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GOVT COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT IN MANUFACTURING: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THE IMPORTANCE OF MANUFACTURING TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMY AND REMAINS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING ITS DEVELOPMENT, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1990 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD DO THIS IN THE FUTURE AS IT HAD IN THE PAST, BY ENSURING THAT MANUFACTURERS HAD THE LAND, THE TRAINED MANPOWER, AND THE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY WHICH THEY NEEDED.

"THE THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES TRAINING FUND AND THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE ARE RECENT EXAMPLES OF INITIATIVES AIMED AT ADDRESSING THESE NEEDS," SIR DAVID SAID.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE WAS ESSENTIALLY ONE OF SUPPORT.

"IT CAN REMOVE CONSTRAINTS. IT CAN CREATE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHOICES. BUT IT CANNOT, AND SHOULD NOT, TAKE DECISIONS WHICH ARE FOR MANUFACTURERS THEMSELVES TO TAKE.

"THIS IS AN AXIOM WHICH IS AT THE HEART OF OUR ECONOMIC POLICIES: THAT BUSINESSMEN ARE BETTER PLACED TO TAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR BUSINESSES THAN CIVIL SERVANTS," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

ULTIMATELY, HE ADDED, IT WAS UP TO MANUFACTURERS THEMSELVES TO DECIDE HOW TO USE THE RESOURCES AT THEIR DISPOSAL.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT MANUFACTURING WAS NOW MORE COMPLEX THAN EVER BEFORE.

HE NOTED THAT TEAMS OF HIGHLY-TRAINED TECHNICIANS NOW OVERSAW PROCESSES WHICH, LESS THAN 20 YEARS AGO, NEEDED ONLY A KNOWLEDGE OF SIMPLE MANUAL SKILLS.

THE PROCESSES WERE HIGHLY SPECIALISED AND OFTEN HIGHLY FRAGMENTED, SIR DAVID SAID, ADDING THAT COORDINATION THROUGH LEADERSHIP WAS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS.

"LIKE THE GENERAL OF AN ARMY, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF A MODERN MANUFACTURING COMPANY MUST KNOW WHAT HIS FORCES CAN AND CANNOT DO, AND THEN DEPLOY THEM SENSIBLY.

"BUT SENSIBLE MANAGEMENT IS ONLY HALF THE BATTLE," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ALSO HAS TO MAKE SURE THAT HIS COMPANY IS CREATIVE," HE ADDED.

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SIR DAVID SAID CREATIVITY, APPLIED BOTH TO PRODUCT DESIGN AND TO THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS, WAS THE ADDITIONAL WEAPON THAT COULD GIVE A MANUFACTURER A DECISIVE EDGE OVER HIS COMPETITORS.

"THE SUCCESSFUL COMPANY IS ONE WHOSE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND SENIOR STAFF CAN COMBINE THE SCIENCE OF SENSIBLE MANAGEMENT WITH THE ART OF CREATIVITY.

"THESE ARE THE QUALITIES WHICH THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY RECOGNISES," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THERE WERE FOUR DIFFERENT CATEGORIES IN THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD, NAMELY, CONSUMER PRODUCT DESIGN; MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT DESIGN; PRODUCTIVITY; AND QUALITY.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO SAY THAT THE NUMBER AND QUALITY OF THIS YEAR'S ENTRIES HAD BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING, AND SOME EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE AND FUNCTIONAL DESIGNS WERE SUBMITTED IN BOTH DESIGN AWARD CATEGORIES.

"I WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THERE WERE MORE THAN TWICE AS MANY ENTRIES IN THE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT DESIGN CATEGORY AS LAST YEAR.

"ALL OUR MAIN EXPORT ITEMS, PARTICULARLY ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, WERE REPRESENTED IN THE CONSUMER PRODUCT DESIGN CATEGORY," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS ALSO GLAD TO SEE THAT THE TWO NEW AWARD CATEGORIES - PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY - ATTRACTED SOME FIRST-RATE ENTRIES.

"THE PRODUCTIVITY AWARD CATEGORY IS OPEN NOT ONLY TO THE TRADITIONAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES BUT ALSO TO CERTAIN SERVICE INDUSTRIES. BOTH SECTORS WERE REPRESENTED AMONG THE ENTRANTS.

"AS FOR THE QUALITY AWARD MOST COMPANIES WHICH ENTERED WERE MANUFACTURERS OF ELECTRONIC OR ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS.

"THIS SURELY REFLECTS CUSTOMER DEMAND FOR HIGH STANDARDS OF SAFETY AND RELIABILITY IN SUCH PRODUCTS," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WAS PUBLICISING THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD SCHEME, BOTH IN HONG KONG AND IN HONG KONG'S MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS.

"WINNING THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY IS ALREADY RECOGNISED IN HONG KONG AS A HIGH HONOUR, AND A GUARANTEE OF EXCELLENCE.

"I HOPE THAT THE AWARD WILL SOON ENJOY AN EQUALLY HIGH REPUTATION OVERSEAS.

"WE WILL BE SENDING THE SIGNAL THAT HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR IS COMMITTED TO QUALITY. OUR EXPORTS SHOULD BENEFIT ACCORDINGLY," HE ADDED.

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THE WINNER OF THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD IN THE CONSUMER PRODUCT DESIGN CATEGORY WAS RADOFIN ELECTRONICS (FAR EAST) LTD FOR ITS INROOM 2020 IN-ROOM CONTROL SYSTEM.

THE WINNER OF THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD IN THE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT DESIGN CATEGORY WAS CAPITAL AUTOMATION COMPANY LTD FOR ITS POWERFUL AND FLEXIBLE COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN SYSTEM WDS-1000.

THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD IN THE PRODUCTIVITY CATEGORY WENT TO MOTOROLA SEMICONDUCTORS HONG KONG LTD, WHICH HAD PUT THEORIES SUCH AS JUST-IN-TIME AND WORK IMPROVEMENT TEAM INTO PRACTICE TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY.

MELITTA HONG KONG LTD WON THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD IN THE QUALITY CATEGORY, THE COMPANY WAS A MANUFACTURER OF QUALITY HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR GOVERNOR'S AWARDS, THERE WERE ALSO 14 ORGANISER'S AWARDS AND 22 CERTIFICATES OF MERIT PRESENTED TO OUTSTANDING ENTRIES.

WINNERS OF THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD WERE ENTITLED TO DISPLAY AN OFFICIAL LOGO FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, AND RECEIVE THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD TROPHY, A HANDSOME AND INDIVIDUALLY-CRAFTED SCULPTURE, AS A PERMANENT MEMENTO OF THEIR SUCCESS.

THIS YEAR'S AWARD ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

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HK OFFICIALS STRIVING TO BREAK TRADE BARRIERS IN GENEVA  
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A TEAM OF HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE NOW WORKING DAY AND NIGHT IN GENEVA TOWARDS A FINAL PACKAGE WHICH WOULD BRING ABOUT A FURTHER LIBERALISATION OF WORLD TRADE AND STRENGTHENED DISCIPLINES TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST NEW BARRIERS OR RESTRICTIONS.

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOSEPH WONG, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) WHEN HE SPOKE AT AN SYMPOSIUM OF AIESEC'S (ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES ETUDIANTS EN SCIENCES ECONOMIQUES ET COMMERCIALES) PRESIDENTS' MEETING.

MR WONG SAID HONG KONG ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE URUGUAY ROUND MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.

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HE SAID: "WE HAVE A TEAM OF OFFICIALS NOW IN GENEVA, WORKING LITERALLY DAY AND NIGHT, TO NEGOTIATE WITH OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES IN MANY AREAS, INCLUDING TEXTILES, SERVICES, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, REDUCTIONS IN TARIFFS, AND RULES GOVERNING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH IMPORTING COUNTRIES CAN IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS, ETC."

MR WONG SAID THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE DIFFICULT.

"BUT I HOPE THIS MULTILATERAL OR INTERNATIONAL EFFORT WILL RESULT IN A FREE INTERNATIONAL TRADING ENVIRONMENT, PROVIDE A LEGAL AND MORAL CHECK AGAINST PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES, AND SET A GOOD EXAMPLE TO OTHER REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS OR ARRANGEMENTS."

MR WONG SAID THE GATT HAD PROVIDED A STABLE, AND WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS SUCH AS TRADE IN TEXTILES, NON-DISCRIMINATORY FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH FREE TRADERS LIKE HONG KONG COULD OPERATE AND PROSPER.

HE SAID HONG KONG FULFILLED ALL OBLIGATIONS AS A CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE GATT AND ITS PRIMARY EXTERNAL TRADE POLICY WAS TO PROMOTE A FREE, OPEN AND STABLE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM.

SPEAKING ON REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS, MR WONG SAID THAT AS ECONOMIES WITHIN A REGION BECAME CLOSER ECONOMICALLY, COUPLED WITH THEIR HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TIES, IT WAS ONLY NATURAL, OVER TIME, FOR SUCH A RELATIONSHIP TO BE INSTITUTIONALISED.

HE SAID THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, AND ITS COMMITMENT TOWARDS A SINGLE MARKET IN 1992, WAS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE AIM OF THE SINGLE MARKET WAS TO REMOVE ALL INTERNAL BARRIERS.

"UNLESS IT CLOSES ITSELF INTO A FORTRESS - AND WE HAVE BEEN REASSURED BY MANY DISTINGUISHED EUROPEAN MINISTERS THAT THIS WILL NOT BE THE CASE - IT WILL OPEN UP NEW AND LONG-TERM BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL THOSE OUTSIDE EUROPE."

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SO NAIVE AS TO IGNORE THE UNDERLYING PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENTS OF SOME EUROPEAN DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES AND THE PRESSURES THEY MIGHT BEAR ON THE COMMUNITY TO RESTRICT OR FRUSTRATE EXTERNAL COMPETITION.

IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC, MR WONG SAID THE ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) WAS LAUNCHED LAST YEAR AS AN INFORMAL PROCESS INVOLVING THE ECONOMIES OF THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN, ASEAN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

"AT THE SECOND MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING IN SINGAPORE IN MAY THIS YEAR, APEC PARTICIPANTS RE-AFFIRMED THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE OF THE THREE ECONOMIES OF CHINA, HONG KONG AND TAIWAN IN THE REGION AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE THREE TO JOIN.

"HONG KONG MADE IT CLEAR FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THAT IT IS IN OUR INTEREST AS WELL AS IN THE INTEREST OF APEC FOR HONG KONG TO PLAY A FULL PART IN THIS PROCESS.

"WE HAVE NOT DEPARTED FROM THIS POSITION AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS THIS OBJECTIVE," HE SAID.

AS AN EXAMPLE OF HONG KONG'S COMMITMENT TOWARDS ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN THE REGION, MR WONG SAID HONG KONG HAD APPLIED FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP WITH ANOTHER AND EARLIER ESTABLISHED BODY, PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION CONFERENCE (PECC).

PECC IS A TRIPARTITE BODY MADE UP OF MEMBER COMMITTEES WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS LEADERS PARTICIPATING IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITIES.

THE PRESENT MEMBER COMMITTEES COME FROM ALL THE EXISTING APEC ECONOMIES, PLUS CHINA, TAIWAN AND THE PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS.

MR WONG, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG COMMITTEE, SAID HONG KONG'S APPLICATION HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY PECC.

"WE WILL BE FORMALLY ADMITTED AS A FULL PECC MEMBER IN MAY NEXT YEAR AT THEIR EIGHTH GENERAL MEETING," HE SAID.

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#### CSD STUDY ON VIOLENT PRISONERS

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A STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) HAS SHOWN THAT THE IRON CONTENT IN THE HAIR OF VIOLENT PRISONERS IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THAT OF NON-VIOLENT PRISONERS.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, SAID THIS FINDING HAD POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS IN PRISON MANAGEMENT BECAUSE HAIR ANALYSIS MIGHT BE USED AS ONE OF THE MEANS TO HELP IDENTIFY VIOLENT PRISONERS ON ADMISSION.

"HOWEVER, SUCH USAGE CAN ONLY BE IMPLEMENTED AFTER ETHICAL, LEGAL AND SCIENTIFIC PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH PRACTICE ARE RESOLVED," HE SAID.

MR CHAN SAID THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY ALSO POINTED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF ARTIFICIAL INTERVENTION, SUCH AS MEDICAL TREATMENT AND DIETARY CONTROL, TO REDUCE VIOLENCE IN PRISON CUSTODY.

"FURTHERMORE, VIOLENT PRISONERS MAY BE TAUGHT ON HOW TO MAKE USE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT AND DIETARY METHODS TO CONTROL THEIR VIOLENT PROPENSITIES AFTER THEIR RELEASE FROM PRISON CUSTODY.

"NEVERTHELESS, ALL THESE REQUIRE FURTHER RESEARCH AND CONSULTATION WITH THE MEDICAL AND DIETICIAN PROFESSIONS," HE ADDED.

MR CHAN EMPHASISED THAT MANAGING A PRISON WAS BY NO MEANS AN EASY TASK.

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"UNLESS YOU ARE A PERSON WHO HAS WORKED IN PRISON, YOU MAY NEVER REALISE THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN MANAGING IT.

"IN ADDITION TO RELYING ON OUR PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES IN HANDLING INMATES, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO BEEN RESEARCHING ON NEW KNOWLEDGE THAT IS USEFUL IN UNDERSTANDING AND HELPING THE OFFENDERS TO SERVE THEIR SENTENCE IN A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE WAY AND HOPEFULLY TO MAKE THEMSELVES USEFUL TO SOCIETY UPON RELEASE," HE SAID.

IN THE CSD STUDY, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED WITH THE HELP OF THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY, HAIR AND BLOOD SAMPLES OF 94 PAIRS OF VIOLENT AND NON-VIOLENT PRISONERS TAKEN WITH THEIR CONSENT WERE ANALYSED AND COMPARED.

THE GROUP OF VIOLENT PRISONERS CONSISTED OF THOSE WHO HAD COMMITTED VIOLENT OFFENCES BEFORE ADMISSION AND HAD A RECORD OF INSTITUTIONAL DISCIPLINARY OFFENCES INVOLVING THE USE OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE ON TWO OR MORE OCCASIONS.

THEY HAD ALSO BEEN ASSESSED BY A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST AS VIOLENCE-PRONE BEFORE THEIR INCLUSION IN THE STUDY GROUP.

BLOOD TESTS SHOWED THAT THERE WAS NO STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS.

AS FOR HAIR SAMPLES, AMOUNTS OF 13 TRACE METALS WERE ANALYSED. THE AVERAGE IRON CONTENT WAS FOUND TO BE 13.45 UG/G FOR VIOLENT PRISONERS, SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE FIGURE OF 7.92 UG/G FOR NON-VIOLENT PRISONERS.

THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY ARE IN LINE WITH CRIMINOLOGICAL RESEARCHES CONDUCTED IN ADVANCED COUNTRIES, NOTABLY IN THE US, WHICH HAD IDENTIFIED CERTAIN BIOLOGICAL INDICATORS AS HAVING CORRELATION WITH VIOLENCE-PRONENESS.

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DEBATE ON GOVERNOR'S POLICY ADDRESS RESUMED

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NINE OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (LEGCO) WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY OTHER MEMBERS LAST WEEK ON THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY ADDRESS WHEN THE COUNCIL RESUMES ITS DEBATE ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 31).

THE DEBATE IS ON A MOTION OF THANKS MOVED BY THE SENIOR LEGCO MEMBER, THE HON ALLEN LEE.

APART FROM THE DEBATE, FOUR BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THEY ARE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990; MERCHANT SHIPPING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990; AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 AND EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990.

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TWO BILLS ARE DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

THEY ARE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT (REPEAL) BILL 1990 AND PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTING AND THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR SEATS IN THE PUBLIC GALLERIES BY TELEPHONING 844 0899.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE MOTION TO BE MOVED BY THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS UNDER THE TEMPORARY CONTROL OF DENSITY OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT (KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON) ORDINANCE HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.

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PIER RELOCATION IN AP LEI CHAU

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE PIER OFF THE HUNG SHING TEMPLE IN AP LEI CHAU WILL BE MOVED TO THE SHORE OFF THE LONDON LANE AND THE LICENSED FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN AP LEI CHAU AND ABERDEEN WILL BE OPERATED AT THE NEW PIER FROM THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 1).

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MOVE OF INDUSTRY DEPT OFFICE POSTPONED

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE PLANNED MOVE ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 1) OF ITS QUALITY SERVICES DIVISION TO WANCHAI TOWER II WOULD BE POSTPONED BECAUSE OF THE ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS AFFLICTING THE BUILDING.

HE SAID MANUFACTURERS HAD BEEN NOTIFIED TWO WEEKS AGO OF THE MOVE BY CIRCULAR.

THE OFFICES WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED IN MOVING INCLUDED THE PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU (PSIB), THE OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS) AND THE QUALITY CAMPAIGN OFFICE (THE QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT).

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MOVE MAY TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 5). AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE IN DUE COURSE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SAI KUNG ARTS FESTIVAL WELL-RECEIVED  
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THE SECOND SAI KUNG DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL CLOSED TODAY (TUESDAY) AFTER 17 DAYS OF EXCITING AND ENTERTAINING PROGRAMMES.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE ARTS FESTIVAL, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR LAM WOON-KWONG, SAID THE FESTIVAL HAD PROVIDED A WELL-BALANCED MIX OF PROGRAMMES IN VARIOUS ART FORMS BY DISTRICT AND PROFESSIONAL TALENTS.

"I AM SURE THAT THROUGH THE EXCITING ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS, THE FESTIVAL HAS NOT ONLY ACHIEVED ITS AIM OF CULTIVATING ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE DISTRICT BUT ALSO ENHANCED THE COMMUNITY'S APPRECIATION OF ARTS," HE SAID.

THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WAS HELD BETWEEN OCTOBER 14 AND 30, FEATURED A VARIETY OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES RANGING FROM AN ARTS EXPOSITION, DRAMAS, CANTONESE OPERAS, DANCING PERFORMANCE, FOLK SONG KARAOKE, POP CONCERT, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND PAINTING EXHIBITIONS.

IT HAD ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS.

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