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ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES SCHEME OF CONTROL

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THE GOVERNMENT'S DETAILED PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS EARLIER PROPOSAL ON FOREIGN LAW FIRMS AND FOREIGN LAWYERS.

IN A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT RELEASED TODAY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS TO TIGHTEN AND FORMALISE CONTROL OVER THE ADMISSION AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF FOREIGN LAWYERS AND FOREIGN LAW FIRMS.

THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ALSO SETS OUT IN DETAIL A SCHEME WHICH WOULD ENABLE FOREIGN LAW FIRMS TO EMPLOY OR TAKE INTO PARTNERSHIP HONG KONG SOLICITORS, TO ADVISE ON HONG KONG LAW UNDER STRICTLY CONTROLLED CIRCUMSTANCES.

OUTLINING THE PROPOSAL AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, MR MATHEWS SAID: "THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT IT IS IN HONG KONG'S INTERESTS THAT FOREIGN LAW FIRMS OF SUBSTANTIAL REPUTATION AND STANDING SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES HERE BUT THAT THEY SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO MEET STRICT CRITERIA BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO DO SO.

"ONCE ESTABLISHED, MEMBERS OF FOREIGN LAW FIRMS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME REGIME REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND DISCIPLINE AS THAT TO WHICH HONG KONG SOLICITORS ARE SUBJECT.

"THIS WOULD PLACE FOREIGN LAW FIRMS UNDER THE SUPERVISORY AND DISCIPLINARY CONTROL OF THE LAW SOCIETY," HE SAID.

ON THE PROPOSAL TO ALLOW FOREIGN LAW FIRMS TO EMPLOY OR TAKE INTO PARTNERSHIP HONG KONG SOLICITORS, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID: "BY ENABLING FOREIGN LAW FIRMS TO PROVIDE A FULL INTEGRATED LEGAL SERVICE TO THEIR CLIENTS, THE CLIENTS OF A FOREIGN LAW FIRM WOULD HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL A MORE STREAMLINED AND EFFICIENT SERVICE.

"THIS WOULD ENHANCE HONG KONG'S REPUTATION AS AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF COMMERCE AND FINANCE," MR MATHEWS SAID.

"IT WOULD ALSO ACCORD WITH THE GROWING INTERNATIONAL TREND TOWARDS PERMITTING THE INTEGRATION OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN LAWYERS TO PROVIDE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ADVICE WITHIN A SINGLE FIRM," HE ADDED.

"IN ADDITION, WIDER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR HONG KONG SOLICITORS TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN WORKING FOR WORLD CLASS FIRMS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL FIELD," HE SAID.

THE MAIN PROPOSALS IN THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ARE:

- * THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE TO BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT FOREIGN LAWYERS WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ADVISE ON ANY ASPECT OF HONG KONG LAW. (PARA 3.5)

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- * NO FOREIGN LAWYER WILL BE PERMITTED TO PRACTISE IN HONG KONG AS A FOREIGN LAWYER UNLESS THE COURT IS SATISFIED THAT, AMONG OTHER CRITERIA, HE HAS AT LEAST FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE. THE "FIVE-YEAR" CRITERIA WILL NOT APPLY TO A HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENT. (PARAS 3.6 AND 3.7)
- * NO FOREIGN LAW FIRM WILL BE PERMITTED TO PRACTISE IN HONG KONG AS A FOREIGN LAW FIRM UNLESS THE COURT IS SATISFIED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT IT HAS BEEN PRACTISING LAW IN A PLACE OTHER THAN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS AND THAT IT ENJOYS A SUBSTANTIAL REPUTATION IN THAT PLACE. (PARA 3.12)
- * ALL FOREIGN LAWYERS AND FOREIGN LAW FIRMS CURRENTLY PRACTISING IN HONG KONG WILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS. THEY WILL BE GIVEN AN ADEQUATE PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH TO DO SO. (PARA 3.23)

THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF SOLICITORS IN DOMESTIC LAW FIRMS IS GOVERNED BY RULES LAID DOWN BY THE LAW SOCIETY. UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL, THE LAW SOCIETY WILL BE GIVEN THE POWER TO MAKE SIMILAR RULES FOR FOREIGN LAW FIRMS AND FOREIGN LAWYERS.

THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT SUGGESTS POSSIBLE RULES THAT THEY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER FOR FOREIGN LAW FIRMS AND FOREIGN LAWYERS.

- * AT LEAST ONE FOREIGN LAWYER PARTNER IN A FOREIGN LAW FIRM SHOULD BE A RESIDENT PARTNER WHO, AMONG OTHER REQUIREMENTS, SHOULD BE ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST 180 DAYS IN EACH YEAR. (PARAS 5.2 AND 5.3)
- * A FOREIGN LAW FIRM SHOULD NOT TAKE INTO PARTNERSHIP A HONG KONG SOLICITOR WITH LESS THAN 10 YEARS EXPERIENCE. (PARA 5.8)
- * A FOREIGN LAW FIRM SHOULD NOT EMPLOY A HONG KONG SOLICITOR OF LESS THAN FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE TO ADVISE ON HONG KONG LAW. (PARA 5.9)
- * A FOREIGN LAW FIRM INTENDING TO EMPLOY A HONG KONG SOLICITOR TO ADVISE ON HONG KONG LAW SHOULD HAVE A HONG KONG SOLICITOR AS A PARTNER. THERE SHOULD BE A RATIO OF ONE SUCH PARTNER FOR EVERY THREE HONG KONG SOLICITORS EMPLOYED. (PARA 5.10)
- * A FOREIGN LAWYER, WHETHER HE IS IN A FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC LAW FIRM, WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ADVISE ON HONG KONG LAW, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THERE IS A SOLICITOR EMPLOYEE OR SOLICITOR PARTNER IN THE FIRM. (PARA 5.26)

- * A HONG KONG SOLICITOR EMPLOYED IN A FOREIGN LAW FIRM SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE ONLY TO A HONG KONG SOLICITOR PARTNER OF THAT FIRM FOR ANY ADVICE GIVEN BY HIM ON HONG KONG LAW. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE MIGHT LEAD TO DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS. (PARA 5.26)
- * A REGISTER OF ADVICE ON HONG KONG LAW SHOULD BE KEPT BY EVERY FOREIGN LAW FIRM TAKING IN A SOLICITOR AS A PARTNER OR EMPLOYEE TO PRACTISE HONG KONG LAW. (PARA 5.22)
- * THE COUNCIL OF THE LAW SOCIETY MAY REQUIRE ANY FOREIGN LAWYER TO PRODUCE ANY FILES OR DOCUMENTS FOR INSPECTION IF THEY HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THE FILES OR DOCUMENTS CONTAIN ADVICE PROVIDED IN CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG LAW. (PARA 5.34)

MR MATHEWS SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE SCHEME OF CONTROL OVER ADMISSION AND PRACTICE WOULD ALLAY THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED EARLIER ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S BROAD POLICY PROPOSAL ON FOREIGN LAW FIRMS AND FOREIGN LAWYERS.

ON AUGUST 8, 1988 THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LAW SOCIETY, TO DEVISE A STATUTORY SCHEME LAYING DOWN FORMAL CRITERIA FOR THE ADMISSION, THROUGH THE CHIEF JUSTICE, OF FOREIGN LAW FIRMS;
- (B) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LAW SOCIETY, TO DEVISE A SCHEME, WITH CLEARLY LAID DOWN POWERS, TO ENABLE THE LAW SOCIETY TO EXERCISE POWERS OF DISCIPLINE OVER FOREIGN LAW FIRMS SIMILAR TO THE POWERS IT PRESENTLY EXERCISES OVER HONG KONG SOLICITORS;
- (C) TO ENABLE FOREIGN LAW FIRMS TO TAKE IN, AS PARTNERS OR EMPLOYEES, HONG KONG SOLICITORS WHO MAY PRACTISE HONG KONG LAW.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION WAS TO SEEK THE VIEWS OF INTERESTED PARTIES ON THE DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY PROPOSAL.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOWED THREE MONTHS FOR CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 31, 1989 TO ROOM 435, ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

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INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRM APPOINTED TO UNDERTAKE INJURY STUDY

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IN RESPONSE TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S ANTI-DUMPING PROCEEDING ON DENIM CLOTH ORIGINATED IN HONG KONG, THE TEXTILE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG, TOGETHER WITH THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG COTTON WEAVERS AND THE HONG KONG WEAVING MILLS ASSOCIATION, HAS COMMISSIONED A COMMON INJURY STUDY ON THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DENIM INDUSTRY.

CLIFFORD CHANCE, AN INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRM BASED IN EUROPE, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO UNDERTAKE THE STUDY.

THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR FRED LEUNG, TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT WELCOMED THE JOINT EFFORT MADE BY THE THREE TRADE BODIES.

"WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THAT THEY HAVE TAKEN THIS INITIATIVE AGAINST THE ANTI-DUMPING ALLEGATION. THIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HELP THE LOCAL DENIM MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY TO DEFEND ITSELF IN THE PROCEEDING AND IN THE LONG RUN FORESTALL ANTI-DUMPING ACTION ON OTHER TEXTILE PRODUCTS," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID A STEERING COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE THREE TEXTILE BODIES, THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE SET UP TO MONITOR THE STUDY.

THE INJURY STUDY WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION UNDER THE NAME OF THE TEXTILE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG.

ACCORDING TO ITS CHAIRMAN MR CHAN SHUI-KAU, THE INJURY STUDY WAS MADE ON BEHALF OF ALL DENIM CLOTH MANUFACTURERS IN HONG KONG TO CONTEST THE ALLEGATION THAT HONG KONG'S EXPORTS HAD CAUSED INJURY TO THE EEC DENIM INDUSTRY.

"THE ALLEGATION IS UNFAIR AS HONG KONG'S EXPORTS ARE ALREADY SUBJECT TO QUOTA RESTRAINT," HE ADDED.

UNDER THE EEC ANTI-DUMPING LEGISLATION, IF HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS CAN SUCCESSFULLY REBUT THE ALLEGATION OF INJURY, THE PROCEEDING WOULD HAVE TO BE TERMINATED BECAUSE NO ANTI-DUMPING DUTY CAN BE APPLIED IF NO INJURY IS FOUND OR IF THERE IS NO CASUAL LINK BETWEEN ANY INJURY AND THE EXPORTS.

THE TEXTILE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG LIMITED WAS INCORPORATED ON JULY 22 LAST YEAR TO PROMOTE AND FOSTER THE INTEREST OF THE TERRITORY'S TEXTILE INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE, INCLUDING THE SPINNING, WEAVING, KNITTING, DYEING, AND GARMENT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

ITS 10 FOUNDING MEMBERS WERE THE MAJOR TEXTILES AND CLOTHING MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATIONS IN HONG KONG, INCLUDING THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG COTTON WEAVERS AND THE HONG KONG WEAVING MILLS ASSOCIATION.

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BILL TO AMEND BETTING DUTY ORDINANCE TO BE INTRODUCED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AGREED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT A BILL SHOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO AMEND THE BETTING DUTY ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE JOCKEY CLUB TO TAKE BETS ON RACE MEETINGS OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

"THIS WILL ALLOW THE JOCKEY CLUB TO BROADCAST OVERSEAS RACES LIVE AND ORGANISE BETTING ON THEM," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

"IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT LIVE BROADCASTS OF OVERSEAS RACES SHOULD ONLY TAKE PLACE ON REGULAR RACE DAYS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 AND JUNE 15; THE EXISTING SUMMER CLOSE SEASON WILL REMAIN," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE JOCKEY CLUB HAD PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS TO SIMULCAST A LIMITED NUMBER OF PRESTIGIOUS OVERSEAS RACES EACH OPEN SEASON.

"THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT THE WORLD-WIDE TREND OF SIMULCASTING MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS WILL INCREASE, AND THAT HONG KONG MUST KEEP PACE SO AS TO CHANNEL ANY BOOKMAKING ACTIVITIES ARISING FROM SUCH TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS INTO OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED OUTLETS.

"IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT \$2 MILLION OF PUBLIC REVENUE WILL BE GENERATED BY EACH RACE," HE SAID.

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SENIOR GOVERNMENT DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS:

MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, WILL ASSUME THE NEW POST OF SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE IN SEPTEMBER UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH.

MR PETER TSAO KWANG-YUNG, SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, WILL SUCCEED MR DONALD LIAO POON-HUAI, SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, WHEN MR LIAO RETIRES AT THE END OF OCTOBER ON REACHING THE AGE OF 60 AFTER 29 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

THE TITLE OF SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WILL BE CHANGED TO SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS WHEN MR TSAO ASSUMES THE POST.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THESE OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, JP

AGED 55, MR CHUI JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER 1952 AND, SINCE TRANSFERRING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1964, HAS SERVED IN A VARIETY OF FIELDS OF WORK.

THE POSTS HE HAS HELD INCLUDE DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN THE FORMER HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, DEPUTY SECRETARY IN THE FORMER NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND MORE RECENTLY DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES. HE BECAME THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN AUGUST 1986.

MR CHUI WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, IN DECEMBER 1986.

MR PETER TSAO KWANG-YUNG, CPM, JP

AGED 55, MR TSAO JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN FEBRUARY 1955. HE WAS APPOINTED AS AN ASSISTANT TRADE OFFICER IN FEBRUARY 1966 AND THROUGH A SERIES OF PROMOTIONS BECAME COMMISSIONER IN THE FORMER TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT IN JANUARY 1979.

HE TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN JULY 1982. SINCE THEN HE HAS SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MINISTER FOR HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND THE MEMBER STATES AND SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION.

MR TSAO WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, IN JANUARY 1986.

MR DONALD LIAO POON-HUI, CBE, JP

AGED 59, MR LIAO JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ARCHITECT IN MARCH 1960. IN NOVEMBER 1968 HE WAS PROMOTED AS COMMISSIONER FOR HOUSING, IN CHARGE OF THE HOUSING DIVISION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

WITH THE FORMATION OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF HOUSING IN SEPTEMBER 1973, AN APPOINTMENT WHICH HE HELD CONTINUOUSLY UNTIL MARCH 1980.

MR LIAO WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY FOR HOUSING IN MAY 1980 AND BECAME SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN FEBRUARY 1985.

MR LIAO WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, IN APRIL 1981.

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16 QUESTIONS AND ONE BILL IN LEGCO TOMORROW

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 16 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER ONE BILL AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE SECOND READING DEBATE ON THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS (ASSISTANCE FUND) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 WILL BE RESUMED AFTER WHICH IT IS DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

IN ADDITION, DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP WILL SPEAK ON THE REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRAVEL AGENTS' RESERVE FUND FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 1987 TO MARCH 31, 1988.

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY FOR FEBRUARY RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN FEBRUARY 1989, ESTIMATED AT \$8,988 MILLION, INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988 WHILST THEIR VOLUME DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE COMPARISON WAS, HOWEVER, AFFECTED BY THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS WHICH OCCURRED IN EARLY FEBRUARY THIS YEAR BUT IN MID-FEBRUARY IN 1988.

THUS IT IS MORE MEANINGFUL TO LOOK AT FIGURES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1989 COMBINED, WHICH SHOW THAT TOTAL RETAIL SALES ROSE BY 19 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 9 PER CENT IN VOLUME OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988.

COMPARING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO FEBRUARY 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS WENT DOWN BY 7 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, CONSUMER DURABLES WENT UP BY 30 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 19 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

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RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS ROSE BY 22 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 80 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 66 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 30 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 18 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS SALES WENT UP BY 8 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT FELL BY 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR JANUARY 1989 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR FEBRUARY 1989.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN JANUARY 1989 AND FEBRUARY 1989 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF FEBRUARY 1989 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR JANUARY 1989 AND WITH THOSE FOR FEBRUARY 1988, AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY TO FEBRUARY 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE FEBRUARY 1989 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 5-8234941).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for February 1989 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$ 8,988million
for January 1989 (Revised Figure) = HK\$10,667million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES
FOR JANUARY 1989 AND FEBRUARY 1989

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	January	February	February 1989 compared with January 1989		February 1989 compared with February 1988		Jan.-Feb. 1989 compared with Jan.-Feb. 1988	
		1989	1989	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	190	160	-30	-16	10	7	28	19
	Volume	152	127	-25	-16	-3	-2	12	9
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	149	139	-11	-7	7	5	13	10
	Volume	123	110	-13	-10	-7	-6	-2	-2
Fuels	Value	99	81	-19	-19	-14	-15	-7	-7
	Volume	107	85	-21	-20	-17	-17	-9	-8
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	236	195	-41	-17	11	6	30	16
	Volume	179	150	-29	-16	-7	-5	7	5
Consumer durables	Value	207	175	-32	-16	23	15	44	30
	Volume	159	131	-27	-17	6	5	23	19
Other consumer goods	Value	210	170	-39	-19	9	5	34	22
	Volume	166	136	-30	-18	-2	-1	19	14
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
(see note 1 below)									
Supermarkets	Value	177	169	-8	-5	-8	-4	12	8
	Volume	145	136	-9	-6	-22	-14	-5	-3
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	386	374	-11	-3	149	66	169	80
	Volume	263	252	-11	-4	88	53	102	66
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	152	114	-39	-25	-15	-12	6	5
	Volume	127	94	-33	-26	-19	-17	-1	-1
Department stores	Value	289	201	-88	-31	11	6	57	30
	Volume	223	156	-67	-30	-7	-5	28	18

NOTES : 1. In order to analyse the sales of certain trades WITHIN major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :

(a) "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.

(b) "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.

(c) "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.

(d) "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.

2. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.

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SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE FOR COMMERCIAL INFORMATION CIRCULARS

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TRADERS WISHING TO HAVE FASTER ACCESS TO THE TRADE DEPARTMENT'S COMMERCIAL INFORMATION CIRCULARS CAN MAKE USE OF A REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE.

THE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE IS NOW AVAILABLE AT \$115 A YEAR AND INTERESTED PARTIES MAY APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT'S COLLECTION OFFICE IN ROOM 822, EIGHTH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE COMMERCIAL INFORMATION CIRCULARS PROVIDE INFORMATION ON TRADE POLICIES CONCERNING TEXTILES AND NON-TEXTILES MATTERS, AND REGULATIONS AND TARIFFS RELATING TO HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS MARKETS.

THE CIRCULARS ARE ISSUED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE WHENEVER NECESSARY. ABOUT 70 CIRCULARS ARE ISSUED A YEAR. IN 1988, THE DEPARTMENT PUBLISHED 77 ISSUES, COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF PRODUCTS AND COUNTRIES.

COMPLIMENTARY COPIES OF THE CIRCULARS ARE CURRENTLY SENT TO TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN PERSON AT THE TRADE DEPARTMENT CAN OBTAIN INDIVIDUAL COPIES OF THE CIRCULARS FREE OF CHARGE.

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MARINE DIRECTOR TO OPEN CONTAINER CONGRESS

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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE SECOND WORLD CONTAINER CONGRESS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO TAKE UP A DISPLAY STAND DURING THE CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE IN WAN CHAI FROM MAY 3 TO 5.

THE EVENT, WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE ENGLAND-BASED CONTAINER CONGRESSES INTERNATIONAL, IS THE FIRST CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION ON CONTAINERISATION TO BE HELD IN ASIA.

A TOTAL OF 50 COMPANIES AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE CONTAINER INDUSTRY FROM ABOUT 15 COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES, NETHERLANDS, WEST GERMANY, JAPAN AND HONG KONG WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT.

/A SPOKESMAN

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR THE SECOND WORLD CONTAINER CONGRESS TO TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG, NOTING THAT THE TERRITORY WAS THE FIRST PORT IN THE WORLD TO REGISTER A CONTAINER THROUGHPUT OF MORE THAN FOUR MILLION TEU'S LAST YEAR.

"WITH THAT, HONG KONG RETAINED ITS NUMBER ONE POSITION AS THE WORLD'S BUSIEST CONTAINER PORT," HE ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE SECOND WORLD CONTAINER CONGRESS TO BE HELD AT 8.30 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE IN WAN CHAI.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE REGISTRATION COUNTER ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE CENTRE BY 8.15 AM.

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SPEED LIMIT ON TOLO HIGHWAY TO BE RAISED
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THE SPEED LIMIT ON TOLO HIGHWAY AND AN ADJOINING SECTION OF NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD WILL BE RAISED TO 100 KILOMETRES PER HOUR FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY, MAY 8, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

HOWEVER, THE MAXIMUM SPEED FOR MEDIUM GOODS VEHICLES, HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES AND BUSES WILL REMAIN AT 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR AS AT PRESENT ACCORDING TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

A TRAFFIC ENGINEER OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR SHIN YU-HING, SAID: "THE STRETCH OF ROAD WHERE THE NEW SPEED LIMIT APPLIES IS BETWEEN MA LIU SHUI IN SHA TIN AND KAI LENG INTERCHANGE IN SHEUNG SHUI, COVERING A TOTAL LENGTH OF ABOUT 15 KILOMETRES."

THERE WILL BE APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS TO INDICATE EXACTLY WHERE THE NEW SPEED LIMIT STARTS AND ENDS.

MR SHIN SAID IT WAS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE DRIVERS AND OTHER ROAD USERS THAT THE 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT WOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY TO MEDIUM GOODS VEHICLES, HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES AND BUSES.

HE STRESSED THAT THE NEW SPEED LIMIT WAS NOT AN INDICATION OF THE SPEED THAT MOTORISTS SHOULD DRIVE AT.

"IT IS THE SPEED THAT VEHICLES MUST NOT EXCEED AT ANY TIME.

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"MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND MAKE NECESSARY ALLOWANCE IN RESPECT OF THEIR VEHICLES, THEIR ABILITY, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, WEATHER AND ANY CONSTRAINTS SUCH AS BENDS AND SURFACE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROAD," HE ADDED.

MR SHIN ALSO REMINDED MOTORISTS TO KEEP TO THE LEFT LANE EXCEPT WHEN OVERTAKING.

THE EXISTING SPEED LIMIT ON TOLO HIGHWAY IS 80 KILOMETRES PER HOUR FOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN MEDIUM GOODS VEHICLES, HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES AND BUSES.

THE COMPLETION OF THE LAM KAM ROAD FLYOVER LAST YEAR HAS PROVIDED FOR A SMOOTH FLOW OF TRAFFIC ALONG THE ENTIRE TOLO HIGHWAY, MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO RAISE THE SPEED LIMIT TO 100 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

"ALSO, THE TOLO HIGHWAY HAS BEEN OPENED SINCE 1985, MOTORISTS SHOULD BE MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE ROAD BY NOW," HE ADDED.

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UNSETTLED WEATHER MAY AGGRAVATE SITE CONDITIONS, CONTRACTORS REMINDED
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ADVISED CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS TO TAKE EXTRA SAFETY MEASURES AT CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THIS FOLLOWED THE WARNING BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY THAT THE WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS WOULD REMAIN UNSETTLED WITH PERIODS OF HEAVY RAIN AND SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS.

"PAST EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS CAN AGGRAVATE WORKING CONDITIONS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES AND THOSE ENGAGED IN THE INDUSTRY SHOULD BE ON THE ALERT FOR POTENTIAL HAZARDS," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE CALLED ON CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS IN THE INDUSTRY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IMMEDIATELY:

- * ALL ELECTRIC SWITCHBOARDS, WIRING, APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT AFFECTED BY RAIN SHOULD BE INSPECTED BY A COMPETENT PERSON BEFORE THEY ARE USED AGAIN.
- * EXCAVATION, EARTHWORK AND TIMBERING ERECTED SHOULD BE INSPECTED BY A COMPETENT PERSON BEFORE FURTHER WORK IS CARRIED ON.
- * EMERGENCY ESCAPE SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR PERSONS WORKING INSIDE EXCAVATIONS, SHAFTS, TUNNELS, PITS OR OPENINGS IN THE GROUND IN CASE OF RISING WATER OR IRRUPTION OF WATER OR MATERIAL.

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- * PARTICULAR CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN WHILE USING WET AND SLIPPERY WORKING PLATFORMS, GANGWAYS, LADDERS AND SCAFFOLDS.
- * SCAFFOLDS SHOULD BE INSPECTED BY A COMPETENT PERSON BECAUSE EXPOSURE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS IS LIKELY TO HAVE AFFECTED THEIR STRENGTH OR STABILITY OR TO HAVE DISPLACED ANY PART BEFORE THEY ARE USED AGAIN.

MEANWHILE, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS CARRYING OUT A SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMME ON CONSTRUCTION SITES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

UNDER THE PROGRAMME WHICH WAS COMMENCED IN MID-APRIL, FOUR TASK FORCE TEAMS MADE UP OF 14 EXPERIENCED FACTORY INSPECTORS HAVE BEEN FORMED.

"THEY ARE TO VISIT SITES WITH POOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE AND ACCIDENT RECORDS TO BRING HOME THE MESSAGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TO BOTH CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE OPERATION WHICH IS STILL IN PROGRESS, IS AIMED AT ADVISING WORKERS WORKING AT HAZARDOUS EDGES LIKELY TO CAUSE FALLS OF PERSONS.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PROMOTION OF WORK SAFETY IN CAISSONS, SHAFT OPENINGS AND STRUCTURES OVER THREE STOREYS HIGH.

"WE HOPED THAT THE STEPPED-UP ENFORCEMENT ACTION COULD HELP AVERT THE SOARING TREND OF SITE ACCIDENTS AND FURTHER ENHANCE THE SAFETY AWARENESS OF CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE INSPECTS PRIVATE DEMONSTRATION FARMS

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MEMBERS OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TODAY (TUESDAY) INSPECTED THREE PRIVATE FARMS WHICH HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED WITH NEW LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT SYSTEMS.

OPERATORS OF THESE FARMS IN NORTH DISTRICT HAVE ALL BEEN TRAINED ON THE USE OF THE SYSTEMS. THE NEW DEVICES WERE DESIGNED AND INSTALLED BY A CONSULTANT COMPANY.

TWO OF THE FARMS - ONE FOR PIG AND THE OTHER FOR CHICKEN - ADOPTED THE 'DRY MUCK-OUT METHOD' WHILE THE THIRD EMPLOYED THE 'PIG-ON-LITTER' SYSTEM.

THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO INSPECT AND OBSERVE THE OPERATION OF THE TREATMENT SYSTEMS AND TO DISCUSS WITH THE FARM OPERATORS ANY TEETHING PROBLEMS THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE ENCOUNTERED.

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THE MEMBERS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CONSULTANT COMPANY, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA).

THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IS ALSO ARRANGING FIELD VISITS FOR GROUPS OF INTERESTED LIVESTOCK FARMERS.

FARMERS ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT CNTA'S OFFICERS ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THREE HOT-LINES: 0-6754664 FOR FARMERS IN NORTH DISTRICT; 0-4792261 EXTENSION 152 FOR YUEN LONG AND 3-7351771 FOR OTHER DISTRICTS.

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BUSY SCHEDULE IN USA TOUR FOR SGD

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SECRETARY FOR GENERAL DUTIES, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, YESTERDY (MONDAY) CONTINUED HIS TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA WITH ANOTHER BUSY SCHEDULE OF SPEECHES, BRIEFINGS AND MEDIA INTERVIEWS.

HE GAVE TWO SEPARATE ADDRESSES TO THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF PITTSBURGH - THE FIRST A BRIEFING FOR A MIXED AUDIENCE OF BUSINESS EXECUTIVES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE SECOND WAS A SPEECH TO CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND SENIOR CORPORATE OFFICERS A NUMBER OF WHOSE COMPANIES HAVE INVESTMENTS OR CONNECTIONS WITH HONG KONG.

IN THE SPEECH TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS FORUM OF THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, MR WIGGHAM SAID HONG KONG REMAINED AN ECONOMIC FORCE TO CONTEND WITH FOUR YEARS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS AMPLE EVIDENCE IN THE HUGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL AND FOREIGN INVESTORS TO SHOW THAT PEOPLE WERE NOT JUST TAKING A SHORT-TERM VIEW OF HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

"IF LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS SHOW SIGNS OF ECONOMIC GOOD HEALTH, THERE ARE EVEN MORE GOOD CAUSES FOR OPTIMISM ABOUT CONTINUOUS PROSPERITY IF YOU LOOK AT HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES BEYOND HER BORDER," HE SAID.

"IN THE RECENT UPSURGE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES BROUGHT ABOUT BY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC RIM, HONG KONG HAS REAPED AS MUCH BENEFIT AS SHE HAS MADE CONTRIBUTIONS.

"A KEY FACTOR FOR OUR SUCCESS IS OUR STRATEGIC GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION, WHICH MAKES HONG KONG A NATURAL CENTRE OF THE REGION. TO OUR NORTH LIES CHINA WHICH IS IN A DYNAMIC PROCESS OF OPENING UP TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.

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"THERE IS JAPAN WHOSE DOMESTIC DEMAND AND INVESTMENT IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC GIVE MUCH IMPETUS TO THE ACCELERATED GROWTH IN THE REGION," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THERE WAS ALSO SOUTH KOREA AND THE FAST DEVELOPING ASEAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING SINGAPORE.

"HONG KONG," HE CONTINUED, "IS ENDOWED WITH ALL THE RIGHT ATTRIBUTES AND THE REQUISITE ASSETS - SUCH AS EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT LINKS, SOUND FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, WELL-MOTIVATED AND COMMITTED MIDDLE-MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL, AN EFFICIENT AND ADAPTIVE WORKFORCE AND AN OPEN ECONOMY - TO MAINTAIN AN IMPRESSIVE LEVEL OF GROWTH AS A RESULT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS RAPIDLY EXPANDING REGION.

"WHILE I DO NOT WISH TO SUGGEST THAT ECONOMIC FACTORS ALONE WILL DETERMINE THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF HONG KONG, IT WOULD BE NAIVE TO IGNORE THE TREMENDOUS INCENTIVES OFFERED BY SUCH ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS TO PARTIES CONCERNED TO ENSURE THE FULL AND FAITHFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION," MR WIGGHAM SAID.

HE SAID SINCE THE JOINT DECLARATION ENTERED INTO FORCE THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS HAD SET ABOUT THE TASK OF GIVING EFFECT TO THE VARIOUS PROMISES SET OUT IN IT.

SUCH EFFORTS, HE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE, WERE SPECIFICALLY CHANNELLED THROUGH THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP, A DIPLOMATIC BODY ESTABLISHED BY THE JOINT DECLARATION WHICH MEETS THREE TIMES A YEAR AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO UP TO THE YEAR 2000 - THREE YEARS BEYOND THE HANDOVER DATE.

HE SAID HONG KONG HAD ALREADY BEEN ABLE TO SECURE ITS OWN VOICE IN A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE FORUMS AND NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONTINUING ON OTHER AGREEMENTS IN FULFILMENT OF PROMISES CONTAINED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION FOR POST 1997 HONG KONG TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION AT THAT TIME.

ON MATTERS WITHIN HONG KONG ITSELF, MR WIGGHAM SAID ONE SIMPLE BUT VERY SIGNIFICANT EXAMPLE OF HOW PROMISES IN THE JOINT DECLARATION WERE BEING FULFILLED WAS THAT LAND LEASES WERE NOW BEING ISSUED WHICH EXPIRE IN THE YEAR 2047 - THE 50 YEARS OF AUTONOMY PLEDGED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION.

"THE BUILDING BLOCKS REALLY ARE BEING PUT INTO PLACE," MR WIGGHAM NOTED.

MR WIGGHAM WAS ALSO INVITED TO ADDRESS A GROUP OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SPECIALISING IN HISTORY AND ECONOMICS WHO HAD A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE HONG KONG ISSUE.

"I WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE STUDENTS AND THE SEARCHING NATURE OF THEIR QUESTIONS," MR WIGGHAM SAID.

"IT WAS YET ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE GROWING INTEREST IN HONG KONG AND ITS FUTURE AT ALL LEVELS IN THE UNITED STATES," HE ADDED.

MR WIGGHAM ALSO GAVE FIVE DIFFERENT MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND WOULD BE GIVING ANOTHER ADDRESS TO THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA.

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DB UPDATED ON 'HOUSE-BOAT' CLEARANCE
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THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING WHAT IT CAN TO ASSIST THE "HOUSE-BOAT" DWELLERS WHO ARE BEING CLEARED FROM THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER, WHICH WILL BE DECLARED A CLOSED AREA UNDER THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL ORDINANCE ON JULY 7 THIS YEAR.

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WAS INFORMED AT A MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, THE HOUSING, MARINE, SOCIAL WELFARE, EDUCATION AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS THE MARINE POLICE, HAS BEEN SET UP TO CO-ORDINATE THE CLEARANCE OF DWELLING VESSELS FROM THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER.

THE CLEARANCE HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF THE BOAT DWELLERS AND TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE BERTHING OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF DUMB STEEL LIGHTERS THAT ARE NEEDED TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL AND ENTREPOT TRADE.

THE PROGRESS OF THE CLEARANCE WAS OUTLINED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR WONG HON-HO; THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (CLEARANCE), MR CHENG HON-BIU; AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR B. TANG.

AT THE MEETING MR WONG STRESSED THAT THE WORKING GROUP WAS LOOKING AT WAYS AND MEANS OF ASSISTING THE AFFECTED BOAT DWELLERS TO RESETTLE ELSEWHERE.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL LOOK AFTER THE REHOUSING OF THE BOAT DWELLERS, WHILE THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HELP TO FIND SCHOOL PLACES FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN THEIR NEW LIVING AREA.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL OFFER OTHER WELFARE ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH INDIVIDUAL NEEDS. THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL HELP THE BOAT DWELLERS FIND NEW JOBS.

MR WONG POINTED OUT THAT THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD HAD DISCUSSED, AND GIVEN ITS BLESSING TO, THE CLEARANCE.

"THE BOARD SHARES AND SUPPORTS THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO CLEAR THE BOATS USED FOR DWELLING PURPOSES IN VIEW OF THE DETERIORATING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER, AND THOSE DISPLACED WILL BE REHOUSED ACCORDING TO THEIR ELIGIBILITIES," HE NOTED.

OUTLINING THE BACKGROUND TO THE CLEARANCE, MR WONG SAID THE TYPHOON SHELTER WAS DECLARED A PRESCRIBED AREA FOR "HOUSE-BOATS" UPON THE ENACTMENT OF THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (DWELLING VESSELS) REGULATIONS ON APRIL 13, 1983.

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A TOTAL OF 539 VESSELS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY LICENSED AS "HOUSE-BOATS" UNDER THOSE REGULATIONS.

SINCE SEPTEMBER 1984, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAD CONDUCTED THREE VOLUNTARY REHOUSING EXERCISES INVOLVING THESE LICENSED BOAT DWELLERS, AND, AS A RESULT, THE POPULATION HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM OVER 2,500 TO ABOUT 200 IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

MR CHENG REPORTED THAT, FOR THE REMAINING LICENSED DWELLING BOAT FAMILIES, REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OR TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS, DEPENDING ON THEIR ELIGIBILITIES.

MR TANG POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE YEARS, A NUMBER OF WORKING BOATS HAD BEEN USED AS "HOUSE-BOATS" IN THE TYPHOON SHELTERS.

HE STRESSED THAT THESE BOATS COULD NOT BE TREATED IN THE SAME WAY AS THE LICENSED DWELLING VESSELS BECAUSE THEY ONLY CAME INTO BEING AND WERE USED FOR DWELLING PURPOSES AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THE DWELLING VESSELS REGULATIONS IN 1983.

THESE UNLICENSED "HOUSE-BOATS" MUST BE RESTORED TO THEIR INTENDED PURPOSE BY RENEWING OR OBTAINING A VALID WORKING BOAT LICENCE.

ALTERNATIVELY, OWNERS MAY SURRENDER THEIR BOATS. IF THEY BECAME HOMELESS BECAUSE OF THIS, THEY WOULD BE REHOUSED IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HE ADDED.

EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE BY THE WORKING GROUP TO ASSIST THE PEOPLE LIVING ON THE UNLICENSED DWELLING BOATS. STAFF FROM THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAD VISITED THE BOAT DWELLERS AND INFORMED THEM OF THE REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS AND ELIGIBILITIES.

A VISIT TO A NEW TERRITORIES TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA WILL BE ORGANISED ON SUNDAY (MAY 7) TO ENABLE THE BOAT DWELLERS TO VIEW THEIR NEW HOMES.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED DURING THE VISIT ON THE ASSISTANCE THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE, EDUCATION AND LABOUR DEPARTMENTS CAN OFFER.

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LAI CHI KOK INCINERATOR ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON THE CLOSING DOWN OF THE LAI CHI KOK INCINERATOR AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (MAY 4).

ACCORDING TO A PAPER SUBMITTED BY TWO MEMBERS, THEY WERE INFORMED AT MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD IN 1987 THAT THE LAI CHI KOK INCINERATOR WOULD BE SHUT DOWN BY 1990 AND THAT THE INSTALLATION OF A PRECIPITATOR IN THE INCINERATOR WOULD BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 1988.

MEMBERS ARE NOW CONCERNED IF THESE PLANS ARE ON SCHEDULE.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS TO LIFTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN ORDER TO PREVENT CRIME.

ANOTHER DISCUSSION ITEM IS THE NUISANCES CAUSED BY THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT KWONG CHEUNG STREET.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR CARRYING OUT THREE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT. THESE INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS TO AMENITIES NEAR SO UK BUS TERMINUS AND AT KING LAM STREET, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DISTRICT BOARD NOTICE BOARD AT THE JUNCTION OF TAT CHEE AVENUE AND TSEUK KIU STREET.

A PAPER PREPARED BY THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WORKING GROUP WILL BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (MAY 4) IN THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE
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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE SCHEME AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THREE MEMBERS WILL ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO REVIEW THE EXISTING SCHEME BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

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THE PROBLEM OF SCHOOL BUS SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE RAISED.

A PAPER OUTLINING THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION'S HONG KONG WEST/ISLANDS REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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BUS ROUTE ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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A PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A CROSS HABOUR TUNNEL BUS ROUTE LINKING HO MAN TIN WITH CHAI WAN WILL BE RAISED AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE MEETING WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNALS AT SOARES AVENUE NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WATERLOO ROAD, AND THE PROVISION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS TO REGULATE LOADING AND UNLOADING ACTIVITIES ALONG BAKER STREET.

A MEMBER WILL RECOMMEND THAT SHELTERS BE BUILT FOR A NUMBER OF BUS STOPS ALONG THE SECTION OF ARGYLE STREET BETWEEN TAI TUNG MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO.

SPECIFIC TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN THE HUNG HOM NORTH AREA WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

AT THE MEETING, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL SEEK MEMBERS' VIEWS ON THE PRIVATISATION OF A TEMPORARY LORRY PARK IN HO MAN TIN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

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LADY WILSON THANKS PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS IN FLAG DAY APPEAL

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LADY WILSON, AS PATRON OF THE HELPING HAND, TODAY PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR PANG YUK-LING, IN APPRECIATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS' AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FLAG DAY APPEAL FOR THE HELPING HAND LAST MONTH.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY AT OI MAN ESTATE HALL, LADY WILSON SAID OVER HALF OF THE MONEY RAISED ON THE FLAG DAY CAME FROM THE EFFORTS OF PEOPLE IN THE HOUSING ESTATES.

SHE SAID SHE WAS THRILLED AND MOVED BY THE SUCCESS OF BOTH THE FLAG DAY AND THE ALAN TAM CONCERT WHICH HAD RAISED A TOTAL OF \$1.5 MILLION.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MRS CARTER, CHAIRMAN OF THE HELPING HAND, SAID THAT SINCE STUDENTS WOULD NOT BE MOBILIED FOR HELP AS THE DATE OF APPEAL FELL WITHIN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY, SHE HAD TO TURN TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSING ESTATES FOR HELP.

"THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES ALONE, THROUGH THEIR STREET AND BLOCK COLLECTIONS, RAISED ALMOST \$700,000", SAID MRS CARTER.

IN ORDER TO MARK THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS, A SHIELD WAS PRESENTED TO NAM SHAN ESTATE, SHAM SHUI PO, WHICH HAD RAISED THE MOST MONEY ALONE.

ANOTHER SHIELD WAS AWARDED TO THE TAK MAN HOUSE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OF OI MAN ESTATE WHICH HAD RAISED THE MOST MONEY AMONG ALL MAC'S.

MRS CARTER SAID THAT THE MONEY RAISED WOULD BE USED IN SERVICING THE 1 000 OLD PEOPLE AT VARIOUS AGED HOMES RUN BY THE HELPING HAND.

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SPECIAL FORM 5 PROGRAMME FOR SERVING FIREMEN

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A SPECIAL FORM 5 EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR SERVING FIREMEN ON SHIFT DUTY HAS BEEN INTRODUCED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT THIS WEEK.

A TOTAL OF 87 FIREMEN, SOME OF THEM SENIOR FIREMEN, ARE TAKING PART IN THE COURSE WHICH IS BEING HELD AT A PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN TSUEN WAN.

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THEY ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS AND ATTEND THE CLASSES ON AN ALTERNATIVE DAY BASIS WITH THREE SCHOOL DAYS PER WEEK.

THE 12-MONTH COURSE, WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE RECRUITMENT, TRAINING AND EXAMINATION (RTE) GROUP OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMAND, WILL ENABLE THE FIREMEN TO SIT IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN 1990.

THE SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER OF THE RTE GROUP, MR LAM CHUN-MAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE COURSE WAS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR FIREMEN WORKING ON A 24-HOUR SHIFT IN VARIOUS FIRE STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

"THE EDUCATION PROGRAMME IS MODIFIED TO SUIT THOSE FIREMEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO COMPLETE FORM 5 WITHOUT INTERRUPTION TO THEIR NORMAL DUTIES," MR LAM SAID.

"OUR PRIME OBJECTIVE IS TO HELP THOSE FIREMEN WHO ARE EAGER TO STRIVE FOR HIGHER ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THEMSELVES INTELLECTUALLY AND FOR BETTER PROSPECTS IN THEIR CAREER DEVELOPMENT."

MR LAM ADDED THAT MOST FIREMEN ATTENDING THE COURSE WERE STUDYING FIVE TO SIX SUBJECTS WITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE, CHINESE LANGUAGE AND MATHEMATICS THE COMPULSORY ONES.

THE FIRST GROUP OF 47 FIREMEN BEGAN THEIR LESSONS YESTERDAY WHILE THE OTHER GROUP OF 40 FIREMEN COMMENCED THEIR STUDY THIS AFTERNOON.

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ENTRIES TO ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACE CLOSE ON SATURDAY

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ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACE MUST SEND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE BY NOON ON SATURDAY, MAY 6.

THE DRAGON BOAT RACE IS AN ANNUAL EVENT WITH A LONG TRADITION IN ABERDEEN - THE OLDEST FISHING PORT OF HONG KONG.

THIS YEAR'S RACE IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACE ORGANISING COMMITTEE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE ALONG A 300-METRE CHANNEL OFF THE ABERDEEN WATERFRONT BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM ON JUNE 8, THE DAY OF THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID COMMERCIAL FIRMS, FACTORIES, REGISTERED ASSOCIATIONS AND RESIDENT BODIES ARE WELCOME TO FORM TEAMS TO COMPETE IN THE MEDIUM-BOAT DIVISION OF THE RACE.

THE DIVISION WILL COMPRISE THREE SECTIONS - MEN'S OPEN, LADIES' OPEN AND AMATEUR SECTIONS.

EACH TEAM SHOULD CONSIST OF 22 MEMBERS, INCLUDING A DRUMMER AND A COXSWAIN. THE TEAMS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH DRAGON BOATS, OARS, DRUMS, AND IF NECESSARY, A COXSWAIN.

ENTRY FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT ABERDEEN CENTRE, AND ITS SUB-OFFICES AT LEI TUNG ESTATE, WAH FU ESTATE AND STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-540271.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CHEUNG CHAU DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A PUBLIC WORK PROJECT WHICH FORMED PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND.

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE SITE FORMATION OF ABOUT 4.5 HECTARES OF LAND AT SIN YAN TSENG FOR A SECOND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE ON THE ISLAND TO HOUSE 2,000 PEOPLE AND ABOUT 0.7 HECTARE OF LAND IN THE AREA WHICH WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO A LOCAL OPEN SPACE.

UNDER THE PROJECT, A NEW PUBLIC LOADING/UNLOADING AREA WILL ALSO BE BUILT AT NAM WAN TO RELIEVE THE CONGESTION CURRENTLY ENCOUNTERED AT THE EXISTING CHEUNG CHAU PUBLIC PIER.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS AT 1519 STAR HOUSE, 3 SALISBURY ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MAY 26, 1989.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT WORK
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS TO UNDERTAKE WORK TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING FRESH WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN POKFULAM LOW LEVEL AREAS.

THE WORK WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR OF 5,000 CUBIC METRE CAPACITY AT VICTORIA ROAD AND THE LAYING OF ABOUT 320 METRES OF 400-MM DIAMETER WATERMAINS IN POKFULAM.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE IMPROVED SYSTEM WILL ALSO MEET THE FUTURE DEMAND GENERATED BY LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA, INCLUDING WAH KWAI ESTATE DEVELOPMENT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MAY 19, 1989.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SAI KUNG TOWN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 4) TO JUNE 2, SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO FACILITATE THE THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE TO BE HELD FOR THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL IN SAI KUNG TOWN.

YI CHUN STREET FROM WAN KING PATH TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD L7 WILL BE CLOSED.

YI CHUN STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH MAN NIN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE REROUTED TWO-WAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, MAN NIN STREET BETWEEN MONA FONG GOVERNMENT CLINIC AND ROAD L7 WILL ALSO BE RE-ROUTED TWO WAY; WHILE ROAD L7 WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

THE ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ON MAN NIN STREET BETWEEN YI CHUN STREET AND ROAD L7; YI CHUN STREET; AND ROAD L7 WILL BE SUSPENDED.

THE GREEN MINIBUS STANDS FOR N.T. ROUTE 2 ON ROAD L7 AND ROUTES 3 AND 4 ON YI CHUN STREET WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE SAI KUNG TOWN PLB (SCHEDULED SERVICE) TERMINUS.

THE TAXI STAND ON YI CHUN STREET WILL BE RELOCATED TO MAN NIN STREET AT THE WATERFRONT.

N.T. GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 2, 3, AND 4 WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA PO TUNG ROAD, FUK MAN ROAD AND TERMINATE AT THE SAI KUNG TOWN PLB (SCHEDULED SERVICE) TERMINUS.

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