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NOVEMBER ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED
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IN NOVEMBER 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1990, BUT DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1989, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN NOVEMBER 1990 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED.

COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1989, THE ORDERS POSITION IN NOVEMBER 1990 DROPPED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, PARTICULARLY IN THE TEXTILES, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY INCREASED MODERATELY OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN NOVEMBER 1990 DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1990, AND BY 11 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1989.

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1990, EMPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1990 DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS AND THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY REPORTED LITTLE CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT.

COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1989, EMPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1990 DECREASED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST DECREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, A SLIGHT INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY.

IN NOVEMBER 1990, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT, IN MONEY TERMS, WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1990.

OVER THIS PERIOD, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF BONUSES IN OCTOBER BY SOME MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED. A SLIGHT DECREASE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WAS RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, SLIGHT INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, WEARING APPAREL AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES, WHILE THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY REPORTED LITTLE CHANGE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN NOVEMBER 1990 INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT, IN MONEY TERMS, IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED. INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1990 DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1990 AND MODERATELY WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1989.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN NOVEMBER 1990 INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1990 AND SIGNIFICANTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1989. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS INDUSTRY COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1990 AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1990 AND NOVEMBER 1989.

IN NOVEMBER 1990, PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1990, BUT SHOWED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OVER NOVEMBER 1989.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED.

HOWEVER, GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1990 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 839 3222.

TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 1990 (MONTHS)	CHANGE WHEN OCT. 90 (%)	COMPARED WITH NOV. 89 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.21	*	-1
WEARING APPAREL	4.59	*	-3
TEXTILES	2.05	*	-11
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2.30	*	-11
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.06	*	-8
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.27	*	+4
OTHERS	4.08	*	-1

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 1990

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	OCT. 90 (%)	NOV. 89 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-1	-11
FOOD AND DRINKS	+1	+1
WEARING APPAREL	*	-10
TEXTILES	-3	-15
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-4	-23
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	+1	-5
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-1	-13
OTHERS	*	-5
CONSTRUCTION #	-1	-6

/SERVICES

SERVICES	+1	+3
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BANKS	*	+3
HOTELS	+1	-5
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*
OTHERS	+2	+8

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN NOVEMBER 1990	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
		OCT. 90	NOV. 89
-----	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	6,074	-2	+17
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FOOD AND DRINKS	6,879	*	+16
WEARING APPAREL	4,914	+1	+13
TEXTILES	5,605	+1	+17
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	6,070	+2	+20
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	5,941	-1	+18
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5,906	-8	+17
OTHERS	7,872	*	+18
CONSTRUCTION #	8,536	+2	+10
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SERVICES	10,293	+2	+18
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BANKS	9,639	+1	+15
HOTELS	6,451	-3	+15
PUBLIC UTILITIES	10,723	+5	+22
OTHERS	11,157	*	+16

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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NOTE : DUE TO THE POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF IRREGULAR PAYMENTS (E.G. BACKPAY OR SPECIAL BONUS), "PER CAPITA EARNINGS" FOR A GIVEN MONTH MAY BE SUBJECT TO RATHER VOLATILE FLUCTUATIONS FROM TIME TO TIME. THEREFORE, IT IS PARTICULARLY ADVISABLE, IN STUDYING PER CAPITA EARNINGS STATISTICS, NOT TO TAKE A GIVEN MONTH'S DATA IN ISOLATION, BUT TO MAKE REFERENCE TO DATA OVER A LONGER PERIOD.

NOTE TO TABLES 1 - 3 : UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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LAND OFFICE FIGURES FOR 1990 RELEASED

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OF FLATS REGISTERED LAST YEAR FOR THE AREAS OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON WAS 69,255, AN INCREASE OF 12.9 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIGURE FOR 1989, ACCORDING TO LAND OFFICE FIGURES FOR 1990 RELEASED BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IN THESE AGREEMENTS ALSO INCREASED BY 9.3 PER CENT FROM \$89.7 BILLION IN 1989 TO \$98.014 BILLION IN 1990.

DURING 1990, 91,088 ASSIGNMENTS OF FLATS WERE REGISTERED IN THE URBAN AREA, COMPARED WITH 87,676 IN 1989.

OF THESE A TOTAL OF 9,846 ASSIGNMENTS WERE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, COMPARED WITH 10,709 IN 1989.

THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IN ASSIGNMENTS OF FLATS INCREASED BY 9.8 PER CENT FROM \$98.842 BILLION TO \$108.527 BILLION.

THERE WERE 441 ASSIGNMENTS OF LOTS AND SECTIONS, 42 PER CENT LESS THAN IN 1989. THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IN ASSIGNMENTS OF LOTS AND SECTIONS WAS LOWER DURING 1990 BY 31.3 PER CENT FROM \$31.176 BILLION IN 1989 TO \$21.42 BILLION.

SIXTY-ONE BUILDING MORTGAGES AND 95,975 OTHER MORTGAGES FOR THE URBAN AREA WERE REGISTERED, COMPARED WITH 60 AND 90,822 RESPECTIVELY IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER BUILDING MORTGAGES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR ROSE BY 201.9 PER CENT, FROM \$2.555 BILLION TO \$7.716 BILLION.

THE AMOUNT SECURED UNDER MORTGAGES OTHER THAN BUILDING MORTGAGES DROPPED BY 2.7 PER CENT, FROM \$59.597 BILLION TO \$57.99 BILLION.

REPAYMENTS UNDER MORTGAGES OF ALL KINDS IN THE URBAN AREA, AS EVIDENCED BY DISCHARGES AND MORTGAGEES' RECEIPTS, DROPPED BY 30.8 PER CENT, FROM \$35.03 BILLION IN 1989 TO \$24.254 BILLION IN 1990.

SEARCHES IN THE HONG KONG LAND OFFICE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DECREASED BY 1.8 PER CENT TO 1,537,630.

THE URBAN LAND OFFICE MAINFRAME COMPUTER REACHED MAXIMUM CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY AT THE END OF 1990. A NEW MAINFRAME HAS BEEN ACQUIRED AND WILL ENABLE SEARCHES OF THE COMPUTERISED REGISTERS AND REGISTRATION OF DEEDS TO BE MORE EFFICIENTLY CONDUCTED.

PROPOSALS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION TO COMPUTERISE THE EIGHT DISTRICT LAND REGISTRIES BUT THIS IS STILL A LONG WAY OFF.

THERE WERE 1,216 SURRENDERS AND RESUMPTIONS OF LAND WITH A TOTAL COMPENSATION OF \$0.723 BILLION PAID IN BOTH THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, COMPARED WITH 2,095 AND \$1.567 BILLION IN 1989.

THE TAKEOVER OF NORTH DISTRICT LAND REGISTRY ON JULY 23 LAST YEAR COMPLETED THE PROJECT FOR THE TAKEOVER OF ALL EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT LAND REGISTRIES BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

DURING 1990, THE EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT LAND REGISTRIES REGISTERED A TOTAL OF 304,206 INSTRUMENTS, AGAIN AN ALL TIME HIGH, INCLUDING 57,835 SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OF FLATS, 75,266 ASSIGNMENTS OF FLATS, 4,545 ASSIGNMENTS OF LOTS AND SECTIONS, 94 BUILDING MORTGAGES, 89,908 OTHER MORTGAGES AND 43,455 MORTGAGEES' RECEIPTS, REASSIGNMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF SATISFACTION WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF CONSIDERATION OF \$46.848 BILLION, \$50.667 BILLION, \$5.950 BILLION, \$1.706 BILLION, \$19.841 BILLION AND \$8.899 BILLION RESPECTIVELY.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES MR GLEESON SAID THEY REFLECTED A CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN THE PROPERTY MARKET GENERALLY DURING THE YEAR AND ALSO THE CONTINUING URBANISATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE TERRITORY NOW STOOD AT 1,320,271, AN INCREASE OF 107,271 OR 8.8 PER CENT OVER THE FIGURE AT THE END OF 1989 WHICH ITSELF WAS AN INCREASE OF 18.3 PER CENT OVER 1988.

A TOTAL OF 1,286 GOVERNMENT LAND TRANSACTIONS WERE CONCLUDED IN 1990 IN BOTH THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES COMPARED WITH 1,380 IN 1989.

AMONGST THE MORE SIGNIFICANT OF THESE TRANSACTIONS WERE THE FOLLOWING :

- THE SALE BY CASH TENDER ON JANUARY 3 OF A 11,220-SQUARE METRE SITE (RURAL BUILDING LOT NO. 3) AT PEAK ROAD TO STOOKET LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$328,000,000 FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.
- THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON JANUARY 23 OF A 2,941-SQUARE METRE SITE (NEW KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 5971) AT WANG HOI ROAD, KOWLOON BAY TO SOLANA LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$238,000,000 FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.
- THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON JANUARY 23 OF A 5,220-SQUARE METRE SITE (HUNG HOM INLAND LOT NO. 545) AT MAN LOK STREET, HUNG HOM TO VIEW SUCCESS INVESTMENTS LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$200,000,000 FOR GODOWN PURPOSES.
- THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON JUNE 22 OF A 2,900-SQUARE METRE SITE (INLAND LOT NO. 8740) AT HOI CHAK STREET, QUARRY BAY TO DELOSA INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$130,000,000 FOR GODOWN PURPOSES.
- THE GRANT ON SEPTEMBER 1 OF A 17,247-SQUARE METRE SITE (DD 390 LOT 261) IN SHAM TSENG, TSUEN WAN TO PENKILAN LIMITED BY WAY OF EXCHANGE AT A PREMIUM OF \$250,000,000 FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN AND HOTEL) PURPOSES.
- THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON NOVEMBER 22 OF A 7,198-SQUARE METRE SITE (NKIL 6144) IN YEN CHOW STREET, SHAM SHUI PO TO FOTOSKY INVESTMENT LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$280,000,000 FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN, HOTEL AND RESIDENTIAL) PURPOSES.
- THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON NOVEMBER 22 OF A 12,670-SQUARE METRE SITE (FANLING SHEUNG SHUI TOWN LOT NO. 53) IN AREA 29A, FANLING TO YENISEY COMPANY LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$256,000,000 FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.
- THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON DECEMBER 11 OF A 9,820-SQUARE METRE SITE (TAI PO TOWN LOT NO. 112) IN AREA 6, MA WO, TAI PO TO MERRY MILES LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$197,000,000 FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

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TRAVEL ADVICE FOR BRITISH NATIONALS AND HK RESIDENTS

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ON THE ADVICE OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION TODAY (FRIDAY) ADVISES BRITISH NATIONALS AND HONG KONG RESIDENTS THAT IT IS BETTER TO AVOID TRAVEL TO THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES UNLESS THEY HAVE STRONG REASONS TO GO THERE -

SAUDI ARABIA
BAHRAIN
QATAR
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
OMAN
YEMEN
JORDAN
SYRIA
ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
SOUTH EASTERN TURKEY
EGYPT
LIBYA
ALGERIA
TUNISIA
MOROCCO
MAURITANIA
BURKINA FASO
NORTHERN NIGERIA
SUDAN
IRAN
PAKISTAN
BANGLADESH
PHILIPPINES

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 829 3075/6 DURING OFFICE HOURS OR 543 1958 OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS.

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SUSPENSION OF TRIAD RENUNCIATION SCHEME FROM APRIL

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TRIADS WILL BE GIVEN A LAST CHANCE OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM THE TAINT OF TRIAD MEMBERSHIP.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION SCHEME WOULD BE SUSPENDED FROM APRIL 1.

THE SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE SUSPENSION, IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 30.

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED ON DECEMBER 8, 1988 AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE TO ALLOW PERSONS TO FORMALLY RENOUNCE THEIR MEMBERSHIP OF A TRIAD SOCIETY IN RETURN FOR A STAY OF PROSECUTION FOR OFFENCES RELATED TO TRIAD MEMBERSHIP UNDER THE SOCIETIES ORDINANCE.

"THE SCHEME WAS AIMED PARTICULARLY AT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE BECOME TRIAD MEMBERS UNDER DURESS OR OUT OF IGNORANCE OF THE IMPLICATIONS, AND AS A RESULT, HAVING A BLACK CLOUD HANGING OVER THEIR CHANCES OF LEADING CRIME-FREE AND USEFUL LIVES," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

HE ADDED THAT THE RESPONSE TO THE SCHEME HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING. UP TO THE END OF DECEMBER 1990, A TOTAL OF 4,479 ENQUIRIES AND 959 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 549 GENUINE TRIAD MEMBERS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY RENOUNCED THEIR TRIAD MEMBERSHIP SO FAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DECISION TO SUSPEND THE SCHEME WAS MADE IN THE BELIEF THAT TWO YEARS WAS LONG ENOUGH FOR THOSE WHO WERE SINCERE IN THEIR INTENTIONS TO RELINQUISH THEIR TRIAD INVOLVEMENT TO COME FORWARD.

"AN EXTENSION OR PERMANENT AVAILABILITY OF THE SCHEME COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE OR EVEN COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE EFFECT AS THIS COULD ENCOURAGE POTENTIAL RENOUNCERS TO DEFER THEIR APPLICATIONS AND TEMPT OTHERS, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE, TO BECOME TRIAD MEMBERS IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY COULD MAKE A RENUNCIATION LATER," HE EXPLAINED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IN PARALLEL WITH THE SUSPENSION OF THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION SCHEME, THE GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARING NEW LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR TOUGHER MEASURES AGAINST ORGANISED CRIME SYNDICATES, INCLUDING TRIADS. THESE WILL INCLUDE HEAVIER PENALTIES AND THE FORFEITURE OF ASSETS.

"ONCE THE SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL IS PASSED, A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED TO ENCOURAGE POTENTIAL RENOUNCERS TO COME FORWARD BEFORE APRIL 1, AS APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"TRIADS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THIS FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO RENOUNCE THEIR TRIAD MEMBERSHIP BEFORE THE SCHEME IS SUSPENDED AND THE NEW TOUGHER MEASURES AGAINST ORGANISED CRIME ARE INTRODUCED," HE ADDED.

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GOVERNMENT LOTS SOLD FOR \$440.2 MILLION

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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL OF \$440.2 MILLION AT A PUBLIC AUCTION HELD AT THE CITY HALL TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

TOPPING THE LIST WAS THE LOT LOCATED IN AREA 6, MA WO, TAI PO, WHICH WAS BOUGHT BY BEST REWARD DEVELOPMENT LTD. FOR \$280 MILLION. BIDDING OPENED AT \$200 MILLION.

THE SITE, MEASURING 12,090 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 23,940 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1995.

THE SECOND LOT, A SITE OF ABOUT 15,030 SQUARE METRES AT THE JUNCTION OF KWOK SHUI ROAD AND CHEUNG WING ROAD IN TSUEN WAN, WAS SOLD TO GOLDSTEAD PROPERTIES LTD. AT \$147 MILLION. THE BIDDING OPENED AT \$100 MILLION.

IT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 29,500 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1995.

THE THIRD LOT IS LOCATED AT ORMSBY STREET, TAI HANG AND MEASURES ABOUT 160 SQUARE METRES. IT WAS BOUGHT BY PERFECT RICH DEVELOPMENT LTD. FOR \$13.2 MILLION AFTER THE BIDDING OPENED AT \$4.5 MILLION.

THE SITE IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL, EXCLUDING GODOWN, HOTEL AND SERVICE APARTMENTS, PURPOSES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 768 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 17, 1994.

THE AUCTION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR ROGER NISSIM, WHO SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS.

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BANKING LICENCE REVOKED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE BANKING LICENCE OF BANK FÜR GEMEINWIRTSCHAFT AG (BFG) HAS BEEN REVOKED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AT THE REQUEST OF THE BANK.

"BFG WAS GRANTED A BANKING LICENCE IN 1981. OWING TO ITS GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING, THE BANK HAS CEASED OPERATING IN HONG KONG SINCE SEPTEMBER 1990," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AFTER THE REVOCATION, THERE ARE 167 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG, OF WHICH 137 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

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TWO GOVT LOTS FOR SALE BY AUCTION

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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION ON FEBRUARY 11 BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, AND WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

THE FIRST LOT IS LOCATED AT AREA 25, ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,559 SQUARE METRES, IT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE AND GODOWN FOR DANGEROUS GOODS.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 7,677 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1995.

THE OTHER LOT IS LOCATED AT TUI MIN HOI, SAI KUNG.

MEASURING ABOUT 2,850 SQUARE METRES, IT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 6,840 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1994.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

CONDITIONS OF SALE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE VARIOUS DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE ISLANDS.

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT IMPORTANT TO JPC SCHEME

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THE UNCEASING SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE SUCCESS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL (JPC) SCHEME, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE JPC PATRONS RECEPTION AT THE POLICE OFFICERS' CLUB, MR LI SAID A WIDE RANGE OF JPC ACTIVITIES WERE SPONSORED BY CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS AND COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS.

ESTABLISHED IN 1974, THE AIM OF THE JPC SCHEME IS TO PROVIDE HEALTHY ACTIVITIES TO ITS MEMBERS.

"THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN JPC ACTIVITIES, YOUNGSTERS WILL BE GUIDED ALONG IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT INTO PUBLIC SPIRITED AND LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS," MR LI SAID.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION, MORE THAN 540,000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE JOINED THE SCHEME.

"AT PRESENT, THERE ARE SOME 162,000 ACTIVE JPC MEMBERS AND 15,000 JPC LEADERS," MR LI SAID.

MR LI NOTED THAT IN THE COMING MONTHS, A JPC RECRUITMENT DRIVE WOULD BE LAUNCHED TO FURTHER EXPAND THE SCHEME, ADDING THAT HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUED COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

TODAY'S RECEPTION WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 400 GUESTS WHO HAVE IN THE PAST YEARS RENDERED ASSISTANCE TO JPC ACTIVITIES.

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OVERALL CRIME DOWN IN FOURTH QUARTER OF 1990

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OVERALL CRIME WAS DOWN DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1990 AND DECEMBER SAW A DROP IN CRIME AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1990, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO DOUBT A NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS, I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-CRIME OPERATIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN REDUCING CRIME," HE SAID.

SPEAKING IN A PRESS CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH A SPECIAL PUBLICITY DRIVE FOR THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN, MR LI GAVE AN OVERVIEW ON POLICE EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

ACKNOWLEDGING CHINA CONNECTION IN A NUMBER OF THE MORE SIGNIFICANT AREAS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN THE TERRITORY, MR LI SAID FOR SEVERAL YEARS THE HONG KONG POLICE HAD BEEN DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL LINKS WITH THE AUTHORITIES IN CHINA.

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"AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN REACHED ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ISSUES - WE HAVE FOR EXAMPLE ESTABLISHED WORKABLE PROCEDURES FOR EXCHANGING INFORMATION QUICKLY ON CASES INVOLVING GUNS, DRUGS, SMUGGLING AND CAR THEFT.

"I DO NOT FOR ONE MOMENT SUGGEST THAT BECAUSE OF THIS WE SHOULD ALL EXPECT THE PROBLEMS TO GO AWAY," HE SAID.

"IT DOES MEAN HOWEVER THAT WE ARE MAKING IT VERY MUCH HARDER FOR THOSE WHO WOULD MAKE USE OF THE BORDER, EITHER FOR UNLAWFUL GAIN OR TO ESCAPE JUSTICE.

"THE SEIZURE OF VAST QUANTITIES OF DRUGS IN CHINA, HONG KONG AND ELSEWHERE CAME ABOUT BECAUSE OF OUR CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP.

"THE SAME APPLIES EQUALLY TO THE SEIZURE OF GUNS AND THE ARREST OF THOSE INVOLVED IN GUN RUNNING AND SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES," MR LI SAID.

MR LI ALSO ADDRESSED THE TRIAD PROBLEM WHICH HE SAID HAD GIVEN THE PUBLIC MUCH CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

"THE STRONG AND VISIBLE OPERATIONS AGAINST TRIAD HAUNTS AND PERSONALITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN A FEATURE OF POLICE OPERATIONS IN RECENT MONTHS WILL CONTINUE," THE POLICE CHIEF REITERATED.

REFERRING TO SPECIFIC POLICE MEASURES, MR LI SAID THAT A NUMBER OF STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE THE WIDEST POSSIBLE COVERAGE BY POLICE.

"THIS COVERAGE IS CALCULATED TO THWART THE ACTIONS OF THOSE WHO WOULD IMPORT AND USE WEAPONS IN THE TERRITORY.

"THE MEASURES WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED INCLUDE THE INCREASED SEARCHING BY BOTH POLICE AND CUSTOMS OF TRAINS AND VEHICLES ENTERING HONG KONG, AND AT CARGO HANDLING YARDS AND PASSENGER RAILWAY STATIONS; STEPPED UP VIGILANCE BY BORDER UNITS, SUPPORTED BY CID, TO DETECT AND DETER CRIMINALS AND GUN SMUGGLERS; AND INCREASED PATROLS AND SEARCHES AT SEA BY MARINE POLICE OFFICERS," MR LI SAID.

AT A BRIEFING SESSION FOR DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN HELD BEFORE THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CRIME, MR WONG TSAN-KWONG, SAID THAT OVERALL CRIME WAS LOWER BY ALMOST THREE PER CENT THAN IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, AVERAGING 242 REPORTED CASES DAILY.

"DESPITE MEDIA HEADLINES CONCERNING ARMED ROBBERIES AND OTHER CRIMES OF VIOLENCE, THE OVERALL FIGURE FOR VIOLENT CRIME HAS DROPPED 5.4 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER," HE SAID.

"THAT WAS BROUGHT ABOUT MAINLY BY THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF WOUNDINGS AND SERIOUS ASSAULTS.

"WHILST THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE USE OF PISTOL LIKE OBJECTS IN ROBBERIES HAS INCREASED, I AM ABLE TO REPORT A DECREASE IN THE PROVEN USE OF GENUINE FIREARMS FROM 23 INCIDENTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER TO 17 IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

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"THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JEWELLERY/WATCH SHOPS BEING ATTACKED HAVE ALSO DROPPED BY SEVEN TO 18," MR WONG ADDED.

"OF GREATER IMPORTANCE, IN TERMS OF POTENTIAL REDUCTION IN THE USE OF FIREARMS, WAS THAT POLICE SEIZED 28 HANDGUNS INCLUDING 20 COMMERCIALY PRODUCED FIREARMS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER," HE SAID.

MR WONG NOTED THAT ANOTHER ISSUE WHICH HAD GENERATED A LOT OF PUBLIC INTEREST DURING THE SAME QUARTER WAS THE THEFT OF VEHICLES.

"IN RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEM, POLICE COMBINED PRO-ACTIVE AND RE-ACTIVE MEASURES AND SUCCEEDED IN REDUCING THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES BEING TAKEN.

"OUR INTELLIGENCE-BASED COUNTER OPERATIONS BROUGHT ABOUT THE NEUTRALISATION OF A NUMBER OF SYNDICATES AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO TAKE A MULTI-FACETED AGGRESSIVE STANCE ON THIS MATTER.

"THE FOURTH QUARTER SAW A 10 PER CENT REDUCTION IN NUMBER FROM THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND IN DECEMBER THERE WAS A 45 PER CENT DROP COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER," HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON TRIAD-RELATED CRIME, MR WONG SAID THAT THE 333 UNLAWFUL SOCIETY CASES RECORDED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER WAS UP ON THE THIRD QUARTER.

"THESE ARRESTS WERE OF A PREVENTIVE NATURE, PRINCIPALLY BROUGHT ABOUT BY OUR HEIGHTENED RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEM," HE SAID.

MR WONG ALSO REPORTED THAT OPERATION "LEVINGTON" WAS PLANNED TO STRIKE AT TRIADS, GANG MEMBERS AND OTHER CRIMINALS IN THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY OPERATED.

IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, DURING THE COURSE OF "LEVINGTON", 4,011 PREMISES WERE VISITED BY THE POLICE, AND NUMEROUS PEOPLE WERE CHECKED.

THIS RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF 47 WANTED PERSONS, AND 442 OTHERS WERE ARRESTED FOR A VARIETY OF CRIMES.

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FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN SPECIAL PUBLICITY DRIVE

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A SPECIAL PUBLICITY DRIVE FOR THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST CRIME, TO REPORT CRIME TO THE POLICE AND TO COME FORWARD WITH INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE.

ANNOUNCING THE DETAILS IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (FCC) PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE, THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF THE POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH, MR DENNIS COLLINS, SAID THAT THE SLOGAN FOR THE SPECIAL DRIVE WAS "JOIN FORCES AGAINST CRIME".

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NOTING THAT THE THREE THEMES FOR THE CAMPAIGN WERE "PREVENT CRIME", "REPORT CRIME" AND "PROVE CRIME", MR COLLINS SAID THAT THESE WERE THE CIVIC DUTIES OF EACH MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IN HONG KONG.

"WE HOPE THE SPECIAL PUBLICITY DRIVE WILL ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO UNDERTAKE EACH OF THESE DUTIES WITH EVEN GREATER VIGOUR AND ENTHUSIASM," HE SAID.

MR COLLINS SAID THAT A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES WOULD TAKE PLACE AT THE CENTRAL AND DISTRICT LEVEL TO SUPPORT THE SPECIAL PUBLICITY DRIVE.

"THESE INCLUDE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE 19 DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES, BUS TOURS BY FCC MEMBERS TO VISIT SUCH ACTIVITIES AND DISTRIBUTION OF FIGHT CRIME PUBLICITY PACKAGES TO 100,000 HOUSEHOLDS.

"THE HIGHLIGHT OF THESE ACTIVITIES WILL BE THE ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT FIGHT CRIME SPECIAL ON FEBRUARY 1," HE SAID.

TO TIE IN WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN SPECIAL PUBLICITY DRIVE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PRODUCED A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLICITY MATERIALS TO DISSEMINATE CAMPAIGN MESSAGES TO ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

FIVE NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST (API'S) ON THE "REPORT CRIME" AND "PROVE CRIME" THEMES WILL BE SCREENED ON BOTH TV STATIONS FROM TODAY.

A GENERAL POSTER TO PROMOTE THE NEW CAMPAIGN SLOGAN "JOIN FORCES AGAINST CRIME" AND A POSTER URGING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO REPORT CRIME HAVE BEEN PRODUCED. THESE WILL BE DISPLAYED AT GOVERNMENT POSTER SITES AND WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO DISTRICTS FOR DISPLAY AT SUITABLE VENUES.

SIMILAR POSTERS WILL ALSO BE MOUNTED ON THE TRACK-SIDE POSTER SITES IN MTR STATIONS AND INSIDE MTR TRAINS.

TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE NEW CAMPAIGN AMONG THE GENERAL PUBLIC, A SPECIAL THEME SONG HAS BEEN WRITTEN AND SUNG BY POPULAR ACTOR ANDY LAU TAK-WAH. THE THEME SONG WILL BE BROADCAST AS GOVERNMENT MESSAGES BY RADIO STATIONS FROM NEXT WEEK.

A MUSIC VIDEO ON THE SONG IS ALSO BEING PRODUCED AND IS EXPECTED TO GO ON AIR ON BOTH TV STATIONS IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

APART FROM GOVERNMENT PUBLICITY EFFORTS, THE CAMPAIGN HAS THE WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT FROM THE MEDIA AND COMMERCIAL ORGANISATION.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WILL BE SCREENING THE NEW FIGHT CRIME API'S DURING RACES FOR ONE MONTH STARTING JANUARY 27, WHILE CINEMA OPERATORS WILL SCREEN FREE OF CHARGE A SPECIAL SLIDE ON "REPORT CRIME".

THE NEW FIGHT CRIME LOGO AND SLOGAN HAVE ALSO BEEN PAINTED ON TWO KMB BUSES WHICH WILL MAKE THEIR DEBUT ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 20) WHEN THEY WILL HAVE ON BOARD FCC MEMBERS VISITING VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

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RECLAMATION OF INDUSTRIAL LAND IN TSEUNG KWAN O

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH RECLAMATION WORKS WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 97.4 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED IN TSEUNG KWAN O TO PROVIDE LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL USES, ROADS, OPEN SPACE AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

THE WORKS WILL START IN MAY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT FOUR YEARS TO COMPLETE.

MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT IS TO PERMIT DREDGING TO BE CARRIED OUT IN MARCH WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 8.62 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED OFF SOUTHWEST TSING YI FOR A PIER PROJECT.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED BY THESE TWO PROJECTS IS DESCRIBED IN SEPARATE NOTICES OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICES, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, TOGETHER WITH THEIR RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER) AND AT THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THESE PROJECTS MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION BEFORE JANUARY 17, 1992.

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PRIVATE LANE TO BE RESUMED FOR WIDENING OF ARBUTHNOT ROAD

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME A PORTION OF A PRIVATE SCAVENGING LANE BETWEEN HOUSE NUMBERS 20 AND 26 ARBUTHNOT ROAD IN CENTRAL FOR THE WIDENING OF ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE BOTTLENECK SECTION OF ARBUTHNOT ROAD FRONTING THE SCAVENGING LANE WAS CAUSED BY A STAIRCASE LEADING TO THE LANE WHICH RESTRICTED THE PROVISION OF FOOTPATH ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD.

THE SITUATION HAD SOMETIMES GIVEN RISE TO CONSIDERABLE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN PROBLEMS.

"THE RESUMED AREA WILL TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTING A NEW STAIRCASE TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE WHICH INTRUDES INTO ARBUTHNOT ROAD," HE SAID.

"THE WORKS WILL INVOLVE DEMOLITION OF PART OF THE EXISTING STAIRCASE AND CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS AND A STAIRCASE WITHIN THE RESUMED LAND SO AS TO WIDEN THE CARRIAGEWAY AND TO PROVIDE A FOOTPATH ON THE OTHER SIDE OF ARBUTHNOT ROAD."

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A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, CENTRAL;
- * HONG KONG WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI; AND
- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, GROUND AND 11TH FLOORS, CENTRAL.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MARCH 19 THIS YEAR.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR RECLAMATION AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BREAKWATER, AND RECLAMATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINS IN SAI KUNG.

THE CONTRACT WILL COVER THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 150 METRES OF BREAKWATER AND THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT FOUR HECTARES OF LAND.

IT WILL ALSO INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 180-METRE-LONG SEAWALL AND ASSOCIATED ROADS AND DRAINS.

THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE USED MAINLY FOR A RURAL HOUSING ESTATE AND FOR VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN APRIL AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY LATE 1993. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 8.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR REMEDIAL WORKS TO RESERVOIR OVERFLOW SPILLWAY
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR REMEDIAL WORKS TO THE SHAM TSENG RESERVOIR OVERFLOW SPILLWAY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE WORKS WILL INVOLVE THE WIDENING OF THE OVERFLOW SPILLWAY AND ASSOCIATED STABILISATION WORKS TO EXISTING SLOPES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 8.

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RENFREW ROAD TO BE RECONSTRUCTED
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL RECONSTRUCT RENFREW ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG.

A NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR THE PROJECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT UPON COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT, THE EXISTING DETERIORATED BITUMINOUS CARRIAGEWAY PAVEMENT WOULD BE REPLACED BY CONCRETE PAVEMENT AND THE EXISTING CONCRETE FOOTWAY WOULD BE RECONSTRUCTED IN PRECAST CONCRETE PAVING BLOCKS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN END MARCH AND BE COMPLETED IN SEVEN MONTHS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS DESIGNED THE WORKS AND WILL SUPERVISE THEIR CONSTRUCTION.

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FISHERMEN ON STUDY TOUR TO AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE
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A GROUP OF 18 LEADING FISHERMEN WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 20) FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE ON AN 11-DAY TOUR TO STUDY MODERN FISHING TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING SYSTEMS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

THE NINTH SINCE 1981, THE STUDY TOUR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION. FOURTEEN OF THE FISHERMEN ARE TAKING PART AT THEIR OWN EXPENSES.

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COUNTRIES VISITED BY HONG KONG FISHERMEN IN PREVIOUS STUDY TOURS INCLUDED SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN, CHINA, SINGAPORE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, NORWAY, EASTERN AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED STATES, HOLLAND, GERMANY AND DENMARK.

TO MARK THE DEPARTURE OF THE GROUP, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR HAROLD KWOK, PRESENTED A BANNER TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DELEGATION, MR KWOK SO, THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR KWOK POINTED OUT THAT THIS STUDY TOUR GROUP WAS ONE WHICH HAD THE BIGGEST NUMBER OF SELF-FINANCED PARTICIPANTS SO FAR.

"THIS REFLECTS THAT LOCAL FISHERMEN ARE PLACING MORE AND MORE EMPHASIS ON MODERN FISHING TECHNOLOGY IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR OPERATIONS.

"IT ALSO SHOWS THAT LOCAL FISHERMEN ARE BETTER OFF," MR KWOK SAID.

MR KWOK HOPED THAT THE FISHERMEN WOULD MAKE USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN UP-TO-DATE KNOWLEDGE AND SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH THEIR OVERSEAS COUNTERPARTS TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY ON THEIR RETURN TO HONG KONG.

THE GROUP, LED BY AFD'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FISHERIES), DR THOMAS YIP, WILL VISIT WHOLESALE FISH MARKETS, FISHING PORTS, BOATYARDS, FISH PROCESSING PLANTS, AND MARICULTURE FARMS IN AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT FISHERMEN ORGANISATIONS AND SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE FISHING FLEET, FISHERIES SERVICE INDUSTRIES AND FISHERMEN TRAINING FACILITIES IN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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A CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE BUILDING MANAGEMENT WILL BE HELD AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND, SHAM SHUI PO ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 20) AFTERNOON.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE POP SINGING, A MAGIC SHOW, A POLICE DOG PERFORMANCE, STALL GAMES AND CHILDREN'S GAMES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION OF ANTI-BURGLARY MEASURES AS WELL AS THE WORK OF THE FIRE SERVICES AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, POLICE AND THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

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OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHUNG PUI-LAM; AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR, MR CHENG WAI-DAT.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO BUILDING MANAGEMENT CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 20) AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND. IT WILL BEGIN AT 3.30 PM.

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MOST OUTSTANDING HKCEE STUDENT RECEIVES AWARD

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THE HONG KONG SINO-BRITISH FELLOWSHIP TRUST SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION SINCE 1982 HAS HELPED MANY SCHOLARS WHO ARE NOW OCCUPYING POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN VARIOUS FIELDS.

AND THROUGH ORGANISING THE CHARLES FRANKLAND MOORE AWARD, THE ASSOCIATION HAS RENEWED THE SPIRIT OF THE TRUST AND ITS COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AWARD THIS YEAR WAS WON BY MR CHAN TUNG OF WAH YAN COLLEGE, HONG KONG, FOR BEING THE MOST OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE IN THE 1990 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

IN PRESENTING THE AWARD, MR LI CONGRATULATED THE STUDENT AS WELL AS HIS PRINCIPAL, TEACHERS AND PARENTS WHOSE ENCOURAGEMENT MUST HAVE BEEN SO CRUCIAL.

HE ADDED THAT THE CHARLES FRANKLAND MOORE AWARD WOULD NOT ONLY GIVE DUE RECOGNITION TO THOSE WHO DESERVED IT BUT ALSO WOULD INSPIRE OTHER STUDENTS TO FOLLOW THEIR FOOTSTEPS.

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FIGHT CRIME SEMINAR FOR EASTERN RESIDENTS
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RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CRIME PREVENTION MEASURES DURING AN EXHIBITION AND SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE TOMORROW (SATURDAY), FROM 7 PM TO 10.30 PM.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC), THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE TO APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC TO JOIN FORCES WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

A 40-STRONG JUNIOR POLICE CALL TEAM WILL PRESENT A DRAGON DANCE. TELEVISION PERSONALITY MS MARY CHEUNG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY.

THE SEMINAR WILL FOCUS ON FOUR THEMES, NAMELY, CAR THEFTS, HOME SECURITY, TRIAD PROBLEMS AND JUVENILE CRIME.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (EASTERN), MRS WONG LEUNG KAM-SHAN, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DFCC'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHOW FUNG-CHEUNG.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY, AND THE DFCC CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN BING-WOON.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME EXHIBITION AND SEMINAR TOMORROW (SATURDAY), FROM 7 PM TO 10.30 PM AT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 230 CHAI WAN ROAD.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM.

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FIGHT-CRIME BUS PARADE IN KOWLOON CITY
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A BUS PARADE TO DRIVE HOME THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 20) IN KOWLOON CITY.

THE PARADE IS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE SPECIAL PUBLICITY DRIVE LAUNCHED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

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STARTING AT 2 PM, THE BUS WILL TOUR AROUND THE DISTRICT AND STOP AT SEVEN LOCATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO GIVE OUT SOUVENIRS AND FIGHT CRIME INFORMATION PACKS TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE LOCATIONS ARE AT THE WYLER GARDEN, GOLDEN GATE THEATRE, WHAMPOA GARDEN, OI MAN ESTATE, KOWLOON TONG MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION, INTERNATIONAL THEATRE AND MA TAU WAI ESTATE.

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STUDENTS HAVE CHANCE TO SHOW THEIR PAINTING TALENTS

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PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO LOVE PAINTING SHOULD NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THEIR TALENTS BY TAKING PART IN THE "1991 INTER-PRIMARY SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION PAINTING COMPETITION".

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED STUDENTS THAT ENTRY FOR THE COMPETITION WOULD CLOSE NEXT FRIDAY (JANUARY 25).

THE COMPETITION AIMED TO ENHANCE THE AWARENESS OF PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN, HE ADDED.

THE CONTEST, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

ALL ENTRIES MUST EXPRESS A GIVEN THEME THROUGH A COLOUR PAINTING ON A WHITE PAPER MEASURING 420 MILLIMETRES BY 594 MILLIMETRES.

IN ADDITION TO TROPHIES, THE TOP FIVE WINNERS IN THE CONTEST WILL ALSO BE AWARDED BOOK COUPONS.

ALL PRIZE-WINNING PAINTINGS WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY AT A JOINT EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE RETURNED THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL TO THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EIGHTH FLOOR, UC FA YUEN STREET COMPLEX, 123A FA YUEN STREET, KOWLOON.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONTEST MAY BE MADE ON 723 6234.

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MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINATION DIVISION ON MOVE

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THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINATION DIVISION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE TO ROOM 3402 WANCHAI TOWER 2, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI ON MONDAY (JANUARY 21).

THE NEW ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE DIVISION IS 829 5466.

THE DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING ANNUAL RE-LICENSING INSPECTIONS OF ALL PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES, GOODS VEHICLES OVER 10 YEARS OLD AND VEHICLES USED TO CARRY DANGEROUS GOODS AT ITS VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRES.

IT ALSO CARRIES OUT PRE-REGISTRATION AND TYPE APPROVAL INSPECTIONS FOR NEW GOODS VEHICLES AND PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES AND PRE-REGISTRATION INSPECTIONS OF ALL TYPES OF SECOND-HAND IMPORTED VEHICLES.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING AT THE ROOF OVER FIFTH FLOOR, 308 UN CHAU STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 19 WAS POSTED ON THE BUILDING TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, A CLOSURE ORDER IS REQUIRED BEFORE DEMOLITION CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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