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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR LEAVING FOR PEKING TOMORROW

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A FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER THE DEPARTURE OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, FOR PEKING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

SIR EDWARD, ACCOMPANIED BY THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, WILL BE LEAVING ON FLIGHT CA 102, ETD 12.45 PM.

PLEASE ADVISE THOSE ASSIGNED TO COVER THE DEPARTURE TO ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 11.30 AM TOMORROW. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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BIG EFFORT PUT INTO LONG-TERM WORKS

CONSIDERABLE EFFORT IS BEING PUT INTO PREPARATIONS FOR HONG KONG'S LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE 1990S AND INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

SPEAKING TODAY AT THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF THE SECOND SOUTH-EAST ASIAN SURVEY CONGRESS, MR NICKY CHAN, SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, SAID THAT THIS WAS A GENERAL REFLECTION OF CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

MR CHAN TOLD THE CONFERENCE, HOSTED BY THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS (HONG KONG BRANCH), AND THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF LAND SURVEYORS, THAT IT HAD BEEN SAID THAT HONG KONG WAS ONE VAST CONSTRUCTION SITE.

THERE WERE A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN HAND SUCH AS THE PUBLIC HOUSING AND NEW TOWN PROGRAMMES, THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY PROJECTS, THE SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL BUILDING PROGRAMMES, AND THE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME, HE SAID.

+THESE VAST DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES WILL CARRY US THROUGH TO THE END OF THE 1980S AND A LITTLE FURTHER, BUT THE TASK OF SUSTAINING GROWTH IN THE PROVISION OF LAND FOR HOUSING, INDUSTRY AND ALL THE OTHER SOCIO-ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED TO OUR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL NEEDS, IS OF SUCH A MAGNITUDE THAT WE MUST DECIDE NOW HOW TO PROCEED IN THE 1990S IF OUR PLANS ARE TO COME TO FRUITION IN TIME,+ HE SAID.

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+FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, THEREFORE, WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN A STUDY PROCESS WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE THESE MAJOR DECISIONS IN THE SOUNDEST POSSIBLE WAY AND IN A TIMELY MANNER. THE APPROACH WE HAVE ADOPTED, I BELIEVE, PUTS US IN THE FRONT RANK OF THOSE ENGAGED, WORLDWIDE, IN THAT MOST DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX OF TASKS: LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT PLANNING.+

MR CHAN SAID THE PROCESS BEGAN WITH A DEFINITION OF THE PRIMARY GOAL. THIS WAS TO FORMULATE A LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WHICH WOULD ENABLE OUR NEEDS AS A COMMUNITY TO BE MET UP TO THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. THE STRATEGY WAS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS.

MR CHAN CONTINUED: +NEXT WE CONSIDERED VARIOUS OBJECTIVES WE MIGHT SEEK TO ACHIEVE THROUGH OUR STRATEGY. THESE OBJECTIVES FALL INTO TWO BROAD CATEGORIES. ONE CATEGORY COVERS INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES WHICH AIM AT THE MINIMISATION OF COSTS AND THE MAXIMISATION OF BENEFITS.

+FOR EXAMPLE, ONE SUCH OBJECTIVE MIGHT BE TO KEEP PUBLIC SECTOR COSTS AS LOW AS POSSIBLE. ANOTHER MIGHT BE TO MINIMISE THE NET COSTS OF TRANSPORT OPERATIONS. IN FACT SIX OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR QUANTITATIVE EXAMINATION.

+THE OTHER EQUALLY IMPORTANT CATEGORY OF OBJECTIVES COVERS A RANGE OF SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE EXTENT TO WHICH A GIVEN STRATEGY WOULD ENHANCE THE PRIMARY ECONOMIC ROLES OF THE TERRITORY IN THE WIDER REGION. ANOTHER MIGHT BE TO HAVE A STRATEGY WHICH WILL PROVIDE A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY IN THE FACE OF CHANGING ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

+NOT ONLY DOES THE SETTING OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN THIS WAY GIVE DIRECTION TO DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, IT ALSO ASSISTS THE PROCESSES OF SHAPING AND EVALUATING OPTIONS, AND, THEREFORE, THE ULTIMATE SELECTION OF THE PREFERRED STRATEGY.+

WHAT +DEMAND SIDE+ STUDIES HAD SHOWN, WAS THAT BY THE YEAR 2001 THE POPULATION OF THE TERRITORY WOULD BE ABOUT 7.1 MILLION, COMPARED WITH ABOUT 5.3 MILLION NOW. ABOUT 6.2 MILLION SHOULD BE ACCOMMODATED IN DEVELOPMENT AREAS ALREADY EXISTING OR PLANNED NOW. THE SIZE OF THE POPULATION FOR WHICH NEW AREAS WOULD HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED WOULD THEREFORE BE ABOUT 870 000 PEOPLE.

AS REGARDS EMPLOYMENT, THE WORKFORCE WAS EXPECTED TO INCREASE FROM ABOUT 2.4 MILLION IN 1981 TO ABOUT 3.4 MILLION IN 2001. WHILE A SHIFT TOWARDS MORE EMPLOYMENT IN THE BUSINESS SECTOR WAS EXPECTED, HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY JOBS WAS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE. THERE WERE ALSO REASONABLY CLEAR NEEDS FOR THE EXPANSION OF OUR CONTAINER PORT, THE PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL RAIL TERMINAL, INCREASED AIRPORT CAPACITY AND BETTER CROSS-BORDER LINKS WITH CHINA.

+ANOTHER MAJOR FIELD FOR STUDY HAS BEEN THE POTENTIAL SUPPLY OF LAND,+ MR CHAN SAID.

+WHAT WE HAVE DONE, WITH THE AID OF CONSULTANTS OF INTERNATIONAL STANDING IS TO EXHAUST THE SEARCH FOR POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR URBAN GROWTH VIRTUALLY THROUGHOUT THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE TERRITORY.

STUDIES SHOW THAT THERE ARE NUMEROUS OPTIONS OPEN TO US, VARYING IN CAPACITY FROM ABOUT 100 000 TO 700 000 PEOPLE.

+IN AGGREGATE THEY PRESENT A HYPOTHETICAL TOTAL CAPACITY OF ABOUT 3 MILLION PEOPLE, TO MEET, IF YOU REMEMBER FROM WHAT I SAID EARLIER ABOUT DEMAND, A REQUIREMENT IN THE 1990'S OF ONLY ABOUT 870 000 PEOPLE. SO, THEREFORE, WE HAVE A PROBLEM, NOT OF FINDING A SOLUTION BUT OF CHOOSING ONE FROM A CONSIDERABLE RANGE OF OPTIONS.

INITIAL INDICATIONS WERE THAT OUR BASIC CHOICES COULD BE BETWEEN A HARBOUR-ORIENTED STRATEGY, WHICH SOUGHT TO CONSOLIDATE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE HISTORICAL HEART OF HONG KONG, AND ONE WHICH CONTINUED THE DECENTRALISATION PROCESS WHICH HAD BEEN THE BASIS OF OUR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE 1970'S AND THE 1980'S.

A MIDDLE COURSE BETWEEN THE TWO EXTREME APPROACHES SEEMED A LESS LIKELY OUTCOME AT PRESENT.

+IT IS BECOMING CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE PRUDENT IF WE WERE TO BUILD INTO OUR STRATEGY THE FLEXIBILITY TO ENABLE US TO SWITCH FROM AN INITIAL APPROACH IN FAVOUR OF KEEPING THE AIRPORT AT KAI TAK TO ONE WHICH ALLOWS FOR ITS RELOCATION,+ MR CHAN CONTINUED.

+WE MUST ALSO KEEP IN MIND THE NEED TO ENHANCE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE PORT. THE PROCESS OF LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT PLANNING MUST INEVITABLY HAVE REGARD TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESOURCES ARE LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT A CHOSEN STRATEGY.

THERE WOULD BE LITTLE POINT IN PRODUCING PLANS WE CANNOT AFFORD TO PUT INTO EFFECT. GIVEN THE CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE TO WHICH I HAVE ALREADY REFERRED, PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT WE WILL HAVE THE RESOURCES TO MEET OUR PREDICTED NEEDS FOR URBAN GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS.

+BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR OUR STUDY PROCESS WILL HAVE REACHED A POINT AT WHICH THE DIRECTION OF THE BROAD THRUST OF DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN DECIDED, ADJUSTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO OUR PROGRAMMES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 1980'S TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS AND INITIAL OUTLINES OF OUR PROGRAMMES FOR THE EARLY 1990'S HAVE BEEN PRODUCED.+

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GIS BRINGS OUT THE FACTS -- TSAO
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THE CHIEF TASK OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES IS +ESSENTIALLY TO BRING OUT THE FACTS AND LET THEM SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES+.

THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY, +WE BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE SHOULD BE CREDITED WITH ENOUGH INTELLIGENCE TO DRAW THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS.+

SPEAKING ON THE ROLE OF HIS DEPARTMENT, AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF TSIM SHA TSUI EAST ROTARY CLUB, MR TSAO SAID THAT IN HIS EXPERIENCE THE PUBLIC GENERALLY BELIEVED WHAT THEY READ IN THE NEWS COLUMNS, IN PREFERENCE TO WHAT THEY SAW IN THE ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR THIS REASON, THE BULK OF HIS DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS, BOTH HERE IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS, WENT INTO SUPPLYING INFORMATION DIRECT TO THE NEWSPAPERS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA.

GIS COUNTED ON THESE PROFESSIONALS TO CONVEY THE FACTS ON HONG KONG TO THEIR READERS AND VIEWERS.

IN DEFINING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PUBLICITY AND PROPAGANDA, MR TSAO SAID +LET ME SIMPLY PARAPHRASE THOSE FAMOUS WORDS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.+

+YOU MAY BE ABLE TO FOOL ALL OF THE PEOPLE SOME OF THE TIME AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME, BUT YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FOOL ANY OF THE JOURNALISTS ANY OF THE TIME.+

+IN SHORT, IF WE IN GIS CAN GET THE PRESS TO PRINT THE INFORMATION WE PRODUCE - WHICH IS THE REAL BRUNT OF OUR EFFORT BOTH HERE AND OVERSEAS - WE CAN'T BE DOING TOO BAD A JOB.+

TURNING TO THE WORK OF GIS' PUBLICITY DIVISION, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS 'THE THIRD ARM' OF HIS DEPARTMENT, MR TSAO POINTED OUT THAT ITS 'PRODUCT' WAS KNOWN TO ALL IN SOME FORM OR OTHER +EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NOT BE CONSCIOUS OF ITS SOURCE.+

THIS WAS ONE AREA OF GIS' ACTIVITIES THAT, BY VIRTUE OF THE MORE SUBTLE, LONG TERM MESSAGES TO BE CONVEYED, DEPENDED HEAVILY UPON ADVERTISING.

FOR EXAMPLE, FEW PEOPLE REALISED THAT GIS RANKED AS THE BIGGEST ADVERTISING AGENCY IN HONG KONG, HANDLING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS.

THIS DISTINCTION HAD ARISEN BECAUSE OF THE STRIKING PROGRESS MADE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION ON MATTERS OF CIVIC IMPORTANCE.

MOST PEOPLE WERE FAMILIAR WITH THE VARIOUS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS ON CRIME AND NARCOTICS PREVENTION, ROAD SAFETY, FIRE PREVENTION AND THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

WHAT THEY MAY NOT REALISE WAS THAT ALL OF THESE CAMPAIGNS WERE PLANNED AND EXECUTED 'IN HOUSE' - A PHRASE WHICH MEANT THAT GIS DID ALL THE WORK WITHIN ITS OWN RESOURCES.

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ITS BUDGETS HAD SOMETIMES BEEN CRITICISED AS INADEQUATE. ONE LOCAL NEWSPAPER HAD DISMISSED ITS \$400 000 FOR THE ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN AS INSIGNIFICANT ALONGSIDE THE BUDGETS OF THE MAJOR TOBACCO IMPORTERS.

COMMENTED MR TSAO: +MAYBE IT DID LOOK LIKE PEANUTS AT THE TIME, BUT WE MUST ASK OURSELVES 'HAS IT ACHIEVED AN IMPACT? HAS IT ACHIEVED AWARENESS?' UNLESS YOU WERE LIVING IN TIMBUCTOO FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS THE ANSWER TO THAT MUST BE YES.+

+THERE MAY BE SOME DEGREE OF CONTROVERSY AS TO HOW WE ARE RUNNING THE CAMPAIGN. A FEW PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK WE ARE TOO STRONG, TOO HARD IN OUR ANTI-SMOKING MESSAGE. SPEAKING AS AN EX-SMOKER DELIVERED FROM SLAVERY TO THE NOXIOUS WEED, MY OWN FEELING IS THAT WE ARE PERHAPS NOT HARD ENOUGH. BUT WHATEVER YOU MAY THINK OF OUR MESSAGE, CAN YOU HONESTLY SAY YOU WERE UNAWARE OF IT?+

ON THE QUESTION OF HOW TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CAMPAIGNS, MR TSAO SAID THIS WAS BY NO MEANS A SIMPLE MATTER BECAUSE, UNLIKE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGNS WHICH SOLD CONSUMER PRODUCTS, GIS HAD NO SALES TRENDS TO INDICATE WHETHER ITS STRATEGY HAD WORKED.

ONE MEANS OF CHECKING WAS TO CARRY OUT A SAMPLE SURVEY, COMMISSIONING ONE OF THE INDEPENDENT MARKET RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS OPERATING IN HONG KONG.

HE REMARKED: +I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY ENCOURAGING. THERE IS INVARIABLY A HIGH LEVEL OF RECALL FOR OUR CAMPAIGN TOPICS AND THE PUBLIC RECOGNISE, AND SYMPATHISE WITH, WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO PUT ACROSS.+

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TRIBUTE PAID TO SALVATION ARMY
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THE SALVATION ARMY HAS MADE MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATIONAL AND WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE TOPPING-OFF CEREMONY OF THE SALVATION ARMY'S NEW COMMAND HEADQUARTERS AT WING SING LANE IN YAU MA TEI.

HE SAID THE SALVATION ARMY HAD STARTED ITS WORK IN HONG KONG OVER 50 YEARS AGO AND DEVELOPED INTO +A MULTI-FACETED ORGANISATION, PROVIDING NOT ONLY PASTORAL CARE BUT ALSO A RANGE OF WELFARE AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED.+

MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT WORK ON THE NEW COMMAND HEADQUARTERS STARTED IN 1980 AND WAS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

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THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WILL INCLUDE A YOUTH HOSTEL, A TRAINING COLLEGE FOR OFFICERS AND A CHURCH COMPRISING A HALL FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND ROOMS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

IN ADDITION, A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, PROVIDING HOME HELP AND LAUNDRY SERVICES AND SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR 300 ELDERLY PEOPLE, AS WELL AS A CHILD CARE CENTRE FOR 100 CHILDREN, WERE PLANNED.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THE NEW BUILDING WOULD STAND AS A +FITTING MONUMENT+ TO THE ARMY'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

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JAPANESE INDUSTRIALISTS STUDYING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES * * * * *

A NINE-MEMBER JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL MISSION, ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, IS IN TOWN TO EXAMINE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES HERE.

THE MEMBERS REPRESENT FOUR JAPANESE COMPANIES ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTION OF QUALITY LABELS AND TAPES FOR APPARELS, NEWSPAPER PRINTING INK, ADHESIVES AND HIGH-QUALITY PLASTIC-COATED ROOFING MATERIALS.

THEY VISITED THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT THIS (MONDAY) MORNING AND WERE WELCOMED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY.

THEIR FIVE-DAY FACT-FINDING ACTIVITIES BEGAN WITH A BRIEFING BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR PETER JOHNSON, WHO EXPLAINED TO THEM THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARD OVERSEAS INVESTMENT, AND WHAT HONG KONG OFFERED AS A MANUFACTURING BASE.

THE GROUP THEN HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH STAFF AT THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE AND LATER TOURED THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, CALLING AT A PACKAGING FACTORY THERE.

TOMORROW (TUESDAY), THEY WILL MEET WITH THE HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAPAN TRADE CENTRE (JETRO) AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG-JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THEY WILL VISIT Y.K.K. ZIPPER COMPANY (HK) LTD. OWNED BY JAPANESE INTEREST IN TUEN MUN.

ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, THEY WILL BE BRIEFED BY HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC STAFF AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM THE INDUSTRY, INLAND REVENUE AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

THEY WILL ALSO HOLD TALKS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR ON FINANCE, LABOUR MANAGEMENT, SHIPPING AND TRANSPORTATION.

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TO GIVE THE MISSION A BETTER INSIGHT INTO THE OPERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRY, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS ARRANGED INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS FOR THEM TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE BUSINESS COOPERATIONS WITH HONG KONG COMPANIES.

BEFORE LEAVING HONG KONG, A ROUND-UP SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WHERE MISSION MEMBERS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS AND EXCHANGE THEIR VIEWS AND FINDINGS.

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EIGHT MORE DAYS TO APPLY FOR GOLD COINS
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COIN COLLECTORS HAVE EIGHT MORE WORKING DAYS TO APPLY FOR THE YEAR OF THE RAT GOLD COINS ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

THE COIN, BEARING A PORTRAIT OF THE QUEEN ON THE OBVERSE SIDE AND A SPECIALLY COMMISSIONED DESIGN OF A RAT ON THE REVERSE SIDE, IS THE NINTH IN THE SERIES OF LEGAL TENDER COINS ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO DEPICT THE 12 ANIMALS OF THE CHINESE LUNAR CALENDAR.

THIS YEAR, 8 000 PROOF COINS AND 12 000 UNCIRCULATED COINS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION BY HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD HOLDERS. OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY, +ALL APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION BEFORE 4.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1983.+

METICULOUS CARE IS TAKEN AT EVERY STAGE OF PRODUCTION OF THE COIN. DURING THE INITIAL STAGE, THE DESIGN IS FAITHFULLY COPIED AND ENGRAVED BY HAND ONTO THE COINING DIE, AND SPECIAL POLISHING AND BURNISHING ARE APPLIED IN PREPARING THE COIN BLANKS.

COINS COMING OUT FROM THE COINING PRESS ARE CAREFULLY INSPECTED TO ENSURE PERFECTION.

THE COINS HAVE A LEGAL TENDER VALUE OF \$1 000, AND SELL AT \$3 300 FOR THE PROOF VERSION, AND \$2 200 FOR THE UNCIRCULATED VERSION.

+ALTHOUGH THE PROOF VERSION, WITH ITS SPECIAL HAND SELECTED BLANK, THE FINE DETAIL OF THE IMPRESSED DESIGN AND THE MIRROR-LIKE FINISH, COMMANDS A HIGHER PRICE, IT IS ALWAYS THE FAVOURITE AMONG COLLECTORS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SUCCESSFUL SUBSCRIBERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY REGISTERED MAIL EARLY NEXT YEAR AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO COLLECT THE COINS BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR ON FEBRUARY 2, 1984.

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NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THE WAY

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A NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR TSIM SHA TSUI RESIDENTS WILL SOON BE READY THANKS TO A \$9-MILLION DONATION BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TO THE DISTRICT'S KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, DURING A VISIT TO THE ASSOCIATION THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE SAID THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION'S PREMISES HAD LONG BEEN A SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION, AND THE \$9-MILLION DONATION TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WAS A STEP CLOSER TO THIS.

+I AM CERTAIN THAT, WITH BETTER PREMISES AND FACILITIES, MORE BENEFITS CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE TSIM SHA TSUI COMMUNITY IN THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS FOR THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS IN LOOKING AFTER THE WELFARE OF LOCAL PEOPLE.

+I UNDERSTAND THAT IN PAST YEARS, YOUR ASSOCIATION HAS NEVER STOPPED SEEKING TO IMPROVE THE VARIOUS SERVICES YOU PROVIDE TO THE PUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THESE SERVICES HAVE INDEED BROUGHT A GREAT DEAL OF BENEFIT TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY+.

THE ASSOCIATION RUNS A PRIMARY SCHOOL AND A KINDERGARTEN, AND OFFERS EVENING CLASSES FOR ADULTS AND FACILITIES FOR INTEREST GROUPS.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN IN YUEN LONG

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THE CONTINUED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF YOUNG DRUG ADDICTS IS A CAUSE FOR CONCERN AND GREATER EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO EDUCATE YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE DANGER OF DRUG ABUSE.

THIS WAS SAID THIS (MONDAY) EVENING BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR MA NING-HEI.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A TWO-WEEK ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN IN YUEN LONG, HE NOTED THAT OF THE 3 400 NEW DRUG ADDICTS REPORTED TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE LAST YEAR, 26.8 PER CENT WERE BELOW THE AGE OF 21.

+THIS WAS AN INCREASE OF 23 PER CENT OVER THE FIGURE IN 1981, AND DOUBLE THAT OF 1980,+ HE SAID.

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+OUR MAIN PURPOSE IS TO ENLIST COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG, AND DISSUADE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM EXPERIMENTING WITH ILLICIT DRUGS OR TAKING PART IN DRUG TRAFFICKING,+ HE SAID.

THE TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN FEATURES SEMINARS, EXHIBITIONS, FILM SHOWS, BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS, SLOGAN AND POSTER DESIGN COMPETITIONS.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER, AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, A 90-MINUTE POP CONCERT WAS STAGED AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM.

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TECHNOLOGISTS BEING SURVEYED

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FIELD WORK OF A FIVE-WEEK SURVEY ON THE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF TECHNOLOGISTS EMPLOYED IN MAJOR INDUSTRIES BEGAN TODAY.

THE SURVEY, WHICH IS SUPPLEMENTARY TO EXISTING MANPOWER SURVEYS, IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MANPOWER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

+INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED WILL BE VITAL IN FORMULATING TRAINING AND EDUCATION PLANS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY,+ A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EMPLOYERS WERE REQUESTED TO COOPERATE BY FURNISHING INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF TECHNOLOGISTS EMPLOYED AND THEIR EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN GAVE ASSURANCE THAT ALL DATA COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT, QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES WERE SENT TO EMPLOYERS SELECTED FROM RANDOM SAMPLING.

OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THESE FIRMS TO COLLECT AND HELP COMPLETE THE FORMS.

ALSO HELPING IN THE SURVEY IS THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY.

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LOK SIN TONG DIRECTORS VISIT SWD
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FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY THIS (MONDAY) MORNING PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS.

THE GROUP, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY, MR HUI IN-YING, WAS MET BY MR CHAMBERS; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE; THE REGIONAL OFFICER (WEST KOWLOON), MR ALEXANDER FUNG; AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS.

IN A WELCOMING SPEECH, MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT THE SOCIETY WAS DIVERSIFYING ITS SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

+A MOST SIGNIFICANT EXAMPLE HAS BEEN THE SOCIETY'S CHU TING CHEONG HOME FOR THE AGED, WHICH STARTED OPERATION IN JULY,+ HE POINTED OUT.

IN RECENT YEARS, THE SOCIETY HAD EXTENDED ITS ACTIVITIES BEYOND KOWLOON CITY TO OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE URBAN AREA AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HE ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

BRAVERY COMMENDATION FOR 22
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TWENTY-TWO PEOPLE WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 7) FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE FOR THEIR BRAVE AND PUBLIC-SPIRITED ACTION IN RESCUING PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WATERS.

THE RECIPIENTS ARE SIX MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, FIVE CREW MEMBERS OF THE STAR FERRY CO. LTD., TWO CREW MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY CO. LTD., ONE CREW MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG MACAU HYDROFOIL CO. LTD. AND EIGHT POLICEMEN.

THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR PERCY DAVY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CERTIFICATE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM ON WEDNESDAY IN THE EXAMINATION HALL, EXAMINATION CENTRE, MARINE DEPARTMENT, 10TH FLOOR, RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STORY CARPARK BUILDING, RUMSEY STREET, HONG KONG.

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\$27M IN NARCOTICS TO BE BURNED
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ABOUT \$27 MILLION WORTH OF NARCOTICS DRUGS SEIZED BY THE POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE WILL BE DESTROYED AT THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATION PLANT, VICTORIA ROAD, HONG KONG AT 11 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 7).

SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), WILL SPEAK ON THE OCCASION.

OTHER GUESTS WHO WILL BE PRESENT INCLUDE DR K.L. THONG, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES; MR R.H. ANNING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLICE (OPERATION); MR D.A. JORDAN, COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE; SISTER MARY AQUINAS AND MR MICHAEL CHENG, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF ACAN; AND MR GORDON MORTIMER, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATION PLANT ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 7) AT 11 AM. TRANSPORT FOR THE PRESS WILL LEAVE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, AT 10.15 AM. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE PLANT NOT LATER THAN 10.45 AM.

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USE OF TRANSPORT BY DISABLED STUDIED
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONDUCTING A SURVEY ON THE TRANSPORT CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISABLED FROM DECEMBER 7 TO 15.

THE SURVEY AIMS TO COLLECT DATA ON THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS, HOUSEHOLD BACKGROUND AND TRANSPORT CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BLIND, THE DEAF, THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

A RANDOM SAMPLE OF THESE PERSONS HAS BEEN DRAWN FROM GOVERNMENT RECORDS FOR THE PURPOSE.

THE SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE REHABILITATION DIVISION OF EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH.

ENUMERATORS WHO WILL IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH OFFICIAL IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THE SELECTED DISABLED PERSONS AND CONDUCT THE INTERVIEWS.

THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED THAT IN CASE OF DOUBT, ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE THROUGH TELEPHONE AT 5-439189.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AWARDS

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MR CHAN NAI-KEONG, SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY AWARD SCHEME AT THE 1 CLUB, IN THE BANK OF AMERICA TOWER, CENTRAL, AT 4 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE, THE AWARD SCHEME IS AIMED AT MAKING EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AT WORK.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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WORKSHOP ON REMEDIAL TEACHING

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THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE TWO IDENTICAL WORKSHOPS ON REMEDIAL TEACHING FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

THESE WORKSHOPS, EACH CONSISTING OF TWO MEETINGS, WILL BE HELD FROM JANUARY 17, 1984 TO FEBRUARY 16 IN THE CENTRE'S HONG KONG AND KOWLOON OFFICES.

EACH WORKSHOP WILL BE LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS.

SCHOOL HEADS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, AT 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG BY JANUARY 5, 1984.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRE ON 5-482537.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 93.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 550.071 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 456.158 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 77.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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