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+DEVELOPMENT MOMENTUM MUST BE MAINTAINED+
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WORK IS LIKELY TO START ON SCHEMES WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY REPLACE THE EXISTING TYPHOON SHELTER AT YAU MA TEI AND RECLAMATION WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO WALK FROM KENNEDY TOWN TO GREEN ISLAND AND ON A COASTAL ROAD FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO WESTERN WHICH WILL BYPASS CENTRAL, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES REACHING COMPLETION IN THE 1990'S IT WAS NECESSARY TO PLAN NOW +IF WE ARE NOT TO LOSE MOMENTUM BEYOND THAT DATE+.

SPEAKING AT THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, HE SAID THAT THE EMPHASIS OF DEVELOPMENT WOULD MOVE BACK TO RECLAMATION AROUND THE HARBOUR.

+INITIALLY, ANOTHER CONTAINER TERMINAL WILL BE BUILT AT KWAI CHUNG, AND HUNG HOM BAY AND MOST OF ALDRICH BAY WILL DISAPPEAR,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

THE DEVELOPMENTS AROUND THE HARBOUR WOULD ENHANCE HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE, AND PROVIDE LAND FOR A CONTAINER PORT, A DEPOT FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, BETTER TRANSPORT SYSTEMS AND COMMERCIAL EXPANSION, HE ADDED.

+THEY ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR A POPULATION GROWTH OF ABOUT 300 000 PEOPLE, AND TO RELIEVE MUCH OF THE CONGESTION IN THE ADJOINING URBAN AREAS.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT IN SUCH ENTERPRISES THE INVESTMENT IN MONEY TERMS WAS LARGE, ADDING THAT THE ANNUAL PROVISION FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME HAD REACHED \$10 BILLION.

+BUT PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL ARE THE HUMAN RESOURCES REQUIRED. TO ACHIEVE SUCH AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, A PLENTIFUL SUPPLY OF TRAINED PERSONNEL IS ESSENTIAL - HENCE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE PLAYED BY OUR UNIVERSITIES, THE POLYTECHNICS AND THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

+THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, WORKING CLOSELY WITH INDUSTRY AND WITH PROFESSIONAL BODIES SUCH AS YOUR INSTITUTION, HAS WITHIN THREE YEARS OF ITS INCEPTION IN 1982, LAUNCHED SOME 100 PROGRAMMES FOR ENGINEERING GRADUATES,+ HE SAID.

LOOKING AHEAD, SIR EDWARD SAID, THERE WERE FURTHER AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR EXPANDING TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

+THE CITY POLYTECHNIC IS DEVELOPING AS SCHEDULED, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC IS EXPANDING ITS RESEARCH PROGRAMMES, AND THE TWO UNIVERSITIES HAVE PLANS TO EXTEND THEIR PROGRAMMES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

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+PLANNING OF A THIRD TERTIARY INSTITUTE, TO MEET THE EVER GROWING DEMAND FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, IS ABOUT TO BEGIN,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE INSTITUTE ITSELF, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT IT HAD PLAYED A VITAL PART IN WHAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED. IN CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTION IT SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT DURING THE PAST 140 YEARS THERE HAD BEEN VERY FEW PERIODS WHEN DEVELOPMENT WAS NOT CHANGING THE FACE OF HONG KONG DRAMATICALLY.

HE ADDED THAT ALL THROUGH THIS PROCESS, ENGINEERS HAD BEEN VERY MUCH INVOLVED, AND THE SAME WOULD BE TRUE IN THE FUTURE.

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SELF-REGULATED STOCK EXCHANGE IMPORTANT -- SIR JOHN
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A RESPECTABLE SELF-REGULATED STOCK EXCHANGE WITH THE HIGHEST STANDARDS IS IMPORTANT TO HONG KONG AS A WORLD FINANCIAL CENTRE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE INSTALLATION OF THE 1985-87 COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG STOCKBROKERS ASSOCIATION, SIR JOHN SAID THAT TO THIS END A NEW SET OF RULES FOR DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORS' SHAREHOLDINGS AND OF COMPANY INFORMATION WOULD BE INTRODUCED.

THERE WOULD ALSO BE NEW FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL DEALERS, HE ADDED.

+THESE CHANGES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL STANDING OF OUR SECURITIES MARKET AND TO THE PROFITS OF THOSE SUCCESSFUL IN IT,+ HE SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT THE COMING YEAR WOULD BE CRITICAL FOR THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY, SIR JOHN SAID: +THE OPERATION OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE WILL USHER IN A NEW ERA+.

RECALLING THE WORK TOWARDS THE UNIFICATION OF THE FOUR HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGES FOR A DECADE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY STRESSED THAT THE EARLIER IT WAS ACHIEVED, THE BETTER.

TURNING TO THE CONTROVERSY OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF BANKS OR BANK-RELATED BROKERS AS MEMBERS OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE, SIR JOHN SAID THAT PARTICIPATION OF BANKS IN SECURITIES BUSINESS WAS A GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT.

+THE ENACTMENT OF THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE REMOVING THE DISQUALIFICATIONS AGAINST CORPORATIONS, BANKS AND DTC'S FROM MEMBERSHIPS OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE IS NO MORE THAN A RECOGNITION OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ALMOST EVERY OTHER MAJOR STOCK MARKET.

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+HONG KONG MUST MOVE WITH THE TIMES,+ SIR JOHN SAID.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ADDED THAT FREE AND FAIR COMPETITION, WHICH HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS IN THE PAST AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE SO, WAS OUR TRADITION.

+PROTECTIONISM IS NO PART OF OUR PHILOSOPHY= THOUGH OF COURSE THERE MUST BE SYMPATHY FOR THOSE WHOM SUCCESS ELUDES,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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SECOND JLG MEETING HELD
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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PRESS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED TODAY AFTER THE SECOND JOINT LIAISON GROUP MEETING IN BEIJING:

THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP HELD ITS SECOND MEETING IN BEIJING FROM NOVEMBER 26 TO 29, 1985.

THE ATMOSPHERE WAS FRIENDLY AND CO-OPERATIVE.

THE GROUP REVIEWED WITH SATISFACTION THE RESULTS ACHIEVED SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT, INCLUDING THE AGREEMENT ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF HONG KONG AS A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION IN THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AFTER 1997.

THE GROUP MADE FURTHER PROGRESS IN ITS CONSULTATIONS ON HOW TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF HONG KONG AS A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION IN THE GATT AND MULTIFIBRE ARRANGEMENTS, AND ON THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AFFECTING HONG KONG. THE GROUP WILL CONTINUE ITS WORK IN THESE AREAS.

THE GROUP DISCUSSED IN DETAIL TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION FOR HONG KONG RESIDENTS AND OTHER RELATED ISSUES AND MADE USEFUL PROGRESS.

THE TWO SIDES DISCUSSED RECENT CHANGES IN THE POLITICAL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG.

THE GROUP DECIDED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG FROM MARCH 11 TO 14, 1986.

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OCTOBER MONETARY STATISTICS RELEASED
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TOTAL DEPOSITS INCREASED FURTHER IN OCTOBER, WITH TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS CONTINUING TO GROW MORE RAPIDLY THAN THE HONG KONG DOLLAR COMPONENT, ACCORDING TO MONETARY STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

M1, THE NARROW DEFINITION OF MONEY SUPPLY, FELL IN OCTOBER. HOWEVER, M2 AND M3 INCREASED AT FASTER RATES THAN IN SEPTEMBER—TOTAL M2 AND M3 REGISTERED MORE RAPID GROWTH THAN THE CORRESPONDING HONG KONG DOLLAR COMPONENTS.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES ROSE FURTHER IN OCTOBER, BUT THIS REFLECTED AN INCREASE IN LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG, WHICH MORE THAN COMPENSATED FOR DECREASES IN LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE AND OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG.

THE TABLE ATTACHED SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 1985 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS.

DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 1.5 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, FOLLOWING A MARGINAL INCREASE OF 0.1 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 1.7 PER CENT AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS THE GROWTH RATE WAS 17.2 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 2.5 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, FOLLOWING A RISE OF 1.9 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, THESE DEPOSITS GREW BY 7.7 PER CENT AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS BY 31.2 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS FELL BY 1.3 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AFTER HAVING INCREASED BY 1.5 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. ADJUSTED FOR THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW AT THE SLIGHTLY SLOWER RATES OF 1.2 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND 1.0 PER CENT IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER; FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, ON THE OTHER HAND GREW AT THE SLIGHTLY HIGHER RATES OF 2.9 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND 9.4 PER CENT IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER.

TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH BANKS GREW BY 2.5 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AFTER AN INCREASE OF 1.1 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 0.2 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE OF 0.6 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

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IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, THE GROWTH OF TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH BANKS, AT 5.4 PER CENT, WAS MUCH HIGHER THAN THAT WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, AT 1.6 PER CENT; OVER 12 MONTHS THE GROWTH OF DEPOSITS WITH BANKS WAS 27.6 PER CENT, AND THE GROWTH OF DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES 10.4 PER CENT.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HK\$M1, THE NARROW DEFINITION OF HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY, FELL BY 0.5 PER CENT IN OCTOBER DUE TO REDUCED PUBLIC HOLDING OF NOTES AND COINS. HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3, THE BROADER DEFINITIONS OF MONEY SUPPLY, ROSE BY 1.4 PER CENT AND 1.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE INCREASES IN SEPTEMBER WERE 2.7 PER CENT FOR HK\$M1, 0.3 PER CENT FOR HK\$M2 AND 0.4 PER CENT FOR HK\$M3. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, HK\$M1 GREW BY 4.4 PER CENT, HK\$M2 BY 2.5 PER CENT AND HK\$M3 BY 2.3 PER CENT; OVER THE 12 MONTHS THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES WERE 34.1 PER CENT, 22.4 PER CENT AND 18.5 PER CENT.

AFTER ADJUSTING FOR SWAP DEPOSITS, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 GREW AT THE SLIGHTLY LOWER RATES OF 1.1 PER CENT AND 1.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN OCTOBER. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 1.7 PER CENT AND 1.6 PER CENT.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL M1 FELL BY 2.1 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, AFTER HAVING INCREASED BY 3.5 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 GREW BY 2.2 PER CENT AND 1.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY; THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN SEPTEMBER WERE 1.2 PER CENT AND 1.1 PER CENT. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 4.1 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 5.4 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 4.7 PER CENT; OVER THE 12 MONTHS, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 33.3 PER CENT, 27.4 PER CENT AND 24.2 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW BY 0.7 PER CENT, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 0.2 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, THESE LOANS GREW BY A MODEST 1.0 PER CENT AND OVER 12 MONTHS BY 5.5 PER CENT. LOANS DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLAR FELL BY 0.7 PER CENT WHILE LOANS DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES ROSE BY 2.1 PER CENT. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 0.3 PER CENT AND 1.7 PER CENT.

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WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG FELL BY 0.8 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, FOLLOWING A DROP OF 2.0 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, THESE LOANS FELL BY 3.4 PER CENT AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS THE DECLINE WAS 7.2 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG FELL BY A MODEST 0.3 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE OF 1.1 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, THESE GREW BY A MODEST 0.9 PER CENT AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS BY 7.8 PER CENT.

LIQUIDITY RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS ROSE MARGINALLY TO 50.9 PER CENT IN OCTOBER FROM 50.5 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE 42.4 PER CENT IN OCTOBER FROM 41.5 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 141. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 1 TO 35 WHILE THE NUMBER OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 3 TO 280.

MONETARY STATISTICS - OCTOBER 1985

	Oct 1985	Earlier months (% change to October 1985)		(HK\$mn)
		Sep 1985	Jul 1985	Oct 1984
<u>Money Supply</u>				
M1 - HK\$	41,139	41,363 (- 0.5%)	39,405 (+4.4%)	30,668 (+34.1%)
Foreign currency	3,584	4,316 (-17.0%)	3,553 (+0.9%)	2,877 (+24.6%)
Total	44,723	45,679 (- 2.1%)	42,959 (+4.1%)	33,545 (+33.3%)
M2 - HK\$	190,041	187,396 (+ 1.4%)	185,415 (+2.5%)	155,214 (+22.4%)
Foreign currency	184,375	178,975 (+ 3.0%)	169,811 (+8.6%)	138,687 (+32.9%)
Total	374,416	366,371 (+ 2.2%)	355,226 (+5.4%)	293,901 (+27.4%)
M3 - HK\$	228,582	225,785 (+ 1.2%)	223,543 (+2.3%)	192,880 (+18.5%)
Foreign currency	228,828	223,756 (+ 2.3%)	213,366 (+7.2%)	175,297 (+30.5%)
Total	457,411	449,541 (+ 1.8%)	436,909 (+4.7%)	368,177 (+24.2%)
<u>Deposits</u>				
Demand deposits	28,533	29,074 (- 1.9%)	27,622 (+3.3%)	20,994 (+35.9%)
Savings deposits	97,942	96,407 (+ 1.6%)	94,723 (+3.4%)	72,503 (+35.1%)
Time deposits with banks	226,053	218,457 (+ 3.5%)	212,005 (+6.6%)	182,820 (+23.6%)
Time deposits with dtcs	80,002	80,161 (- 0.2%)	78,747 (+1.6%)	72,466 (+10.4%)
All HK\$ deposits	208,895	205,857 (+ 1.5%)	205,480 (+1.7%)	178,291 (+17.2%)
All foreign currency deposits	223,636	218,243 (+ 2.5%)	207,617 (+7.7%)	170,491 (+31.2%)
Total	432,531	424,100 (+ 2.0%)	413,097 (+4.7%)	348,782 (+24.0%)
<u>Loans and advances</u>				
To finance Hong Kong's visible trade	30,227	30,459 (- 0.8%)	31,286 (-3.4%)	32,566 (- 7.2%)
To finance merchandising trade not touching Hong Kong	4,728	4,917 (- 3.8%)	4,915 (-3.8%)	4,149 (+14.0%)
Other loans for use in Hong Kong	233,125	233,882 (- 0.3%)	231,123 (+0.9%)	216,268 (+ 7.8%)
Other loans for use outside Hong Kong	149,446	146,570 (+ 2.0%)	146,873 (+1.8%)	142,444 (+ 4.9%)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	20,682	19,475 (+ 6.2%)	19,709 (+4.9%)	20,005 (+ 3.4%)
All loans in HK\$	219,090	220,692 (- 0.7%)	218,530 (+0.3%)	204,964 (+ 6.9%)
All loans in foreign currencies	219,117	214,611 (+ 2.1%)	215,375 (+1.7%)	210,468 (+ 4.1%)
Total	438,207	435,303 (+ 0.7%)	433,905 (+1.0%)	415,432 (+ 5.5%)

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JUNE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX PUBLISHED
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THE OVERALL NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A), MEASURING CHANGES IN AVERAGE SALARY LEVELS FOR MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, GREW BY 11.7 PER CENT OVER JUNE 1984 TO 124.9 IN JUNE 1985, ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY OF SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES - EXCLUDING TOP MANAGEMENT) RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE OVERALL NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B), WHICH MEASURES THE CHANGES IN AVERAGE SALARY LEVELS ONLY FOR THOSE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES WHO REMAINED IN THE SAME JOB AND IN THE SAME COMPANY IN 1984 AND 1985 WAS 129.0 IN JUNE 1985, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 14.0 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1984.

THESE SALARY INDEXES USED JUNE 1983 AS THE BASE PERIOD.

COMPARING JUNE 1985 WITH JUNE 1984, THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR INCREASED BY 13.3 PER CENT; FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR BY 12.9 PER CENT; FOR THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR BY 12.0 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR BY 11.0 PER CENT AND FOR THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR BY 10.2 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR INCREASED BY 16.1 PER CENT; FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR BY 13.1 PER CENT; FOR THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR BY 13.8 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR BY 14.1 PER CENT AND FOR THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR BY 12.2 PER CENT.

BETWEEN JUNE 1984 AND JUNE 1985, THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR LARGE COMPANIES INCREASED BY 8.8 PER CENT AND THAT FOR MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES BY 12.5 PER CENT. AS REGARDS THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B), THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES WERE 13.4 PER CENT AND 14.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. FOR DEFINITIONS OF LARGE AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES, SEE FOOTNOTE TO TABLE 1 WHICH, TOGETHER WITH OTHER TABLES, WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) AND NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR JUNE 1985 FOR THE MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ANALYSED BY SIZE OF COMPANY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1 AND TABLE 2.

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MEANWHILE, THE OVERALL REAL SALARY INDEX (A) STOOD AT 109.8 IN JUNE 1985, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 8.2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1984. THE OVERALL REAL SALARY INDEX (B), ON THE OTHER HAND, STOOD AT 113.4 IN JUNE 1985, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 10.4 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1984.

COMPARING JUNE 1985 WITH JUNE 1984, THE REAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR INCREASED BY 9.9 PER CENT; FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR BY 9.4 PER CENT; FOR THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR BY 8.5 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR BY 7.4 PER CENT AND FOR THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR BY 6.9 PER CENT.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR INCREASED BY 12.4 PER CENT; FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR BY 9.5 PER CENT; FOR THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR BY 10.2 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR BY 10.5 PER CENT AND FOR THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR BY 8.6 PER CENT.

BETWEEN JUNE 1984 AND JUNE 1985, THE REAL SALARY INDEX (A) FOR LARGE COMPANIES INCREASED BY 5.3 PER CENT AND THAT FOR MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES BY 8.9 PER CENT WHILE THE REAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR LARGE AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES INCREASED BY 10.0 PER CENT AND 10.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE REAL SALARY INDEX (A) AND REAL SALARY INDEX (B) FOR JUNE 1985 FOR THE MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ANALYSED BY SIZE OF COMPANY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3 AND TABLE 4.

AMONG THE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COVERED IN THE SURVEY, IT WAS FOUND THAT 59 PER CENT OF THEM WERE ENTITLED TO PROFIT-SHARING BONUS. MOREOVER, 36 PER CENT WERE ENTITLED TO HOUSING BENEFITS OF SOME KIND AND 68 PER CENT TO PROVIDENT-RETIREMENT FUND OR PENSION. IT WAS ALSO FOUND THAT 78 PER CENT OF THEM WERE ENTITLED TO GUARANTEED YEAR-END BONUS.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS SINCE MARCH 1982 CONDUCTED A QUARTERLY SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TO MEASURE CHANGES IN WAGE AND SALARY RATES FOR MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS. EMPLOYEES AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS ARE HOWEVER EXCLUDED.

IN ORDER TO COVER THESE TYPES OF EMPLOYEES, THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONDUCTED THE 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 STILL NOT INCLUDED BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING DATA FOR THEM.

IN THE NEW SURVEY, ONLY EMPLOYEES WORKING IN COMMON OCCUPATIONS OF MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS IN THE MANUFACTURING-ELECTRICITY, GAS AND STEAM SECTOR; BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED TRADES SECTOR; WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES SECTOR; TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE SECTOR ARE COVERED.

BOTH LOCAL AND EXPATRIATE STAFF EMPLOYED IN LARGE AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES ARE COVERED IN THE SURVEY. A SAMPLE OF 202 COMPANIES WAS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY. ALL THE LARGE COMPANIES IN THE ABOVE FIVE ECONOMIC SECTORS WERE ENUMERATED IN FULL WHEREAS RANDOM SAMPLES OF MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES WERE SELECTED FROM EACH ECONOMIC SECTOR.

DATA WERE COLLECTED BY PERSONAL INTERVIEW. A LETTER TOGETHER WITH A SET OF EXPLANATORY NOTES AND JOB SPECIFICATIONS WERE SENT TO THE SAMPLED COMPANIES. AN APPOINTMENT WAS THEN MADE AFTER WHICH AN OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT CALLED ON THE COMPANY TO GIVE ASSISTANCE IN JOB MATCHING AND COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE NEW SURVEY, A NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (A) AND A NOMINAL SALARY INDEX (B) WERE COMPILED. THESE SALARY INDEXES ARE DESIGNED TO MEASURE CHANGES IN SALARY RATES BY HOLDING THE OCCUPATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES THE SAME AS THAT IN JUNE 1983, WHICH IS TAKEN AS THE BASE PERIOD OF THE INDEXES.

THE SALARY INDEX (A) IS COMPILED BY COMPARING THE AVERAGE OF THE SALARY LEVELS OF MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES IN JUNE 1983 AND JUNE 1985. IT IS A COMPREHENSIVE MEASURE OF CHANGES IN SALARY LEVELS AND IT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN SALARY LEVEL RESULTING FROM MOVEMENTS ACROSS COMPANIES AND IN AND OUT OF OCCUPATIONS IN ADDITION TO CHANGE IN SALARIES FOR THOSE WHO REMAIN IN THE SAME OCCUPATION AND THE SAME COMPANY IN BOTH 1984 AND 1985.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SALARY INDEX (B) MEASURES THE CHANGES IN SALARY LEVELS ONLY FOR THOSE WHO REMAIN IN THE SAME OCCUPATION AND IN THE SAME COMPANY IN BOTH YEARS. IT THEREFORE ACCOUNTS ONLY FOR CHANGES DUE TO A GENERAL INCREMENT, MERITORIOUS INCREASE AND GAIN IN SENIORITY AND SHOULD BE USEFUL TO PERSONNEL MANAGERS IN MAKING SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.

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WHILE THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEXES MEASURE THE CHANGES IN SALARY RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL SALARY INDEXES, WHICH ARE OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL SALARY INDEXES BY THE HANG SENG CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MEASURE THE CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY EARNED.

APART FROM BASIC SALARIES, THE SALARY RATE IS DEFINED TO INCLUDE 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 WAGE 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 \$15 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SALARY INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-455774 OR 5-416062.

Table 1 : Nominal Salary Index (A) analysed by major economic sector
by size of company for June 1985

(June 1983 = 100)

Selected major economic sector	Indexes*		
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies	All companies
Manufacturing/electricity, gas & steam	123.2 (+12.0)	128.6 (+12.0)	127.5 (+12.0)
Building & construction and related trades	105.8 (+7.8)	121.0 (+13.5)	119.2 (+12.9)
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	119.2 (+5.8)	128.1 (+12.1)	126.5 (+11.0)
Transport, storage and communication	122.1 (+9.0)	122.4 (+11.4)	122.2 (+10.2)
Financial institutions and insurance	123.3 (+10.5)	131.3 (+14.3)	129.3 (+13.3)
All sectors above	119.7 (+8.8)	126.3 (+12.5)	124.9 (+11.7)

* All indexes are rounded to one decimal place.

Figures in brackets are percentage changes for June 1985 over June 1984
and are calculated from indexes rounded to one decimal place.

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Note : Large and medium-sized companies are defined as below :

Selected major economic sectors	No. of persons engaged	
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies
Manufacturing/electricit , gas & steam	≥ 2 000	200 - 1 999
Building & construction and related trades	≥ 500	50 - 499
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	≥ 500	100 - 499
Transport, storage and communication	≥ 500	100 - 499
Financial institutions and insurance (excluding holding and investment companies)	≥ 1 000	100 - 999
Holding and investment companies	≥ 500	20 - 499

Table 2

Table 2 : Nominal Salary Index (B) analysed by major economic sector
by size of company for June 1985

(June 1983 = 100)

Selected major economic sector	Indexes*		
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies	All companies
Manufacturing/electricity, gas & steam	128.0 (+14.2)	130.0 (+13.6)	129.6 (+13.8)
Building & construction and related trades	122.7 (+13.6)	124.9 (+12.9)	124.7 (+13.1)
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	126.9 (+12.9)	132.5 (+14.3)	131.5 (+14.1)
Transport, storage and communication	127.4 (+13.2)	126.8 (+11.0)	127.1 (+12.2)
Financial institutions and insurance	127.2 (+13.3)	134.1 (+16.9)	132.5 (+16.1)
All sectors above	126.8 (+13.4)	129.6 (+14.1)	129.0 (+14.0)

* All indexes are rounded to one decimal place.

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Table 3 : Real Salary Index (A) analysed by major economic sector
by size of company for June 1985

(June 1983 = 100)

Selected major economic sector	Indexes*		
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies	All companies
Manufacturing/electricity, gas & steam	108.3 (+8.5)	113.0 (+8.4)	112.1 (+8.5)
Building & construction and related trades	93.0 (+4.5)	106.3 (+9.8)	104.8 (+9.4)
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	104.7 (+2.3)	112.6 (+8.6)	111.2 (+7.4)
Transport, storage and communication	107.3 (+5.6)	107.6 (+7.9)	107.5 (+6.9)
Financial institutions and insurance	108.4 (+7.0)	115.4 (+10.6)	113.7 (+9.9)
All sectors above	105.2 (+5.3)	111.0 (+8.9)	109.8 (+8.2)

* All indexes are rounded to one decimal place.

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Table 4 : Real Salary Index (B) analysed by major economic sector
by size of company for June 1985

(June 1983 = 100)

Selected major economic sector	Indexes*		
	Large companies	Medium-sized companies	All companies
Manufacturing/electricity, gas & steam	112.5 (+10.6)	114.3 (+10.1)	113.9 (+10.2)
Building & construction and related trades	107.9 (+10.1)	109.8 (+9.5)	109.6 (+9.5)
Wholesale/retail and import/export trades	111.6 (+9.4)	116.4 (+10.6)	115.6 (+10.5)
Transport, storage and communication	112.0 (+9.7)	111.5 (+7.6)	111.7 (+8.6)
Financial institutions and insurance	111.8 (+9.6)	117.9 (+13.3)	116.4 (+12.4)
All sectors above	111.5 (+10.0)	113.9 (+10.5)	113.4 (+10.4)

* All indexes are rounded to one decimal place.

Figures in brackets are percentage changes for June 1985 over June 1984 and are calculated from indexes rounded to one decimal place.

HK OWES ITS SUCCESS TO ELDERLY, SAYS LADY YOUDE
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HONG KONG OWES ITS SUCCESS IN LARGE PART TO ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED HARD ALL THEIR LIVES, AND WHO HAVE MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO BUILDING A STRONGER AND MORE PROSPEROUS HONG KONG, LADY YOUDE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HELPING HAND KWAI SHING WEST CARE SHELTER, SHE SAID THEY DESERVED OUR RESPECT AND CONCERN, NOT AS AN ACT OF CHARITY, BUT BECAUSE THEY HAD EARNED IT.

LADY YOUDE SAID THAT IN OUR COMMUNITY, RESPECT AND CARE FOR THE ELDERLY WERE TRADITIONAL VIRTUES.

+BUT RAPID AND ECONOMIC GROWTH HAVE ERODED THESE TRADITIONS WITH THE RESULT THAT MANY ELDERLY PEOPLE ARE NOT ABLE TO ENJOY THE FRUITS OF HONG KONG'S SUCCESS,+ SHE SAID.

WE MUST MAKE SURE THE MORE FORTUNATE MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY WERE MADE AWARE OF, AND RESPONSIVE TO, THE NEEDS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE, SHE SAID.

+IN PARTICULAR, THE RIGHT OF THOSE IN FAILING HEALTH TO RETAIN THEIR SELF-RESPECT AND DIGNITY MUST BE RECOGNISED : AS INDEED IT IS, IN THE PROVISION OF PRIVATE SELF-CONTAINED BED SPACES IN THIS SHELTER,+ LADY YOUDE SAID.

SHE THANKED THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG FOR THEIR MOST GENEROUS SUPPORT, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE HELPING HAND FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND UNFAILING DETERMINATION TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF ELDERLY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

SHE SAID THE CARE SHELTER PROGRAMME, WHICH HELPING HAND WAS DEVELOPING WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, DEMONSTRATED THEIR CONCERN AND COMMITMENT AND WOULD GROW FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HELPING HAND, MRS CHRISTA TISDALL, SAID THE KWAI SHING WEST CARE SHELTER WAS AN EXTENSION TO THE AGENCY'S SHELTERED HOUSING PROGRAMME.

MRS TISDALL SAID THE PROGRAMME WOULD ENABLE SINGLE ELDERLY PEOPLE AS THEY GREW OLDER AND LESS ABLE TO CARE FOR THEMSELVES TO REMAIN IN THE ESTATES AND IN THE ENVIRONMENT WITH WHICH THEY WERE FAMILIAR.

+A SECOND SUCH HOME, THE CONVERSION OF WHICH IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN JOINTLY BY HELPING HAND AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, WILL BE OPENED IN 1986 IN THE LOK FU ESTATE IN KOWLOON,+ SHE SAID.

+WE HOPE THAT, WORKING WITH THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MANY MORE SUCH SMALL SCALE FAMILY-TYPE SHELTERS CAN BE BUILT IN THE OLDER HOUSING ESTATES, WHERE SUCH SERVICES ARE MOST NEEDED,+ SHE ADDED.

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AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE PRAISED
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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRAISED THE AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE FOR ITS WILLINGNESS AND RESPONSIVENESS IN WORKING CLOSELY WITH ITS REGULAR COUNTERPART AND CONTRIBUTING TO A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS HONG KONG.

+THE AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN MAINTAINING INTERNAL SECURITY THROUGH THE YEARS, AND ITS AMBIT OF FUNCTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN EXPANDING TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF COMMUNITY,+ SAID MR LIAO.

SPEAKING AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS, MR LIAO SAID THE ENERGY AND DEDICATION OF THE 5 600-STRONG AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED.

+IN UNIFORM YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE DISCIPLINED FORCE, OUT OF UNIFORM YOU ARE THE SAME MAN ON THE STREET WHO KNOWS EXACTLY HOW MUCH VALUE IS ATTACHED TO MAINTAINING INTERNAL LAW AND ORDER AS AN ORDINARY CITIZEN,+ MR LIAO TOLD THE NEW RECRUITS.

HE NOTED THAT INSIDE THE FORCE, AUXILIARY OFFICERS BELONG TO A WHOLE ENTITY WITH A COMMON GOAL TO FIGHT CRIME AND NATURAL DISASTERS, AND OUTSIDE THE FORCE THEY ARE INDIVIDUALS WITH DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND DIVERSIFIED INTERESTS.

+BY SETTING AN EXAMPLE THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE, YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED HOW BEST TO SERVE THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY DIRECT,+ HE SAID.

MR LIAO SAID THAT FOR YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TRIED TO DRIVE HOME THAT FACT THAT IT IS NOT AN 'US-THEM' BUSINESS IN MAINTAINING PEACE AND ORDER.

+BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO CHANGE THE PERCEPTION OF MANY WHO STILL ATTACH A LOT OF MYTH AND ALIEN FEELING TO THE DISCIPLINED SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

+AS A MEMBER OF THE AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE WHILE RETAINING YOUR IDENTIFY AS A MAN ON THE STREET, YOU MUST HAVE INFLUENCED THOSE AROUND YOU TO ACCEPT THE DISCIPLINED FORCES, REGULAR AND AUXILIARY ALIKE, AS ONE OF US,+ HE TOLD THE RECRUITS.

+THIS IS WHY THE AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE HAS REMAINED SO UNIQUE,+ MR LIAO ADDED.

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GOVT STAFF, MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION IMPROVES

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COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STAFF AND MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF HAS CONTINUED TO IMPROVE THROUGH THE WORK OF DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES AND STAFF WELFARE AND STAFF RELATIONS UNITS, THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID TONIGHT.

MR HAMMOND WAS SPEAKING AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF THE 8TH TERM OFFICE BEARERS AND THE 14TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TSUEN WAN AND RESETTLEMENT NEW AREA WELFARE DIVISION OF THE HONG KONG URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

+EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT MANY ISSUES WERE HAPPILY RESOLVED THROUGH AN OPEN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE OFFICIAL SIDE AND THE STAFF SIDE. AND IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STAFF ASSOCIATIONS AND DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES WILL BECOME MORE AND MORE SIGNIFICANT IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE,+ MR HAMMOND SAID.

HE RECALLED THAT THE ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED 38 YEARS AGO WHEN THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF THE URBAN COUNCIL WAS KNOWN AS THE SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS GROWN AND HAS UNDERGONE MANY CHANGES IN ITS ORGANISATION TO KEEP PACE WITH BOTH HONG KONG'S POPULATION GROWTH AND THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THE OLD SANITARY DEPARTMENT NOW EXISTS IN THE FORM OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION COMPRISING THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND TWO EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS, THE USD AND THE RSD, EACH OF WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE TO ITS OWN COUNCIL,+ MR HAMMOND SAID.

+THE ROLE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION HAS ALSO GROWN CONSIDERABLY FROM WHAT IT WAS 38 YEARS AGO. BUT THE ONLY THING WHICH HAS NOT CHANGED OVER THESE YEARS IS THE DEDICATION, EFFICIENCY AND LOYALTY OF ALL THE STAFF WHO MAKE UP THIS VAST ORGANISATION.+

HE SAID THEY WORK HARD AND LOYALLY AT ALL TIMES, VERY OFTEN IN A HAZARDOUS OR UNPLEASANT ENVIRONMENT, AND THIS DEVOTION TO DUTY WAS BEST EXEMPLIFIED AT LUNAR NEW YEAR.

+AT A TIME WHEN THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION IS ON HOLIDAY AND ENJOYING THE SEASON'S FESTIVITIES WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, OUR STAFF ARE WORKING VERY LONG HOURS TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AND THAT THE CITY, TOWNS AND COUNTRYSIDE REMAIN CLEAN,+ MR HAMMOND SAID.

+SUCH WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE STAFF CAN ONLY EXIST IF THERE IS MUTUAL RESPECT BETWEEN THEM AND MANAGEMENT.+

MR HAMMOND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION OF THE VITAL ROLE PLAYED BY THE STAFF ASSOCIATIONS IN FOSTERING AND MAINTAINING SUCH GOOD RELATIONS, AND IN ACTING AS ONE OF THE ESSENTIAL LINKS BETWEEN STAFF AND MANAGEMENT.

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LEGISLATIVE CONTROL ON OPTOMETRY NEEDED

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THERE IS A NEED TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATIVE CONTROL TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN A UNIFORM STANDARD OF PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY IN HONG KONG, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING) OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR PANG KWOK-HUNG, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCH MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTHEAST, HE SAID THE PURPOSE OF CONTROLLING THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY WAS TO UPGRADE, MAINTAIN, AND PROMOTE THE STANDARD OF THE PROFESSION ACCEPTABLE AND APPROPRIATE TO THE SOCIETY.

THE CONTROL IS ALSO A MECHANISM OF GUIDING THE PROFESSION TO DEVELOP ALONG A RIGHT TRACK FOR THE DIRECT BENEFIT OF ITS PRACTITIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

HOWEVER, DR PANG SAID, FOR A CONTROL TO BE EFFECTIVE AND ENFORCEABLE, IT HAD TO BE MADE THROUGH LEGISLATION AND IT ALSO REQUIRED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM OF DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS ON THE CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF A TRADE.

THE LAW PROVIDES FOR THE SETTING UP OF STATUTORY COUNCILS AND BOARDS FOR ADMINISTERING THE VARIOUS FORMS OF CONTROL.

TO THIS END, AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OPTOMETRY WAS SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT IN EARLY 1984 IN ADVANCE OF THE FORMATION OF AN OPTOMETRISTS BOARD, DR PANG SAID.

IT CONSISTS OF MEMBERS WITH DIFFERENT TRAINING BACKGROUNDS IN OPTOMETRY, AND REPRESENTATIVES DRAWN FROM DIFFERENT PROFESSIONAL BODIES, THE LOCAL TEACHING INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT ISSUES WHICH INCLUDE DEFINING THE TYPE OF OPTICAL WORK AND PROCEDURES WHICH NEED TO BE HANDLED BY A REGISTERED OPTOMETRISTS, AND THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.

IT HAS ALSO RECOMMENDED FOR PROVISIONS TO BE MADE TO RECOGNISE THOSE WHO ARE NOW IN THE SERVICE AND WHO CAN PROVE THEMSELVES THROUGH SUITABLE MEANS THAT THEY ARE COMPETENT TO PRACTICE.

DR PANG EXPLAINED THAT THE NEED FOR CONTROL ON OPTOMETRY HAD BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY A GROWING DEMAND FOR THE PROVISION OF BETTER OPTOMETRICAL SERVICE.

+OPTOMETRISTS OR OPHTHALMIC OPTICIANS HAVE BEEN BECOMING A KEY FIGURE IN THE PREVENTIVE ASPECT BECAUSE THEIR SERVICES ARE WELL IDENTIFIED AND READILY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

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ACCORDING TO A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT EARLIER THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 552 PLACES IN HONG KONG WHERE THE PUBLIC COULD OBTAIN OPTOMETRICAL SERVICES AND 1 640 PERSONS WERE INVOLVED IN A VARIETY OF CAPACITIES.

BUT THE TRAINING BACKGROUND OF MEMBERS OF THE TRADE VARIED WITH ONLY NINE PER CENT OF THEM HAVING COMPLETED TRAINING AT THE CERTIFICATE COURSE IN OPTOMETRY OF HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THREE PER CENT HOLDING DEGREE OR DIPLOMAS IN OPTOMETRY, AND THE REMAINING MAJORITY HAVING HAD LONG YEARS OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE, HE SAID.

DR PANG SAID THAT WITH THE ADVANCEMENT IN TECHNOLOGY, INCREASING COMPLEXITY OF THE PRACTICE AND GREATER PUBLIC EXPECTATION, THERE WAS A GROWING DEMAND FOR THE PROVISION OF OPTOMETRICAL SERVICE BOTH IN QUALITY AND QUANTITY.

HE NOTED THAT THE PROVISION OF LOCAL TRAINING COURSES FOR OPTOMETRISTS, COUPLED WITH LEGISLATIVE CONTROL, WOULD LEAD TO IMPROVEMENT IN SUCH SERVICE.

THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC HAD IN MID-1984 INTRODUCED A THREE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA COURSE FOR NEW ENTRANTS AND A TWO-YEAR HIGHER CERTIFICATE COURSE FOR TRADE MEMBERS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT BY 1987, 80 STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN THE OPTOMETRY WORKFORCE EACH YEAR.

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STRATEGIC COMMODITIES SCHEDULE PUBLISHED
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A NEW SCHEDULE OF STRATEGIC COMMODITIES WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) TO REPLACE THE EXISTING SCHEDULE WITH EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 2, 1985.

A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHEDULE IS PART OF THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (STRATEGIC COMMODITIES) REGULATIONS, UNDER WHICH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF ARTICLES SPECIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE REQUIRE LICENCES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE.

THE EXISTING SCHEDULE CAME INTO EFFECT IN DECEMBER 1982. THE NEW SCHEDULE REVISES THE EXISTING SCHEDULE TO REFLECT ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY SINCE THEN.

A CIRCULAR LETTER, CONTAINING DETAILS OF THE NEW SCHEDULE IS NOW BEING SENT TO THE TRADE. COPIES OF THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (STRATEGIC COMMODITIES) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) ORDER 1985, WHICH CONTAINS THE NEW SCHEDULE, ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE WITH THE TRADE LICENSING (NON TEXTILES) SECTION, TRADE DEPARTMENT, OCEAN CENTRE, 13TH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD, ON TELEPHONE NUMBERS 3-7222508, 3-7222520 OR 3-7222521.

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PROGRESS ON IMPROVING ENVIRONMENT REVIEWED
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MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR ON IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EFFORTS AIMED AT PREVENTING FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED.

IN AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S ANNUAL REVIEW FOR 1984-85, DR REED SAID. THE MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT WAS THE FORMAL ENDORSEMENT BY THE LAND DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE IN JANUARY THIS YEAR OF A NEW +ENVIRONMENT+ CHAPTER FOR INCLUSION IN THE HONG KONG PLANNING STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES -- THE MANUAL THAT DIRECTS DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IN HONG KONG.

THE +ENVIRONMENT+ CHAPTER, WHICH WAS PREPARED BY A GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP CHAIRED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, WAS PUBLISHED AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT ENTITLED +ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING IN HONG KONG+, AND WAS RELEASED EARLIER THIS WEEK.

DR REED SAID THAT PROGRESS WAS ALSO MADE WITH THE APPLICATION OF THE IMPROVED PROCEDURES INTRODUCED IN 1983-84 FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DETAILED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) OF MAJOR PROJECTS.

THESE PROCEDURES, HE SAID, INVOLVED THE FORMATION OF AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL STUDY MANAGEMENT GROUP, THE ADOPTION OF FORMAL TERMS OF REFERENCE TO DEFINE CLEARLY THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE EIA AND A TWO-STAGE ASSESSMENT COMPRISING INITIAL OVERALL ASSESSMENT FOLLOWED BY DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF THE KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT.

MAJOR PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY TACKLED IN THIS WAY DURING 1984-85 INCLUDE THE LAND FORMATION ASPECTS OF THE TIN SHUI WAI NEW TOWN, LARGE LAGOONS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF PULVERISED FUEL ASH AT TSANG TSUI AND THE SECOND GAS PRODUCTION PLANT NOW BEING BUILT ON A SITE AT TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

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DR REED SAID +PLANNING AGAINST POLLUTION+ HAD BEEN A CONSISTENT THEME OF THE FOUR PREVIOUS ANNUAL REVIEWS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN HONG KONG.

+AN APPRECIATION OF THE FACT THAT TODAY'S BAD PLANNING DECISION IS TOMORROW'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM, HAS INFORMED AND GUIDED MUCH OF THE EFFORT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DEVOTED IN RECENT YEARS TO PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

DR REED SAID THAT WHILE THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING PROBLEMS BY GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COULD NOT BE OVER-EMPHASISED, THERE WAS ALSO A NEED FOR COMPLEMENTARY STATUTORY CONTROLS, EITHER TO ENSURE THAT AGREEMENTS REACHED ON EMISSION LIMITS IN THE COURSE OF THE PLANNING PROCESS COULD BE ENFORCED, OR AS A SIMPLE MEANS OF ENSURING THAT A MULTIPLICITY OF SMALL SOURCES OF EMISSIONS WERE MAINTAINED WITHIN ACCEPTABLE LIMITS.

HE SAID THAT DRAFTING OF REGULATIONS TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE WATER POLLUTIONS CONTROL ORDINANCE HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT AFTER THE COMPREHENSIVE CONSULTATION THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN RECENT MONTHS, THE REGULATIONS WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

SIMILARLY, DRAFTING OF REGULATIONS TO CONTROL MAJOR SOURCES OF AIR POLLUTION UNDER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE, THE SO-CALLED +SPECIFIED PROCESS+ REGULATIONS, WERE NEAR TO COMPLETION AT THE END OF THE REVIEW PERIOD.

ALSO, THE LONG-DELAYED NOISE CONTROL BILL WAS NOW MAKING BETTER PROGRESS AND THE BILL PASSED THROUGH THREE MORE DRAFTS DURING THE YEAR.

WHILE THE BILL IS A RELATIVELY COMPLEX PIECE OF TECHNICAL LEGISLATION AND TIMING IS, THEREFORE, DIFFICULT TO FORECAST, IT IS HOPED TO SUBMIT THE BILL TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EARLY NEXT YEAR.

DR REED CONCLUDED: +DESPITE THE MANY STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND ARE BEING TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG, OPINION SURVEYS INDICATE THAT THE PUBLIC ARE LESS THAN SATISFIED WITH WHAT IS BEING DONE.

+THERE ARE, NO DOUBT, MANY REASONS FOR THIS PUBLIC VIEW INCLUDING, OF COURSE, THAT EVEN MORE DOES IN FACT NEED TO BE DONE.+

THE REVIEW, ENTITLED +ENVIRONMENT HONG KONG 1985+, HAS BEEN COMPILED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN POLLUTION CONTROL, AND COVERS ALL ASPECTS OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION, NOISE, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT.

COPIES OF THE REVIEW, PRICED AT \$18 EACH, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CENTRAL.

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DISPLACED WORKERS TO GET EX-GRATIA PAYMENT
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ABOUT \$4.4 MILLION WILL BE PAID OUT FROM THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND, STARTING TODAY (FRIDAY), TO SOME 1 500 FORMER EMPLOYEES OF TWO DEFUNCT COMPANIES.

THE ALPHANETICS MANUFACTURING COMPANY AND THE ATLAS ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING LTD -- TWO SUBSIDIARIES OF THE ATLAS INDUSTRIES LTD -- CEASED BUSINESS ABOUT A MONTH AGO AND THEIR WAGES FOR OCTOBER WERE STILL IN ARREARS.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE EMPLOYEES APPLIED FOR EX-GRATIA PAYMENT FROM THE FUND.

A SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WAGE SECURITY UNIT, MRS AUDREY CHENG, SAID LETTERS HAD BEEN SENT TO THE WORKERS INFORMING THEM TO COLLECT PAYMENT AT THE UNIT IN WAN CHAI.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT AS THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS INVOLVED IN THIS CASE WAS SO GREAT, IT WOULD TAKE A FEW WEEKS TO HAVE ALL THE PAYMENTS CLEARED.

+IN ORDER TO KEEP THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS TURNING UP FOR COLLECTION OF PAYMENT AT A MANAGEABLE SIZE AND TO REDUCE THE WAITING TIME, PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY BATCHES,+ SHE SAID.

EMPLOYEES APPLYING FOR PAYMENT FROM THE FUND ARE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED IN TRIPPLICATE.

THEY MUST GIVE ACCURATE INFORMATION WHILE FILLING IN THE FORMS AS ERRORS MAY CAUSE DELAY IN THE PROCESSING OF THEIR CLAIMS.

THE APPLICANTS ALSO HAVE TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS SUCH AS EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, PAYROLL RECEIPTS, WAGE RECORDS AND ATTENDANCE RECORDS TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIMS.

THE FUND, ADMINISTERED BY THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND BOARD, BEGAN OPERATION IN APRIL THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE QUICK RELIEF TO EMPLOYEES WHOSE EMPLOYERS HAD BECOME INSOLVENT.

SINCE THEN, MORE THAN 5 000 EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE ATLAS GROUP, HAD APPLIED FOR EX-GRATIA PAYMENT AND THE TOTAL WAGES CLAIMED AMOUNTED TO ABOUT \$13.7 MILLION.

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AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL TO BE EXTENDED

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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$186-MILLION WORKS CONTRACT FOR EXTENSION OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

WORK WILL INVOLVE EXTENDING THE EXISTING PASSENGER TERMINAL EASTWARD OVER A 13 000-SQUARE-METRE SITE, PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY A COACH-PARKING LOT AND THE STORES BUILDING AT THE AIRPORT.

A TOTAL OF 43 IMMIGRATION DESKS WILL BE PROVIDED AT BOTH THE DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL LEVELS IN ADDITION TO 60 NEW CHECK-IN COUNTERS TO COPE WITH INCREASING TRAFFIC FLOW.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF SPACES FOR SHOPS, CAFES AND OTHER FACILITIES.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED BY MID-1988.

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PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE FOR SHEUNG SHUI

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A SITE IN THE NORTH DISTRICT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC TENDER FOR USE AS A PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND MEAT PROCESSING FACTORY.

THE SITE, WITH AN AREA OF 2.9 HECTARES, IS SITUATED AT FU TEI AU, SHEUNG SHUI.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER HAS TO CONSTRUCT ON THE SITE A PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE WITH A MINIMUM THROUGHPUT CAPACITY OF 2 000 PIGS AND 200 CATTLE PER DAY TOGETHER WITH A MEAT PROCESSING FACTORY.

THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE WILL HAVE A MINIMUM GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 12 000 SQUARE METRES, AND THE TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA FOR THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND THE MEAT PROCESSING FACTORY WILL NOT EXCEED 87 000 SQUARE METRES. IT MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 36 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF AGREEMENT.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL ALSO HAVE TO CONSTRUCT PART OF AN ACCESS ROAD TO THE SITE.

THE LEASE WILL BE FOR A TERM EXPIRED ON JUNE 30, 2047 AND THE ANNUAL RENTAL WILL BE \$2 000 PER ANNUM UP TO JUNE 30, 1997, AND THEREAFTER AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THREE PER CENT OF THE RATEABLE VALUE OF THE LOT.

PROSPECTIVE TENDERERS HAVE TO MAKE A DEPOSIT OF \$1 MILLION WITH THEIR TENDER. THE BALANCE OF THE LAND PREMIUM CAN BE PAID BY CASH OR MONETISED LETTER B. CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS FEBRUARY 28, 1986.

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SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISES HELD

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A MAJOR MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE, COORDINATED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, WAS HELD HALFWAY BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAU YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THE AIM OF THE EXERCISE WAS TO TEST COMMAND AND CONTROL PROCEDURES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND SUPPORTING SEARCH AND RESCUE AGENCIES, AS WELL AS TO TRAIN STAFF.

HE SAID THE LOCATION WAS CHOSEN TO ALLOW FOR MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION BY AS MANY AGENCIES AS POSSIBLE.

+IN ADDITION TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, THE MARINE POLICE, THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, BOTH THE MACAU MARINE DEPARTMENT AND THE GUANGZHOU MARITIME RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE TOOK PART IN THE EXERCISE.+

THE EXERCISE CENTRED ON THE EVACUATION OF 59 PERSONS FROM A VESSEL IN DISTRESS.

+BY THE END OF THE EXERCISE, ALL 59 PERSONS WERE SUCCESSFULLY EVACUATED.

+IN PARTICULAR, FIVE PERSONS WITH SIMULATED SERIOUS INJURIES WERE EVACUATED BY HELICOPTER FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT IN MACAU,+ HE SAID.

IN A RELATED EXERCISE, A LONG RANGE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION, INVOLVING A SIMULATED AIR CRASH ABOUT 100 MILES TO THE EAST OF HONG KONG, WAS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE COORDINATION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

PARTICIPATING IN THIS PART OF THE EXERCISE, WHICH STARTED ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 26) AND ENDED TODAY, WERE THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, THE ROYAL NAVY, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND COAST GUARD, AND THE GUANGDONG MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE CENTRE.

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NEW CHAIRMAN FOR SPORTS COUNCIL

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, HAS APPOINTED MR F.K. HU AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE COUNCIL, ESTABLISHED IN 1973, IS THE GOVERNMENT'S ADVISORY BODY ON SPORTS AND RECREATION AND THE MAJOR PART OF THIS IS TO ADVISE ON THE DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.

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IT HAS FIVE COMMITTEES COVERING SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS, SPORTS DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY RECREATION, DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS FROM GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS AS WELL AS THE VETTING OF APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB GRANT FOR PERMANENT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR YOUTH.

RECENTLY, THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHED A SPORTS AID FOR THE DISABLED FUND WITH A DONATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST DISABLED SPORTSMEN.

LAST YEAR, THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDED GRANTS AMOUNTING TO \$6.25 MILLION TO ASSIST SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS IN TAKING PART IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, TRAINING OF OFFICIALS AND COACHES, AND OFFICE EXPENSES. FOR THE COMING YEAR, GREATER EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION.

OTHER UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL ARE MR TANG TAI-CHUEN, MR LO CHI-CHUNG, DR S.F. LAM, DR HENRIETTA IP MAN-HING, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, MR WILLIAM KO, MR CHAN KA-KUI, DR DAVID W.T. HO, MR PHILIP LEE AND MR R.L. WILSON.

THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, URBAN COUNCIL, PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH ARE ALSO REPRESENTED ON THE COUNCIL.

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FIRST TSUEN KWAI ARTS FESTIVAL FOR JANUARY
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THE FIRST TSUEN KWAI ARTS FESTIVAL, FEATURING OVER 60 PERFORMANCES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, WILL BE HELD FROM JANUARY 31 TO MARCH 2, 1986.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WING-CHUN, SAID THE FESTIVAL ORIGINATED FROM THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL. IT HAS TAKEN ITS PRESENT NAME DUE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT.

DURING THE 31-DAY FESTIVAL, 45 PERFORMANCES AND TWO EXHIBITIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL WHILE 20 PERFORMANCES WILL BE STAGED AT 19 OTHER VENUES.

HIGHLIGHTS WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY THE GUANGZHOU ACROBATIC TROUPE, THE BACH COLLEGIUM MUNCHEN FROM WEST GERMANY, THE YASS HAKOSHIMA MIME THEATRE FROM THE U.S., THE THEATRE SANS FIL FROM CANADA, SPANISH GUITARIST PACO PENA, CHINESE PIANIST YIN CHENG-ZONG, CHINESE PIPA VIRTUOSI LIU DEHAI AND YANGJING.

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ALSO APPEARING IN THE FESTIVAL WILL BE LOCAL GROUPS SUCH AS THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA, HONG KONG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, CITY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY, TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AND KWAI CHUNG PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY.

ANOTHER ATTRACTION WILL BE THE SHOWING OF 10 FILMS, ALL WINNERS OF THE 4TH HONG KONG FILM AWARDS.

MR CHENG SAID TICKET PRICES FOR MOST PERFORMANCES WOULD BE LOW, RANGING FROM \$10 TO \$40 EACH.

HALF-PRICED TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS AND THOSE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE.

POSTAL BOOKING FOR THE PERFORMANCES WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) UNTIL DECEMBER 20.

BOOKING FOLDERS CONTAINING PROGRAMME DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL; TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICES; CITY HALL; GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AND MOST TV WEEK CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRES AT MTR STATIONS.

THE FESTIVAL IS PRESENTED JOINTLY BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION, KWAI CHUNG PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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DB DELEGATION OFF TO JAPAN

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A DELEGATION OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD SET OFF TODAY (FRIDAY) ON A STUDY TOUR TO KAGOSHIMA AND TOKYO IN JAPAN.

THE DELEGATION COMPRISES 17 MEMBERS -- 12 BOARD MEMBERS, TWO OBSERVERS, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, THE BOARD SECRETARY AND A SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICER.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON, MR CHOW KWEN-LIM, WHO HEADS THE DELEGATION, SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT A STUDY TOUR TO KAGOSHIMA WAS ORGANISED BY A DISTRICT BOARD.

+WE WILL OBSERVE THE ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, THE WORK IT DOES FOR THE PEOPLE AND HOW UNOFFICIALS PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

+I HOPE THE EXPERIENCE WILL ENLIGHTEN MEMBERS ON THE OPERATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

+FURTHERMORE, THE VISIT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR FRIENDLY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN BOARD MEMBERS AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN KAGOSHIMA, AND HELP STRENGTHEN TIES BETWEEN THE PEOPLE IN THE TWO PLACES,+ HE SAID.

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DURING THEIR NINE-DAY STAY IN JAPAN, MEMBERS WILL FIRST CALL AT KAGOSHIMA AND MEET THE PREFECTURE GOVERNOR, THE MAYOR, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PLANNING DEPARTMENT, AND CHAIRMEN OF THE PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY AND THE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

THEY WILL ALSO ATTEND SESSIONS ON THE PREFECTURAL ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTION SYSTEMS, AND LOOK AT THE LOCAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM, VARIOUS CULTURAL, SPORT, RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

IN TOKYO, THEY WILL MEET THE KAGOSHIMA COUNCILLOR OF THE NATIONAL DIET TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

THE PARTY WILL CONCLUDE THEIR TOUR WITH A VISIT TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICE IN TOKYO AND THE JAPANESE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

ON THEIR RETURN TO HONG KONG, THEY WILL COMPILE A REPORT ON THE VISIT, TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS' OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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FREE CARPARK IN TUEN MUN OPENED
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ONE OF TWO TEMPORARY CARPARKS IN TUEN MUN WILL BE OPENED ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1), A DAY AFTER THE CLOSURE OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE CARPARK AT OLD SAN HUI MARKET.

THE DECISION TO OPEN THE TEMPORARY CARPARK WAS MADE AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE PROVISION OF CARPARKS UNDER THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE TEMPORARY CARPARK, LOCATED NORTH OF THE FORMER TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, WILL PROVIDE A FREE PUBLIC CARPARKING FACILITIES FOR PRIVATE CARS.

THE OTHER TEMPORARY CARPARK NEARBY WILL BE ALSO OPENED FOR PUBLIC USE LATER IN DECEMBER WHEN ROAD WORKS ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD ARE COMPLETED.

TOGETHER THESE TWO TEMPORARY CARPARKS WILL PROVIDE MORE THAN 80 PARKING SPACES FOR PRIVATE CARS AND WILL REMAIN OPENED UNTIL A PUBLIC CARPARK UNDERNEATH THE PUI TO ROAD FLYOVER IS COMPLETED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986.

SIGNBOARDS HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE CARPARK AND THE OLD TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING TEMPORARY CARPARK TO INFORM MOTORISTS OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS.

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SLOGAN CONTEST TO PROMOTE FIGHT CRIME
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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS IN EASTERN DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION TO HELP PROMOTE THE ONGOING FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT.

ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT POLICE STATION, THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CRIME PREVENTION AND AT THE SAME TIME TO DEVELOP THEIR CREATIVE SKILLS.

ENTRIES, IN NOT MORE THAN 10 WORDS, SHOULD CENTRE ON THE THEME OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE PUBLIC IN FIGHTING CRIME, AND THE SPIRIT OF NEIGHBOURLY ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION.

THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES AND THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS DECEMBER 16.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE CAMERAS, WHILE THERE WILL BE AWARDS FOR 10 OUTSTANDING ENTRIES. THE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES AT A FIGHT CRIME NIGHT ON JANUARY 4.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT 880-886 KING'S ROAD, OR ITS SUB-OFFICES IN CAUSEWAY BAY, SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE AT YUNG LONG COMMISSIONED
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AN EXCAVATION COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE AT AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE AT YUNG LONG NEAR CASTLE PEAK.

EXPLORATORY TRENCHES EXCAVATED AT THE SITE BY THE HONG KONG ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY HAVE BROUGHT TO LIGHT THE WELL-PRESERVED REMAINS OF A PREHISTORIC POTTERY KILN.

AS PREVIOUS EXAMPLES OF SUCH SITES IN SOUTH CHINA HAVE SHOWN THAT THESE KILNS TENDED TO BE OPERATED IN CLUSTERS, IT IS HOPED THAT FURTHER EXCAVATION WILL REVEAL MORE KILNS.

IT IS POSSIBLE THEREFORE THAT THE SITE MAY SHED LIGHT ON AN IMPORTANT TRANSITIONAL PHASE OF A TECHNOLOGY FOR WHICH CHINA HAS LONG BEEN RENOWNED.

SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, WHO IS THE ANTIQUITIES AUTHORITY, SAID THAT IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO CONSERVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES WHEREVER PRACTICABLE.

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+HOWEVER, THE AREA AROUND YUNG LONG IS ALREADY AFFECTED BY CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS, AND EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO PROTECT IT.

+FURTHER WORKS ARE PLANNED AND IT WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO ENSURE THAT THE SITE IS NOT SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY EROSION DURING THE NEXT RAINY SEASON,+ HE ADDED.

THE SITE, WHICH HAD REMAINED UNDISTURBED EXCEPT FOR SURFACE CULTIVATION, IS NOW THREATENED BY THE OPENING UP OF WHAT WAS ONCE REMOTE AND INACCESSIBLE AREA.

MR BARNES SAID THE FRAGILITY OF THE SITE BECAUSE OF ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS AND TO DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA IN THE NEAR FUTURE HAS LED TO GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONING THE EXCAVATION.

IT WILL BE CONDUCTED BY A TEAM OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR BRIAN PEACOCK, WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS), MR ALEX YIP, REPRESENTING THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES AS THE ANTIQUITIES AUTHORITY.

MR PEACOCK HAS ALSO INVITED MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY AND OTHER ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUPS TO TAKE PART IN THE EXCAVATION. ANYONE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART SHOULD CONTACT THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE, HE SAID.

ALL ARTEFACTS REMOVED FROM THE SITE AND THE RECORDS OF EXCAVATION WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND A FULL REPORT OF THE EXCAVATION AND SUBSEQUENT RESEARCH WILL BE PUBLISHED.

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LOK FU DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE OPENS

THE LOK FU BRANCH OFFICE OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW PREMISES, AT T51-53 ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE, IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED TO SERVE RESIDENTS OF TUNG TAU, LOK FU AND WANG TAU HOM.

THE OFFICE, WHICH INCLUDES A PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, HAS A FLOOR AREA OF 195 SQUARE METRE. THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ENQUIRIES IS 3-386992.

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YOUTH FOCUS FOR 'CLEAN HK' CAMPAIGN
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THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL CONCENTRATE ON YOUTHS IN THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN IN THE 1986/87 FINANCIAL YEAR.

THIS WAS DECIDED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY MEMBERS OF THE UC'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR WALTER SULKE AT THEIR SECOND PUBLIC MEETING.

AMONG PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED WITHIN THE SIX PHASES OF NEXT YEAR'S CAMPAIGN ARE A TERRITORY-WIDE +CLEANEST SCHOOL COMPETITION+ AND AN APPEAL TO YOUTH GROUPS LIKE THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION FOR WIDER PARTICIPATION IN THE CAMPAIGN.

MEMBERS ALSO AGREED TO EXPAND THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME, NOW OPEN TO POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY, TO INCLUDE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AS WELL.

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EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A LARGE SCALE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN.

THE NINE-DAY EXHIBITION, WHICH WILL END ON DECEMBER 8, WILL BE STAGED AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND FROM 11 AM TO 9 PM DAILY.

A TOTAL OF 17 FACTORIES PRODUCING FURNITURE, TOYS AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT, FOOD, ELECTRONICS AND OTHER ITEMS WILL TAKE PART IN THE EXHIBITION.

THESE FACTORIES WILL INTRODUCE THEIR LINE OF PRODUCTS THROUGH VARIOUS VISUAL DISPLAYS AND WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES. SOME FACTORIES WILL ALSO SET UP STALLS TO SELL THEIR PRODUCTS.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PUBLIC ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, CONSUMER COUNCIL, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, LABOUR DEPARTMENT, LANDS DEPARTMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE WILL ALSO SET UP EXHIBITION STALLS AT THE EXHIBITION.

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAU WONG-FAT; THE PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, MR DAVID CHEUNG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, MR YIP HING-CHUNG WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE TUEN MUN INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 5.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND, TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION EXHIBITION FOR WAN CHAI
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A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION EXHIBITION SPONSORED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE STAGED IN THE LOBBY OF HENNESSY CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1).

THE EXHIBITION, CO-ORDINATED BY THE BOARD'S WORKING GROUP FOR THE CONCERN OF PORNOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES IN WAN CHAI, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE METHODIST CENTRE AND THE BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE.

TO PUBLICISE THE EXHIBITION AND TO PROMOTE THE FIGHT AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY, A MINI-EXHIBITION WILL BE MOUNTED ON A SPECIALLY DECORATED BUS THAT WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT.

THE BUS WILL START OFF FROM THE SOUTHORN PLAYGROUND AFTER AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), AND WILL STOP FOR PUBLIC VIEWING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WILL BE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MRS PEGGY LAM, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE CONCERN OF PORNOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES IN WAN CHAI, MS JACQUELINE HA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE SOUTHORN PLAYGROUND.

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TAI PO BOARD MEMBERS VISIT KCRC
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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION TO SEE ITS OPERATION.

LED BY CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, DR STEPHEN TANG, MEMBERS FIRST TOURED THE CONTROL CENTRE AT THE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM, TO SEE THE OPERATION OF THE AUTOMATIC REVENUE COLLECTION CONTROL SYSTEM.

THEY BOARDED A SPECIAL TRAIN TO THE HO TUNG LAU WORKSHOP IN SHA TIN, AND THEN WENT TO THE KCRC HEAD OFFICE, WHERE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR PETER QUICK, BRIEFED THEM ON MANAGEMENT OF THE CORPORATION.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION MOVES
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A FIRE PREVENTION MINI EXHIBITION REMINDING THE PUBLIC TO BE ON THE ALERT FOR FIRE WILL MOVE TO TELFORD GARDEN IN KOWLOON BAY THIS SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1).

THE DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS ILLUSTRATING THE CAUSES OF BOTH DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLD AND COUNTRYSIDE FIRES AND THEIR METHODS OF PREVENTION WILL BE ON SHOW FROM NOON TO 3 PM.

VISITORS TO THE DISPLAY WILL RECEIVE A BOOKLET ON FIRE PREVENTION IN THE HOME, 1986 CALENDAR CARDS AND BOOKMARKS CARRYING FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGES.

TO FURTHER INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE HIGH FIRE RISK AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, AN INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT BROADCAST VAN IS CURRENTLY DEPLOYED DELIVERING FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGES IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY GOES METRIC
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A PRESS CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY CENTENARY BUILDING, 134A NATHAN ROAD, TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 11 AM TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE METRICATION OF THE PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS AND SERVICES), MR H.K. LAM, AND SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER (RESEARCH AND RECORDS) MRS ELAINE KOO.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY TO BE STAGED
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THE 1985 LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY FEATURING AN EXHIBITION AND A NUMBER OF SEMINARS WILL BE HELD AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION THIS SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1) FROM 9 AM TO 12.30 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE EVENT WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE LAND SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN WORKING PARTY TO PROMOTE THE +PLAY SAFE+ MESSAGE.

VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN HOW TO PARTICIPATE SAFELY IN MANY POPULAR LAND SPORTS SUCH AS HIKING, MOUNTAINEERING, CAMPING, ORIENTEERING, ROLLER SKATING, CYCLING AND ARCHERY THROUGH A SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS AND TALKS TO BE GIVEN BY EXPERTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISERS SAID THE ANNUAL EVENT IS HELD TO REITERATE THE SAFETY MESSAGE IN VIEW OF THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS OCCURRING IN LAND SPORTS.

SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY.

MORE THAN 500 REPRESENTATIVES FROM SCHOOLS, SPORTS GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS AS WELL AS PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS WITH SPORTS CLUB HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS WHICH WILL ALSO TOUCH ON FIRST AID AND HANDLING OF EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT.

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LION ROCK RACE ON SUNDAY
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MORE THAN 200 RUNNERS WILL BE COMPETING IN THE ANNUAL LION ROCK RACE WHICH STARTS FROM THE TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD PLAYGROUND AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1).

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE RACE, DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS, WILL COVER A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 2.8 KILOMETRES ALONG A WINDING ROAD WHICH LEADS TO KUN YAM ESTATE.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, MR WONG SIK-KONG; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DIANA TONG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR PETER CHOW WILL OFFICIATE AT THE STARTING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LION ROCK RACE WHICH WILL START FROM TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD PLAYGROUND AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1).

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SPECIAL MEETING ON STRUCTURAL SAFETY
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THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS STRUCTURAL SAFETY IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE BLOCKS ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 2).

THE CHIEF MAINTENANCE SURVEYOR OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR R.N. CARPENTER, AND THE CHIEF HOUSING MANAGER (WEST), MR LAU KWAN-YUEN, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO BRIEF MEMBERS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THE ISSUE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 2) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES (NEXT TO THE KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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DETAILS ON KWAI CHUNG ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN
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CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR TIEN PEI-CHUN, WILL MEET THE PRESS AT 11.30 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 2) TO INTRODUCE DETAILS OF THIS YEAR'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174 HING FONG ROAD.

VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LEE LYON-YUAN, AND ROAD SAFETY OFFICER (TRAFFIC), NT, MRS YEUNG CHAN WING-HAR, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

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MESSIAH FOR CHRISTMAS
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THE HONG KONG ORATORIO SOCIETY WILL SING HANDEL'S +MESSIAH+ IN AN EARLY CHRISTMAS CONCERT TO BE HELD IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AT 8 PM ON DECEMBER 8.

DR WONG WING-HEE WILL CONDUCT WHILE ELLA KIANG, CYNTHIA YIM, WONG FANG AND VITUS CHAN WILL SING THE SOPRANO, ALTO, TENOR AND BASS RESPECTIVELY.

TICKETS AT \$10, \$20 AND \$30 ARE ON SALE AT THE TOWN HALL'S BOX OFFICE.

THE CONCERT IS A REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN SHA TIN, KOWLOON CITY
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TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORKS, HUNG MUI KUK SLIP ROAD (TIN SAM BOUND) LEADING OFF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 2) FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC HEADING TOWARDS TIN SAM AREA WILL BE DIVERTED TO LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTHBOUND AND CHE KUNG MIU ROAD WESTBOUND. TRAFFIC SIGNALS ALONG CHE KUNG MIU ROAD WILL ALSO BE TEMPORARILY ADJUSTED TO COPE WITH THE CHANGE IN THE TRAFFIC FLOW PATTERN IN THE AREA. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

BUSES OF ROUTE 85B WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, CHE KUNG MIU ROAD WESTBOUND, HUNG MUI KUK ROAD, TIN SAM STREET, CHE KUNG MIU ROAD EASTBOUND AND CHUI TIN STREET ON JOURNEYS TO SUN CHUI ESTATE.

ADDITIONAL BUS STOPS WILL BE DESIGNATED ON CHE KUNG MIU ROAD NEAR CHUN SHEK ESTATE, CHE KUNG MIU AND SUN CHUI ESTATE FOR ALIGHTING.

AS THE DEMAND FOR GOING TO SUN CHUI AND LUNG HANG AREA CAN BE SERVED BY ROUTE 85B, BUSES OF ROUTE 85 WILL OMIT HUNG MUI KUK ROAD AND CHE KUNG MIU ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO TAI WAI.

BUSES OF ROUTE 80 WILL BE OPERATED VIA LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND CHE KUNG MIU ROAD WESTBOUND, HUNG MUI KUK ROAD, TIN SAM STREET AND CHE KUNG MIU ROAD EASTBOUND ON JOURNEYS TO MEI LAM ESTATE.

BUS STOPS WILL BE DESIGNATED ON CHE KUNG MIU ROAD NEAR CHUN SHEK ESTATE, CHE KUNG MIU AND SUN CHUI ESTATE FOR ALIGHTING.

AS ROUTE 80 WILL OPERATE VIA SUN CHUI AND LUNG HANG AREA, ROUTE 89A WILL OMIT HUNG MUI KUK ROAD AND CHE KUNG MIU ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO YUEN CHAU KOK.

WITH RESPECT TO ROUTE 89B, THE SERVICE WILL BE DIVERTED TO SERVE CHUN SHEK AND SUN TIN WAI ESTATES EN-ROUTE BY OPERATING VIA LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, CHE KUNG MIU ROAD WESTBOUND, SHA TIN TAU ROAD, CHE KUNG MIU ROAD EASTBOUND AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO SHA TIN WAI.

AN ALIGHTING BUS STOP WILL BE PROVIDED ON SHA TIN TAU ROAD NEAR CHUN SHEK ESTATE. PASSENGERS WHO WANT TO GO TO SUN CHUI AND LUNG HANG AREA COULD ALSO ALIGHT AT THE ADDITIONAL BUS STOP DESIGNATED ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NEAR KAK TIN.

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ROUTE 87B WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, CHE KUNG MIU ROAD WESTBOUND, HUNG MUI KUK ROAD, TIN SAM STREET, CHE KUNG MIU ROAD EASTBOUND, SHA TIN TAU ROAD AND SUN TIN WAI ESTATE ACCESS ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO SUN TIN WAI.

ALIGHTING BUS STOPS FOR THE ROUTE WILL BE PROVIDED ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NEAR SUN TIN WAI ESTATE AND ON CHE KUNG MIU ROAD NEAR CHUN SHEK ESTATE, CHE KUNG MIU AND SUN CHUI ESTATE.

SINCE THE CATCHMENT IN TIN SAM VALLEY WILL BE CATERED FOR BY ROUTE 87B, ROUTE 87A WILL OBSERVE A MORE DIRECT ROUTEING VIA LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO POK HONG ESTATE.

AS FAR AS ROUTE 86A IS CONCERNED, THE BUS SERVICE WILL NOT BE DIVERTED TO SERVE SUN CHUI AND LUNG HANG AREA AND WILL SERVE CHUN SHEK AND SUN TIN WAI ESTATES EN-ROUTE BY OPERATING VIA LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, CHE KUNG MIU ROAD WESTBOUND, SHA TIN TAU ROAD, CHE KUNG MIU ROAD EASTBOUND AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD WHEN HEADING FOR SHA TIN WAI.

AGAIN, SIMILAR TO ROUTE 89B, PASSENGERS COULD ALIGHT AT THE ADDITIONAL BUS STOP ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NEAR KAK TIN FOR ACCESS TO SUN CHUI AND LUNG HANG AREA. AN ALIGHTING BUS STOP WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED ON SHA TIN TAU ROAD NEAR CHUN SHEK ESTATE.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 2), THE RIGHT TURN FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST EASTBOUND ONTO LA SALLE ROAD WILL BE BANNED FOR ABOUT NINE WEEKS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

MOTORISTS WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE KOWLOON CITY INTERCHANGE.