAND, A MACAU-BOUND JETFOIL WAS IMMOBILISED AND ANOTHER MACAU-BOUND BARGE AND ITS TUG BOAT WERE MISSING.

SEVEN PEDESTRIANS IN WONG TAI SIN WERE INJURED AFTER LOSING BALANCE IN THE STRONG WINDS.

THE TUEN MUN HIGHWAY AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WERE LITTERED WITH BLOWN DOWN TREES, OVERTURNED MOTOR CYCLES AND OTHER DEBRIS AND WERE BRIEFLY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

A SCAFFOLDING COLLAPSED IN TSUEN WAN.

IN VARIOUS URBAN AREAS, THE STRONG WINDS ALSO BLEW OFF SOME BILLBOARDS AND CAUSED SOME MINOR INJURIES.

A NEW NOVEMBER RECORD WAS SET WHEN TEMPERATURES FELL BY 15.6 DEGREES CELSIUS IN 24 HOURS STARTING FROM 3 AM, ON NOVEMBER 28.

BETWEEN 2 AM ON NOVEMBER 28 AND THE SAME TIME ON NOVEMBER 30, A DECREASE OF 17.4 DEGREES CELSIUS IN TEMPERATURE IN 48 HOURS ALSO SET A NEW RECORD FOR NOVEMBER.

NOVEMBER 29 AND 30 WERE EXCEPTIONALLY COLD BY NOVEMBER STANDARDS.

THE DAILY MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 9.2 DEGREES CELSIUS ON NOVEMBER 29 EQUALLED THE LOWEST NOVEMBER RECORD SET IN 1922.

THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES ON NOVEMBER 29 AND 30 WERE BOTH 11.2 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE LOWEST ON RECORD FOR NOVEMBER.

DECEMBER WAS DRIER THAN NORMAL.

ONLY 0.4 MILLIMETRE OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED DURING THE WHOLE MONTH.

THE MONTHLY MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60 PER CENT WAS LOWER THAN THE NORMAL FIGURE OF 69 PER CENT.

ABOUT 200 CASES OF HILL FIRES WERE REPORTED IN THE MONTH, OUT OF WHICH 106 OCCURRED ON DECEMBER 20, WHEN THE RELATIVE HUMIDITY ONCE FELL TO 23 PER CENT AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

ON THAT DAY, A SERIOUS HILL FIRE AT SHAM TSENG FORCED A COMPLETE CLOSURE OF THE TUEN MUN HIGHWAY.

THE MOST SERIOUS HILL FIRE OCCURRED IN TAI MO SHAN COUNTRY PARK ON DECEMBER 21 AND MORE THAN 10,000 TREES WERE DESTROYED.

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MEMBERS TO ASK 11 QUESTIONS IN LEGCO

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 11 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER FOUR BILLS IN THEIR FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

OF THE FOUR BILLS, THE MARINE FISH (MARKETING)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 AND THE TRAMWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING, WHILE DEBATE ON THE BETTING DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 AND THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 WILL BE RESUMED. THE LATTER TWO BILLS WILL ALSO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

IN ADDITION, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL MOVE A MOTION ON THE PUBLIC FINANCE ORDINANCE.

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FC TO APPROVE FUND FOR PERMANENT RC HEADQUARTERS

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE A LOAN OF UP TO \$100 MILLION TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT RC CHAMBERS AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN SHA TIN AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE RSD HEADQUARTERS ARE CURRENTLY ACCOMMODATED IN SEVERAL SEPARATE BUILDINGS IN TSIM SHA TSUI, AT LOCATIONS FAR AWAY FROM THE RC CHAMBERS.

IN ORDER TO ENHANCE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY, IT IS DESIRABLE TO HOUSE THE RSD HEADQUARTERS UNDER ONE ROOF AT A LOCATION AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE RC CHAMBERS.

A SITE IN SHA TIN NEXT TO THE SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE THE MOST SUITABLE OF A NUMBER OF LOCATIONS THAT WERE CONSIDERED.

THE SITE IS ABOUT 0.4 HECTARES IN AREA WITH GOOD TRANSPORT LINKS TO OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE A LOAN OF \$150 MILLION FROM THE DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND TO THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE YAU MA TEI "SIX STREETS" AREA.

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OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT TOMORROW'S MEETING INCLUDE:

- \* APPROVAL OF AN ALLOCATION OF \$58.4 MILLION FOR CARRYING OUT LANDSLIP PREVENTIVE WORKS;
- \* APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$22.85 MILLION TO MEET THE ESTIMATED INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND MINOR REPAIR OF ROADS, TUNNELS, PAVEMENTS, BRIDGES AND ASSOCIATED INSTALLATIONS;
- \* APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE BY \$7 MILLION TO \$35 MILLION IN THE COMMITMENT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES FOR GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, MINOR BUILDING PROJECTS, SMALL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND AMENITIES IN THE URBAN AREAS AND RURAL NEW TERRITORIES.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE.

ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE TO BE CONSIDERED IS THE CREATION OF A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY POST IN THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH TO MONITOR AND ANALYSE EFFECTIVELY HONG KONG-CHINA ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND THE ECONOMIES OF HONG KONG'S COMPETITORS IN THE EAST ASIAN REGION.

ANNUAL REVIEW FOR 1987-88 OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

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LADY WILSON PRESENTS PRIZES TO LOGO DESIGNERS

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WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, LADY WILSON, TODAY (TUESDAY) PRESENTED CASH PRIZES TOTALLING \$17,000 TO THREE WINNERS OF THE LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA).

THE WINNER OF THE COMPETITION, MR CHOI CHI-KIT, WAS AWARDED A CASH PRIZE OF \$10,000 WHILE THE SECOND AND THIRD PRIZE WINNERS, MR SOO KONG-YUEN AND MISS YUEN MAN WERE AWARDED \$5,000 AND \$2,000 RESPECTIVELY. EACH ALSO RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE.

CHAIRMAN OF THE LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LEO LEE, ALSO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF MERIT TO SEVEN WINNERS OF THE MERITORIUS AWARDS. THEY ARE MR CHEUNG WAI-MING, MR HO WING-CHOI, MR LEUNG CHIU, MR SZETO KIN-CHIU, MR CHANG YUM-KEUNG, MR TAM KA-FUNG AND MR CHEUNG SHIU-MING.

THE MAIN THEME OF THE WINNING LOGO DESIGN, CHOSEN FROM 842 ENTRIES, IS A STAGE WHICH SYMBOLISES THE WORK OF THE CFPA IN SUPPORT AND PROMOTION OF PERFORMING ARTS IN THE TERRITORY.

IT WILL BE ADOPTED FOR USE AS THE COUNCIL'S OFFICIAL LOGO AND WILL BE USED ON ALL FUTURE PUBLICITY POSTERS OF PERFORMING ARTS ORGANISATIONS WHO ARE IN RECEIPT OF THE COUNCIL'S SUBSIDIES.

IN A WELCOME ADDRESS, CHAIRMAN OF THE CFPA, MR ALEX WU, SAID THAT IN ORDER FOR THE COUNCIL TO BE ABLE TO MAKE MORE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS IN FOSTERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERFORMING ARTS IN HONG KONG, THERE WAS A NEED FOR ITS EXISTENCE AND FUNCTIONS TO BE MORE WIDELY PUBLICISED.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, AND AS A START, THE ACQUISITION OF A WELL-DESIGNED LOGO, SUCH AS THE ONE WE HAVE SELECTED, WHICH IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FUNCTIONS AND JURISDICTION OF THE COUNCIL, WILL PROVIDE AN EASY IDENTIFICATION AND WILL ASSIST IN FUTURE PUBLICITY," HE ADDED.

THE NINE-MEMBER PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISED HEAD OF THE SWIRE SCHOOL OF DESIGN, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, MR M.B. FARR; ARCHITECT AND INTERIOR DESIGNER, MR KENNETH KO; DESIGNER, MR ALAN ZIE YONGDER; CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MRS THERESA LAU PO WING-KAM; DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE; HEAD OF THE CREATIVE SUB-DIVISION, INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR E.A. HACKER; CHAIRMAN OF THE BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE, CFPA, MR LEO T.H. LEE; EX-MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE, CFPA, MR LAWRENCE H.L. FUNG; AND EX-COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG.

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GOVERNOR TO TAKE SALUTE AT CSD ANNUAL INSPECTION

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 4 PM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 15) AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, 47 TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY.

HE WILL ALSO PRESENT COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS TO NINE OFFICERS TO MARK THEIR 18 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ANNUAL INSPECTION WHICH WILL START AT 4 PM. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE ARRANGED AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT OF CSD ON THE 23RD FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG AT 3 PM.

PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENS AS THERE WILL BE FIXED PRESS POSITIONS.

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MORE OYSTER FARMERS ACCEPT GOVERNMENT OFFER

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SIXTY-SIX OUT OF THE 92 ELIGIBLE OYSTER FARMERS IN LAU FAU SHAN AFFECTED BY THE MARINE TRANSPORTATION ROUTE FOR THE BORROW AREA IN DEEP BAY HAD ACCEPTED THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFER OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"THE ROUTE AND MARINE BORROW AREA HAD BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE CONTRACTOR ON NOVEMBER 2, 1987, FOR COMMENCEMENT OF DREDGING WORKS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT WILL BE USED AS AN ACCESS CHANNEL TO TRANSPORT 12 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE FILL FROM DEEP BAY TO FILL THE EXISTING FISH PONDS AT TIN SHUI WAI AS PART OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

THE DEVELOPMENT WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR AN ENVISAGED POPULATION OF 140,000 PEOPLE IN THE 1990'S," HE ADDED.

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THE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE AVAILABLE \$4.5 MILLION IN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES TO AFFECTED OYSTER FARMERS TO HAVE THEM REMOVE THEIR OYSTERS FROM THE SEABED.

IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ACCEPTED TWO PROPOSALS BY THE OMELCO AS A RESULT OF A PETITION FROM SOME OF THE OYSTER FARMERS.

THE FIRST PROPOSAL WAS THAT WHERE A MAJOR PART OF AN OYSTER BED WAS CLEARED FOR THE MARINE TRANSPORTATION ROUTE PROJECT, RENDERING THE CULTIVATION OF THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE OYSTER BED OUTSIDE THE ROUTE ECONOMICALLY UNVIABLE, THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD CONSIDER MAKING A SPECIAL ALLOWANCE TO THE AFFECTED OYSTER FARMERS.

THE SECOND PROPOSAL FROM THE OMELCO WAS THAT WHERE THERE WERE CLAIMS FROM FARMERS WHO HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN ANY EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE, BUT WHO WERE ABLE TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION, THAT THEY HAD BEEN GENUINELY CONDUCTING OYSTER CULTIVATION WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA, THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD CONSIDER SUCH CLAIMS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS.

IN FACT, THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL OFFER OF \$1,950 PER CLAIMANT IN COMPENSATION FOR THE LOSS IN FARM EQUIPMENT WAS APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 9, 1987.

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE HAD ISSUED OFFER LETTERS TO THE ELIGIBLE OYSTER FARMERS CONCERNING THESE TWO PROPOSALS.

AT THE REQUEST OF 16 FARMERS DURING A MEETING ON JANUARY 7, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN WONG, MET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES OYSTER AND CRUSTACEAN UNITED ASSOCIATION TODAY TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS.

DURING THE ONE-AND-A-HALF HOUR MEETING, MR WONG TOLD THE REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED THE SIDE SCAN SONAR SURVEY, ACCOMPANIED BY DIVING CHECKS, TO BE A PRACTICABLE, FAIRLY ACCURATE AND RELIABLE METHOD TO ASSESS CLAIMS FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES AND THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO CONDUCT ANOTHER DIVING SURVEY AFRESH AS REQUESTED BY SOME OYSTER FARMERS.

"THE RATE OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT WAS REASONABLE AND IT HAD IN FACT BEEN INCREASED RECENTLY FROM \$9.40 PER SQUARE METRE TO \$10.90 PER SQUARE METRE," MR WONG SAID.

"SINCE DECEMBER 1985, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS HELD A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO OYSTER FARMERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN LAU FAU SHAN AND OTHER PARTIES CONCERNED TO DISCUSS DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS," HE ADDED.

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TUNNEL TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT TO BE CONTINUED

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THE TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL CONTINUE ON A REGULAR BASIS AFTER THE END OF THE TWO-WEEK TRIAL THIS FRIDAY (JANUARY 15).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT DECISION TO IMPLEMENT THE ARRANGEMENT ON A REGULAR BASIS AS A SHORT-TERM MEASURE TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AT THE TUNNEL WAS SUPPORTED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE OMELCO TRANSPORT PANEL.

"THE TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED MONDAY TO FRIDAY, STARTING FROM 6 AM AND ENDING AT 7.30 AM. AS SOON AS THE ARRANGEMENT ENDS, THE SIGNAL-CONTROLLED MERGING ARRANGEMENT WILL BEGIN TO OPERATE UNTIL TRAFFIC QUEUES ON THE SOUTHBOUND APPROACHES TO THE TUNNEL DISAPPEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT WAS TESTED FOR TWO DAYS ON DECEMBER 17 AND 18 LAST YEAR DURING THE ONE-WAY TOLL EXPERIMENT.

"AS THE ARRANGEMENT HAD PROVED EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING THE QUEUE LENGTH AND IN POSTPONING THE FORMATION OF TRAFFIC QUEUES ON SOUTHBOUND APPROACH ROADS TO THE TUNNEL, THE DEPARTMENT DECIDED TO TEST IT AGAIN UNDER THE NORMAL TWO-WAY TOLL SITUATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID, .

IN THE PAST WEEK, AN EXTRA 500 TO 650 SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES PASSED THROUGH THE TUNNEL BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7.30 AM. DURING THE THREE HOURS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM, SOME 10,000 TO 10,300 SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES USING THE TUNNEL WERE RECORDED, COMPARED WITH SOME 9,300 VEHICLES ON NORMAL WEEKDAYS.

IN ADDITION, REDUCTIONS IN TRAFFIC QUEUE LENGTH AND JOURNEY TIME WERE ALSO OBSERVED. TRAFFIC QUEUES ON THE SOUTHBOUND APPROACH ROADS TO THE TUNNEL APPEARED ONLY AFTER 7.30 AM AND DIMINISHED MUCH EARLIER AT ABOUT 9.30 AM.

WITH THE USE OF SIGNAL-CONTROLLED MERGING ARRANGEMENT, A FIVE PER CENT INCREASE IN THE CAPACITY OF THE TUNNEL SOUTHBOUND WAS RECORDED. THIS TECHNIQUE HAD ALSO REDUCED SUBSTANTIALLY MERGING ACTIVITIES, THUS FACILITATING TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE TOLL PLAZA AREA.

"THE TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT AND THE SIGNAL-CONTROLLED MERGING ARRANGEMENT WILL BE REVIEWED WHEN OTHER MEASURES TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ARE INTRODUCED AT A LATER STAGE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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EVALUATION REPORT ON CIVIC EDUCATION PUBLISHED  
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PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS IN THE SECOND REPORT ON THE EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "GUIDELINES ON CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS" PUBLISHED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RECENTLY.

THE REPORT PROPOSED THAT ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO SCHOOLS, FOR EXAMPLE IN THE FORM OF A RECURRENT GRANT, AND THAT MORE CIVIC EDUCATION MATERIALS SHOULD BE PRODUCED FOR REFERENCE AND USE BY SCHOOLS.

ALSO, MORE COURSES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS ON CIVIC EDUCATION SHOULD BE ORGANISED FOR TEACHERS, AND CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CONDUCTING RESEARCH STUDIES ON SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CIVIC AWARENESS AND ATTITUDES.

THE PROPOSALS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS AND TO THE SUGGESTED RESEARCH STUDIES, HAVE BEEN ENDORSED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT IN VIEW OF THE FAVOURABLE RESPONSE OF TEACHERS TO THE CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE IN NORTH POINT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WAS MAKING PREPARATIONS TO SET UP A SECOND CENTRE IN KOWLOON.

THE SECOND EVALUATION EXERCISE WAS CONDUCTED BETWEEN MARCH AND MAY LAST YEAR AMONG 403 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND 691 PRIMARY SCHOOLS, WITH A RESPONSE RATE OF 98 PER CENT.

RESULTS SHOWED THAT TEACHERS FROM 58 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDING SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND 47 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDING PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAD VISITED THE CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE.

THE SECOND EVALUATION REPORT ALSO SHOWED THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOLS ADOPTING THE CROSS-CURRICULAR APPROACH TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION REMAINED VERY HIGH, THAT IS 87 PER CENT AT THE PRIMARY LEVEL AND 74 PER CENT AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL.

ONLY 13 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND SIX PRIMARY SCHOOLS TAUGHT CIVIC EDUCATION AS AN INDEPENDENT SUBJECT. THE REMAINING SCHOOLS USED A COMBINATION OF METHODS TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT MORE SCHOOLS DISCUSSED SCHOOL POLICY TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION; SET UP CIVIC EDUCATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES AND STUDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS; AND PROMOTED CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES, CLASS PERIODS AND COMMUNITY-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES.

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THE REPORT POINTED OUT THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW SCHOOL SUBJECT - GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS - TO SECONDARY 6 AND SECONDARY 4 IN 1986 AND 1987 RESPECTIVELY PROVIDED SCHOOLS YET ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE TEACHING OF CIVIC EDUCATION, IN PARTICULAR THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ASPECTS.

IT FURTHER REPORTED THAT SINCE THE FIRST EVALUATION EXERCISE IN 1986, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

THESE INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR MORE THAN 6,000 TEACHERS TO HELP CLARIFY MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT CIVIC EDUCATION; PRODUCTION OF TEACHING MATERIALS ON THE SUBJECT EITHER FOR DISTRIBUTION OR ON LOAN TO SCHOOLS; AND THE RECOGNITION OF THE DUTIES OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION CO-ORDINATORS IN SCHOOLS FOR PROMOTION PURPOSES.

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#### NEW BUS SERVICES FOR TSING YI NORTH AREA

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NEW BUS SERVICES FOR TSING YI ESTATE AND CHEUNG ON ESTATE IN TSING YI NORTH AREA WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE AREA, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

"A NEW BUS ROUTE NO. 41M, FROM TSING YI ESTAE TO TSUEN WAN MTR STATION, WILL BE INTRODUCED.

"ANOTHER NEW ROUTE NO. 43B WILL OPERATE FROM CHEUNG CHING ESTATE TO TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER VIA TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, LINKING UP CHEUNG HONG ESTATE, TSING YI ESTATE AND CHEUNG ON ESTATE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

A NEW BUS ROUTE 41A FROM TSING YI ESTATE TO SHAM SHUI PO WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED FOLLOWING THE EXTENSION OF BUS ROUTE 44 BETWEEN TSING YI ESTATE AND MONG KOK KCR STATION TO CHEUNG ON ESTATE IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR.

AT THE SAME TIME HALF-EMPTY DESPATCHES OF ROUTE 44 BUSES WILL BE DEPLOYED TO MEET PASSENGER DEMAND FROM TSING YI ESTATE AND TSING YI GARDEN DURING PEAK HOURS.

UNDER THE BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, ROUTE 44M BETWEEN TSING YI ESTATE AND KWAI HING MTR STATION WAS EXTENDED TO CHEUNG ON ESTATE IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR TO SERVE THE STUDENTS STUDYING IN THE ESTATE AND TO MEET THE DEMAND ARISING FROM THE INTAKE OF PHASE I OF CHEUNG ON ESTATE.

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"PASSENGERS FROM TSING YI GARDEN SHOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTIES IN BOARDING 44M BUSES BY USING THE BUS STOPS ON FUNG SHUE WO ROAD WHICH ARE WITHIN REASONABLE WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE TWO ESTATES."

REGARDING A SUGGESTION FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES AT THE JUNCTION OF FUNG SHUE WO ROAD AND TSING YIP STREET, A TRAFFIC SURVEY WILL SOON BE CONDUCTED TO COLLECT MORE INFORMATION FOR EVALUATING THE POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT MEASURES.

"IN THE LONGER TERM, A FOOTBRIDGE AT FUNG SHUE WO ROAD HAS BEEN PLANNED AT THE SECTION BETWEEN TSING SUM STREET AND TSING YU STREET. CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START BY THE END OF THIS YEAR."

AS FOR THE SUGGESTION TO INSTALL A ZEBRA CROSSING AT TSING LUK STREET WHICH SEPARATES TSING YI GARDEN AND TSING YI ESTATE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESENT VEHICULAR TRAFFIC DOES NOT JUSTIFY THE INSTALLATION OF A ZEBRA CROSSING THERE.

"HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING A REFUGE ISLAND TO ENHANCE PASSENGER CROSSING FACILITIES.

"THERE IS ALSO A PLAN TO PROVIDE A FOOTBRIDGE OVER TSING LUK STREET LINKING UP TSING YI GARDEN WITH TSING YI ESTATE.

"THE BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT IN TSING YI NORTH AREA IS BEING CLOSELY MONITORED AND IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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CONTRACT ON NORTHWEST KOWLOON TRAFFIC STUDY AWARDED

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TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC NEEDS IN NORTHWEST KOWLOON IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS WILL BE IDENTIFIED IN A CONSULTANCY STUDY COMMISSIONED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE \$950,000 CONTRACT FOR THE STUDY WAS SIGNED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR RICHARD SCURFIELD, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MVA CONSULTANCY, MR FRED BROWN.

THE NORTHWEST KOWLOON TRAFFIC STUDY WILL INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS IN LAI CHI KOK, CHEUNG SHA WAN, TAI KOK TSUI AND PARTS OF MONG KOK AND YAU MA TEI UP TO THE YEAR 1991.

THE CONSULTANTS WILL IDENTIFY PROBLEMS RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT, GOODS VEHICLE SERVICING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACCESS IN THESE AREAS. REMEDIAL MEASURES WILL BE PROPOSED TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR FLOW AS WELL AS ROAD SAFETY.

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THE STUDY HAS BEEN PROMPTED PARTLY BY THE OPENING OF STAGE III OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, AND THE NEED TO LOOK INTO THE REQUIREMENTS AND TIMING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE IV OF THE CORRIDOR.

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY WILL ALSO BE USED IN THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION TRANSPORT STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED IN APRIL THIS YEAR, WHICH WILL COVER PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND MAJOR STRATEGIC OPTIONS UP TO THE YEAR 2001.

THE NORTHWEST KOWLOON TRAFFIC STUDY IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MID-1988.

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BY-CENSUS PUBLICATION ON SALE

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THE "HONG KONG 1986 BY-CENSUS: SOCIAL ATLAS", THE LATEST PUBLICATION IN THE SERIES OF BY-CENSUS REPORTS PREPARED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, IS NOW ON SALE AT \$25 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

THE DEPARTMENT HAD PUBLISHED IN JULY LAST YEAR BY-CENSUS REPORTS ON THE 19 DISTRICT BOARD DISTRICTS GIVING COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON THE DEMOGRAPHIC, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION IN THESE AREAS.

THE SOCIAL ATLAS, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND PUBLISHED IN HONG KONG, CONTAINS 17 MAPS SHOWING THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF SOME INTERESTING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION AT THE TERTIARY PLANNING UNIT LEVEL.

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS COVERED BY THE REPORT INCLUDE POPULATION DENSITY, CHANGE IN TOTAL POPULATION, CHILDREN AGED FROM 0 TO 5, CHILDREN OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE, CHILDREN OF SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE, ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION, OLD-AGE POPULATION, PERSONS WITH TERTIARY EDUCATION, PUBLIC AND AIDED HOUSING, PRIVATE HOUSING, TEMPORARY HOUSING, OCCUPANCY OF LIVING QUARTERS, OWNER-OCCUPIED LIVING QUARTERS AND MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY): "THE REPORT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE QUICK VISUAL COMPARISONS OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION."

"IT DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO GIVE DETAILED ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF THE BY-CENSUS RESULTS WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED IN A MAIN REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED EARLY THIS YEAR."

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WAN CHAI DB MEMBERS VISIT EPD

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WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS LEARNT MORE ABOUT POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG AND HOW THEY WERE BEING TACKLED BY THE GOVERNMENT DURING A VISIT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY).

ACCOMPANIED BY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALLAN CHOW, BOARD MEMBERS WERE MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, WHO OUTLINED TO THEM THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND ORGANISATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE PARTY VISITED AN AIR LABORATORY WHERE THEY WERE SHOWN A TELEMETRY SYSTEM WHICH RELAYED AIR QUALITY MEASUREMENTS MADE AT FIELD STATIONS TO A COMPUTERISED CONTROL CENTRE IN THE DEPARTMENT VIA TELEPHONE LINES.

THEY WERE THEN BRIEFED BY THE WASTE CONTROL GROUP ON WATER POLLUTION CAUSED BY INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DISCHARGES.

BEFORE CONCLUDING THEIR VISIT, BOARD MEMBERS HELD A DISCUSSION WITH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THE POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN WAN CHAI.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES CLEARED IN TO KWA WAN

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AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CLEARANCE OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT IN TO KWA WAN THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING TO REMOVE 37 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND NINE OVERSIZED CANOPIES IN THE REAR LANES.

THE STRUCTURES AND CANOPIES WERE FOUND IN FOUR REAR LANES BOUNDED BY MOK CHEONG STREET, PAU CHUNG STREET, PAK TAI STREET, SHEUNG HEUNG ROAD AND KOWLOON CITY ROAD.

OF THE CLEARED STRUCTURES, 10 WERE FOR DOMESTIC, 11 FOR COMMERCIAL AND 13 FOR STORAGE PURPOSES. THE REMAINING THREE WERE DESERTED.

SEVEN FAMILIES COMPRISING 16 PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED IN THE OPERATION.

TODAY'S OPERATION WAS CO-ORDINATED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

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YAU MA TEI TO PUBLICISE ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGE

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MEMBERS OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (YMTDFCC) TODAY (TUESDAY) APPEALED TO BUSINESS OPERATORS TO STAND FIRM AGAINST TRIAD INTIMIDATION.

TO HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE, 5,000 EACH PUBLICITY LEAFLETS AND LETTERS WERE PRINTED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

"THE LETTER APPEALS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO REPORT TO THE POLICE AS SOON AS THEY ARE BLACKMAILED BY TRIADS; WHILE THE LEAFLET PUBLICISES A SIMILAR MESSAGE WITH A SLOGAN OF 'TOLERANCE BREEDS VICE, REPORT TO POLICE WITHOUT DELAY'," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

THE YMTDFCC USES THE MESSAGE TO SUPPORT THE ANTI-TRIAD THEME PROMOTED THIS YEAR BY THE CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, HE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO PRINTED 20,000 COPIES OF CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY COPYBOOKS ON FIGHT CRIME SLOGANS FOR STUDENTS AS PART OF THE PUBLICITY EFFORT TO COMBAT CRIME.

THE SLOGANS ARE WINNING ENTRIES OF A COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE LAST YEAR.

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COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR HOLDING SOCIAL SERVICES ACTIVITIES FROM APRIL TO JUNE THIS YEAR.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO STUDY A PROGRESS REPORT ON DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORED SOCIAL SERVICES ACTIVITIES HELD IN YUEN LONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 3 PM IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET  
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A PROPOSAL TO SET UP DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS IN PRIVATE FARMS IN RELATION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONTROL SCHEME WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 14).

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR ADOLF HSU, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO EXPLAIN THE PROPOSAL AND TO COLLECT MEMBERS' VIEWS.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE AND OTHER LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT METHODS PROPOSED BY UNOFFICIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.15 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 14) IN THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, MR LEO KWAN, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AFTER THE MEETING.

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LIVESTOCK WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE ON COMMITTEE AGENDA  
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE LIVESTOCK WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 14).

THE ACTING SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MISS MABEL MAK, WILL BRIEF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SERVICE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF THE 1987 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TAI PO NEW TOWN.

/OTHER ITEMS .....

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE TAI PO ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL WORKING GROUP AND MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 14) AT 10 AM IN THE DB SECRETARIAT CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS LUNAR NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES

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THE RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 14) TO DISCUSS THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL EXPRESS VIEWS ON THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES UNDER THE 1987 TAI PO NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

REPORTS ON THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PLANNED TO BE HELD BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY WILL ALSO BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 14) IN THE DB SECRETARIAT CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER A NUMBER OF PROJECTS TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 14).

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPORTS COMPLEX AND A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IN SHEK WU HUI AND AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE IN FANLING SOUTH.

WORK ON THE PROJECTS ARE DUE TO COMMENCE WITHIN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE USAGE PATTERN OF MAJOR RECREATIONAL VENUES IN THE DISTRICT; THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY; AND A REPORT FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 14) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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TRAFFIC COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS BUS SERVICE

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THE FINDINGS OF A SURVEY ON THE PROPOSED BUS SERVICE AT KORNHILL GARDENS WILL BE RELEASED AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 14) AFTERNOON.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP SET UP IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR TO COLLECT RESIDENTS' OPINIONS ON THE PROPOSED BUS SERVICE AT KORNHILL GARDENS DURING PEAK HOURS.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO RECONSTRUCT KING'S ROAD WHICH WAS BUILT BEFORE THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

/IMPROVEMENT WORKS .....

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IMPROVEMENT WORKS WILL INCLUDE REVISION OF JUNCTION LAYOUT WITH TRAM TRACK REALIGNMENT, DUPLICATION AND ENLARGEMENT OF OVERLOADED DRAINS, WIDENING OF PAVEMENTS, INSTALLATION OF CENTRAL BARRIER TO DETER JAY-WALKING AND PLANTING TREES AND PLACING PLANTERS ALONG THE ROAD.

THE PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN EARLY 1989 AND WILL TAKE THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE SAFETY PROBLEM OF THE "DEADLY STEEP SLOPE" AT CHAI WAN ROAD AND THE CONGESTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY MINIBUSES STOPPING AT TAI TAK STREET.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 14) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS COVERED FOOTBRIDGES

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO BUILD COVERS FOR TWO FOOTBRIDGES LEADING FROM YAU OI ESTATE TO SIU ON COURT AND TING TAK HOUSE.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND THE PROGRESS REPORT OF LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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DB TO BE BRIEFED ON KOWLOON WALLED CITY CLEARANCE

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE CLEARANCE OF KOWLOON WALLED CITY AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 14) AFTERNOON.

THE ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION (SPECIAL DUTIES), MR ANGUS MIU, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE SUBJECT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE AN APPEAL TO PROMOTE CHINESE LANGUAGE EDUCATION AND CARE AND ATTENTION FOR THE DISABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.45 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 14) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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FIRST 'JOB BAZAAR' OPENS AT SHA TIN

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THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING A THREE-DAY 'JOB BAZAAR' AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

IT IS AIMED AT ASSISTING EMPLOYERS TO PUBLICISE THEIR JOB OPPORTUNITIES THEREBY REDUCING THE TIME TAKEN TO FILL VACANT POSTS AND ATTRACTING MORE JOB-SEEKERS TO TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT.

ALTOGETHER 16 FIRMS REPRESENTING 13 TRADES AND INDUSTRIES WILL TAKE PART IN THE EVENT.

THEY WILL PROVIDE JOB-SEEKERS WITH AN ARRAY OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION. SOME WILL ALSO CONDUCT RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES ON THE SPOT.

THE EVENT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FRIDAY (JANUARY 15).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE 'JOB BAZAAR' AT THE FOOTBRIDGE GALLERY, LEVEL 3, NEW TOWN PLAZA, AT 3 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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OPEN DAY OF SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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THE SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WILL HOLD ITS OPEN DAY AT ITS MAIN CAMPUS AT CALDECOTT ROAD, PIPER'S HILL, KOWLOON, BETWEEN THURSDAY (JANUARY 14) AND SATURDAY (JANUARY 16).

THE OPEN DAY IS AIMED AT GIVING SCHOOL HEADS, TEACHERS AND THOSE WHO WANT TO CHOOSE TEACHING AS THEIR CAREER FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON HOW TEACHERS ARE TRAINED.

THERE WILL BE LECTURES AND EXHIBITIONS ILLUSTRATING LIFE IN THE COLLEGE AND THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF STUDENT TEACHERS.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE OPEN DAY ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 14) AFTERNOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE OPEN DAY OF THE SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 14) AT 2.30 PM.

TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. A COACH WILL LEAVE MIDDLE ROAD, AT THE JUNCTION OF HANKOW ROAD, NEAR THE YMCA BUILDING IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 1.45 PM. INFORMATION OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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YOUNG MUSICIAN TO RECEIVE OVERSEAS TRAINING

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A TALENTED YOUNG STRING PLAYER FROM HONG KONG WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE INTENSIVE TRAINING IN SYMPHONIC MUSIC AT THE 1988 NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP TO BE HELD IN INTERLOCHEN, MICHIGAN, USA, FROM JUNE 26 TO AUGUST 22.

THE NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP, NOW IN ITS 61ST SEASON, IS HELD ANNUALLY TO PROMOTE WORLD FRIENDSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.

IT SELECTS TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 18 FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD FOR EIGHT WEEKS OF INTENSIVE TRAINING.

/THE SUCCESSFUL .....

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FROM HONG KONG WILL PERFORM IN THE CAMP'S WORLD YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. TRAINING WILL INCLUDE MASTERCLASSES, WORKSHOPS, REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES WITH SOME OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST MUSICIANS.

OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CAMP FIRES, CANOEING, SAILING AND SWIMMING WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED.

YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM HONG KONG TOOK PART IN THE CAMP IN 1982, 1983, 1984 AND 1986. THEY ALL AGREED THAT THEY HAD BENEFITTED A LOT FROM THE CAMP.

THE MUSIC OFFICE IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM INTERESTED MUSICIANS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 18, WHO HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS, HAVE A REASONABLE COMMAND OF ENGLISH, AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE VIII (PRACTICAL) IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATION OR EQUIVALENT.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WITH ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE AND SELECTION WILL BE MADE BY OPEN AUDITION IN LATE FEBRUARY.

THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A FREE ROUND TRIP PASSAGE AND THE FEES FOR THE MUSIC CAMP WILL BE MET BY THE CAMP ORGANISERS.

HE WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR HIS PERSONAL INSURANCE AND THAT FOR HIS MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, AND TO PLACE A SUM OF US\$225 IN A PERSONAL ACCOUNT WITH THE CAMP TO MEET MINOR PERSONAL EXPENSES.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE MONG KOK MUSIC CENTRE, FIRST FLOOR, CAMBRIDGE COURT, 84 WATERLOO ROAD BY JANUARY 29.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 3-7149255.

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## TENDERS INVITED FOR REFUSE COLLECTION POINT

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT MARKET STREET IN YAU MA TEI.

MEASURING ABOUT 400 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, THE THREE-STOREY STRUCTURE WILL ALSO ACCOMMODATE TOILETS, OFFICES AND A STOREROOM.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 29.

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## AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 16).

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING.

THEY ARE:

DR8138	CM2737	DR4428	DR290
DS368	DR2832	BL6848	HK899
DR1369	DR172	DR2278	DR635
DL10	DS2228	DS1388	DR6611
DR821	DS789	DR928	AA886
DR621	DP27	DS318	DS3338
DR6188	DR809	DR2223	DR1
DS1800	AK2919	DR383	5232
AD2223	CM1212	DR908	DS1
AE4884	DR3680	DR9929	DS2623

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 120TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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BUS LANE AND URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION

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A BUS-ONLY LANE IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE TEMPORARILY LIFTED WHILE A NEW ROAD IN TSUEN WAN WILL BECOME AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 15).

IN YAU MA TEI, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 11 PM DAILY BUS-ONLY LANE ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF PUBLIC SQUARE STREET BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE LIFTED FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

ALL VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THIS ROAD SECTION.

IN TSUEN WAN, THE UNNAMED NEW ROAD OVER CHUNG HANG NULLAH BETWEEN THE ROUNDABOUT UNDERNEATH TSUEN WAN ROAD AT CHAI WAN KOK AND SHA TSUI ROAD WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KWUN TONG

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WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, KUNG LOK ROAD IN KWUN TONG FROM ITS SOUTHERN JUNCTION WITH HONG NING ROAD TO ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG MING STREET IS CONVERTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO-AND-A-HALF MONTHS TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF HONG NING ROAD.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO ENTER KUNG LOK ROAD VIA ITS NORTHERN JUNCTION WITH HONG NING ROAD.

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TEMPORARY RESTRICTED ZONE IN CENTRAL

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THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WELLINGTON STREET IN CENTRAL BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ABERDEEN STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 15).

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS FOR DRAINAGE WORKS.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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