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CS LEAVES FOR PEKING

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, LEFT THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING FOR PEKING WHERE HE WOULD HOLD MEETINGS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTERESTS.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, SIR DAVID SAID THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT TO PEKING WAS TO CONTINUE THE REGULAR SERIES OF CONTACTS BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD ALSO BE GOING TO SICHUAN BECAUSE IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT PROVINCE OF CHINA.

"THERE ARE SOME JOINT-VENTURE PROJECTS BETWEEN HONG KONG COMPANIES AND SICHUAN. I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ECONOMY AND THE PLACE," HE ADDED.

NOTING THAT HIS VISIT WAS NOT GEARED TO COINCIDE WITH THE PUBLICATION OF THE BASIC LAW, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID NO DOUBT THE SUBJECT WOULD COME UP IN THE CONVERSATIONS.

THIS IS SIR DAVID'S FIRST TRIP TO PEKING AS CHIEF SECRETARY. HE IS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR DICK CLIFT.

SIR DAVID IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (MAY 8).

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BUDGET DEBATE TO RESUME IN LEGCO

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EIGHT OFFICIALS WILL SPEAK IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WHEN DEBATE RESUMES ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1988.

SPEAKING FIRST WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, THE HON JOHN CHAMBERS; FOLLOWED BY THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, THE HON RON BRIDGE; THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THE HON DONALD LIAO; THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, THE HON PETER TSAO; THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON GEOFFREY BARNES; THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE HON MICHAEL LEUNG; AND THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, THE HON GRAHAM BARNES.

/THE FINANCIAL

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON PIERS JACOBS, WILL WIND UP THE DEBATE.

IN ADDITION, A SESSIONAL PAPER WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING IN THE FORM OF A GOVERNMENT MINUTE RESPONDING TO THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 1988.

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 AND THE POST OFFICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 WILL GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

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FUNDS SOUGHT FOR NEW TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO APPROVE A COMMITMENT OF \$11.5 MILLION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE COMPUTERISED TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

THE EXISTING SYSTEM, WHICH WAS INSTALLED IN 1977, HAS A MAXIMUM DESIGN CAPACITY TO HANDLE VEHICLES PASSING THROUGH EIGHT COLLECTION BOOTHS ONLY.

THUS, IT COULD NOT BE EXPANDED TO INCORPORATE AN ADDITIONAL FOUR TOLL BOOTHS NEEDED IN LATE 1985 TO COPE WITH THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC.

AS AN INTERIM MEASURE, INDIVIDUAL MICRO-PROCESSOR-BASED TOLL COLLECTION UNITS, WHICH ARE NOT LINKED TO THE CENTRAL COMPUTER, WERE INSTALLED IN THE ADDITIONAL TOLL BOOTHS.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN EXTRA WORKLOAD DUE TO THE NEED FOR MANUAL COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA AT THE ADDITIONAL TOLL BOOTHS.

BESIDES, THE EXISTING SYSTEM IS FOUND TO BE APPROACHING THE END OF ITS SERVICEABLE LIFE WITH AN AVERAGE OF 82 FAULTS PER YEAR, THE CAUSES OF HALF OF WHICH CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED.

HENCE, IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO REPLACE THE EXISTING SYSTEM.

/OTHER ITEMS

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OTHER ITEMS ON TOMORROW'S AGENDA INCLUDE:

- * APPROVAL OF AN ALLOCATION OF \$2,090 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY;
- * APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN COMMITMENT BY \$352 MILLION TO \$1,032 MILLION TO MEET THE INCREASED COST OF BUILDING AN EXTENSION TO THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL AND TO CARRY OUT REFURBISHMENT AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT THE HOSPITAL; AND
- * APPROVAL OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT UP TO \$10,000 MILLION BETWEEN 1989-90 AND 1993-94 IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE.

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FOURTH QUARTER CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT STATISTICS RELEASED

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THE TOTAL GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY ALL CONTRACTORS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 AMOUNTED TO \$14,639 MILLION, WHICH WAS 16.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 30.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986.

THIS IS SHOWN BY THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

WITH REGARD TO THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 WHEN COMPARED WITH THAT IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS TO A LARGE EXTENT DUE TO THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

HE SAID THAT THERE WERE INDICATIONS FROM OTHER DATA SOURCES THAT THE INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS COULD HAVE BEEN WELL OVER 20 PER CENT BETWEEN THE FOURTH QUARTER 1986 AND FOURTH QUARTER 1987.

HENCE, THE VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED, AFTER DISCOUNTING COST INFLATION, ACTUALLY GREW MUCH MORE SLOWLY THAN THE NOMINAL CONSTRUCTION VALUES REPORTED HERE. THIS POINT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND WHEN INTERPRETING THE SURVEY RESULTS.

/CONSTRUCTION WORK

CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS (INCLUDING WORK CARRIED OUT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, AT ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, AND AT OTHER MINOR WORK LOCATIONS) IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 HAD A GROSS VALUE OF \$9,511 MILLION, WHICH WAS 15.1 PER CENT AND 29.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986 RESPECTIVELY.

THIS GAVE A VALUE INDEX OF 144.3. THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 WAS TAKEN AS 100 FOR THIS INDEX.

THE FIGURES FOR MAIN CONTRACTORS ARE FREE FROM THE EFFECT OF DOUBLE-COUNTING OF CONSTRUCTION VALUE DUE TO THE WIDESPREAD SUB-CONTRACTING PRACTICE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. THEY ARE, THEREFORE, DIFFERENT FROM THE FIGURES IN CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY ALL CONTRACTORS.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 AMOUNTED TO \$7,297 MILLION. THIS WAS 16.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 24.0 PER CENT HIGHER THAN ON THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986.

OF THIS GROSS VALUE, \$2,353 MILLION WAS CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT OF PUBLIC PROJECTS, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 12.7 PER CENT AND 19.6 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986 RESPECTIVELY.

IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT AT SITES WAS \$4,944 MILLION, WHICH WAS 18.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 26.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986.

THE OUTPUT VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (WHICH INCLUDE COMBINED RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS) IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 WAS \$3,307 MILLION.

THIS REPRESENTED INCREASES OF 14.6 PER CENT AND 12.2 PER CENT OVER THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986 RESPECTIVELY.

THE OUTPUT VALUE OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS WAS \$1,120 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 31.1 PER CENT IN COMPARISON WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF 75.8 PER CENT OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986.

THE OUTPUT VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL AND STORAGE BUILDINGS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 WAS \$656 MILLION, WHICH WAS 19.3 PER CENT AND 47.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986 RESPECTIVELY.

THE OUTPUT VALUE OF TRANSPORT PROJECTS WAS \$1,160 MILLION, WHICH WAS 20.1 PER CENT ABOVE THE VALUE IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 18.2 PER CENT ABOVE THE VALUE IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986.

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THE HIGH OUTPUT VALUE OF TRANSPORT PROJECTS RECORDED SINCE THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986 WAS DUE MAINLY TO THE CONSTRUCTION WORK OF SEVERAL LARGE PROJECTS, SUCH AS THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE TUEN MUN LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT IS GIVEN IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT, 4TH QUARTER 1987" RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE QUARTERLY SURVEY REPORT IS PRICED AT \$2 A COPY. IT MAY BE BOUGHT AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 19TH FLOOR, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234860.

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IMPORTANCE OF HORTICULTURE HIGHLIGHTED

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, TODAY (TUESDAY) EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF HORTICULTURE IN HONG KONG'S LIFESTYLE AND THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE LOCAL FARMING INDUSTRY TO THE FRESH FOOD SUPPLY.

"HONG KONG IS A SMALL TERRITORY AND EXTREMELY DENSELY POPULATED WITH 5.6 MILLION PEOPLE CROWDING ON JUST OVER 1,000 SQUARE KILOMETRES OF LAND," HE POINTED OUT.

"THE LOCAL POPULATION, TOGETHER WITH OVER FOUR MILLION TOURISTS EACH YEAR, CONSUMES AN AVERAGE OF 1,140 TONNES OF VEGETABLES AND 1,240 TONNES OF FRUIT DAILY.

"THE POPULAR RESTAURANT CUISINE WHICH ATTRACTS MANY LOCAL CUSTOMERS AND FOREIGN VISITORS IS NO DOUBT DUE TO THE GOOD COOKING TECHNIQUE BUT THE GOOD QUALITY OF RAW MATERIALS INCLUDING FRESH HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS MUST HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO ITS SUCCESS.

"ALL THESE HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF HORTICULTURE IN THE LIFESTYLE OF HONG KONG."

/DR LEE

DR LEE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A SEMINAR ON HORTICULTURAL CROP FARMING ORGANISED - FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG - BY THE KADOORIE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SEMINAR COMPRISE AROUND 60 ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS AND EXPERTS IN HORTICULTURE AND RELATED FIELDS FROM REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE FIRMS, ACADEMIC INSTITUTES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

DR LEE SAID THAT OWING TO THE SCARCITY OF ARABLE LAND AND THE KEEN COMPETITION POSED BY IMPORTED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE, HONG KONG FARMERS TENDED TO GROW PERISHABLE CROPS FETCHING HIGHER PRICES AND QUICKER RETURNS.

"VEGETABLE CULTIVATION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TYPE OF HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"THE MORE FERTILE LAND WHICH IS READILY ACCESSIBLE BY ROAD HAS USUALLY BEEN USED FOR VEGETABLE GROWING AND IN 1987, 2,170 HECTARES WERE CULTIVATED, PRODUCING 34 PER CENT OF THE LOCALLY CONSUMED VEGETABLES."

WITH THE INCREASING AFFLUENCE OF SOCIETY, DR LEE SAID, FLOWER CULTIVATION, WHICH OCCUPIED A TOTAL OF 340 HECTARES, WAS BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT. FRUIT GROWING, HOWEVER, WAS CONFINED TO ONLY ABOUT 530 HECTARES IN HILL SLOPES AND MARGINAL LANDS.

DR LEE TOLD THE GATHERING THAT IN SUPPORT OF THE FARMING INDUSTRY, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT UNDERTOOK INVESTIGATORY WORK AIMED AT SOLVING TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AND DEVELOPING IMPROVED PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES.

THROUGH ITS EXTENSIVE SERVICE, HE SAID, NEW CONCEPTS AND TECHNIQUES WERE INTRODUCED AND PROMOTED.

THESE WERE SUPPLEMENTED BY VOCATIONAL TRAINING COURSES ON VARIOUS FARM SUBJECTS AND A WIDE RANGE OF TECHNICAL SERVICES INCLUDING IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT, LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS, SOIL ANALYSIS AND PEST CONTROL SERVICE.

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CONSULTANCY STUDY ON ISLAND SOUTH SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED A CONSULTANCY STUDY TO PRODUCE A SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL MASTER PLAN FOR THE SOUTH OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE AREA COVERED EXTENDS FROM SHOUSON HILL TO BIG WAVE BAY, INCLUDING POPULAR AMENITY AREAS AT DEEP WATER BAY, REPULSE BAY, STANLEY AND SHEK O.

THE STUDY WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY WH CONSULTANTS (HONG KONG) LTD.

ITS PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO COMPREHENSIVELY ANALYSE THE EXISTING SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES OF THE AREA AND DEVELOP A LONG TERM MASTER PLAN, WITH A DETAILED IMPROVEMENT WORKS PROGRAMME, FOR THE SOUTH OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

SHORT TERM ABATEMENT MEASURES AIMED AT IMPROVING LOCAL POLLUTION PROBLEMS WILL ALSO BE IDENTIFIED AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY.

THE STUDY, AT A COST OF \$6.9 MILLION, IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. AN EARLY ASSESSMENT OF PRACTICAL POLLUTION MITIGATION MEASURES WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER THIS SUMMER.

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BOE MEMBERS VISIT INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION

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THE CHAIRMAN AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION (ILE) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE OBJECTIVES, COURSES AND FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTE.

THE PARTY COMPRISED MRS RITA FAN (CHAIRMAN), MR CHAN YING-LUN, MISS BOW SUI-MAY, MR TAM MAN-KWAN, MR TIMOTHY HA, MR ERIC LI, AND MR DOMINIC WONG.

THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR RON BRIDGE, ALSO JOINED THE PARTY, WHICH WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (ILE), DR VERNER BICKLEY, AND THE BOE SECRETARY, SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER MISS ROSE LAU.

THE VISITORS TOURED THE ILE'S PREMISES IN THE PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

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THERE THEY HEARD HOW THE ILE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1982 WITH THE PURPOSE OF RAISING THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF TEACHING CHINESE AND ENGLISH IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THE AIM WAS TO HELP CHILDREN TO ACHIEVE THE MAXIMUM DEGREE OF BILINGUAL COMPETENCE.

AS A TRAINING AND RESEARCH CENTRE FOR PROGRAMMES RELATING TO LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING, THE ILE IS ENGAGED IN ORGANISING IN-SERVICE COURSES FOR EXPERIENCED TEACHERS OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH, CONDUCTING RESEARCH INTO LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING, AND ARRANGING SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING.

IT IS ALSO PROVIDING CONSULTANCY SERVICES IN LANGUAGE TEACHING AND IN LANGUAGE TEACHER TRAINING, PUBLISHING BOOKS AND ARTICLES IN JOURNALS ON LANGUAGE TEACHING AND DESIGNS, AND TESTING PROTOTYPE TEACHING MATERIALS.

EACH YEAR, THE ILE ORGANISES TWO 16-WEEK IN-SERVICE COURSES FOR EXPERIENCED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH.

EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL IS PROVIDED WITH A FULL-TIME REPLACEMENT TEACHER FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR TO ENABLE TWO TEACHERS ON FULL-PAY STUDY LEAVE TO BE RELEASED TO ATTEND CONSECUTIVE COURSES OF ABOUT 400 HOURS PER COURSE.

THE BOE MEMBERS ALSO LEARNT THAT THE COURSES ARE DESIGNED TO HELP TEACHERS TO GAIN FURTHER KNOWLEDGE OF THEORY AND PRACTICE IN LANGUAGE TEACHING.

THEY ARE ALSO DESIGNED TO INCREASE PROFICIENCY IN CANTONESE, PUTONGHUA AND ENGLISH AND TO ENHANCE ABILITY TO SOLVE LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING PROBLEMS AT CLASSROOM LEVEL AND TO EVALUATE THE TEACHERS' OWN PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND COMPETENCE.

THE VISITORS INSPECTED TWO CLASSROOMS EQUIPPED WITH MODERN AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDING A WIRE-FREE INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEM AND A VIDEO-CASSETTE RECORDING SYSTEM.

THEY ALSO TOURED A COMPARATIVE LANGUAGE LABORATORY AND A FULLY-EQUIPPED MICROCOMPUTER ROOM.

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AUCTION OF VEHICLE NUMBERS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (MAY 7) AT 10 AM IN THE WRITTEN TEST ROOM OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 2 MURRAY ROAD, HONG KONG.

A TOTAL OF 40 CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

DS1473	DS6627	DS4008	DS6123	DT996
DS3231	DT1210	DT1106	DT9503	DU7351
DS7833	DS3083	DS8111	DU316	AP1189
DR9854	DT1118	DT8026	CF337	DU6626
DS2829	DT4677	DT1223	CK7351	DU914
DR9281	DS9386	DB501	AE7643	DV5551
DR7221	DS6793	AD3781	DS1381	DU6831
DS8026	DT531	DU991	AY673	AV2232

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 124TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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DB SPOTLIGHT ON FACILITIES FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN
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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE ADEQUACY OF SCHOOL PLACES AND FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR HANDICAPPED AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF HOUSING MATTERS.

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THESE INCLUDE CLEARANCE OF SQUATTERS AND TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN UPPER KWAI CHUNG, STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS OF BLOCK SIX OF KWAI FONG ESTATE, LAW AND ORDER IN KWAI FONG AND KWAI HING ESTATES, AND THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR KWAI HING ESTATE.

FOLLOW-UP ACTION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED OPENING OF AN OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRE IN TSING YI GARDEN AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES WILL ALSO BE ON THE AGENDA.

MEMBERS' VIEWS WILL BE SOUGHT ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN TSING YI AND ON THE POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF SUMMER TIME IN HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), KWAI CHUNG. IT WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR TAI PO SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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ABOUT \$340,000 WILL BE SPENT ON THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) IN TAI PO, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S 1988 SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR HO YUNG-SANG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

OF THE \$340,000, ABOUT \$200,000 WILL COME FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND THE REMAINDER FROM LOCAL DONATIONS AND PARTICIPANTS' FEES.

MR HO ALSO INVITED VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER FOR YOUTHS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25.

LETTERS WOULD SOON BE SENT TO THESE BODIES TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMME, HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 1 TING KOK ROAD. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-6577111 EXT. 244.

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1986 BY-CENSUS MAIN REPORT: VOLUME 1 PUBLISHED

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MAIN FINDINGS OF THE 1986 BY-CENSUS, IN THE FORM OF ANALYSES AND SUMMARY TABLES, WERE RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) IN A REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE REPORT ENTITLED "HONG KONG 1986 BY-CENSUS MAIN REPORT: VOLUME 1" IS THE LAST IN A SERIES OF REPORTS BEING PUBLISHED ON THE 1986 BY-CENSUS.

"THE REPORT IS AIMED AT THE GENERAL READER AND SHOWS COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"CENSUS DATA ARE ANALYSED THROUGH COMPARISONS WITH THE 1976 BY-CENSUS AND THE 1981 CENSUS, AND DISCUSSION OF THE CHANGES IS GIVEN.

"TOPICS SUCH AS AGE AND SEX, GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION, HOUSING, HOUSEHOLDS, EDUCATION, LABOUR FORCE, INCOME, INTERNAL MOVEMENT AND THE NEW TOWNS POPULATION ARE CONSIDERED IN DETAIL."

A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE CENSUS METHODOLOGY AND AN ASSESSMENT OF DATA QUALITY ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT.

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT \$80 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE PUBLICATION OFFICE OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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SPECIAL FERRY ARRANGEMENTS FOR TIN HAU FESTIVAL

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SPECIAL FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN NORTH POINT (EAST) FERRY PIER AND JOSS HOUSE BAY WILL BE OPERATED BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY DURING THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL.

THE SPECIAL FERRIES WILL START RUNNING AT 8.30 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 7) AND OPERATE OVERNIGHT UNTIL 4 PM ON SUNDAY (MAY 8).

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THE SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED AT AN INTERVAL OF 60 MINUTES BUT THE FREQUENCY WILL BE INCREASED TO 45 MINUTES BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM ON SUNDAY. THE LAST FERRY WILL DEPART FROM NORTH POINT TO JOSS HOUSE BAY AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY.

FARES CHARGED PER SINGLE JOURNEY WILL BE \$18 FOR ADULTS AND \$12 FOR CHILDREN IN DELUXE CLASS AND \$13 AND \$8 RESPECTIVELY FOR THOSE RIDING IN ORDINARY CLASS.

IN ADDITION, FERRY SERVICES LINKING NORTH POINT WITH KWUN TONG, KOWLOON CITY AND HUNG HOM RESPECTIVELY WILL BE EXTENDED TO OPERATE UNTIL MIDNIGHT ON MAY 7.

MEANWHILE, THE BUS TERMINAL FOR OVERNIGHT CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE 122 OUTSIDE THE NORTH POINT (EAST) FERRY PIER WILL BE RELOCATED TO JAVA ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH KAM HONG STREET ON MAY 8 TO FACILITATE CROWD CONTROL.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR TUEN MUN DRAGON BOAT RACES

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THE TUEN MUN DRAGON BOAT RACE COMMITTEE 1988 WILL ORGANISE A SERIES OF RACES FOR DRAGON BOATS OF DIFFERENT SIZES ON JUNE 18 (SATURDAY) TO CELEBRATE THE TRADITIONAL TUEN NG FESTIVAL.

SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE RACES WILL BE HELD ALONG THE WATERFRONT FACING SAM SHING ESTATE.

ORGANISATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE BEING INVITED TO FORM TEAMS TO COMPETE IN THE RACES.

THE WATERCOURSE FOR BOTH THE LARGE AND MEDIUM DRAGON BOAT RACES IS 400 METRES AND FOR PHOENIX BOAT RACES 200 METRES.

EACH LARGE DRAGON BOAT TEAM SHOULD HAVE NOT MORE THAN 54 MEMBERS, INCLUDING A COXSWAIN AND A DRUMMER, WHILE THE LIMIT FOR THE MEDIUM DRAGON BOAT AND PHOENIX BOAT TEAMS ARE 28 AND 16 MEMBERS RESPECTIVELY.

PARTICIPATING TEAMS FOR BOTH THE MEDIUM DRAGON BOAT AND PHOENIX BOAT RACES HAVE TO PAY A FEE OF \$500, WHILE ENTRY FOR THE LARGE DRAGON BOAT RACE IS FREE.

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THE RACE COMMITTEE WILL SUPPLY THE BOATS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MEDIUM DRAGON BOAT AND PHOENIX BOAT TEAMS. COMPETING TEAMS FOR THE LARGE DRAGON BOAT AND THE MEDIUM BOAT INVITATION RACES, HOWEVER, HAVE TO USE THEIR OWN BOATS.

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD. THEY SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE ABOVE OFFICE BEFORE MAY 14 (SATURDAY).

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4513048.

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WATER CUTS IN KWUN TONG, EASTERN DISTRICT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 5) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY HIP WO STREET, SHUI NING STREET AND WAN HON STREET.

IN ADDITION, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE CUT OFF ON THURSDAY (MAY 5) FROM 9.30 AM TO 4 PM FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT BRAEMAR HILL ROAD, CLOUD VIEW ROAD, TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, YEE KING ROAD AND LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN TSUEN WAN

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TSUEN WAN FROM FRIDAY (MAY 6) TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER AT TSUEN WAN ROAD.

UNDER THE MEASURES, A SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TSUEN WAN ROAD NEAR THE ROUNDABOUT WITH TEXACO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM DAILY ON MAY 6, 7 AND 8.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE ROUNDABOUT AT TEXACO ROAD.

BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM DAILY ON MAY 9, 10 AND 11, THE SLIP ROAD FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TSUEN WAN ROAD LEADING TO THE ROUNDABOUT AT TEXACO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES HEADING FOR TSUEN WAN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HING FONG ROAD, KWAI FUK ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD.

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CLOSURE OF CHUNG HOM KOK ROAD SECTION ON SATURDAY

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THE SECTION OF CHUNG HOM KOK ROAD SOUTH OF THE CMB ROUTE 262 BUS TERMINUS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON SATURDAY (MAY 7) FOR A COMMUNITY FUNCTION.

THE CLOSURE WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM THAT DAY.

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