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TIME SPENT ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS IMPORTANT : GOVERNOR

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IT IS IMPORTANT FOR HONG KONG THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE PREPARED TO SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER TOURING TSUEN WAN, THE LAST OF HIS VISITS TO THE 19 DISTRICTS, SIR DAVID SAID THE GRASSROOT ORGANISATIONS -- THE DISTRICT BOARDS, AREA AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES -- IN WHICH THESE PEOPLE WERE SERVING WERE CRUCIAL PARTS OF LIFE IN HONG KONG.

"AND HAVING MET THE PEOPLE INVOLVED, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO THEM HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT THEY DO ON BEHALF OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

SPEAKING ABOUT TODAY'S VISIT, SIR DAVID SAID: "AS FOR TSUEN WAN, IT SHOULD NOT BE THE LAST DISTRICT I VISIT THIS YEAR BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF DEVELOPMENT AS A NEW TOWN IN DEVELOPING THE SYSTEM OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AT A DISTRICT LEVEL."

THE GOVERNOR ALSO NOTED THAT THE STANDARDS OF PUBLIC HOUSING HAD IMPROVED.

"IF ONE LOOKS AT THE EARLIER STAGES OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND THEN AT THE SORT OF PUBLIC HOUSING THAT'S GOING UP AT THE MOMENT, ONE CAN SEE HOW OUR STANDARDS ARE RISING EVERY YEAR," HE SAID.

"IF ONE LOOKS AT THE RESITE VILLAGES AS I HAVE SEEN THIS AFTERNOON, AGAIN ONE CAN SEE HOW THE STANDARDS BEING PROVIDED ARE IMPROVING ALL THE TIME. AND IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT," SIR DAVID ADDED.

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SIR DAVID SEES FIRST GENERATION NEW TOWN

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, LEARNT ABOUT THE LATEST PROGRESS OF THE ROUTE 5 PROJECT AND MANY OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN TSUEN WAN DURING A VISIT TO THE DISTRICT THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

IN A FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO PLACES OF INTEREST, SIR DAVID ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON, WAS BRIEFED ON THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND MET THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY IN THIS FIRST GENERATION NEW TOWN WHICH WAS FIRST DEVELOPED SOME 30 YEARS AGO.

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THE GOVERNOR, ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN; TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU; AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN; STARTED THE TOUR WITH AN INTRODUCTORY BIRD'S EYE VIEW BRIEFING OF THE DISTRICT FROM THE ROOFTOP OF A 34-STOREY RESIDENTIAL TOWER BLOCK ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

FROM THE ROOFTOP OVERLOOKING THE WATERFRONT, THE PROJECT MANAGER OF THE TSUEN WAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, DR CHOI YU-LEUK, EXPLAINED TO THE GOVERNOR THE RECLAMATION IN PROGRESS. HE POINTED OUT THAT WHEN COMPLETED IT WILL INCLUDE SOME 12 HECTARES OF LAND FOR OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL USES.

SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT THE NEWLY RECLAIMED LAND AT THE WATERFRONT AND THE PROPOSED SHING MUN VALLEY DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH ITS 25 HECTARES OF LAND FOR A RECREATIONAL AREA TO THE NORTHEAST OF THE TOWN CENTRE WILL HELP TO ALLEVIATE THE SHORTFALL OF LAND FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN TSUEN WAN.

THE NEXT STOP WAS THE SAM TUNG UK RESITE VILLAGE AT CHEUNG PBI SHAN ROAD WHERE SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON VISITED A FAMILY.

THE VILLAGE IS AMONG ONE OF THE 20 RESITE VILLAGES IN TSUEN WAN WHERE THE ORIGINAL COMMUNITY WAS RESITED TO THEIR PRESENT SITES AS A RESULT OF THE SERIES OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE TOWN OVER THE LAST THREE DECADES.

TODAY, MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE LIVE IN THESE RESITE VILLAGES.

THE PARTY THEN WENT ON TO SEE THE WORKS OF THE ROUTE 5 ROAD PROJECT IN PROGRESS WHICH WILL LINK TRAFFIC BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN.

THIS HIGHWAY, THE GOVERNOR WAS TOLD, WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1989 FURTHER ENHANCING ROAD LINKS WITH THE REST OF THE TERRITORY.

THEY CONTINUED THE TOUR BY CALLING AT THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL WHERE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPLAINED TO THE VISITORS THE EXPANSION PROGRAMME OF THE 175-BED HOSPITAL.

SIR DAVID LEARNT THAT THE EXPANSION PROJECT OF THIS GOVERNMENT ASSISTED GENERAL HOSPITAL WILL INCLUDE A NEW CLINICAL BLOCK, A NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL AND FACILITIES TO HANDLE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY CASES. ON COMPLETION IN 1990 THE HOSPITAL WILL HAVE ITS NUMBER OF BEDS INCREASED TO 700.

DURING A BRIEF TOUR IN THE TOWN CENTRE, THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON VISITED THE FOUR SEASONS BUILDING, AN ESTATE MANAGED BY THE HOUSING SOCIETY SINCE 1959.

THE GOVERNOR CALLED ON A HOUSEHOLD AND WAS TOLD THAT THE BUILDING WILL BE DEMOLISHED SHORTLY.

THE PEOPLE WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE REHOUSED IN THE CLAGUE GARDEN ESTATE, A NEW HOUSING ESTATE TO BE BUILT BY THE HOUSING SOCIETY IN THE VICINITY OF THE TRANSPORT COMPLEX AT THE WATERFRONT.

THE MODERN HOUSING PROJECT WILL HOUSE OVER 6,000 PEOPLE.

THE SITE OF THE VACATED BUILDING WILL THEN BE USED FOR TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL PURPOSES IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN CENTRE.

LATER, THE PARTY PROCEEDED TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO HAVE A LOOK AT THE CHUNG HANG NULLAH.

SIR DAVID WAS BRIEFED ON THE WORKS IN PROGRESS TO CLEAN UP THE EFFLUENT DISCHARGED FROM FACTORIES NEXT TO THE NULLAH.

THEY THEN VISITED THE NEWLY-OPENED SAM TUNG UK FOLK MUSEUM NEXT TO THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION.

THE MUSEUM IS THE LARGEST AMONG THE MUSEUMS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

IT IS REFURBISHED FROM THE PRESERVED STRUCTURES OF THE ORIGINAL WALLED SAM TUNG UK VILLAGE ESTABLISHED ON THAT VERY SITE.

RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE, AN HAKKA ONE WITH A HISTORY DATING BACK SOME 200 YEARS, WERE RESITED IN 1979 AND 1980 TO THE SAM TUNG UK RESITE VILLAGE TO MAKE WAY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE MTR.

THE VISITORS WERE SHOWN THE VARIOUS EXHIBITS DEPICTING THE WAY OF LIFE OF THE VILLAGERS IN THE PAST.

BEFORE CONCLUDING THE VISIT, THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON ATTENDED A TEA RECEPTION HELD AT THE MUSEUM WHERE THEY MET TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, THE CHAIRMEN OF AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

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NEW MEASURES TO REGULATE TRAVEL INDUSTRY APPROVED

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A PACKAGE OF MEASURES TO ENABLE THE OUTBOUND TRAVEL INDUSTRY TO REGULATE ITSELF AND TO IMPROVE CONSUMER PROTECTION.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID THERE WERE TWO KEY ELEMENTS IN THE NEW MEASURES.

"FIRSTLY, ALL TRAVEL AGENTS WILL BE REQUIRED IN FUTURE TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL (TIC) THROUGH JOINING ONE OF ITS CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS.

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"SECONDLY, THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL WILL SET UP A NEW COMPENSATION FUND. THIS WILL REPLACE THE TRAVEL AGENTS' RESERVE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE TRAVEL AGENTS ORDINANCE," SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID THAT UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP OF TIC WOULD HELP TO IMPROVE PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE AND STANDARDS AMONGST TRAVEL AGENTS, PROMOTE GREATER COHESIVENESS WITHIN THE INDUSTRY AND ENSURE THE VIABILITY OF THE NEW COMPENSATION FUND.

"IT WILL ALSO ENABLE THE INDUSTRY TO ACCEPT INTO ITS RANKS ONLY THOSE BONA-FIDE OPERATORS WHO ARE WILLING TO COMPLY WITH A CODE OF PRACTICE TO BE ADOPTED BY TIC," SHE SAID.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, TRAVEL AGENTS CAN JOIN THE CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS OF THE TIC AS "ORDINARY" OR "ASSOCIATE" MEMBERS.

AN ORDINARY MEMBER HAS TO BE A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY WITH A MINIMUM PAID-UP CAPITAL OF \$300,000 FOR ITS MAIN LOCATION AND \$150,000 EXTRA CAPITAL FOR EACH BRANCH OFFICE.

AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER MAY BE A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP OR PROPRIETORSHIP WITH A MINIMUM CAPITAL OF \$50,000.

IN ADDITION TO HANDLING HOTEL ACCOMODATION AND TICKETING SALES, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS COULD ALSO ACT AS RETAILERS FOR THE SALE OF PACKAGE TOURS, THOUGH THEY WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO ORGANISE PACKAGE TOUR TRAVEL ON THEIR OWN.

ALL TRAVEL AGENTS MUST HAVE PREMISES USED SOLELY FOR CONDUCTING TRAVEL BUSINESS.

"THE AVAILABILITY OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP WILL ENABLE SMALL OPERATORS TO CONTINUE THEIR BUSINESS UNDER THE NEW SCHEME," MRS CHAN EXPLAINED.

TO ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL AGENTS ARE TREATED FAIRLY, ANY APPLICANT WHOSE APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IS REJECTED MAY APPEAL TO AN INDEPENDENT APPEAL BOARD UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE TIC.

SHOULD THE BOARD FIND IN FAVOUR OF THE APPLICANT, THE ASSOCIATION CONCERNED WILL BE OBLIGED TO ACCEPT THE APPLICANT AS A MEMBER.

IF THE BOARD REJECTS THE APPEAL, THE APPLICANT CAN STILL APPLY TO THE REGISTRAR OF TRAVEL AGENTS FOR A LICENCE. IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THE REGISTRAR MAY GRANT A LICENCE TO SUCH AN APPLICANT AND REQUIRE THE TIC TO ACCEPT THE APPLICANT AS A MEMBER.

THE TIC COMPENSATION FUND WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY A ONE PER CENT LEVY ON THE SALE OF ALL GROUP PACKAGE TOURS. THE CONTRIBUTION WILL, THEREFORE, VARY ACCORDING TO THE VOLUME OF AN AGENT'S BUSINESS TURNOVER.

THE COMPENSATION FUND WILL BE ADMINISTERED AND MANAGED BY A BOARD OF TRUSTEES. IN ADDITION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF TIC AND THE GOVERNMENT, THE TRUSTEES WILL INCLUDE A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS.

IN FUTURE, CUSTOMERS OF TRAVEL AGENTS WHICH DEFAULT WILL RECEIVE COMPENSATION OF 70 PER CENT. FULL COMPENSATION WILL NOT BE MADE BECAUSE IT IS CONSIDERED THAT CONSUMERS SHOULD ACCEPT SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CHOICE OF A TRAVEL AGENT.

TIC HAS ALSO AGREED TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE TRAVEL AGENTS' RESERVE FUND TO COMPENSATE AUSTRAVEL AND P.C. TRAVEL SERVICE CLIENTS. THE RESERVE FUND WILL BE WOUND UP AFTER THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS DEFAULTS.

THE REQUIREMENT TO JOIN TIC WILL BE MADE A CONDITION OF THE TRAVEL AGENT'S LICENCE AND THE TRAVEL AGENTS ORDINANCE WILL BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR THIS.

TRAVEL AGENTS WHO HAVE NOT YET JOINED TIC WILL BE GIVEN SEVERAL MONTHS IN WHICH TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AND TO RE-ARRANGE THEIR BUSINESS MATTERS IF NECESSARY.

THE NEW LICENSING CONDITION WILL BE APPLIED FROM ABOUT MID-1988 ONWARDS BY WHICH TIME THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL. THE ACTUAL DATE WILL BE NOTIFIED LATER.

AFTER THE SPECIFIED DATE, ALL TRAVEL AGENTS WHO ORGANISE GROUP PACKAGE TOURS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONTRIBUTE THE ONE PER CENT LEVY TO THE TIC COMPENSATION FUND.

IN THE INTERIM, TIC HAS AGREED THAT SHOULD ANY TRAVEL AGENT DEFAULT DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, THE CLAIMS OF CUSTOMERS WOULD BE MET BY THE NEW COMPENSATION FUND WHEN IT IS ESTABLISHED. THE GOVERNMENT AND TIC WILL ACT VIGILANTLY TO PREVENT THE OCCURRENCE OF ANY SUCH DEFAULTS.

TO IMPLEMENT THE VARIOUS ARRANGEMENTS, TIC WILL REVISE THEIR CONSTITUTION AND THE REVISED CONSTITUTION WILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE IT IS ADOPTED.

THE CONSTITUTION WILL STIPULATE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS WHICH ARE CENTRAL TO THE SCHEME OF SELF-REGULATION, SUCH AS THE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA AND COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS, CANNOT BE REVISED WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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MEMBERSHIP OF OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE
PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG (OLI) WHICH WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1988.

MR CHENG HON-KWAN HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

A TOTAL OF 16 LOCAL AND OVERSEAS ACADEMICS, LAY MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO SERVE INITIALLY ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR ONE YEAR.

ANNOUNCING THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR ANDREW WELLS, SAID THE PLANNING COMMITTEE WOULD BEGIN WORK SHORTLY WITH A VIEW TO MEETING THE PROVISIONAL TARGET DATE FOR FIRST STUDENT ADMISSIONS INTO THE OLI IN 1989.

"THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE REQUIRE IT TO PRODUCE A DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, COVERING THE ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK, LEGISLATION, ACADEMIC PROFILE, FINANCING, SITING AND STAFFING OF THE OLI AND TO RECOMMEND FOR APPOINTMENT THE OLI'S FIRST CHIEF EXECUTIVE," MR WELLS SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO SET UP THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE OLI WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS ANNUAL POLICY ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 7.

"THE INTENTION IS THAT THE OLI WILL OFFER DEGREE AND SUB-DEGREE COURSES AND WILL ADMIT ITS FIRST STUDENTS IN 1989.

"IT WILL BE HONG KONG'S SIXTH DEGREE AWARDDING INSTITUTION AND WILL CONSIDERABLY INCREASE LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR POST-SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION.

"IT WILL FUNCTION AS A CONSORTIUM OF PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT NO. 2, PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 1986," MR WELLS EXPLAINED.

THE CHAIRMAN DESIGNATE, MR CHENG HON-KWAN, A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, HAS A WIDE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRAINING NEEDS OF INDUSTRY AS WELL AS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE OF HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY.

HE IS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC COUNCIL AND ALSO DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

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MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL FIVE INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG FUNDED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE. THEY ARE DIRECTOR OF PART-TIME DEGREE STUDIES, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR L.M. NG; HEAD OF THE DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION, HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, DR C.C. WAN; LEGCO MEMBER AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR (ACADEMIC SERVICES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION), HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, MRS RITA FAN; DIRECTOR OF CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, DR DAVID JOHNS AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

MR WELLS EMPHASISED THAT THE TRAINING AND RE-TRAINING FUNCTION OF THE OLI MADE THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMERCE AND OTHER SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

WITH THIS IN MIND, FIVE LOCAL LAY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE. THEY ARE: AN EXPERIENCED ENGINEER AND A MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CARLOS CHEUNG HON-KAU; AN INDUSTRIALIST WITH EXPERIENCE ON OTHER COMMITTEES CONCERNED WITH TECHNICAL EDUCATION, MISS LILY CHIANG; DIRECTOR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY PRESS AND FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR TSIM TAK-LUNG; AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR SAMUEL P.W. WONG, WHO RUNS A FIRM OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND HAS LONG BEEN INTERESTED IN OPEN EDUCATION; AND A WELL-KNOWN ECONOMIST, ACADEMIC AND JOURNALIST, MR LEO GOODSTADT.

FOUR APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO REPRESENT THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TO RAISE THE STATUS OF THE OLI OVERSEAS.

THESE ARE DEAN OF THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, DR IAN MUGRIDGE; PRINCIPAL OF THE OPEN COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF EAST ASIA IN MACAU, PROFESSOR DON SWIFT; SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMONWEALTH TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION IN AUSTRALIA, MR RICHARD JOHNSON AND PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR (DEGREE STUDIES) OF THE UK OPEN UNIVERSITY (UKOU), PROFESSOR DAVID MURRAY.

PROFESSOR MURRAY'S APPOINTMENT IS AS AN EX-OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UKOU, REFLECTING THE MAJOR ROLE WHICH THAT INSTITUTION PLAYS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OPEN EDUCATION WORLD-WIDE. THE OTHER OVERSEAS ACADEMICS WILL SERVE IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITIES.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE REPRESENTED ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE BY THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR RON BRIDGE; AND A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER WHO WILL ACT AS SECRETARY.

MR WELLS POINTED OUT THAT IN CARRYING OUT ITS TASK, THE PLANNING COMMITTEE WOULD FOLLOW A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF GUIDELINES APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

"THESE COVER IN GREATER DETAIL THAN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE THE TASKS WHICH THE PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL HAVE TO ACHIEVE," HE SAID.

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Planning Committee for the
Open Learning Institute of Hong Kong

Annex A

Terms of reference

Having regard to the Government's intention that an Open Learning Institute be established, with a provisional target date for first student admissions of 1989, the Planning Committee is invited -

- (1) as a matter of priority, to recommend for appointment the first chief executive of the Institute and other key staff necessary for its establishment and to report on the costs of their recruitment to allow the target date for first student admissions to be met;
- (2) to produce a detailed implementation plan, including in particular advice on -
 - (a) the administrative framework for the operation and regulation of the Institute;
 - (b) the legislation required for the Institute;
 - (c) the academic profile and development plans of the Institute;
 - (d) the recruitment of staff for the Institute and the fixing of staff salary scales and conditions of service;
 - (e) the financing of the Institute's programmes;
 - (f) the site or sites required for the Institute and its major resource and administrative centre; and
 - (g) a strategy for staff training.
- (3) in producing the plan, to take into account -
 - (a) the availability of contributory effort within the participating institutions;
 - (b) the immediate availability of material from both local and overseas sources; and
 - (c) the potential educational uses of any developments in cable television;
- (4) to advise, in consultation with the UPGC, on the future relationship between the Institute's own programme and the extra-mural or part-time courses of other institutions;
- (5) to conduct such surveys as may be required to assess areas of demand and need for open education programmes; and
- (6) to advise on any other relevant matters.

Annex BGuidelines for the Planning Committee (PC)
for the Open Learning Institute of Hong Kong (OLI)A. Post-secondary open education : demand and need

- (1) The PC should not attempt a comprehensive survey of demand before beginning its task. It might, however, conduct specialized surveys in particular areas, perhaps through a curriculum planning sub-committee. The PC should note that in the first instance, resources should be mainly concentrated on the provision of first degree or sub-degree courses.

B. Scope of programme

- (2) The programme of the OLI should cover the full range of post-secondary studies, starting at a level relating to school leaving qualifications and extending to second degree level.
- (3) The Government should have to approve the OLI's proposals for the ratio of degree to sub-degree places at regular intervals and be informed of student number projections for different courses. A more restrictive system, of fixing targets for student numbers and seeking funding approval for individual courses would not be appropriate.
- (4) The OLI should emphasize (through counselling, financial incentives and its system of awarding transcripts and qualifications) the completion of meaningful units of study - such as a module, a set of modules or a complete course.
- (5) The programme should allow students to proceed, as far as practicable, at their own pace in the acquisition of qualifications.

C. Distance learning

- (6) The OLI's programme should be based on the distance learning approach, but the importance of face-to-face teaching, especially during students' initial experience at the Institute, should also be recognized.

D. The concept of "openness"

- (7) The OLI should cater for students with a range of academic qualifications at entry, including those with little or no such qualifications. This should be possible given the proper use of foundation courses.
- (8) Any filter as a means of pre-selection adopted by the OLI should be an interim measure only and should only be adopted on administrative, as opposed to educational grounds.

E. Consortium approach and alternatives

- (9) The OLI should be regarded as a consortium of participating institutions (see further guideline (16) below).
- (10) Students should enrol in the OLI itself, not in a participating institution.
- (11) Awards to students should be in the name of the OLI.
- (12) The OLI should have legal status equivalent to that of existing UPGC-funded institutions and the PC should advise on appropriate legislation.
- (13) The administration of the OLI should be as small and compact as is compatible with efficiency.
- (14) The programmes offered by the OLI should in no way adversely affect the part-time, extra-mural, open or distance learning courses now being offered by the UPGC-funded institutions or by the Vocational Training Council.
- (15) The PC and later the OLI should negotiate with participating institutions mutually satisfactory arrangements for the employment of tutors and other part-time academic staff and, where appropriate, of other resources.

F. Organisation of the OLI

- (16) "Membership" or "participation" in the OLI should be understood to be at two levels. The first level would be the operational level - preparation of course material and providing tutors for OLI students. Institutions participating in this way should be termed OLI contributors. Contributors would not be confined to the UPGC-funded institutions, but would include any local or overseas body commissioned by the OLI for a specific purpose. The second level of participation would be formal membership, i.e. the holding of a seat or seats on the OLI Council. Such participation should be termed "formal membership". "Participating institution", unless otherwise specified, should be understood to mean "formal member".
- (17) All institutions of post-secondary and tertiary education which are funded through the UPGC should be invited by the PC to participate as formal members of the OLI.
- (18) All potential formal members of the OLI should be asked by the PC to subscribe to the aims and objectives of the OLI set out in paragraph VIII.5.42 of ECR 2 as a pre-condition of inclusion in the Council. That is, they should accept a commitment to the aims of the OLI

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and the obligation to share plans with the OLI before starting any independent initiatives which might compete with the OLI's programme.

- (19) Subject to guideline (18) above, the UPGC-funded institutions should be entitled to formal membership of the OLI, without a commitment to a specific level of active participation at the operational level.
- (20) The OLI's governing legislation should allow both ad personam and ex officio representatives of institutions not within the remit of the UPGC to sit on the OLI's Council.
- (21) The PC should consider a suitable role for the voluntary agencies in the operation of the OLI, particularly in the provision of foundation courses.
- (22) The OLI should have the functions and responsibilities set out in paragraph VIII.5.44 of ECR 2.*

* Specifically -

- "(a) to set priorities and to plan the development of the comprehensive post-secondary programme;
- (b) to commission [OLI contributors] to operate component courses through tutorial support;
- (c) to approve the use of distance learning material and negotiate with originating institutions for its use and development;
- (d) to commission, where appropriate, the local development of course material [see also Guideline 34];
- (e) to appoint external examiners to validate course work and examination results;
- (f) to organise the necessary supporting services (access to libraries, laboratories, computers, study centres etc.) through its own centre and, when appropriate, at participating institutions or their study centres;
- (g) to operate a student counselling service to advise students on their study programmes;
- (h) to consider students' standing for the purposes of credit transfers and recognition of advanced standing; and
- (i) to confer degrees and other qualifications on students [see also Guideline 11]."

/(23) The OLI

- (23) The OLI should be governed by a Council, comprising representatives from the participating institutions, lay members and overseas academics, an academic board and an executive body of administrative staff headed by a chief executive.
- (24) The OLI's academic board should largely be comprised of its own full-time staff.
- (25) the PC should consider weighting the Council of the OLI in favour of non-academic members. A maximum of 25% academic members could be considered.
- (26) The OLI's programmes should be subject to accreditation by the proposed Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation (HKCAA), or whichever other validating body in future is responsible for certifying academic standards.
- (27) In discussing with a future HKCAA the procedures to be followed in the accreditation of OLI courses, the PC should seek to obtain agreement to the use of accreditation procedures which take into account the existing internal validation systems of participating institutions, particularly in a case where a course offered by the OLI is wholly or nearly wholly provided by one of those institutions.

G. Course delivery

- (28) The OLI should have a major administrative centre, with adequate study rooms, libraries and laboratories.
- (29) The PC, in conjunction with the Administration, should urgently explore the possibility of using Tower II, Argyle Centre for this purpose, possibly on a shared basis initially with other educational institutions.
- (30) The possibility of regional study centres should also be pursued.
- (31) The PC should negotiate with the Broadcasting Authority and the Secretary for Administrative Services and Information concerning accessibility to cable television for the OLI.
- (32) Delivery of OLI courses should be by as great a variety of methods as possible, including audio and video cassettes, telephone tutoring, seminars, day schools and, in some cases, computers and laboratories.

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H. Subjects to be offered and course material

- (33) The PC should consider the possibility of three basic schools for the OLI, viz. commercial and social sciences, arts and humanities and mathematics, science and technology.
- (34) The OLI's programme should start on the basis of using the best material available from the existing operators, whether in Hong Kong or overseas.
- (35) The PC should consider at an early stage the possibility of translation of courses into Chinese or the development of specific new courses in Chinese.
- (36) The PC should investigate appropriate sources of course material for sub-degree work, including the UK Open Tech, the UK Open College, the Open College of British Columbia and the Canadian College of the Air.
- (37) For courses purchased from overseas, the OLI should prefer less parochial material which does not require significant alteration for the local market.
- (38) Staff of participating institutions who are commissioned to produce materials for the OLI should not retain copyright.
- (39) Co-ordination and the avoidance of unnecessary duplication of courses should be the joint responsibility of the OLI and the participating institutions.

I. Course structure and the credit unit system

- (40) OLI courses should be structured on a credit unit system, consistent with the certification by attainment approach. The system should provide for accumulation of credit units as well as credit transfer.
- (41) The PC should consider the suitability of the course structure for the OLI recommended in paragraph VIII.5.56 of ECR 2.
- (42) The OLI should aim to develop courses at sub-degree, as well as first and second degree level.

J. Financing of the OLI

- (43) Subject to guidelines 47 and 48 below, the OLI should be as far as possible self-financing, but in any case students should meet at least the direct costs of producing and delivering courses.

- (44) Upon establishment of the OLI, the Government should meet the cost of accommodation, equipment, essential administration and core staff, etc., to the extent that this cannot be met through student fees.
- (45) The Government should meet the cost of setting up the OLI. The Planning Committee should submit detailed estimates of these costs at an early date.
- (46) The PC should consider, in consultation with the UPGC and the Administration, how any Government funding of the OLI other than setting up costs should be carried out, given the differences in situation between the OLI and the existing UPGC-funded institutions.
- (47) The OLI should set its own fees, in consultation with the Government.
- (48) The PC should consider, in consultation with the Administration, the possibility of a student financing scheme to assist students in appropriate cases.

K. Staff training

- (49) In planning a strategy for the training of tutors and of senior academic staff, the PC should pursue contacts already made by the Administration with the Croucher Foundation and the UK International Extension College, in addition to other available sources.

L. Planning Committee for the OLI

- (50) The PC should aim at the first intake of the students in 1989, even though this might entail the OLI's programme commencing on a relatively small scale.
- (51) The PC should make a comprehensive report to the Government on its progress in implementing its terms of reference, in the light of these guidelines, in sufficient time to allow the target date in guideline (50) to be met.

SEVEN AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES TO BE DE-REGISTERED

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SEVEN AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED NOT SUITABLE FOR LOCAL USE, WILL BE DE-REGISTERED WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY), IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES INVOLVED IN THE DE-REGISTRATION EXERCISE, CONDUCTED UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES ORDINANCE, ARE CYHEXATIN, ALDRIN, DDT, DDT/LINDANE, DDT/NALED, DIELDRIN AND PCP/DIELDRIN.

SENIOR CROP DEVELOPMENT OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MISS VERA SO, SAID RECENT TOXICOLOGICAL STUDIES SHOWED THAT CYHEXATIN IS TERATOGENIC TO LABORATORY ANIMALS AND AS A RESULT, THE MANUFACTURER REQUESTED FOR THE VOLUNTARY CANCELLATION OF ITS REGISTRATION.

"ALDRIN, DDT AND DIELDRIN ARE CONSIDERED TOO PERSISTENT AND THEIR USE MAY BE HARMFUL TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

"FURTHERMORE, THEIR AGRICULTURAL USES HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY LESS PERSISTENT AND LESS TOXIC ALTERNATIVES.

"HENCE, THESE PESTICIDES AND THEIR ASSOCIATED MIXTURES ARE DE-REGISTERED," MISS SO SAID.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT THESE PESTICIDES HAVE HITHERTO BEEN ON THE REGISTER, SHE SAID, NOT ALL OF THEM ARE ON SALE LOCALLY.

"CYHEXATIN HAS NEVER BEEN SUPPLIED FOR LOCAL USE WHILE ALDRIN, DDT/LINDANE, DDT/NALED AND PCP/DIELDRIN MIXTURES HAVE NOT BEEN ON RETAIL SALE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

"ONLY LIMITED QUANTITIES OF DDT ARE ON RETAIL SALE AT A FEW PESTICIDE SHOPS," MISS SO SAID.

ALL LICENSED PESTICIDE IMPORTERS, SUPPLIERS AND RETAILERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE CANCELLATION.

THEY MAY APPLY FOR A POSSESSION PERMIT TO FACILITATE THE RE-EXPORT OF THESE PESTICIDES.

SHE SAID HER DEPARTMENT WOULD GIVE FARMERS AND PESTICIDE USERS A PERIOD OF TIME UP TO JANUARY 8, 1988 TO SURRENDER THESE PESTICIDES, IF ANY, TO THE NEAREST AFD OFFICE IN THE TERRITORY FOR PROPER DISPOSAL.

"THEREAFTER, ANY PERSON WHO IS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF ANY OF THESE PESTICIDES WITHOUT A VALID PERMIT, WILL BE PROSECUTED," MISS SO SAID, ADDING THAT SUCH AN OFFENCE IS PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE DE-REGISTRATION AND THE PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR A POSSESSION PERMIT CAN BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S PLANT AND PESTICIDE REGULATORY UNIT ON 3-7332163 OR 3-7332180.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES EXTENDED FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MAKE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AS MOST OF THE SERVICES WILL BE STEPPED UP AND OPERATE LATER THAN USUAL.

THE MTR, THE KCR, THE STAR FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND KOWLOON POINT, AND THE HYF PASSENGER/VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN CENTRAL AND JORDAN ROAD WILL CLOSE FOR THE DAY AROUND 1 AM.

WHILE PEAK TRAMS WILL OPERATE UP TO 1.30 AM, TRAM SERVICES (EXCEPT THOSE ROUND THE HAPPY VALLEY LOOP) WILL CARRY ON UNTIL 2 AM.

IN ADDITION, MANY BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR WILL FINISH LATER THAN USUAL.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE LAST DEPARTURE FROM CENTRAL OF CMB ROUTES NO. 4, 70 AND 90 WILL BE 1 AM; WHILE FOR ROUTES NO. 2, 7, 10, 23, 72, 92 AND 97, THEIR LAST BUS WILL LEAVE CENTRAL, WESTERN DISTRICT OR CAUSEWAY BAY AT 2 AM, 2.30 AM, 1.50 AM, 1.15 AM, 1.30 AM, MIDNIGHT AND 12.48 AM RESPECTIVELY.

IN KOWLOON, KMB WILL EXTEND SERVICES ON EIGHT ROUTES - NO. 1A, 5, 5C, 6, 80M, 82M, 85K AND 88K. FOR THE TSIM SHA TSUI ROUTES, THE LAST DEPARTURE FROM STAR FERRY FOR ROUTES NO. 1A, 5C AND 6 IS AROUND 1.30 AM AND NO. 5 AROUND 2 AM.

AS FOR GREEN MINIBUSES, ROUTES NO. 19 AND 20 ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL OPERATE UP TO 12.40 AM; NO. 33M UP TO 1 AM; AND NO. 1 UP TO 4 AM.

IN KOWLOON, ROUTE NO. 37M WILL RUN OVERNIGHT. ROUTES NO. 18, 19 AND 20 WILL FINISH AT 1 AM; NO. 3, 8, 11M AND 30M AT 1.30 AM; NO. 6 AND 31M AT 2 AM; AND NO. 7, 16 AND 34M AT 3 AM.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ROUTE NO. 61M WILL OPERATE ALL NIGHT.

ROUTE NO. 67K WILL STOP RUNNING AT MIDNIGHT WHILE NO. 66K AND 85 WILL FINISH AT 12.30 AM.

ROUTES NO. 20K, 22K, 60K AND 65K WILL CEASE OPERATING AROUND 1.30 AM AND NO. 80, 82, 83, 86 AND 96M AT 2 AM.

MEANWHILE, AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, MANY BUS ROUTES PLYING THROUGH THESE TWO DISTRICTS WILL HAVE TO BE DIVERTED.

THE AFFECTED SERVICES INCLUDE CMB ROUTES NO. 5, 5A, 5B, 10, 10A, 10B, 20, 21, 22, 23A, 26, 40M, 81M AND 781, CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE NO. 103, AS WELL AS KMB ROUTES NO. A1, A2, 1, 1A, 1K, 2, 2C, 2K, 3, 3C, 3E, 5, 5C, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 8A, 9, 13, 26, 28, 70 AND 81.

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STI TO LEAD DELEGATION FOR BALI TRADE MEET

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL LEAD A DELEGATION TO AN ASIAN-PACIFIC TRADE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN BALI, INDONESIA ON JANUARY 8-10.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO EXPLORE THOROUGHLY, WITH THE HELP OF A DRAFT REPORT FROM A STUDY GROUP, THE POSSIBLE SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF EARLY AGREEMENTS THAT MIGHT BE REACHED IN THE URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS BY THE END OF 1988.

THE CONFERENCE, THE FOURTH IN THE SERIES AFTER MEETINGS IN HOBART, SEOUL AND TOKYO, WILL BE HOSTED BY THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT.

IT WILL BE ATTENDED BY TRADE MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, DR CLAYTON YEUTTER; AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, MR WILLY DE CLERCQ; AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE GATT, MR ARTHUR DUNKEL.

MR MACLEOD WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR TONY MILLER.

MR SZE AND MR MILLER WILL STOP OVER IN SINGAPORE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE URUGUAY ROUND WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS.

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REPORT ON TOY INDUSTRY PUBLISHED

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ALTHOUGH HONG KONG TOY MANUFACTURERS WILL CONTINUE TO FACE KEEN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION, THE TERRITORY IS EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN THE LEAD AS THE WORLD'S LARGEST TOY EXPORTER, ACCORDING TO A STUDY BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ON THE LOCAL TOY INDUSTRY.

THE STUDY EXAMINES THE DEVELOPMENT, STRUCTURE, PRODUCTION, PRODUCT MARKETING, PROBLEMS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE TOY INDUSTRY.

THE MAIN AIMS ARE TO GIVE AN INDICATION OF THE PRESENT STATE OF THE INDUSTRY AND TO SUGGEST LIKELY FUTURE TRENDS.

THE STUDY REPORT, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED, SHOWS THAT HONG KONG'S TOY INDUSTRY HAS GROWN RAPIDLY OVER THE LAST THREE DECADES AND IS NOW THE WORLD'S LARGEST EXPORTER OF TOYS.

IN 1986, THE TOY INDUSTRY EXPORTED HK\$11,157 MILLION WORTH OF GOODS AND WAS HONG KONG'S FOURTH LARGEST EXPORT EARNER.

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THERE WERE 2,264 ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF TOYS IN SEPTEMBER 1986, ACCOUNTING FOR 4.7 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG.

IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, TOYS RANKED AS HONG KONG'S THIRD MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, EMPLOYING 56,164 PERSONS AND ACCOUNTING FOR 6.5 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS ARE RENOWNED FOR THEIR FLEXIBILITY AND ABILITY TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO THE EVER-CHANGING MARKET TRENDS AND TO MEET DIFFERENT CUSTOMERS' SPECIFICATIONS EVEN FOR SMALL ORDERS.

MAJOR INTERNAL FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE INDUSTRY'S GROWTH INCLUDE A FAVOURABLE INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSISTENT COMMITMENT TO FREE ENTERPRISE AND FREE TRADE, GOOD SUPPORTING INDUSTRIES, SIMPLE IMPORT/EXPORT PROCEDURES, A RELIABLE AND SKILLED WORKFORCE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF CHEAPER LAND AND LABOUR IN CHINA.

BUT THE STUDY ALSO IDENTIFIES A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS FACING THE INDUSTRY. THESE INCLUDE LABOUR SHORTAGE, GROWING INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMPETITION, WEAKNESS IN MARKET RESEARCH, PRODUCT DESIGN AND MARKETING AS WELL AS INSUFFICIENT AWARENESS OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OF IMPORTING COUNTRIES.

TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEMS, THE REPORT SAID: "LOCAL MANUFACTURERS HAVE SOUGHT TO REDUCE PRODUCTION COSTS BY MOVING LABOUR INTENSIVE OPERATIONS TO CHINA OR BY INSTALLING MORE AUTOMATIC MACHINERY AND TO IMPROVE DESIGN AND QUALITY BY STRENGTHENING PRODUCT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES."

"THEY ALSO ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN MAJOR OVERSEAS EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS NOT ONLY TO WIN ORDERS BUT ALSO TO IDENTIFY PRODUCT TRENDS AND MARKET RESPONSES TO THEIR PRODUCTS."

ON SUPPORT FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, THE REPORT NOTES THAT TECHNICAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, DESIGN SUPPORT FROM THE HONG KONG DESIGN INNOVATION COMPANY, PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION FROM THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND PROMOTIONAL SUPPORT FROM THE HONG KONG TOYS COUNCIL.

THERE ARE ALSO PLANS TO SET UP A PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION, TECHNICAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO INDUSTRIES USING PLASTICS AS PART OF THEIR PRODUCTS.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE TREND OF THE TOY INDUSTRY, THE REPORT SAID THE CHARACTERISTICS ARE UNLIKELY TO CHANGE DRAMATICALLY.

THE INDUSTRY WILL CONTINUE TO COMPRISE PREDOMINANTLY SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES.

THE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES ARE LIKELY TO REMAIN LABOUR-INTENSIVE AND LARGE-SCALE AUTOMATION IS UNLIKELY BECAUSE OF THE COMPLICATED PROCESSES INVOLVED IN PRODUCING AND ASSEMBLING THE VARIOUS TOY PARTS AND THE EVER-CHANGING PRODUCT TRENDS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT MORE AND MORE PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT WORK WILL BE SHIFTED TO HONG KONG IN VIEW OF THE HIGH PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COSTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE AND THE PROVEN SKILL AND EFFICIENCY OF LOCAL ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS IN HANDLING SUCH PROJECTS AT A MUCH LOWER COST.

THE GENERAL MARKET TRENDS FOR THE CURRENT AND COMING YEARS IDENTIFIED BY THE REPORT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- BASIC OR STAPLE ITEMS SUCH AS FASHION DOLLS, PRE-SCHOOL TOYS, GAMES, RADIO-CONTROLLED VEHICLES, PLUSH TOYS AND TRAINS WILL BE THE PRIMARY PROFIT-MAKERS.
- ELECTRONIC OR MICRO-CHIP APPLICATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE DEVELOPED, WITH A FOCUS ON INTERACTIVE AND EDUCATIONAL PRODUCT VALUE.
- MORE EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO PRODUCT QUALITY, AS WELL AS TO PRODUCTS WITH HIGHER PROFIT MARGINS.
- BASIC TOY LINES WILL BE USED AS A BASE FOR STEADY OR CONSISTENT SALES DURING THE YEAR AND WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY HIGH-TECH PROMOTIONAL ITEMS.

THE STUDY ALSO FINDS THAT TOY MANUFACTURERS IN HONG KONG ARE CONFIDENT ABOUT THE INDUSTRY'S FUTURE BUSINESS.

OF THE 62 FACTORIES COVERED IN THE SURVEY, 52 PER CENT SAID THEY HAD MADE NEW INVESTMENTS IN MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS. ALSO, NONE OF THE MANUFACTURERS INTERVIEWED EXPECTED BUSINESS TO BE POOR FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE STUDY IS BASED MAINLY ON FINDINGS OBTAINED FROM DESK RESEARCH, A SURVEY ON THE LOCAL TOY INDUSTRY CONDUCTED IN DECEMBER 1986, AND A MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY SRI INTERNATIONAL IN THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE IN MARCH-MAY 1987.

IT IS THE THIRD OF A SERIES OF STUDIES ON SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG UNDERTAKEN BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME ON INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT BOARD WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE FOUR TRAINING COURSES AND A SEMINAR FOR MEMBERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND FACTORY OWNERS TO PROMOTE MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS AMONG THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (WEDNESDAY), CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE TRAINING COURSES, MR CHAN KWOK-WAH, SAID A BUDGET OF \$76,000 WAS ALLOCATED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD FOR ORGANISING THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME.

THE FOUR TRAINING COURSES, TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 12, 15, 22 AND 29, WILL COVER TOPICS INCLUDING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT AND FINANCE CONTROL, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, FIRE PREVENTION AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

THE SEMINAR, IN THE FORM OF PANEL DISCUSSION, WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 6 FOR FACTORY OWNERS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL SEND APPLICATION FORMS TO OWNERS' CORPORATIONS OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND FACTORY OWNERS.

ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN THE PROGRAMME MAY ALSO OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE ASSISTANT DIVISION OFFICER OF FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR TSUI KWOK-KEI; ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MISS BETTY CHEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF INSTITUTE OF HOUSING (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR PETER YIP; AND HOUSING MANAGER OF THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING TEAM (IBMCT), MR LEE KANG-SUM.

MR LEE SAID HIS TEAM WOULD COMPILE THE FIRST HANDBOOK ON INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT IN HONG KONG BASED ON EXPERIENCE GAINED SINCE THE SET UP OF IBMCT IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

ABOUT 3,000 COPIES WILL BE PRINTED IN MARCH NEXT YEAR FOR DISTRIBUTION TO OWNERS' CORPORATIONS OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND FACTORY OWNERS.

THE CONTENT OF THE HANDBOOK WILL INCLUDE BASIC CONCEPT OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT, COMMON PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED, PREVENTIVE MEASURES AND ACTIONS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION.

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PROGRAMME FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL FESTIVAL ANNOUNCED

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A SPECTACULAR VARIETY SHOW TO BE STAGED AT THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL FOLLOWED BY FRINGE ATTRACTIONS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE NEARBY TOWN PARK WILL MARK THE GRAND OPENING IN EARLY NOVEMBER OF REGCO 88, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S FIRST-EVER FESTIVAL.

ANNOUNCING THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE, DR RICHARD HO, SAID THAT THE MONTH-LONG EXTRAVAGANZA WILL ENTERTAIN AND INVOLVE PEOPLE IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR AGE.

"IT WILL BE A FESTIVAL FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY AND WILL COVER ALL NINE DISTRICTS IN ONE FORM OR THE OTHER, EITHER CULTURAL OR RECREATIONAL," HE SAID.

DR HO SAID THAT INTERNATIONAL AS WELL AS LOCAL ARTISTES WOULD BE INVITED TO PROVIDE A WIDE-RANGE OF ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES THAT WOULD BE STAGED IN THE RC'S SIX CIVIC CENTRES AND TOWN HALLS.

FOR THE MORE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, HE ADDED, THE REGCO OLYMPIAD, INVOLVING TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS, AN INTERNATIONAL MARATHON, CYCLING COMPETITION AND GYMNASTICS DISPLAYS WOULD ALSO BE HELD.

AN INTERESTING FEATURE OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE THE INCLUSION OF THE POPULAR ANNUAL SAND SCULPTURE COMPETITION WHICH HAS BEEN UPGRADED INTO AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT.

WHILE DETAILS ARE STILL BEING FINALISED, A NUMBER OF OVERSEAS TEAMS WILL BE INVITED TO COMPETE AGAINST LOCAL FINALISTS WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN PRELIMINARY EVENTS HELD AT DISTRICT LEVEL EARLIER.

DR HO SAID THAT ENTERTAINING DISTRICT FAIRS WILL ALSO BE HELD IN EACH DISTRICT PROVIDING FUN AND GAMES FOR EVERYONE.

"THERE WILL BE GAMES STALLS, BARGAIN STALLS AND A MOUTH-WATERING VARIETY OF FOOD STALLS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

"I'M SURE THESE FAIRS WILL PROVE VERY POPULAR WITH THE YOUNG AND OLD," HE ADDED.

DR HO SAID THAT AS PART OF THE GRAND FINALE FOR THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FESTIVAL, A BREATH-TAKING FIREWORKS DISPLAY WOULD BE STAGED OVER THE SKIES OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

"WE ARE STILL SEEKING SPONSORS FOR THIS SPECTACULAR AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS IS THE MOST FITTING WAY TO BRING THE CURTAINS DOWN ON THE MONTH-LONG PROGRAMME OF FUN AND GAMES THAT HAS BROUGHT SO MUCH ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA," HE SAID.

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"MANY OF YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT SOME THREE YEARS AGO THERE WAS A SUPERB FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT SHA TIN, WHICH PROVED TO BE AN IDEAL VENUE FOR THIS SPECTACULAR EVENT.

"IT IS OUR HOPE THAT ONE OF OUR LARGE BUSINESSES WILL BE FORTHCOMING WITH AN OFFER OF SPONSORSHIP FOR A FIREWORK DISPLAY OF SIMILAR PROPORTION TO MARK THE GRAND FINALE OF THIS FIRST REGIONAL COUNCIL FESTIVAL."

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CLEANLINESS BENEFITS BOTH ISLANDERS AND VISITORS

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KEEPING THE ISLANDS DISTRICT CLEAN AND TIDY WOULD PROVIDE A GOOD LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ISLANDERS AS WELL AS A BETTER RECREATIONAL AREA FOR VISITORS, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN, MR YIU KAI-HANG, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR YIU WAS SPEAKING AT A BANNER PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO KICK OFF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT.

"TO LAUNCH THE CAMPAIGN ON THE DAY BEFORE NEW YEAR'S EVE IS TIMELY AS EVERYONE WOULD WISH TO HAVE A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT AS THEY WELCOME THE NEW YEAR," HE SAID.

MORE THAN 80 JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS FROM THE EIGHT REGIONS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ATTENDED THE CEREMONY WHICH WAS HELD AT THE CHEUNG CHAU POLICE STATION THIS MORNING.

THEY RECEIVED BANNERS WITH THE SLOGAN "CLEANING THE ISLANDS FOR A BETTER LIVING" FROM THE ISLANDS DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR MIKE HARRIS, AND WERE REQUESTED TO POST THEM UP IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS TO SPREAD THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE.

CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR FUNG PAK-TAI, PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO MR HARRIS AND THE JPC REPRESENTATIVE AT THE END OF THE CEREMONY.

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500 RUNNERS IN NEW YEAR HARRIER RACE

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MORE THAN 500 RUNNERS WILL BE COMPETING IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT'S 1988 NEW YEAR HARRIER RACE WHICH STARTS FROM KOWLOON TSAI PARK SPORTS GROUND AT 9 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 1).

THE RACE IS DIVIDED INTO STUDENTS AND OPEN SECTIONS.

IT WILL START AND FINISH IN KOWLOON TSAI PARK SPORTS GROUND, COVERING A DISTANCE OF ABOUT NINE KILOMETRES IN KOWLOON TONG AREA.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS AIMED AT PROMOTING SPORTSMANSHIP AND RUNNING SKILLS OF ATHLETES AND TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF A GOOD YEAR.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON LOK SIN TONG, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, URBAN COUNCIL, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, KOWLOON CITY POLICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST SIX WINNERS OF EACH SECTION AND CERTIFICATES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO THOSE WHO CAN COMPLETE THE RACE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT'S NEW YEAR HARRIER RACE TO BE HELD AT 9 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 1) IN KOWLOON TSAI PARK SPORTS GROUND, INVERNESS ROAD, KOWLOON CITY.

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TSING YI CLINIC TO START EVENING SERVICES

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THE TSING YI CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST REGION WILL START PROVIDING EVENING SERVICES FROM NEXT MONTH, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

BEGINNING NEXT MONDAY (JANUARY 4), THERE WILL BE A TWO-DOCTOR SESSION AT THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC IN THE EVENING.

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE EVENING CLINIC WILL BE FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS BETWEEN 6 PM AND 10 PM EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE TSING YI CLINIC, WHICH PROVIDES GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICE, FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES AND COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE DURING DAY TIME, IS LOCATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF CHEUNG HONG COMMERCIAL CENTRE, CHEUNG HONG ESTATE, TSING YI ISLAND.

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NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST 1988

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COPIES OF THE QUEEN'S NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST 1988 MAY BE COLLECTED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) FROM THE GIS NEWSROOM AT 6 PM.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HONOURS LIST WILL BE MADE IN LONDON AT 0001 HOURS GMT ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 31).

PUBLICATION IS PERMITTED IN HONG KONG NEWSPAPERS TOMORROW (DECEMBER 31), BUT NO NEWS AGENCY OR OVERSEAS RADIO TRANSMISSION OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT MAY CARRY THE INFORMATION WITHOUT THE EMBARGO QUALIFICATION.

THE NEWS MAY BE BROADCAST FROM 6 AM ONWARDS TOMORROW (DECEMBER 31) OVER THE LOCAL RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS.

ON NO ACCOUNT SHOULD ANY OF THE RECIPIENTS OF HONOURS BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEWS, OR FOR INFORMATION RELATED TO THEIR CAREERS, OR BE APPROACHED IN ANY WAY IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR AWARDS BEFORE THESE HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED.

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TENANCIES SOUGHT FOR FOUR SITES

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FOUR COMMERCIAL SITES ARE TO BE LET ON SHORT TERM TENANCY BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRST SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 2,675 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR A COMMERCIAL GARDEN AT BRAEMAR HILL ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE INITIAL TENANCY IS FOR THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 28,000 SQUARE METRES, THE SECOND SITE IS LOCATED ON THE CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION, KOWLOON.

IT IS FOR OPEN STORAGE PURPOSES, INCLUDING THE STORAGE AND REPAIR OF CONTAINERS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR 12 MONTHS, RENEWABLE AFTERWARDS ON A MONTHLY BASIS. HOWEVER, ABOUT 1,120 SQUARE METRES OF THE SITE WILL HAVE TO BE SURRENDERED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY OCTOBER 1 NEXT YEAR.

THE THIRD SITE, AT TSING YI AREA 16 (NEAR SAI TSO WAN), MEASURES ABOUT 2.34 HECTARES AND IS FOR A FEE PAYING PUBLIC CARPARK FOR THE PARKING OF CONTAINER TRACTORS AND TRAILERS AND/OR FOR THE STORAGE OF CONTAINERS.

/THE TENANCY

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS INITIALLY, RENEWABLE EVERY THREE MONTHS.

THE LAST SITE, COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,725 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED AT SHA TIN AREA 46, NEAR MA LING PATH.

IT IS FOR A PLANT NURSERY AND/OR A COMMERCIAL GARDEN, INCLUDING GROWING, STORAGE AND SALE OF PLANTS, FLOWERS AND OTHER ANCILLARY GARDEN PRODUCTS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS FOR THE FOUR SITES IS NOON ON JANUARY 15.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN CENTRAL, SHEUNG WAN
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TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN CENTRAL WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 2).

THEY ARE A 45-METRE STRETCH ALONG THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ICE HOUSE STREET NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CHATER ROAD AND A 50-METRE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHATER ROAD EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ICE HOUSE STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KO SHING STREET IN SHEUNG WAN BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 5 AND 43 WILL ALSO BE MADE A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FOR ROAD WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

IN ADDITION, A 45-METRE ROAD SECTION ON POTTINGER STREET NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WILL BECOME A 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE.

MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING PEAK HOUR (THAT IS 7 - 10 AM AND 4 - 7 PM) RESTRICTED ZONE FOR GOODS VEHICLES ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHATER ROAD IN CENTRAL BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ICE HOUSE STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE LIFTED.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1987

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF NATIONAL WESTMINSTER (HONG KONG) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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TEMPORARY RESTRICTED ZONE IN NORTH POINT

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JAVA ROAD IN NORTH POINT FROM A POINT ABOUT 23 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TIN CHIU STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 75 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE AROUND THE CLOCK FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 2).

THIS MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS FOR ROAD WORKS.

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

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING PEAK HOUR (THAT IS 7 TO 10 AM AND 4 TO 7 PM) RESTRICTED ZONE AND THE 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF JAVA ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 23 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TIN CHIU STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 75 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE LIFTED ALSO FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

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RESTRICTED ZONE IN WAN CHAI

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 2), THE SECTION OF RUSSELL STREET BETWEEN PERCIVAL STREET AND CANAL ROAD EAST WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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EMBARGOED NEWS ITEM:

NOTE TO EDITORS OF
NEWSPAPERS, NEWS AGENCIES
AND BROADCASTING STATIONS:

The following announcement on the Queen's New Year Honours list will be made in London at 0001 hours GMT on Thursday, December 31.

Publication is permitted in Hong Kong newspapers tomorrow (Thursday, December 31), but no news agency or overseas radio transmission of the announcement may carry the information without the embargo qualification.

The news may be broadcast from 6 am onwards tomorrow (Thursday, December 31) over the local radio and television stations.

On NO account should any of the recipients of Honours be contacted for interviews, or for information related to their careers, or be approached in any way in connection with their awards before these have been publicly announced.

HONOURS

KBE - Knight Commander, Order of the British Empire

Knight Bachelor

CBE - Commander, Order of the British Empire

OBE - Officer, Order of the British Empire

ISO - Companion, Imperial Service Order

MBE - Member, Order of the British Empire

BEM - British Empire Medal

QPM - Queen's Police Medal

CPM - Colonial Police Medal

Badge of Honour

New Year Honours 1988

K.B.E.

The Honourable David Robert Ford, LVO, OBE, JP

Mr Ford joined the Hong Kong Civil Service in 1972. He has since held a number of posts including Director of Information Services, Secretary for Housing and Secretary for the Civil Service. He was appointed as Chief Secretary on February 12, 1987.

KNIGHT BACHELOR

The Honourable Mr Justice Yang Ti-liang

Mr Justice Yang joined the Judiciary as a magistrate in 1956. He has been a Justice of Appeal since May 1980. He will succeed Sir Denys Roberts as Chief Justice on March 15, 1988.

C.B.E.

The Honourable Mr Justice Frank Addison

Mr Justice Addison had served in the overseas Judiciary since 1954. He was appointed as Crown Counsel in Hong Kong in 1964. He had been a Judge of the High Court since 1978 before retiring from the Bench recently.

The Honourable Graham Barnes, JP

Mr Barnes entered the Hong Kong Civil Service as a Cadet Officer in 1958. He has held a wide range of posts and made an important contribution to land management and development in Hong Kong. He is now the Secretary for Lands and Works.

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The Honourable Allen Peng-fei Lee, OBE, JP

Mr Lee has been a Member of the Legislative Council since September 1978. He is also a Member of the Executive Council. Besides his contribution to the two Councils, Mr Lee has considerable public service to his credit.

Mr Charles Wilfrid Newton, JP

Mr Newton is the Chairman and Managing Director of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation. He has made many contributions to the community and serves on a number of committees.

O.B.E.

Mr Chan Sui-kau, JP

Mr Chan is the Executive Chairman of the Yangtze Kiang Garment Manufacturing Company Limited. He has rendered invaluable services to the Government in connection with the textile industry.

Mr Leonard Chiu Kung-phoo, JP

Mr Chiu has been associated with the St. John Council for Hong Kong and St. John Ambulance Brigade since 1968. He is also very active in other community services.

Mr Raymond Chow Ting-hsing

Mr Chow is the Chairman of Golden Harvest Group. He has helped to improve the standard of Cantonese films and to obtain international recognition of films produced in Hong Kong.

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The Honourable Rita Fan Hsu Lai-tai, JP

Mrs Fan has made a significant contribution to the Legislative Council on which she has served as a member since 1983. She also serves on numerous committees and panels.

Mr Kenneth Kwok Wai-kai, JP

Mr Kwok joined the Government as an Engineer in 1960. He has been closely involved in the physical development of the Territory. He was promoted to the post of Director of Territory Development in 1986.

The Honourable Yeung Po-Kwan, CPM, JP

Mr Yeung is an educationist in Hong Kong. He has made a significant contribution in the field of education and in the Legislative Council on which he has served since 1983.

I.S.O.

Mr Tyebjee Hatam Barma, JP

Mr Barma joined the Hong Kong Civil Service in 1967. He has held a wide range of posts in Government. He is now the Commissioner of Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation.

Dr Sylvia Chan Chui Sai-hun, JP

Dr Chui joined the Government in 1955 as a Medical and Health Officer. She was promoted to the rank of Senior Assistant Director in 1982. She is now Regional Director of Hong Kong Region.

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Mr Robert Holmes, QFSM, CPM

Mr Holmes joined the Hong Kong Fire Services Department in 1957. He became Director of Fire Services in 1984.

Mr Patrick Sham Pak, JP

Mr Sham entered the Civil Service in 1958. He is now the Director of Royal Observatory, a post which he has held since 1984.

M.B.E.

Lady Jane Akers-Jones

Lady Akers-Jones has been associated for many years with the Girl Guides Movement. She was appointed Chief Commissioner of the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association in 1983, a post which she still holds. Lady Akers-Jones is also closely involved in other community services.

Lt. Cdr. Harold John Ernest Brickwood

Lt. Cdr. Brickwood has been the Commanding Officer of the Hong Kong Sea Cadets Corps since 1978. He has been actively involved in promoting youth activities and rugby football in Hong Kong.

Mr Fong King-wah

Mr Fong joined the Civil Service in 1959. He was appointed as Chief Chinese Language Officer in 1976. He has made a significant contribution to the development of the Government translation and interpretation services.

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Mr John Michael Howard

Mr Howard joined the Government in 1956 after completing nine years of Crown Service Overseas. He was promoted to Principal Industry Officer in 1980.

Mrs Chin-hwa Keller-Lim

Mrs Keller-Lim has served the Government since 1956 when she was appointed a Court Interpreter. She was appointed as one of the first Special Magistrates in 1982.

Mr Lee Wing-tat

Mr Lee entered Government Service 33 years ago. He has held the post of Controller of Government Supplies since 1983.

Mr Wong Chun-wah

Mr Wong joined the Civil Service in 1953. He has held a wide range of posts in the Executive Grade. He was promoted to Principal Executive Officer in 1984.

Mr Yip Kwok-hung

Mr Yip joined the Immigration Department in 1965 after spending nine years with Her Majesty's Forces. He has made a significant contribution to the development of the Immigration Service.

M.B.E. (Military Division)

Squadron Leader Royston Webb BROOKS, AE

Sqn. Ldr. Brooks joined the Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force in 1971 as a pilot. He was appointed Squadron Leader in 1985. Sqn. Ldr. Brooks has participated in many notable marine search and rescue operations.

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B.E.M.

Mr Chan Wai-chan

Mr Chan has served the Hong Kong Government for 32 years. He is a Senior Clerical Officer in the Registrar General's Department.

Mr Colin Green

Mr Green joined the Fire Services Department in 1964. He is a Training Officer (Physical Education).

Mr Hung Ngok-hung

Mr Hung joined the Civil Service in 1961. He is a Senior Customs Officer in the Customs and Excise Department.

Mr Kwan Kong

Mr Kwan has served in the Civil Aid Services for 28 years. He is a Group Supervisor for Hong Kong West District.

Mr Kwok Sui-tong

Mr Kwok has served the Hong Kong Government since 1958. He is a Clerical Officer I in the Education Department.

Mr Lau Shiu-nin

Mr Lau has been with the Government Secretariat since he began his clerical career in 1962. He is the Officer-in-charge of the Secretariat Central Copying Office.

Mr Leung Park-ming

Mr Leung joined the Correctional Services as a Warder in 1957 and was promoted to Assistant Officer I in 1973.

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Mr Lui Pui-ping

Mr Lui has served the Government for 33 years. He is a Driving Instructor in the Government Land Transport Agency.

Mrs Ganith Bux Ng

Mrs Ng joined the Civil Service in 1955. She is now the Senior Personal Secretary to the Postmaster General.

Miss Lucy Tang

Miss Tang has been involved with the St. John Ambulance Brigade since 1947. She is an Area Superintendent.

Mr Ting Chu-kan

Mr Ting has served the Auxiliary Medical Services for over 36 years. He is a Senior Supervisor.

Mr Tse Sik-kee

Mr Tse joined the Correctional Services as a Warder in 1960 and was promoted to Assistant Officer I in 1973.

Mr Wan Chat-tong

Mr Wan entered the Civil Service 37 years ago. He is an Overseer in the Urban Services Department.

Mr Woo Man-kai

Mr Woo has served the Auxiliary Medical Services for more than 15 years. He is a Liaison Officer Class I.

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B.E.M. (Military Division)

Mr Tam Wing-chu

Mr Tam joined the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) in 1962. He is now a Squadron Quartermaster Sergeant.

Q.P.M.

Mr Hui Ki-on, CPM

Mr Hui joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force in 1963. He is an Assistant Commissioner of Police.

C.P.M.

Mr Keith Braithwaite

Mr Braithwaite joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force in 1967. He is a Senior Superintendent.

Mr Chan Ming-chit

Mr Chan has served in the Royal Hong Kong Police Force for over 28 years. He is a Station Sergeant.

Mr Cheng Koon-kwan

Mr Cheng joined the Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force in 1956. He is a Superintendent (Auxiliary).

Mr Chu Kwok-wai

Mr Chu has served in the Royal Hong Kong Police Force since 1949. He is a Station Sergeant.

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Mr John Christie Dunn

Mr Dunn joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force in 1958. He is a Chief Superintendent.

Mr Gerald Nigel Frith

Mr Frith joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force in 1961, having served in the Police Force of Rhodesia. He is a Senior Superintendent.

Mr Lam Cho-kin

Mr Lam has served in the Royal Hong Kong Police Force for 25 years. He is a Station Sergeant.

Mr Gregory Lam Kwai-bun

Mr Lam joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force in 1967. He is a Superintendent.

Mr Li Shu-fung

Mr Li has been with the Royal Hong Kong Police Force since 1957. He is a Chief Inspector.

Mr Lo Kei

Mr Lo has served in the Royal Kong Police Force for 34 years. He is a Station Sergeant.

Mr Rab Nawaz

Mr Nawaz is a Chief Inspector in the Royal Hong Kong Police Force. He joined in 1952.

Mr Terence Orsler

Mr Orsler joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force in 1959. He is a Chief Superintendent.

Mr Edward Joseph Stevenson

Mr Stevenson served in the British Army and the Northern Rhodesia Police before joining the Royal Hong Kong Police Force in 1965. He is a Chief Superintendent.

Mr James Henry Walker

Mr Walker has served the Royal Hong Kong Police Force for 21 years. He is a Senior Superintendent.

Mr David Michael Wright

Mr Wright joined the Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force in 1966. He is a Senior Superintendent (Auxiliary).

Mr Wu Shiu-cheuk

Mr Wu has served the Royal Hong Kong Police Force for 30 years. He is a Senior Superintendent.

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Mr Lai Yun-shan

Mr Lai joined the Fire Services in 1965. He is a Senior Divisional Officer.

Mr Lam Pak-kit

Mr Lam has been with the Fire Services Department for 30 years. He is a Principal Fireman.

Mr Leung Chi

Mr Leung joined the Fire Services in 1960. He is a Principal Fireman.

Mr Ng Kit

Mr Ng has served in the Fire Services for 32 years. He is an Assistant Divisional Officer.

BADGE OF HONOUR

Mr Chan Sze-bun

Mr Chan is active in community affairs and has been involved in organising and promoting sports activities in the Sha Tin District.

Mr Cheng Sing-yip

Mr Cheng is the principal of a secondary school. He has been involved in various educational activities around Sham Shui Po District.

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Mr Cheng Wui-yau, Stephen

Mr Cheng serves on a number of public bodies including the Transport Advisory Committee and the Eastern District Board. He has also been active in various community activities.

Mr Chung Wai-ping

Mr Chung has been actively involved in recreational and sports activities in Tsuen Wan District for over 10 years.

Mr Fu Yuen-ping

Mr Fu has made a significant contribution to the rural community in Tsuen Wan. He serves on various committees in the district.

Mr Ho Kwong-hung

Mr Ho has served the Mong Kok community for over 15 years. He is the chairman of the Sycamore Area Committee.

Mr Hsu Chung-chi

Mr Hsu has participated widely in community affairs in Wan Chai. He is the Chairman of Wan Chai West Area Committee.

Mr Law Kwei-chung

Mr Law has a long record of community service in the Stanley District. He is the Chairman of the Ma Hang 'B' Village Mutual Aid Committee.

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Mr Lo Yuk-ting

Mr Lo has been actively involved in local community work in the Yau Ma Tei District for many years. He is particularly involved in youth activities.

Mr Ng Kwok-poon

Mr Ng is a school headmaster. He has participated widely in community affairs in the Tuen Mun District.

Mr Wan Ho-kan

Mr Wan has been involved in community affairs in the Sham Shui Po District for nearly 20 years. He is also a prominent figure in Cheung Chau.

Mr Wan Sek-luen

Mr Wan has contributed significantly to the promotion of environmental awareness in Hong Kong. He has been a member of the Environmental Pollution Advisory Committee since 1981.

Mr Wong Wai-kwan

Mr Wong has been actively involved in community affairs for many years. He is the Chairman of the Cheung Chau Area Committee and an elected member of the Islands District Board.

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Ms Yeung Kam-chun

Ms Yeung is a school headmistress. She has been involved in the promotion of youth activities in Kwun Tong. She is also a member of the Kwun Tong District Board.

Mr Yue Hui-kwong

Mr Yue has participated widely in community affairs in the Causeway Bay area since 1970's. He is an elected member of the Eastern District Board.

NEW YEAR HONOURS 1988

BRITISH FORCES

Military Division

The following members of the British Forces who are serving or having served in the Hong Kong Command are recipients of awards in the Queen's New Year Honours List:

M.B.E.

- Lieutenant J.A. Stockwin - Royal Navy Reserve
- Warrant Officer II E.W. Miles - Queen's Gurkha Engineers

B.E.M.

- Staff Sergeant P.J. Blackhurst - Royal Army Ordnance Corps
- Staff Sergeant A.M. Godfrey - Women's Royal Army Corps
- Colour Sergeant R. Taylor - 1st Coldstream Guards
- Sergeant Khagendra Rai - 10th Princess Mary's Own
Gurkha Rifles
- Sergeant Lam Bee Cheuk - Composite Signals Organisation
Station