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QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED

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FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1990.

THESE COMPARISONS ARE, HOWEVER, LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS. THE FIRST QUARTER OF A YEAR IS USUALLY A SEASONAL LOW WHILE THE THIRD QUARTER IS USUALLY MORE ACTIVE THAN THE SECOND QUARTER AS FAR AS MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY IS CONCERNED.

FIRMS IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE PLASTICS, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES, EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990.

AS REGARDS THE BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, FIRMS IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO, AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES, ANTICIPATE A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS OVER THE SECOND QUARTER.

ON THE OTHER HAND, FIRMS IN THE PRINTING INDUSTRY EXPECT A DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER.

FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR EXPERIENCED A MILD IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER, BUT EXPECT BUSINESS TO REMAIN RELATIVELY STABLE IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE AND CATERING TRADES SECTOR, RESTAURANTS RECORDED A DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER, BUT OTHER FIRMS IN THIS SECTOR EXPERIENCED A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS.

REGARDING THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, HOTELS EXPECT A MILD DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS, WHILE OTHER FIRMS IN THIS SECTOR ANTICIPATE AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS.

IN THE OTHER SERVICES SECTOR, WHILE BANKS EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER, BUSINESS IN THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES, AND THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES REMAINED STABLE.

REGARDING THE BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, BANKS AND FIRMS IN THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES EXPECT AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS, WHEREAS FIRMS IN THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES ANTICIPATE A MILD DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS.

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ABOUT 1,000 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND TRADES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY. THEY WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCES AND EXPECTATIONS AS WELL AS THE BUSINESS PROBLEMS THEY FACED.

FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ENCOUNTERED IN THE SECOND QUARTER PROBLEMS OF LABOUR SHORTAGE, PARTICULARLY SKILLED LABOUR, HIGH WAGE RATES, PRICE COMPETITION FROM FIRMS IN HONG KONG, AND INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS ORDERS OR CONTRACTS. THESE PROBLEMS ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, FIRMS REPORTED PROBLEMS OF SHORTAGE OF LABOUR AND IN PARTICULAR, SKILLED LABOUR, PRICE COMPETITION FROM LOCAL FIRMS IN HONG KONG, AND HIGH WAGE RATES IN THE SECOND QUARTER. THIS SITUATION IS EXPECTED TO SUSTAIN IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE AND CATERING TRADES SECTOR AND OTHER SERVICES SECTOR, A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF FIRMS CITED STAFF SHORTAGE GENERALLY, HIGH STAFF TURNOVER, HIGH STAFF COSTS, AND PRICE COMPETITION AS THEIR MAJOR BUSINESS PROBLEMS IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

IN ADDITION TO THESE PROBLEMS, HOTELS WERE PARTICULARLY AFFECTED BY THE PROBLEM OF INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS WHILE BANKS HAD THE PROBLEM OF SHORTAGE OF EXPERIENCED STAFF. THESE SITUATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO PERSIST IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE A SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION OF HONG KONG.

IN THE SURVEY, PARTICIPATING FIRMS WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AND LEVEL OF CAPACITY UTILISATION HAD "IMPROVED", "REMAINED THE SAME" OR "DETERIORATED" IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER.

THEY WERE ALSO ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER THE SITUATION IS EXPECTED TO "IMPROVE", "REMAIN THE SAME" OR "DETERIORATE" IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1990.

THE OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED. MOREOVER, THE SURVEY REPORT CONTAINS A SECTION ON THE BUSINESS PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED AND EXPECTED BY FIRMS IN DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SECTORS, AND A BREAKDOWN OF THE VIEWS OF FIRMS BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE GROUP.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT, IN A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, THE RESULTS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH CAUTION AS IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' RECOLLECTION OF THE PAST AND PERCEPTION OF THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PURCHASE COPIES OF THE SURVEY REPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND FROM THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$5.50 PER COPY.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 839 3223.

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\$203M PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT SIGNED
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THE FIRST WORKS CONTRACT IN RELATION TO THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT WAS AWARDED BY THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE 20-MONTH CONTRACT, WORTH \$203 MILLION, IS FOR THE DREDGING OF YAU MA TEI ANCHORAGE AND KELLETT BANK. IT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO THE CHINA HARBOURS ENGINEERING COMPANY.

"THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN HONG KONG'S PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT," THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES, MR SIU CHUEN, SAID.

"WE ARE NOW MOVING VERY DEFINITELY INTO THE ACTUAL PHYSICAL WORK AFTER MANY YEARS OF PLANNING."

MR SIU SAID THIS PROJECT COMPRISED TWO MAJOR PORTIONS OF WORK. THE FIRST PORTION INVOLVED DREDGING WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 240 HECTARES OF SEABED AT YAU MA TEI ANCHORAGE AND LOWERING THE EXISTING SEABED FROM SIX METRES TO EIGHT METRES BELOW CHART DATUM.

"THE PROJECT AIMS TO PROVIDE A REPLACEMENT MARINE ACCESS FOR USERS ALONG THE COASTLINE OF CHEUNG SHA WAN AND SHAM SHUI PO WHEN THE EXISTING MARINE ACCESS NORTH OF STONECUTTERS ISLAND IS CUT OFF BY THE CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 8 DEVELOPMENT," MR SIU SAID.

THE SECOND PORTION INVOLVES DREDGING WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 270 HECTARES OF SEABED AT KELLETT BANK AND LOWERING THE EXISTING SEABED FROM ABOUT SEVEN METRES TO 11.5 METRES BELOW CHART DATUM TO PROVIDE A REPLACEMENT SITE FOR NINE MARINE MOORING BUCYS, THREE DISPLACED BY THE CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 8 DEVELOPMENT AND SIX BY WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION.

MR SIU ADDED THAT IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT FOUR MILLION CUBIC METRES AND 13 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF MARINE MUD WOULD BE DREDGED AND REMOVED FROM YAU MA TEI ANCHORAGE AND KELLETT BANK RESPECTIVELY.

"THE MARINE MUD WILL BE DISPOSED OF AT TWO MARINE SPOIL GROUNDS, ONE AT SOUTH OF CHEUNG CHAU AND THE OTHER AT EAST OF NINEPINS," HE SAID.

THE WORKS WILL COMMENCE EARLY NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN MID 1992.

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HK YOUNGSTERS URGED TO DEVELOP AN INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS

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LOCAL YOUNGSTERS ARE URGED TO DEVELOP AN INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS AND TO ACQUIRE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR OWN PLACE IN A FAST CHANGING WORLD.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) MADE THE PLEA WHEN ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH VILLAGE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

"THE 1990'S WILL BE A PERIOD OF TRANSITION FOR HONG KONG," MR CARTLAND SAID.

HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THE PROCESS WAS NOT INTENDED TO ALTER THE BASIC INGREDIENTS OF HONG KONG'S SUCCESS, IN PARTICULAR HER OPEN AND EXTERNALLY ORIENTED CHARACTER.

"IT IS INCREASING IMPORTANT THEREFORE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP AN INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS, TO LEARN TO RESPECT AND APPRECIATE THE MANY DIFFERENT CULTURES AND CUSTOMS, IDEALS AND ASPIRATIONS OF OTHERS AND TO ACQUIRE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR OWN PLACE IN A FAST CHANGING WORLD," MR CARTLAND ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE THAT THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS SHOULD BE OFFERING, THROUGH THE YOUTH VILLAGE PROJECT, TO SOME LOCAL YOUNGSTERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET, EXCHANGE VIEWS AND SHARE COMMON EXPERIENCES WITH SOME OF THEIR OVERSEAS COUNTERPARTS.

"CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES BETWEEN COMMUNITIES CAN HELP TO BUILD TOWARDS THE CONSENSUS THAT IS INTERNATIONALLY ESSENTIAL.

"AT WHAT BETTER LEVEL CAN THESE EXCHANGES TAKE PLACE THAN AMONGST THE YOUNGER GENERATION?" MR CARTLAND ASKED.

IN CONCLUSION, MR CARTLAND COMMENDED THE ORGANISER FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION AS WELL AS AN UNDERSTANDING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

ABOUT 180 YOUNG PEOPLE, INCLUDING 60 OVERSEAS VISITORS, TOOK PART IN THE PROJECT.

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CONTINGENCY MEASURES TAKEN DURING INDUSTRIAL ACTION

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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT HAS INTRODUCED CONTINGENCY MEASURES IN THOSE AREAS LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE INDUSTRIAL ACTION OF TAXATION OFFICERS WHICH COMMENCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE INDUSTRIAL ACTION TAKEN BY TAXATION OFFICERS TO PRESS THEIR CLAIM FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW PROMOTION RANK INVOLVED A WORK-TO-RULE AND MIGHT RESULT IN MINOR DELAYS AND INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WHILE THE DEPARTMENT IS CONFIDENT THAT IT CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE EFFECTIVELY, THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT THERE MIGHT BE DELAYS IN THE TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES SERVICE.

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LOK ON PAI DESALTING PLANT TO BE SOLD FOR \$37 MILLION

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SELL THE DESALTING PLANT AT LOK ON PAI TO CHEUNG WAH METAL COMPANY FOR \$37 MILLION.

A WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THE SALE COVERS THE DESALTING PLANT ITEMS BUT EXCLUDES SITE BUILDINGS, CIVIL STRUCTURES AND LAND.

"THE PURCHASER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISMANTLEMENT, COLLECTION AND REMOVAL OF PLANT ITEMS FROM THE LOK ON PAI SITE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE REMOVAL OF THE PLANT ITEMS COULD TAKE ABOUT ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

THE DESALTING PLANT, WHICH WAS COMMISSIONED IN 1975-77, COMPRISES SIX MULTI-STAGE FLASH DISTILLATION UNITS, EACH WITH ITS OWN OIL FIRED BOILER, EVAPORATOR, TURBO-GENERATOR AND ANCILLARIES.

THE TOTAL DISTILLATE OUTPUT IS 181,800 CUBIC METRES (40 MILLION GALLONS) PER DAY.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS

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THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR LEO KWAN, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) CALLED ON ELIGIBLE ELECTORS TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS BY REGISTERING AS VOTERS.

MR KWAN WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO KICK OFF THE NORTH DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE IN TIN PING ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI.

"ANYONE AGED 21 OR ABOVE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, BEING A HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENT OR HAVING RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS, IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE," HE SAID.

HE ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED ELECTORS WHO HAD CHANGED THEIR ADDRESSES TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE BY FILLING IN THE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM AGAIN.

"REGISTRATION AS AN ELECTOR IS A PREREQUISITE FOR VOTING.

"THE YEAR 1991 CAN BE SAID TO BE A YEAR OF ELECTIONS, IN WHICH DISTRICT BOARDS, MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL MARK AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

"THROUGH ELECTIONS TO THE THREE-TIER GOVERNMENT, RESIDENTS ELECTED THEIR IDEAL CANDIDATES TO REFLECT THEIR VIEWS, BRING ABOUT COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS, OR TAKE PART IN POLICY FORMULATION," HE ADDED.

MR KWAN ALSO NOTED THAT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE HAD LAUNCHED A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO DRIVE HOME THE VOTER REGISTRATION MESSAGE.

THESE INCLUDED HOME VISITS, MOBILE BROADCASTING TO REMOTE VILLAGES AND TEMPORARY REGISTRATION COUNTERS AT THE FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI RAILWAY STATIONS.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES LAUNCHED TODAY INCLUDED A BUS PARADE, RELEASE OF BALLOONS, DISTRIBUTION OF SOUVENIRS AND A MINI-EXHIBITION.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI; THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOUR RURAL COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT.

MEANWHILE, THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (THURSDAY) EVENING AT ON TO HOUSE, CHEUNG ON ESTATE, TSING YI.

HOME VISITS WILL ALSO BE CONDUCTED AND REGISTRATION COUNTERS SET UP TO ASSIST LICAL RESIDENTS.

OTHER PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION, A QUIZ, RAFFLE DRAWS AND DISTRIBUTION OF SOUVENIRS. RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE GALA, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM.

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HOUSEHOLD VISITS TO BOOST VOTER REGISTRATION
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THE ACTING SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS JENNIE CHOK, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) URGED LOCAL RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS ELECTORS IN ORDER TO VOTE IN NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

MRS CHOK MADE THE APPEAL WHEN SHE WAS LEADING A TEAM OF DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF TO VISIT HOUSEHOLDS IN LEI CHENG UK ESTATE TO HELP RESIDENTS REGISTER.

FROM TODAY UNTIL OCTOBER 1, STAFF AND COMMUNITY ORGANISERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE VISITING EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN THE DISTRICT TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION. THEY WILL WEAR BADGES ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

PLACES TO BE COVERED THIS WEEK INCLUDE THE NAM CHEONG ESTATE, LEI CHENG UK ESTATE, NAM SHAN ESTATE, UN CHAU STREET ESTATE AND PART OF THE NAM CHEONG WEST AREA.

MEANWHILE, TEMPORARY REGISTRATION POINTS WERE SET UP TODAY AND WILL BE SET UP, ON SATURDAY AND TUESDAY (AUGUST 18 AND 21) AT FOUR MTR STATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 19), THEY WILL BE SET UP AT KWEILIN STREET, SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, LAI CHI KOK PARK AND THE PO ON ROAD MARKET COMPLEX.

OFFICERS WILL ALSO VISIT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC ON AUGUST 23 AND 24 TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO REGISTER.

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DISTRICT OFFICER CALLS ON RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS BY SIGNING UP AS ELECTORS FOR THE 1991 ELECTIONS.

"RESIDENTS NEED TO REGISTER ONLY ONCE TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH, MAY AND SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR," HE SAID.

MR BARCLAY MADE THE APPEAL WHILE LEADING A REGISTRATION TEAM ON HOME VISITS TO RESIDENTS AT SUI MOON HOUSE, SIU SAI WAN ESTATE.

IN THE NEXT SEVEN WEEKS STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD VISIT HOMES AND SHOPS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TO HELP RESIDENTS REGISTER, MR BARCLAY SAID.

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AT PRESENT ABOUT 165,000 RESIDENTS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARE ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL, REPRESENTING ABOUT 48 PER CENT OF THE DISTRICT'S ELIGIBLE POPULATION.

MR BARCLAY SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD ORGANISE PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE WHICH RUNS UNTIL OCTOBER 1.

A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 18) AT CITY PLAZA, TAIKOO SHING.

ON SEPTEMBER 2, A DECORATED OPEN-TOP BUS WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE TO PEDESTRIANS.

MEANWHILE, MOBILE REGISTRATION COUNTERS WILL BE SET UP AT MTR STATIONS AT NORTH POINT, TAIKOO, HENG FA CHUEN AND CHAI WAN TO MAKE IT MORE CONVENIENT FOR COMMUTERS TO REGISTER.

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DISTANCE RUNNING SEMINAR ON FRIDAY

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LOCAL RESIDENTS WISHING TO TAKE PART IN DISTANCE RUNNING ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 17) EVENING.

ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE SEMINAR IS ALSO AIMED AT BOOSTING MEMBERSHIP OF A SPORTS CLUB - THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT HARRIERS" (SDH).

A HONG KONG DISTANCE RUNNER, MR KWOK HON-KWAI, WILL SPEAK ON THE "RELATIONS BETWEEN RUNNING AND HEALTH".

SDH'S HEAD COACH, MR MAK KWAI-SHING, WILL GIVE A TALK ON HOW TO RELIEVE WORK PRESSURE THROUGH RUNNING AND JOGGING.

THE TALKS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN INTRODUCTION OF SDH'S HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A TEA RECEPTION, AFTER WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INVITED TO ENROL AS MEMBERS OF THE CLUB.

A SDH SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CLUB IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION.

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FORMED IN JULY 1987, IT IS ALSO A REGISTERED MEMBER ORGANISATION OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETES ASSOCIATION, HE SAID, ADDING THAT IT WILL SEND TEAMS TO SIX OPEN COMPETITIONS THIS YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT HARRIERS" SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, 7-11 NAM NING STREET. IT WILL START AT 7.30 PM.

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MONTH-TO-MONTH TERMS FOR GOVT SCHOOL SUPPLY TEACHERS

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MONTH-TO-MONTH TERMS WILL BE OFFERED TO SUPPLY TEACHERS SUBSTITUTING FOR A GOVERNMENT SCHOOL VACANCY LASTING THREE OR MORE MONTHS IN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

THOSE WITH RECOGNISED TEACHING EXPERIENCE WILL BE AWARDED INCREMENTAL CREDITS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS IN INVITING QUALIFIED PEOPLE TO BE SUPPLY TEACHERS FOR VARIOUS SUBJECTS FOR THE 1990-91 SCHOOL YEAR IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

HOLDERS OF RECOGNISED UNIVERSITY DEGREES, COLLEGES OF EDUCATION (INCLUDING HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE) TEACHER'S CERTIFICATES OR APPROVED POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE DIPLOMAS, OR EQUIVALENT, MAY APPLY.

"SHORT-TERM SUPPLY TEACHERS WILL BE APPOINTED ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DAILY RATES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPLY TEACHERS ARE \$553 OR \$455, DEPENDING ON QUALIFICATIONS AND THE POST SUBSTITUTED FOR, AND THE DAILY RATE FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPPLY TEACHER IS \$393.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SERVICING UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, ROOM 334, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

INTENDING SUPPLY TEACHERS CAN REGISTER AT THE UNIT BUT THEY MUST BRING WITH THEM THEIR IDENTITY CARDS, DOCUMENTS CERTIFYING THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, LETTERS OF RELEASE, BANK ACCOUNT PASSBOOK AND ONE PHOTOGRAPH.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE DURING OFFICE HOURS ON TEL. 839 2329 FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPLY TEACHERS OR 839 2331 FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPPLY TEACHERS.

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REPORT ON 1988 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION NOW ON SALE

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A STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED "1988 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION" HAS RECENTLY BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND IS NOW ON SALE AT \$28 PER COPY.

IT IS ONE IN A SERIES OF REPORTS PUBLISHED ANNUALLY ON THE SURVEY.

THE REPORT CONTAINS A WIDE RANGE OF STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURAL AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OF MINING AND QUARRYING, MANUFACTURING, AND ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER IN THE YEAR 1988, BASED ON THE DATA COLLECTED FROM SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

EXAMPLES OF THE STATISTICAL ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE REPORT ARE:

- . NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES;
- . GROSS OUTPUT;
- . VALUE ADDED (A MEASURE OF CONTRIBUTION TO GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT);
- . PURCHASES OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL WORK/SERVICES;
- . OTHER EXPENSES;
- . GROSS ADDITIONS TO FIXED ASSETS.

APART FROM STATISTICS RELATING TO THE YEAR 1988, THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS SOME SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1986 AND 1987 TO SHOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE ACTIVITIES IN RECENT YEARS.

THE STATISTICS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT ARE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR POLICY FORMULATION, DECISION MAKING, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND MARKET RESEARCH.

THE REPORT MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 839 3246.

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GOVT LOT IN YUEN LONG TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A SITE IN YUEN LONG.

COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,889 SQUARE-METRES, THE SITE IS AT THE JUNCTION OF WANG YIP STREET WEST AND HONG YIP STREET, TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA.

IT IS FOR THE USE OF OPEN STORAGE, EXCLUDING THE STORAGE OF CONTAINERS AND MOTOR VEHICLES.

THE INITIAL TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDER IS NOON ON AUGUST 31.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT:

- * THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, NINTH - 11TH FLOOR, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG;
- * THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN NORTH POINT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 17), THREE SECTIONS OF ROADS IN NORTH POINT WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS 24 HOURS DAILY FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

THEY ARE:

- * NORTH VIEW STREET BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES SOUTH OF KING'S ROAD AND ITS JUNCTION WITH FORT STREET;
- * FORT STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH NORTH VIEW STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF FORT STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH NORTH VIEW STREET TO A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING RESTRICTED AREAS ON THE SAME SECTIONS OF NORTH VIEW STREET AND FORT STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 17), THE SECTION OF THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF LIN TAK ROAD IN KWUN TONG FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAK TIN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

ALSO, THE SECTION OF THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ON WAH STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ON TAK ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN YUEN LONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 17) TO NOVEMBER 30, A SECTION OF AN UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD IN THE NORTHWESTERN PART OF TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, IN YUEN LONG, LEADING TO SHAN PUI CHUNG HAU TSUEN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NULLAH BUND MAINTENANCE ROAD.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ALTERNATIVE ACCESS TO SHAN PUI CHUNG HAU TSUEN WILL BE PROVIDED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN FANLING

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN THE SECTION OF WO FUNG STREET BETWEEN LUEN HING STREET AND LUEN SHING STREET IN FANLING, A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 17) FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

THE GREEN MINIBUS STAND IN WO FUNG STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED AND RELOCATED TO LUEN SHING STREET.

THE SECTION OF WO FUNG STREET BETWEEN LUEN HING STREET AND LUEN SHING STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS URBAN CLEARWAY, AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY FOR ALL VEHICLES, AND A 24-HOUR BAN ZONE FOR VEHICLES EXCEEDING 12 METRES IN LENGTH.

DRIVERS OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND GREEN MINIBUSES ARE ADVISED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS IN WO LUNG STREET AND LUEN SHING STREET RESPECTIVELY INSTEAD OF WO FUNG STREET.

IN ADDITION, THE SECTION OF SLIP ROAD 3 BETWEEN ROAD B200 AND ROAD D6 IN FANLING WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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