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GOVERNOR OPENS FIRST HOMES IN NEW TOWN
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HOMES FOR 22,000 PEOPLE IN TSUI LAM RENTAL ESTATE IN TSEUNG KWAN O WERE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (MONDAY).

THESE PEOPLE WERE THE FIRST OF ABOUT 80,000 WHO WOULD BE MOVING INTO PUBLIC RENTAL AND HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS IN THE NEW TOWN -- PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS JUNK BAY -- OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

BY THE TURN OF THE CENTURY THE NEW TOWN, WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED, WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR 400,000 PEOPLE.

"PHASES ONE AND TWO OF THE PROJECT, WHICH ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY, WILL PROVIDE HOMES, SCHOOLS, CLINICS, GARDENS AND SHOPS FOR 300,000. THE GOVERNMENT IS INVESTING SOME \$13 BILLION IN THESE PROGRAMMES," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

DESCRIBING THE OPENING OF THE TSUI LAM ESTATE AS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE FOR TSEUNG KWAN O, THE GOVERNOR SAID HONG KONG COULD BE "RIGHTLY PROUD" OF THE NEW TOWN PROGRAMME.

"NEW TOWNS HAVE PROVIDED A MORE MODERN AND BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR NEARLY TWO MILLION PEOPLE. SOME TWO-THIRDS OF ALL THESE PEOPLE LIVE IN HOUSING BUILT BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

"THE TSUI LAM ESTATE WHERE WE ARE TODAY IS ONLY THE LATEST OF A LONG SERIES OF MAJOR HOUSING AUTHORITY PROJECTS," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT TOO, PLAYS ITS PART, DIRECTLY INVESTING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY IN SITE FORMATION, TRANSPORT LINKS AND OTHER SUPPORTING SERVICES.

THE PARTNERSHIP HAS WORKED WELL. THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY MORE AND BETTER SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITIES COULD BE CREATED, WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT FOR THOSE WHO CHOSE TO LIVE THERE.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS STRUCK BY THE MANY CHANGES WHICH MARKED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN -- A TUNNEL LINK TO KWUN TONG ABOUT TO BE COMPLETED; HUNDREDS OF NEW HOUSING FLATS BEING BUILT, AND THE RAPIDLY CHANGING SHAPE OF THE VALLEY SHORELINE.

HE SAID MUCH HARD WORK HAD GONE INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ESTATE. AND CONGRATULATED THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ON ITS IMPRESSIVE TRACK RECORD IN PROVIDING NEW HOUSING AND IN REDEVELOPING ITS OLDER HOUSING UNITS.

"I AM SURE THAT THE NEW COMMUNITY HERE WILL QUICKLY DEVELOP A REAL SENSE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AND IDENTITY," HE SAID.

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WELCOMING THE GOVERNOR, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THE HISTORIC OCCASION REPRESENTED "NOT MERELY THE OPENING OF THIS ESTATE BUT THE FORMAL OPENING OF A NEW TOWN".

TSEUNG KWAN O IS NOW FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AS THE NEWEST NEW TOWN AND, WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE TUNNEL TO KWUN TONG AND THE EASTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL IT WOULD BE A FEW MINUTES BY BUS RIDE FROM KWUN TONG AND ABOUT 20 MINUTES FROM HONG KONG.

"INDEED IT IS MUCH MORE ACCESSIBLE THAN MOST OF OUR OTHER NEW TOWNS," HE SAID.

"THE AIR IS CLEAN. IT IS A NEW ENVIRONMENT AND IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT FEW YEARS AS THE TREES GROW UP, TSEUNG KWAN O WILL BECOME A SHOW PLACE OF OUR HONG KONG ACHIEVEMENT IN HOUSING AND COMMUNITY BUILDING. INDEED IT IS ALREADY ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR TOWNS AMONG FAMILIES APPLYING FOR HOUSING," SIR DAVID SAID.

HE SAID THE INDEPENDENT HOUSING AUTHORITY WAS TACKLING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RENEWED VIGOUR.

THE REVIEWS AND RESEARCH NOW BEING DONE BY THE AUTHORITY INTO HOUSING THE ELDERLY, THE SANDWICH CLASS, THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE EXTENSION OF HOME OWNERSHIP AND OTHER MATTERS WOULD ENABLE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ITS FULL CONTRIBUTION TO THE STABILITY AND HAPPINESS OF THE COMMUNITY, HE SAID.

AFTER OPENING THE ESTATE, THE GOVERNOR, ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON AND THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR PANG YUK-LING, VISIT TO THE TSUI LAM ESTATE BAPTIST KINDERGARTEN AND VIEWED AN EXHIBITION OF MODELS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TSEUNG KWAN O DEVELOPMENT.

SOME 500 GUESTS ATTENDED THE CEREMONY, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMITTEES, DISTRICT BOARDS, MUTUAL AID COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

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HK'S DEMAND FOR SCIENCE, ENGINEERING GRADUATES CERTAIN TO GROW
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HONG KONG'S DEMAND FOR GRADUATES WITH A SOLID GROUNDING IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING IS CERTAIN TO GROW AS THE TERRITORY MOVES INTO THE ERA OF MORE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE SCIENCE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THE GROWING ROLE PLAYED BY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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"IF HONG KONG IS TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITION AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CENTRE, AND ONE OF THE GREAT TRADING TERRITORIES OF THE WORLD, WE MUST MAKE USE OF ALL THE NEW IDEAS AND PROCESSES NEEDED TO SUSTAIN OUR ECONOMIC SUCCESS." HE SAID.

NOTING THAT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WAS ONE KEY AREA IN THIS REGARD, SIR DAVID SAID THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAD BEEN EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF APPLYING ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE FOR TRADING PURPOSES AND THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD ALSO COMMISSIONED IMPORTANT CONSULTANCY STUDIES ON HONG KONG'S NEEDS IN THE SUPERCOMPUTING FIELD AND THE POTENTIAL FOR A BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY.

"THEIR APPROACH IS, AND MUST BE, TO FIND WAYS IN WHICH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAN BE APPLIED IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

"WE ARE NOT A SOCIETY THAT CAN AFFORD TO STUDY IN SPLENDID ISOLATION FROM THE CHALLENGES AND DISCIPLINES OF THE MARKET PLACE," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THE GOVERNMENT TOO WILL DO ITS BIT .

"WE BELIEVE, RIGHTLY, IN MINIMAL INTERFERENCE IN MARKET DECISIONS. BUT WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE WHO MAKE THE DECISIONS DO SO WITH FULL ACCESS TO THE MOST MODERN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE HAD GIVEN BACKING TO THE PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND TO THE SETTING UP OF A TECHNOLOGY CENTRE TO STIMULATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES BY HONG KONG BUSINESS.

"IF WE ARE TO BE UP TO DATE BOTH ON RESEARCH AND APPLYING RESEARCH TO INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE WE MUST HAVE A STEADILY INCREASING SUPPLY OF WELL-EDUCATED YOUNG RECRUITS.

"THE SHIFT WITHIN BOTH THE MANUFACTURING AND SERVICE SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY TOWARDS MORE 'BRAIN-INTENSIVE' WORK AND HIGHER VALUE-ADDED OUTPUT MEANS THAT OUR POLICIES ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT, AND EDUCATION AND MANPOWER TRAINING MUST REMAIN FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTABLE TO RAPID CHANGE," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR EXPLAINED THAT THAT WAS THE BACKGROUND TO HIS ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH THAT THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO MORE THAN DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF FIRST-YEAR, FIRST DEGREE PLACES BY 1995, FROM SEVEN PER CENT OF THE RELEVANT AGE GROUP TO 18 PER CENT.

"THIS IS A CONSCIOUS AND DELIBERATE INVESTMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF A SKILLED WORKFORCE IN HONG KONG TO MEET FUTURE ECONOMIC DEMAND.

"I AM SURE THAT THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE WILL HAVE A MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY IN THIS," SIR DAVID SAID.

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SIR DAVID DESCRIBED THE HKU SCIENCE FACULTY AS AN EXAMPLE OF THAT WELL-KNOWN HONG KONG PHENOMENON : RAPID AND SUCCESSFUL GROWTH FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS.

"THE SHEER SIZE OF THE FACULTY TODAY - NEARLY 1.000 UNDERGRADUATES - IS IMPRESSIVE.

"BUT, MORE IMPORTANT, THE FACULTY HAS KEPT UP WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN BOTH ITS UNDERGRADUATE AND RESEARCH PROGRAMMES," SAID SIR DAVID, CITING THE EXAMPLE OF THE NEW TWO-YEAR MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAMME ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.

"MUCH OF THE CREDIT FOR THESE RECENT INITIATIVES MUST GO TO YOUR DEAN, PROFESSOR POON, AND HIS COLLEAGUES, AND TO THE LEADERSHIP PROVIDED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, DR WANG," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THE FIRST 50 YEARS OF THE FACULTY HAVE SEEN REMARKABLE CHANGES AND GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG. THE NEXT 50 YEARS WILL SEE FURTHER CHANGES AND ALSO, I HOPE, EVEN GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS.

"THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY AND SOCIETY IN THE NEXT HALF CENTURY PRESENT AN ENORMOUS CHALLENGE TO THE FACULTY," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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MORE RESOURCES FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL STRENGTHEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE TERRITORY BY DEVOTING MORE RESOURCES ON THE YOUNGER GENERATION, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

ADDRESSING THE CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB HIOE TJO YOENG PRIMARY SCHOOL'S GRADUATION CEREMONY, MR LAN POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FIRST-YEAR, FIRST-DEGREE PLACES.

"IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT STARTING NEXT YEAR, FIRST-YEAR, FIRST-DEGREE PLACES WOULD BE INCREASED FROM ABOUT 7,000 TO ABOUT 15,000 IN 1995.

"THIS INCREASE WOULD GIVE A TOTAL OF 67,000 TERTIARY PLACES IN 1995, ENABLING ABOUT 25 PER CENT OF THE RELEVANT AGE GROUP TO RECEIVE TERTIARY OR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION," HE NOTED.

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TO AVOID A POSSIBLE FALLING OFF IN STANDARDS AS A RESULT OF MASS EDUCATION, MR LAN CONTINUED, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE SECONDARY 7 CLASSES IN ALL TYPES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND INTRODUCE A PHASED PROGRAMME OF CONVERTING SENIOR PRIMARY CLASSES TO WHOLE-DAY OPERATION.

ANOTHER MEASURE WAS TO RAISE THE STANDARDS OF BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES FOR TRAINING UP ADEQUATE MANPOWER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE TERRITORY'S VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS AND TO ENSURE ITS CONTINUED PROSPERITY AND STATUS AS AN INTERNATIONAL TRADING CENTRE, HE ADDED.

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TELA EXPRESSES REGRET OVER CHIEF CENSOR'S DEATH

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THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY (TELA) TODAY (MONDAY) EXPRESSED DEEP REGRET OVER THE DEATH OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF FILM CENSOR, MR PIERRE LEBRUN, WHO DIED OF A HEART ATTACK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, MRS LILY YAM, SAID: "MR LEBRUN HAD WIDE EXPERIENCE IN FILM CENSORSHIP AND HE WAS GREATLY RESPECTED NOT ONLY WITHIN TELA BUT ALSO IN THE MOVIE INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG.

"HE MADE A PARTICULARLY VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE REVISED FILM CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM INTRODUCED A YEAR AGO.

"ALWAYS DEDICATED AND WILLING TO HELP, MR LEBRUN'S ADVICE WAS FREQUENTLY SOUGHT BY HIS COLLEAGUES AND HIGHLY VALUED. HE HAD A WARM AND FRIENDLY DISPOSITION AND WAS VERY WELL LIKED AND LOOKED UPON AS A FATHER FIGURE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

"WE HAVE LOST NOT ONLY A COLLEAGUE BUT ALSO A VERY GOOD FRIEND."

MR LEBRUN JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS CHIEF FILM CENSOR IN 1973. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, A SON AND A DAUGHTER WHO ARE NOW IN CANADA.

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TRADE DELEGATION TO ATTEND MINISTERIAL MEETING IN TOKYO

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, WILL LEAD A DELEGATION OF SENIOR TRADE OFFICIALS TO TOKYO THIS WEEK TO ATTEND AN INFORMAL MINISTERIAL MEETING.

THE MEETING, SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE FROM WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 15 TO 17), IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF INFORMAL GATHERINGS OF TRADE MINISTERS FROM CERTAIN COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHICH ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE GATT URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

THE MEETING IS BEING HOSTED BY JAPAN AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY DELEGATIONS FROM 24 MEMBER STATES OF GATT, INCLUDING USA, THE EC COMMISSION AND SOME MEMBER STATES, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, SWEDEN, MEXICO, KOREA, AND THAILAND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID THE MEETING WOULD OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS INFORMALLY ON THE URUGUAY ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

THE MINISTERS LAST MET FORMALLY IN MONTREAL IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR TO CONDUCT THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE URUGUAY ROUND.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE A FRANK EXCHANGE OF POSITIONS BETWEEN KEY PLAYERS IN THE THREE BROAD GROUPS OF MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING THE GATT SYSTEM, MARKET ACCESS, AND NEW AREAS. THIS WILL FACILITATE PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT HONG KONG WAS PARTICIPATING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SUCH INFORMAL MEETINGS AT THE INVITATION OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

"WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO PARTICIPATING IN THESE TALKS WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO CONTRIBUTE FURTHER TO THE URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATIONS," HE SAID.

THE OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE DELEGATION ARE THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE; HONG KONG'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GATT, MR KEITH BROADBRIDGE; AND THE CHIEF HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IN TOKYO, MR LEE LAP-SUN.

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HKQAA GOVERNING COUNCIL HOLDS INAUGURAL MEETING

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THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE HONG KONG QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY (HKQAA) HELD ITS INAUGURAL MEETING TODAY (MONDAY).

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IS APPOINTED TO MANAGE THE HKQAA WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP AS A NON-PROFIT MAKING AGENCY FUNDED BY GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION.

SPEAKING AFTER THE MEETING, CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, DR JOHN LO, SAID THE PRIME OBJECTIVE OF THE HKQAA WAS TO UNDERTAKE ASSESSMENT OF THE QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS OF MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN HONG KONG, WITH A VIEW TO MAKING APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENT FOR THE AWARD OF ACCREDITATION.

"UNDER THE SCHEME, GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION WILL BE CONFERRED ON MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ADOPT QUALITY PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS CONFORMING WITH INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF QUALITY ASSURANCE," DR LO SAID.

"THE STANDARDS BEING ADOPTED ARE BASED ON THE ISO 9000 SERIES OF QUALITY MANAGEMENT STANDARDS," HE ADDED.

IN ITS FORMATIVE YEARS, HE SAID, THE AGENCY WOULD RECEIVE CONSULTANCY ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM'S BRITISH STANDARDS INSTITUTION (BSI) WHICH HAD MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE OPERATION OF THEIR QUALITY SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION (QUASAR) SCHEME.

HKQAA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE (DESIGNATE), MR LIONEL WOOD, WILL BE VISITING THE BSI IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE OPERATION OF THE QUASAR SCHEME.

DR LO SAID THE AGENCY WOULD ALSO NEED TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN ASSESSORS TO UNDERTAKE THE DETAILED EXAMINATION OF COMPANIES SEEKING ACCREDITATION.

HE SAID THE ASSESSMENT OF THE FIRST GROUP OF FACTORIES WAS EXPECTED TO START IN THE LATTER PART OF 1990, WITH THE FIRST ACCREDITATIONS BEING AWARDED THEREAFTER.

DR LO SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUALITY MANAGEMENT ACCREDITATION SCHEME FOR MANUFACTURING COMPANIES WAS ONE OF THE THREE INTERLINKED AREAS OF ACTIVITY IN THE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME ENDORSED BY THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE OTHER TWO AREAS WERE THE ENHANCING OF THE EXISTING QUALITY SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT AND THE LAUNCHING OF AN ONGOING QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AIMED AT MANUFACTURERS.

THESE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS REPRESENTED MAJOR GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES IN THE PURSUIT OF QUALITY IN OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS.

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COUNCIL HOPES FOR EARLY PASSAGE OF BILL

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THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS COUNCIL HOPES THAT THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 WILL BE PASSED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE SO AS TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF REGISTRATION FOR THE VARIOUS PROFESSIONS CONCERNED.

THE NEWLY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS COUNCIL, PROFESSOR TAM SHANG-WAI, SAID THIS AT A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN JANUARY.

HOWEVER, ITS PASSAGE WAS HELD OVER FROM THE LAST LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION IN VIEW OF DEBATE OVER A NUMBER OF ISSUES RAISED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE BILL, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF DOCTOR'S REFERRAL.

PROF TAM SAID THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS COUNCIL HAD GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE ISSUE OF DOCTOR'S REFERRAL AT ITS MEETING HELD LAST FRIDAY.

"IT IS THE VIEW OF THE COUNCIL THAT IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, A MEMBER OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS, EXCEPT OPTOMETRISTS, SHOULD ONLY TREAT PATIENTS REFERRED FROM A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER," HE SAID.

"HOWEVER, WE CONCUR WITH THE PROFESSIONAL BOARDS THAT THE REQUIREMENT OF DOCTOR'S REFERRAL SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE RESPECTIVE PROFESSIONS, AND SHOULD NOT BE MADE A MATTER FOR LEGISLATION."

HE SAID THE COUNCIL HAD, AT THE MEETING, ENDORSED THE FINAL VERSION OF THE CODES OF PRACTICE FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS PREPARED BY THE VARIOUS BOARDS.

"ALL OF THEM CONTAIN A REFERENCE TO THE REQUIREMENT OF DOCTOR'S REFERRAL," PROF TAM SAID.

"WE THEREFORE DO NOT SEE A NEED TO HAVE IT STIPULATED IN THE LEGISLATION AT THIS STAGE WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS A MISTRUST OF THE SELF-REGULATORY ROLE OF THE PROFESSIONAL BOARDS.

"FOR EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF PATIENTS, THERE SHOULD BE A PARTNERSHIP OF EXPERTS IN THE HEALTH CARE FIELD."

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MOST ACCESSIBLE BUILDINGS FOR DISABLED DECLARED
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THREE BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN DECLARED TO BE THE MOST ACCESSIBLE FOR DISABLED PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

THE BUILDINGS ARE IN SHAM SHUI PO, CENTRAL AND TAIKOO SHING.

RESULTS OF THE DESIGN AWARD OF THE MOST ACCESSIBLE BUILDING FOR THE DISABLED WERE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR PETER CHAN.

"THE SCHEME WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC," MR CHAN SAID.

A TOTAL OF 27 NOMINATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE FOUR CATEGORIES IN THE AWARD SCHEME WHICH WAS ORGANISED IN JUNE BY THE ACCESS AND TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

"THE AWARD SCHEME WAS ORGANISED TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE SPECIAL ACCESS NEEDS OF DISABLED PERSONS FOR INTEGRATION AND ALSO TO ENCOURAGE PROPERTY OWNERS, DEVELOPERS AND ARCHITECTS TO INCLUDE BARRIER-FREE FEATURES IN THEIR DESIGNS," MR CHAN EXPLAINED.

THE FOUR CATEGORIES WERE: REHABILITATION INSTITUTION, PUBLIC NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, PRIVATE NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.

THE AWARD IN THE REHABILITATION INSTITUTION CATEGORY GOES TO THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND'S ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CENTRE FOR THE BLIND AT 248 NAM CHEONG STREET, SHAM SHUI PO. THE BUILDING WAS DESIGNED BY THE ARCHITECTS OF DESIGN CONSULTANTS.

THE URBAN COUNCIL'S SHEUNG WAN COMPLEX AT 345 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, DESIGNED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HAS WON THE AWARD IN THE PUBLIC NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CATEGORY.

THE THIRD WINNING BUILDING IS THE SWIRE PROPERTY'S CITIPLAZA PHASE II AT 18 TAIKOO SHING ROAD, WHICH HAS WON THE AWARD IN THE PRIVATE NON-RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY. THIS BUILDING WAS DESIGNED BY WONG TUNG AND PARTNERS.

HOWEVER, NO AWARD WAS MADE IN THE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY AS ONLY ONE BUILDING - HENG FA CHUEN - WAS NOMINATED, AND THE ADJUDICATORS CONSIDERED THE BUILDING MERITED A COMMENDATION FOR THE EFFORTS MADE IN PROVIDING GOOD ACCESS FOR THE DISABLED.

PRIZES AWARDED IN RESPECT OF THE THREE WINNING BUILDINGS INCLUDE A TROPHY, PLUS A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR THE ARCHITECT AND A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER.

IN ADDITION, A SUITABLY ENGRAVED PLAQUE WILL BE AFFIXED TO EACH BUILDING.

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MR CHAN SAID ALL SUBMISSIONS ENTERED WERE JUDGED ON CONVENIENCE, INTEGRATION, INNOVATION, USEFULNESS AND TRANSFERABILITY.

THE JUDGING PANEL COMPRISED DISABLED PERSONS, ARCHITECTS AND PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE ASSESSMENTS WERE HELD IN TWO STAGES, INCLUDING ONE ON-SITE.

MR CHAN SAID THAT, OVERALL, PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE AWARD SCHEME HAD BEEN GOOD, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE MANDATORY ARCHITECTURAL PROVISIONS FOR DISABLED PERSONS IN NEW BUILDINGS AND IN THE CONVERSION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS HAD ONLY TAKEN EFFECT FROM AUGUST 1985.

THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND AN EXHIBITION RELATING TO THE BEST ENTRIES WILL BE HELD EARLY NEXT MONTH AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED

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FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989 COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER. ACCORDING TO SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IN GENERAL, FIRMS IN THIS SECTOR EXPECT A RATHER STABLE BUSINESS OUTLOOK IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1989 ALTHOUGH THE EXPECTATIONS OF FIRMS IN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES VARY.

FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS ARE USUALLY MORE ACTIVE SEASONALLY.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, FIRMS IN THE TEXTILES, PRINTING AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS INDUSTRIES EXPERIENCED A STABLE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE THIRD QUARTER WHILE FIRMS IN THE OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES EXPERIENCED A MODERATE IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS.

REGARDING THE BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER, FIRMS IN THE WEARING APPAREL, PRINTING, ELECTRONICS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES EXPECT AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER WHILE FIRMS IN THE FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO INDUSTRY ANTICIPATE A STABLE BUSINESS SITUATION.

FIRMS IN THE REMAINING INDUSTRIES (INCLUDING THE TEXTILES, PLASTICS, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS INDUSTRIES), HOWEVER, EXPECT A DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

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FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR EXPERIENCED A STABLE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE THIRD QUARTER IN CONTRAST TO THE EXPECTATION FOR A DECLINE IN BUSINESS RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND OF SURVEY.

AS REGARDS BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER, CONSTRUCTION FIRMS IN GENERAL LOOK FORWARD TO SOME IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS.

AS FOR THE DISTRIBUTIVE AND CATERING TRADES SECTOR, FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS SECTOR EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER WHEREAS HOTELS REPORTED A DETERIORATION.

IN REGARD TO THE BUSINESS EXPECTATION FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER, FIRMS IN THIS SECTOR ANTICIPATE A FAVOURABLE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

IN THE OTHER SERVICES SECTOR, WHILE BANKS AND FIRMS IN THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES RECORDED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER, THE OTHER FIRMS (WHICH INCLUDE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS SERVICES) EXPERIENCED A STABLE BUSINESS SITUATION.

AS REGARDS BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER, WHILE BANKS AND FIRMS IN THE MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS SERVICES ANTICIPATE AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER, THE OTHER FIRMS IN THIS SECTOR EXPECT A STABLE BUSINESS SITUATION.

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

SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOUR AND SHORTAGE OF LABOUR GENERALLY REMAINED A WIDESPREAD PROBLEM FOR FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND THIS SITUATION IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, FIRMS WERE AFFECTED BY SHORTAGE OF SKILLED AND GENERAL LABOUR, PRICE COMPETITION FROM LOCAL FIRMS IN HONG KONG AND HIGH WAGE RATES IN THE THIRD QUARTER. THESE PROBLEMS ARE EXPECTED TO PERSIST IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF FIRMS IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE AND CATERING TRADES SECTOR AND OTHER SERVICES SECTOR WERE STILL AFFECTED BY SHORTAGE OF STAFF AND HIGH STAFF TURNOVER IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND THESE PROBLEMS ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

IN ADDITION, FIRMS IN THE HOTELS INDUSTRY CONTINUED TO BE AFFECTED BY THE PROBLEMS OF PRICE COMPETITION, INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS AND HIGH STAFF COSTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

HOWEVER, THE PROBLEM OF INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS IS EXPECTED TO EASE OFF CONSIDERABLY IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

ON THE OTHER HAND. FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE. RETAIL. IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES WERE ALSO AFFECTED SIGNIFICANTLY BY THE PROBLEM OF PRICE COMPETITION IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND A SIMILAR SITUATION IS EXPECTED TO PREVAIL IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

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

IN THE SURVEY, PARTICIPATING FIRMS WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER. IN THEIR OPINION. THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AND LEVEL OF CAPACITY UTILISATION HAD "IMPROVED", "REMAINED THE SAME" OR "DETERIORATED" IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989 COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER.

THEY WERE ALSO ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER THE SITUATION IS EXPECTED TO "IMPROVE", "REMAIN THE SAME" OR "DETERIORATE" IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1989.

THE OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED.

MOREOVER. THE SURVEY REPORT CONTAINS A SECTION ON THE BUSINESS PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED AND EXPECTED BY FIRMS IN DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SECTORS. AND A BREAKDOWN OF THE VIEWS OF FIRMS BY SIZE GROUPS.

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN COPIES OF THE SURVEY REPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL. AND FROM THE PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$5 PER COPY.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234779.

JUNE SALARY INDEXES FOR MANAGERIAL/PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES
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THE OVERALL NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A), MEASURING CHANGES IN AVERAGE SALARY LEVELS FOR MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, AT 190.3 IN JUNE 1989, WAS 15.0 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JUNE 1988, ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY OF SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES (EXCLUDING TOP MANAGEMENT) RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE OVERALL NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B), WHICH MEASURES CHANGES IN AVERAGE SALARY LEVELS ONLY FOR THOSE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES WHO REMAINED IN THE SAME JOB AND IN THE SAME COMPANY IN BOTH 1988 AND 1989, WAS 231.2 IN JUNE 1989, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 21.0 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988.

THESE SALARY INDEXES USED JUNE 1983 AS THE BASE PERIOD.

BETWEEN JUNE 1988 AND JUNE 1989, THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR LARGE COMPANIES INCREASED BY 16.6 PER CENT AND THAT FOR MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES BY 14.6 PER CENT. AS REGARDS THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B), THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES WERE 22.2 PER CENT AND 20.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THESE DIFFERENCES IN SALARY INCREASES AS REFLECTED IN THE TWO INDEXES WERE LARGELY DUE TO THE EFFECT OF LABOUR TURNOVER OVER THE PERIOD CONCERNED.

THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) AND NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR JUNE 1989 ANALYSED BY THE MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS OF COMPANY ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 AND 2 AND CHART 1.

BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEXES BY THE HANG SENG CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, THE REAL SALARY INDEXES ARE OBTAINED TO MEASURE CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY EARNED. THE OVERALL REAL SALARY INDEX (A) STOOD AT 124.3 IN JUNE 1989, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 3.7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988. THE OVERALL REAL SALARY INDEX (B), ON THE OTHER HAND, STOOD AT 150.9 IN JUNE 1989, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 9.0 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988.

BETWEEN JUNE 1988 AND JUNE 1989, THE REAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR LARGE COMPANIES INCREASED BY 5.1 PER CENT AND THAT FOR MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES BY 3.3 PER CENT WHILE THE REAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR LARGE AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES INCREASED BY 10.2 PER CENT AND 8.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

BOTH SALARY INDEXES (A) AND (B) ARE DESIGNED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEASURING CHANGES IN SALARY LEVELS. HOWEVER, BY CONFINING TO THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO REMAINED IN THE SAME JOB AND IN THE SAME COMPANY IN 1988 AND 1989, THE SALARY INDEX (B) ONLY ACCOUNTS FOR SALARY CHANGES DUE TO GENERAL INCREMENT, MERITORIOUS INCREASE AND GAIN IN SENIORITY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SALARY INDEX (A) TAKES INTO ACCOUNT EFFECTS OF LABOUR MOBILITY AS WELL.

THE RATE OF INCREASE IN THE SALARY INDEX (B) IS USUALLY HIGHER THAN THAT IN THE SALARY INDEX (A) BECAUSE THE SALARY INDEX (A) INCLUDES THE SALARIES OF NEWLY RECRUITED AND NEWLY PROMOTED EMPLOYEES, WHO TEND TO BE PAID COMPARATIVELY LOWER SALARIES THAN THOSE ALREADY IN THE SAME RANK.

AMONG THE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COVERED IN THE SURVEY, IT WAS FOUND THAT 62 PER CENT OF THEM WERE ENTITLED TO PROFIT-SHARING BONUS. MOREOVER, 38 PER CENT WERE ENTITLED TO HOUSING BENEFITS OF SOME KIND AND 78 PER CENT TO PROVIDENT/RETIREMENT FUND OR PENSION. IT WAS ALSO FOUND THAT 79 PER CENT OF THEM WERE ENTITLED TO GUARANTEED YEAR-END BONUS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING THE ANNUAL SURVEY OF SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES (EXCLUDING TOP MANAGEMENT) SINCE 1984 TO MEASURE CHANGES IN SALARY RATES FOR THE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES.

EMPLOYEES OCCUPYING TOP POSITIONS IN MANAGEMENT ARE NOT INCLUDED BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING DATA FOR THEM. LOWER LEVEL EMPLOYEES ARE ALREADY COVERED IN THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEES BENEFITS AND THEREFORE ARE ALSO EXCLUDED.

IN THE SURVEY, ONLY EMPLOYEES WORKING IN COMMON OCCUPATIONS OF MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS ARE COVERED. BOTH LOCAL AND EXPATRIATE STAFF ARE ENUMERATED. A SAMPLE OF 200 LARGE AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES WAS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY. ALL THE LARGE COMPANIES IN THE SELECTED ECONOMIC SECTORS WERE SELECTED IN FULL WHEREAS MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES WERE SAMPLED RANDOMLY FROM EACH OF THE FIVE ECONOMIC SECTORS.

IN THE SURVEY, THE SALARY RATE IS DEFINED TO INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO BASIC SALARIES, ALSO COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE, GUARANTEED YEAR-END BONUS, COMMISSION AND TIPS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH MAY CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE TOTAL PAY PACKAGE OF EMPLOYEES AT THIS LEVEL SUCH AS PROFIT-SHARING BONUS AND HOUSING ALLOWANCE ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF THE SALARY RATE.

HOWEVER, STATISTICS ON FRINGE BENEFITS ARE SEPARATELY COMPILED. THEY ARE EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGES OF EMPLOYEES INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY ENTITLED TO THEM.

DETAILS OF THE SALARY MOVEMENT, AVERAGE SALARY RATE FOR MAJOR OCCUPATIONS AND STATISTICS ON EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENT TO VARIOUS FRINGE BENEFITS, TOGETHER WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODOLOGY, ARE PUBLISHED IN A "REPORT OF SALARY AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES (EXCLUDING TOP MANAGEMENT)".

COPIES OF THIS REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT \$25 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SALARY INDEXES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234746 OR 5-8234747.

TABLE 1: NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) ANALYSED BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTOR FOR JUNE 1989

(JUNE 1983 = 100)

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTOR	NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A)	% CHANGE JUNE 89/JUNE 88
MANUFACTURING/ELECTRICITY, GAS & STEAM	184.2	+12.2
BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES	182.0	+14.0
WHOLESALE/RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES	198.2	+13.8
TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION	168.7	+16.0
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE	209.9	+19.1
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	190.3	+15.0

* ALL INDEXES ARE ROUNDED TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

PERCENTAGE CHANGES FOR JUNE 1989 OVER JUNE 1988 ARE CALCULATED FROM INDEXES ROUNDED TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

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TABLE 2: NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B) ANALYSED BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTOR
FOR JUNE 1989

(JUNE 1983 = 100)

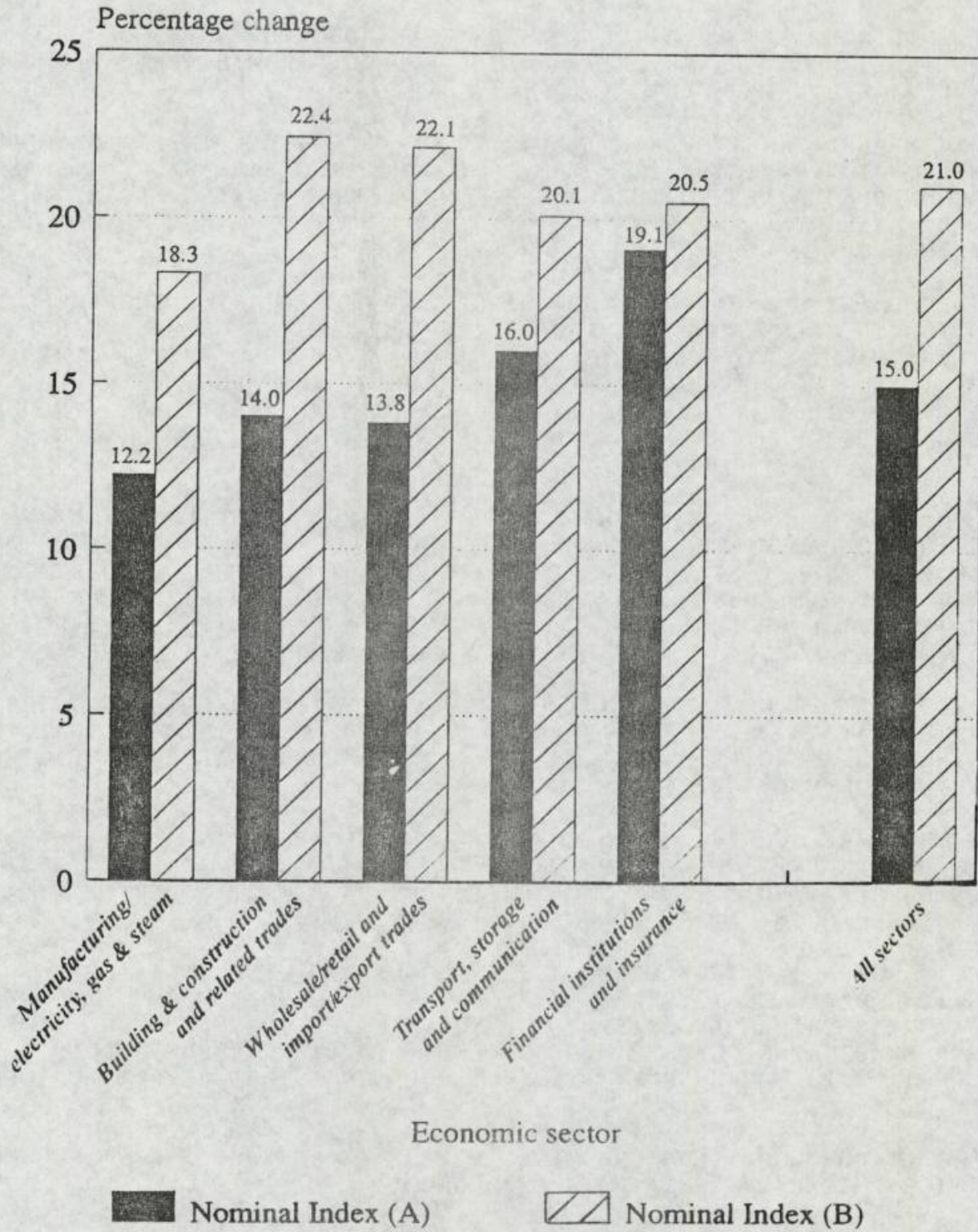
SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTOR	NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B)	% CHANGE JUNE 89/JUNE 88
MANUFACTURING/ELECTRICITY, GAS & STEAM	219.3	+18.3
BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES	233.5	+22.4
WHOLESALE/RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES	237.4	+22.1
TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION	208.7	+20.1
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE	244.1	+20.5
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	231.2	+21.0

* ALL INDEXES ARE ROUNDED TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

PERCENTAGE CHANGES FOR JUNE 1989 OVER JUNE 1988 ARE
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Change of Nominal Salary Indexes (A) & (B) by economic sector, June 1989/June 1988



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INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR SECOND QUARTER

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THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989, AT 123, WAS 2 POINTS OR 1.7 PER CENT ABOVE THAT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS COMPARES WITH THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF 3.8 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989. THE AVERAGE GROWTH RATE FOR 1988 OVER 1987 WAS 6.0 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989, THE INDEX SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 14 POINTS OR 12.8 PER CENT. THIS INCREASE WAS A SEASONAL PHENOMENON DUE MAINLY TO THE LARGER NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OVER THE FIRST QUARTER WHEN MOST OF THE MANUFACTURING WORKERS HAD THEIR LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

INDUSTRIES SHOWING THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN PRODUCTION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1988 WERE: MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL (+28.0 PER CENT); CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+13.6 PER CENT); NEWSPAPER PRINTING, JOB PRINTING AND OTHER PRINTING (+10.9 PER CENT); TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING) (+9.3 PER CENT); AND PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (+6.5 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SEVERAL INDUSTRIES REPORTED DECLINES IN PRODUCTION COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988. AMONG THEM WERE: PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-12.6 PER CENT); WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, AND FURNITURE AND FIXTURES (EXCEPT PRIMARILY OF METAL) (-9.6 PER CENT); FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (-9.4 PER CENT); RUBBER PRODUCTS (-8.5 PER CENT); AND BEVERAGE (-7.4 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 WITH THAT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, ALMOST ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED REPORTED INCREASES IN PRODUCTION.

THE MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES: PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (+34.2 PER CENT); TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING) (+31.5 PER CENT); BEVERAGE (+21.5 PER CENT); AND CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+19.0 PER CENT).

IN RELEASING THESE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO REFLECT THE CHANGES OVER TIME OF LOCAL MANUFACTURING OUTPUT IN REAL TERMS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VOLUME OF PRODUCTION IS MEASURED AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

A TABLE SHOWING CHANGES IN THE INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN GREATER DETAIL IS INCLUDED.

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MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, SECOND QUARTER 1989", WHICH IS ON SALE AT \$3 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234832.

INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION BY INDUSTRY GROUP

(1986=100)

INDUSTRY GROUP	INDEXES FOR 2ND QTR. 1989	PER CENT CHANGE OVER	
		2ND QTR. 1988	1ST QTR. 1989
FOOD	111	0.0	+0.9
BEVERAGE	113	-7.4	+21.5
TOBACCO	154	+2.0	+3.4
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT KNITWEAR AND FOOTWEAR	108	+1.9	+6.9
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING)	117	+9.3	+31.5
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS	196	+6.5	+34.2
NEWSPAPER PRINTING, JOB PRINTING AND OTHER PRINTING	152	+10.9	+12.6
CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	125	+13.6	+19.0
RUBBER PRODUCTS	97	-8.5	-11.8
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	90	-12.6	+16.9
NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	112	-0.9	+4.7
BASIC METALS	143	0.0	+15.3
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	125	-9.4	+6.8
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	192	+28.0	+14.3

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CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	133	+0.8	+2.3
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND MACHINERY	160	+1.3	+8.1
PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	128	-1.5	+17.4
LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR (EXCEPT RUBBER, PLASTIC AND WOODEN FOOTWEAR)	125	-3.8	+11.6
WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, AND FURNITURE AND FIXTURES (EXCEPT PRIMARILY OF METAL)	85	-9.6	+1.2
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	113	-5.0	+6.6
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	123	-3.9	+7.9

ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	123	+1.7	+12.8

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HK GRAFT-FIGHTING APPROACH RECOMMENDED AT CONFERENCE

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HONG KONG'S THREE-PRONGED ATTACK AGAINST GRAFT WAS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO DELEGATES ATTENDING THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CONFERENCE IN SYDNEY TODAY (MONDAY).

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, ADVOCATED THIS APPROACH AS ONE OF THE BEST STRATEGIES IN TACKLING THE PROBLEM WHEN HE DELIVERED A KEYNOTE ADDRESS ON THE IMPORTANCE ON THE THREE-PRONGED ATTACK ON CORRUPTION AND ITS EFFECTIVENESS.

HE EMPHASISED THAT IF THE PUBLIC AND ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WERE TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE ORGANISATION THAT CARRIED THE GRAFT-FIGHTING RESPONSIBILITY, IT MUST BE "INDEPENDENT OF THE REST OF THE CIVIL SERVICE AND THE POLITICAL SIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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"AND IF IT IS TO HAVE ANY HOPE OF SUCCESSFULLY INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION, IT MUST HAVE ADEQUATE POWERS IN LAW TO INVESTIGATE WHAT ARE INVARIABLY VERY DIFFICULT ALLEGATIONS."

MR JEAFFRESON NOTED THAT BOTH THESE PROVISOS CARRIED WITH THEM CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES.

THE ICAC IN HONG KONG WAS CONTINUING TO BE UNDER FAIRLY HEAVY ATTACK FROM SOME QUARTERS IN RESPECT OF THE POWERS IT HAD IN LAW TO HELP WITH ITS INVESTIGATIONS. HE SAID.

"WE THINK THESE POWERS ARE THE MINIMUM WE NEED TO HAVE SOME CHANCE OF SUCCESS WITH INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION. OTHERS THINK THEY ARE EXCESSIVE IN TERMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

ON WHETHER HONG KONG WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE ITS OVERALL ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY IN THE 1990'S. THE COMMISSIONER SAID THAT ACCORDING TO PUBLIC OPINION SURVEYS HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT THE PUBLIC GENERALLY DID NOT WANT TO SEE ANY WEAKENING OF THE ICAC'S CAPABILITY TO TACKLE CORRUPTION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS PROVISION IN THE BASIC LAW, WHICH CHINA WAS DRAWING UP FOR THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, FOR THERE TO BE AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

EARLIER IN HIS ADDRESS. MR JEAFFRESON SPOKE BRIEFLY ON THE HISTORY AND FORMATION OF THE ICAC.

HE ALSO EXPLAINED TO THE DELEGATES HONG KONG'S THREE-PRONGED ATTACK -- INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION. EDUCATING THE PUBLIC AGAINST CORRUPTION AND TO REPORT ANY SUSPICIONS OF IT THAT COME THEIR WAY. AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION.

OVER THE YEARS, HE SAID. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC OPINION SURVEYS INDICATED THAT THE PUBLIC CONSIDERED THAT CORRUPTION HAD BEEN A STEADILY DECREASING PROBLEM IN HONG KONG.

"IN PARTICULAR THE NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS WHO CONSIDER THAT THERE IS CORRUPTION IN MOST GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAS DECLINED DRAMATICALLY."

BUT THEY PERCEIVED THE BUSINESS SECTOR AS HAVING MORE CORRUPTION THAN IT USED TO. HE ADDED.

MR JEAFFRESON IS ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WITH THREE SENIOR ICAC OFFICERS: THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, MR JIM BUCKLE; DIRECTOR OF CORRUPTION PREVENTION, MR TONY SCOTT; AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS. MR LEUNG CHIN-MAN.

THEY WILL TAKE PART IN SEPARATE PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON VARIOUS TOPICS WITH GRAFT-FIGHTERS FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE NETHERLANDS, MEXICO, SINGAPORE, PUERTO RICO, PAPUA NEW GUINEA. AND ALSO FROM MACAU AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

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ABOUT 230 DELEGATES REPRESENTING 80 ORGANISATIONS FROM 30 COUNTRIES ARE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE.

THE THEME OF THE SIX-DAY CONFERENCE WHICH BEGAN YESTERDAY IS PLANNING STRATEGIES TO COMBAT AND PREVENT CORRUPTION IN THE 1990'S.

IT IS BEING HOSTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR LIONEL BOWEN.

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FESTIVAL TO PROMOTE ARTS IN KWAI TSING

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RESIDENTS OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE VARIOUS EVENTS IN THE THIRD KWAI TSING ARTS FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM DECEMBER 17 TO JANUARY 4.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LEUNG KWONG-CHEONG, SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY) AROUND 30,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE 32 EVENTS IN THE FESTIVAL PROGRAMME.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON DECEMBER 17.

THE FIRST PROGRAMME WILL BE THE SCREENING OF A LOCALLY PRODUCED FILM DEPICTING THE LIVES AND ASPIRATIONS OF SIX YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN LARGE CITIES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE CHINESE OPERA, FOLK DANCE, MODERN DANCE, DRAMA, CHINESE ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCES, PUPPET AND MAGIC SHOWS, AND FILM SHOWS.

COPIES OF THE FESTIVAL PROGRAMME, LEAFLETS AND FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES.

THE FESTIVAL HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD, KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION, KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND LOCAL ARTS AND CULTURE GROUPS. THE BUDGET IS ABOUT \$500,000.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 61.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 360.636 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 244.963 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 41.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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ROYAL VISIT SOUVENIR STAMP SHEETS STILL AVAILABLE

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A LIMITED NUMBER OF ROYAL VISIT SOUVENIR STAMP SHEETS WHICH REMAINED UNSOLD AT SOME POST OFFICES WILL BE PUT ON SALE AT \$5 EACH ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 15). A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SOUVENIR SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING THREE PHILATELIC OFFICES: GENERAL POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, AND SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE RELEASE OF ROYAL VISIT SPECIAL STAMPS LAST WEDNESDAY HAD BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS, AND THERE HAD BEEN AN OVERWHELMING DEMAND FOR THEM IN MOST POST OFFICES.

"A LIMITED NUMBER OF SOUVENIR SHEETS REMAINED UNSOLD AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS AT SOME OFFICES," HE ADDED.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WATERCOURSE MAINTENANCE IN TA KWU LING

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE MAINTENANCE OF WATERCOURSES IN TA KWU LING AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN THE DISTRICT. THESE INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAIN SHELTER, THE ERECTION OF VILLAGE NAME PLATES, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO AN OPEN SPACE AND A VAN TRACK.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REQUESTS FOR LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS, AND PROGRESS REPORTS ON SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND VILLAGE LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS CLOSE ON FRIDAY

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED RESIDENTS THAT NOMINATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT'S 1989 OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS AWARDS CLOSES ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 17).

ANY PERSON AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 30 WHO LIVES, STUDIES OR WORKS IN THE DISTRICT MAY BE NOMINATED FOR THE AWARD IF HE OR SHE HAS A GOOD RECORD OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

THE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA ALSO INCLUDE A PERSON'S KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, ANALYTICAL ABILITY AND ATTITUDE TOWARDS WORK.

THE AWARD SCHEME IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST YOUTH FESTIVAL IN DECEMBER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AWARDS AIMED AT GIVING FORMAL RECOGNITION TO YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY, AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR THEM TO BUILD A CARING AND RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY.

THE TOP THREE WINNERS WILL EACH BE OFFERED AN EIGHT-DAY STUDY TRIP TO SINGAPORE IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR IN ADDITION TO A TROPHY.

SEVEN OTHER OUTSTANDING CANDIDATES WILL EACH BE AWARDED A \$500 BOOK COUPON AND A TROPHY.

SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW BY A PANEL OF FIVE ADJUDICATORS ON NOVEMBER 29.

THE ADJUDICATORS ARE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MRS ROSANNA TAM; EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MISS SUN FONG-CHUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT, MR WU TING-PANG.

NOMINATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS THREE SUB-OFFICES.

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CANTONESE OPERA DAY FOR THE ELDERLY

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A CANTONESE OPERA DAY FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE AS PART OF THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT WILL PRESENT CANTONESE OPERATIC SONGS TO HUNDREDS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE FUNCTION.

THE OPERA DAY WILL PROVIDE THOSE ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO LOVE SINGING CANTONESE OPERATIC SONGS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE SINGING EXPERIENCES AND TO ENTERTAIN AN AUDIENCE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CANTONESE OPERA DAY FOR THE ELDERLY OF THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 104 CHING TAK STREET.

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TEMPORARY NIGHT CLOSURE OF FEI TSUI ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FEI TSUI ROAD NEAR THE ACCESS ROAD TO HING WAH ESTATE IN CHAI WAN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC INTERMITTENTLY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM DAILY FROM WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 15 TO 18) BECAUSE OF FLYOVER WORKS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, FEI TSUI ROAD WILL BE OPENED AT 15-MINUTE INTERVALS AND IMMEDIATELY FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR KING'S ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF KING'S ROAD, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN NORTH POINT FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 15) FOR ABOUT 10 MONTHS.

ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT BUSES AND THOSE REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM JAVA ROAD ONTO TONG SHUI ROAD SOUTHBOUND.

IN ADDITION, ALL VEHICLES WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT FROM TONG SHUI ROAD ONTO KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND.

CENTRAL-BOUND CMB ROUTE 16 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA JAVA ROAD, KAM HONG STREET AND KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND BEFORE RESUMING ITS NORMAL ROUTEING.

MOREOVER, VEHICLES WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING TONG SHUI ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN JAVA ROAD AND KING'S ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING TRAM LANE ON KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TONG SHUI ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 90 METRES TO THE EAST WILL BE LIFTED.

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WATER CUT IN YAU MA TEI

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 15) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY JORDAN ROAD, CANTON ROAD, SHANGHAI STREET, KANSU STREET, INCLUDING PAK HOI STREET, SAIGON STREET, NING PO STREET, NANKING STREET, BATTERY STREET AND RECLAMATION STREET.

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