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SIR PHILIP CHECKS ON FINAL REGISTER
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION OF THE COUNCILS AND ADMINISTRATION BRANCH TO INSPECT THE FINAL REGISTER FOR DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE FINAL REGISTER WAS PUBLISHED ON JANUARY 4, 1985 AND CONTAINS SOME 1.4 MILLION ENTRIES OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE TERRITORY-WIDE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION ON MARCH 7.

ON HAND TO RECEIVE THE CHIEF SECRETARY WERE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ELECTORAL SERVICES), MR LEE LAP-SUN AND THE REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR LAI KWAN-TAT. THEY BRIEFED SIR PHILIP ON THE DIVISION'S ROLE IN THE FORTHCOMING MARCH ELECTIONS. SIR PHILIP ALSO RECEIVED AN UP-TO-DATE REPORT ON THE PROGRESS RELATING TO NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

SO FAR SOME 240 PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO STAND FOR ELECTION. THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JANUARY 31.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT SOME 5 800 CIVIL SERVANTS AND CIVIL AID SERVICES MEMBERS HAD BEEN ENLISTED TO MAN THE 322 POLLING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND TO COUNT THE VOTES IMMEDIATELY AFTER POLLING IS OVER.

THE INSPECTION OF THE FINAL REGISTER BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS (REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS) REGULATIONS.

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GOVERNOR LEAVING FOR U.S. AND U.K.
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THEY WILL BE TRAVELLING ON FLIGHT PA022 TO NEW YORK, ETD 1 PM.

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SALES ACTIVITY ON FLATS RISES

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THE NUMBER OF SALE AGREEMENTS ON FLATS INCREASED BY MORE THAN 20 PER CENT LAST YEAR, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, REPORTED TODAY.

IN ALL, 29 959 SUCH AGREEMENTS WERE REGISTERED, AN INCREASE OF 22.6 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR, HE SAID.

DURING THE YEAR, 52 358 ASSIGNMENTS OF FLATS WERE REGISTERED, COMPARED WITH 48 264 IN 1983. A TOTAL OF 9 932 ASSIGNMENTS OF FLATS WERE COMPLETED BY THE LAND OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, COMPARED WITH 8 847 IN 1983.

THERE WERE 418 ASSIGNMENTS OF LOTS AND SECTIONS, 6.7 PER CENT LESS THAN IN 1983. THE TOTAL VALUE OF CONSIDERATIONS IN ASSIGNMENTS OF LOTS AND SECTIONS DECLINED BY 54.5 PER CENT FROM \$4.782 BILLION IN 1983 TO \$2.174 BILLION LAST YEAR, WHILE THAT FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF FLATS DROPPED BY 6.6 PER CENT FROM \$23.956 BILLION TO \$22.379 BILLION.

FORTY-SIX BUILDING MORTGAGES AND 43 857 OTHER MORTGAGES WERE REGISTERED, DOWN FROM 54 AND UP FROM 41 022 RESPECTIVELY IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER BUILDING MORTGAGES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR FELL BY 53 PER CENT, FROM \$0.608 BILLION TO \$0.286 BILLION. THE AMOUNT SECURED UNDER MORTGAGES OTHER THAN BUILDING MORTGAGES FELL BY 62.2 PER CENT, FROM \$40.615 BILLION TO \$15.363 BILLION.

REPAYMENTS UNDER MORTGAGES OF ALL KINDS, AS EVIDENCED BY REASSIGNMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF SATISFACTION, WERE UP BY 19 PER CENT, FROM \$12.255 BILLION IN 1983 TO \$14.586 BILLION IN 1984.

SEARCHES IN THE LAND OFFICE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REACHED AN ALL-TIME HIGH OF 714 657, UP BY 11.5 PER CENT.

BUT MR GLEESON CAUTIONED THAT THE VARIOUS FIGURES CITED DID NOT INCLUDE TRANSACTIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THUS DID NOT COVER THE TOTAL PROPERTY MARKET.

OF THE EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT LAND REGISTRIES, FOUR HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT. IT WAS INTENDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD TAKE OVER THE REST BY STAGES, HE SAID.

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SIGNIFICANT GOVERNMENT LAND TRANSACTIONS COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) THE GRANT OF A 16-HECTARE SITE AT KORNHILL TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION THROUGH LAND EXCHANGE AT A PREMIUM OF \$292 015 000 FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.
- (2) THE SALE OF THE ADMIRALTY II SITE AT QUEENSWAY TO FIRST PROFIT INVESTMENT LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$380 000 000 FOR COMMERCIAL/HOTEL PURPOSES.
- (3) THE GRANT BY PRIVATE TREATY OF A SITE AT QUEENSWAY TO THE BANK OF CHINA AT A PREMIUM OF \$1 BILLION.
- (4) THE SAME BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF A SITE IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST TO QUINNOLEX LIMITED AT A PREMIUM OF \$190 000 000 FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES INCLUDING A HOTEL.
- (5) THE GRANT OF A 19-HECTARE SITE AT HUNG HOM WATERFRONT TO HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED BY WAY OF EXCHANGE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES AT A PREMIUM OF \$390 015 000.

THE NUMBER OF LAND GRANTS AND MODIFICATIONS OF LEASE CONDITIONS COMPLETED LAST YEAR DECREASED TO 226 FROM 245 IN 1983, WHILE THE TOTAL PREMIUM INVOLVED ROSE BY 151 PER CENT TO \$2.998 BILLION, FROM \$1.194 BILLION.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, SURRENDERS AND RESUMPTIONS OF LAND DROPPED BY 42.5 PER CENT FROM 327 TO 188, WITH THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION DECREASING BY 60.5 PER CENT FROM \$376 MILLION TO \$148.5 MILLION.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PROPERTY OWNERS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY ROSE BY 7.6 PER CENT FROM 653 422 IN 1982 TO 702 787 IN 1983 AND AGAIN BY 7.2 PER CENT TO 753 015 IN 1984.

IN MAY 1984, THE LAND OFFICE OBTAINED APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR THE COMPUTERISATION OF ALL LAND OFFICE REGISTER CARDS. PLANS WERE IN HAND TO START COMPUTERISATION IN MID-1986.

THE COMPUTERISED SYSTEM WOULD REDUCE MUCH OF THE TIME REQUIRED FOR MAKING A SEARCH AND CONSEQUENTLY WOULD REDUCE THE WAITING TIME OF A SEARCHER FROM ABOUT 20 MINUTES AT PRESENT TO ABOUT FIVE MINUTES, HE SAID.

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SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND MAKES GRANTS
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GRANTS TOTALLING ABOUT \$11.6 MILLION FROM THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND HAVE BEEN MADE RECENTLY TO 92 CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY MR T.H. CHAU, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE GOVERNOR ON THE GRANTS.

THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND IS ONE OF THE LARGEST CHARITABLE TRUSTS IN HONG KONG. IT WAS ESTABLISHED BY A BEQUEST BY SIR ROBERT HO TUNG ON HIS DEATH IN 1956. THE FUND IS ADMINISTERED BY THE HONGKONG BANK TRUSTEE LTD.

MR CHAU SAID THAT MAJOR GRANTS THIS YEAR INCLUDED \$2 047 500 TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, LARGELY FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL AND THE KWONG WAH HOSPITAL, AND FOR SETTING UP THE TUNG WAH GROUPS OF HOSPITALS CENTENARY HOME FOR THE AGED.

CARITAS, HONG KONG, GOT \$1 299 900, OF WHICH \$1 072 200 WILL BE USED BY THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE TO BUY AN ECHO-CARDIOGRAM ULTRASOUND SCANNING SYSTEM, A SEMI-AUTOMATIC CELL COUNTING SYSTEM AND A TRINOCULAR MICROSCOPE, AND \$227 700 FOR EQUIPMENT FOR CARITAS' NURSERIES, CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, HOSTELS, SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND CLINICS.

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL RECEIVED \$861 800, THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION RECEIVED \$667 300, AND THE GRANTHAM HOSPITAL GOT \$522 000.

THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL RECEIVED \$586 100 AND THE HONG KONG RED CROSS GOT \$522 800.

THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION WAS GIVEN \$500 000 AND THE ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL, \$460 200.

A SUM OF \$379 300 WAS GIVEN TO PROVIDE MILK FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN 55 SPECIAL SCHOOLS, AND TO ALLOW THEM TO GO ON OUTINGS AND EDUCATIONAL VISITS. ANOTHER \$262 100 WAS GIVEN TO SUBSIDIZE HANDICAPPED AND UNDERPRIVILEGED SCHOOL CHILDREN TO ATTEND OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL CAMPS.

OUR LADY OF MARYKNOLL HOSPITAL WAS GRANTED \$353 000, AND THE NAM LONG HOSPITAL \$347 000.

A SUM OF \$287 400 WAS GIVEN TO THE PO LEUNG KUK, AND \$264 100 TO THE EVANGEL CHILDREN'S HOME.

OTHER GRANTS WERE MADE TO: THE POK OI HOSPITAL (\$225 100), AND THE EVANGEL HOSPITAL (\$205 200), THE ST. JOHN COUNCIL (\$174 700), THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (\$150 000), AND THE SALVATION ARMY (\$140 400).

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ECIC EXPECTS 'MODEST SURPLUS'

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THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION EXPECTED A +MODEST SURPLUS+ AT THE END OF THE 1984-85 FINANCIAL YEAR, ITS COMMISSIONER, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY.

THIS WAS DUE TO THE RECOVERY IN EXTERNAL DEMAND FOR HONG KONG GOODS, LEADING TO RAPID GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF THE CORPORATION'S BUSINESS, AND TO THE MARKED DECLINE IN THE INCIDENCE AND SEVERITY OF THE CLAIMS MADE ON THE CORPORATION, HE SAID.

THE WORST WAS NOW OVER, MR YEUNG SAID, IN A TALK ENTITLED +EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE -- HOW IT FACILITATES EXPORTS,+ TO THE BANKING SYMPOSIUM '85, AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE CORPORATION, MR YEUNG SAID, HAD UNDERTAKEN A COMPREHENSIVE AND CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF ITS ACTIVITIES, AND OF THE NATURE AND LEVEL OF RISKS ASSUMED IN RECENT YEARS. AS A RESULT OF THIS, THE CORPORATION HAD DRAWN UP A THREE-YEAR CORPORATE PLAN CONTAINING FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES AND MEASURES WHICH, IF ACHIEVED, WOULD RESTORE IT TO A BETTER STATE OF FINANCIAL HEALTH.

THIS PLAN, HE SAID, HAD RECEIVED THE FULL BLESSING OF THE CORPORATION'S ADVISORY BOARD AND THE GOVERNMENT.

+THE CORPORATION IS NOW ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PREPARING AND LAUNCHING MORE EFFECTIVE WAYS OF MARKETING ITS SERVICES, OF REFORMING ITS PREMIUM STRUCTURE, OF IMPROVING THE SPEED OF ITS UNDERWRITING, CLAIMS AND RECOVERIES OPERATIONS, OF MAINTAINING TIGHT CONTROL OVER OPERATING EXPENDITURE AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, OF DIVERSIFYING OUT OF ITS STANDARD INSURANCE POLICIES IN A PRUDENT AND ORDERLY MANNER, HAVING REGARD TO THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE EXPORTING COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

MR YEUNG SAID THERE WAS NEED TO INTENSIFY MARKETING EFFORTS, AND, +MUCH MORE IMPORTANTLY,+ TO IMPROVE THE SPEED OF UNDERWRITING RESPONSE TO POLICYHOLDERS' APPLICATIONS FOR LARGER CREDIT LIMITS.

+IF ANY JUSTIFIED CRITICISM OF THE CORPORATION'S PERFORMANCE HAD TO BE SINGLED OUT FOR COMMENT, IT WAS THE SLOWNESS OF RESPONSE.

+CAREFUL RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT WHILE NEARLY 86 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS STEM FROM CREDIT LIMITS OF UNDER \$1 MILLION, THEY ACCOUNT FOR LESS THAN 29 PER CENT OF OUR CLAIMS EXPENDITURE,+ HE SAID.

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TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION, MR YEUNG SAID A COMPUTERISED SYSTEM WOULD BE INTRODUCED SOME TIME THIS YEAR BY WHICH UNDERWRITERS WOULD SET A MAXIMUM COMMITMENT LEVEL AGAINST CERTAIN ACTIVE OVERSEAS BUYERS, SO THAT APPLICATIONS TO INCREASE CREDIT LIMITS UP TO THE LEVEL OF THE MAXIMUM COMMITMENT MIGHT BE APPROVED SPEEDILY, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN SAFEGUARDS BEING MET.

EXPLAINING THE ROLE OF EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE IN THE HONG KONG ECONOMY, MR YEUNG SAID THAT EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CONSISTED OF THE CARRYING OUT OF CONTRACTS OF INSURANCE TO COVER THE INSURED EXPORTER AGAINST RISKS OF MONETARY LOSS, ARISING FROM HIS FAILURE TO RECEIVE PAYMENT FROM THE OVERSEAS BUYER.

MR YEUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE CORPORATION PROVIDED A BASIC INSURANCE COVER FOR EXPORTS, AGAINST THE RISK OF MONETARY LOSS TO THE EXPORTER ARISING FROM HIS FAILURE TO RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR GOODS EXPORTED ON CREDIT TERMS.

AND BECAUSE OUR EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS ARE GEARED TO SUPPLYING WORLD MARKETS WITH CONSUMER GOODS, THE MAXIMUM CREDIT PERIOD OFFERED UNDER OUR BASIC INSURANCE POLICY IS 180 DAYS. IN THE EVENT OF A LOSS THE POLICYHOLDER IS INDEMNIFIED UP TO 90 PER CENT OF THE GROSS INVOICE VALUE OF THE TRANSACTIONS INVOLVED, HE ADDED.

MR YEUNG STRESSED THE NEED FOR DIVERSIFICATION AS IT RELIED ON THE COMPREHENSIVE SHIPMENTS POLICY FOR ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF TURNOVER AND PREMIUM INCOME.

+MY BASIC AIMS IN DIVERSIFICATION ARE TWOFOLD. I AM AIMING, FIRST, TO ACHIEVE FOR THE CORPORATION A MORE BALANCED PORTFOLIO. SECONDLY, IT IS EQUALLY IF NOT MORE IMPORTANT TO BEAR IN MIND THAT WHATEVER NEW EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE FACILITIES WE MUST DEVISE MANIFESTLY MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE EXPORT SECTOR,+ HE SAID.

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CLOSURE OF BUILDING SOUGHT
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY DECLARED THIS (MONDAY) MORNING THAT THE FOUR STOREY BUILDING AT NOS. 62-64 CAMERON ROAD, KOWLOON WAS IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND SHOULD BE CLOSED.

IT HAD THEREFORE POSTED A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN THE KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON JANUARY 28, AN AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BUILDING, BUILT IN 1950, HAD BEEN DESIGNED AND CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION FOR RESIDENTIAL USE, HE SAID.

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HOWEVER, RECENT INVESTIGATIONS BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SHOWED THAT THE BUILDING HAD BEEN CONVERTED WITHOUT APPROVAL FOR COMMERCIAL USE, PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO RESTAURANTS.

EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS AND OTHER WORK HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT IN THE BUILDING, AND DESPITE ORDERS FOR SUCH ILLEGAL WORK TO CEASE AND TO BE RECTIFIED, THE WORK HAD BEEN COMPLETED IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

HE SAID THAT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ORIGINAL DESIGN OF THE BUILDING AND THE EFFECT OF THE ILLEGAL WORKS, THE CONTINUED USE OF THE BUILDING AS RESTAURANTS WOULD RENDER IT STRUCTURALLY DANGEROUS. IN ADDITION, THE MEANS OF ESCAPE WAS INADEQUATE, AND WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO THE PUBLIC.

THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE BUILDING WOULD NOT APPLY TO THE SHOP ON PART OF THE GROUND FLOOR, KNOWN AS 'ARC DE TRIUMPH ONE HOUR PHOTO COMPANY', WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED FOR USE AS A SHOP.

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NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1984
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THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR SEPTEMBER 1984, AT 120.4, INCREASED BY 8.7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1983 AND BY 1.3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1984, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE SEPTEMBER 1984 WITH SEPTEMBER 1983 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 8.9 PER CENT, FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 6.9 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 11.5 PER CENT, FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 9.1 PER CENT, AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 4.9 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE SEPTEMBER 1984 AND JUNE 1984 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.2 PER CENT, FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 1.6 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.2 PER CENT AND FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 0.1 PER CENT WHILE THAT FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR SHOWS NO CHANGE.

THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1983 TO SEPTEMBER 1984 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1. DETAILED BREAKDOWNS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

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THE OVERALL REAL WAGE INDEX, AT 97.2 IN SEPTEMBER 1984, WAS 1.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1983 AND 0.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN JUNE 1984.

BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1984 AND SEPTEMBER 1983, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.7 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 4.1 PER CENT AND FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.9 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, THOSE FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR DECLINED BY 0.1 PER CENT AND 2.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1984 WITH JUNE 1984, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 0.3 PER CENT, FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 0.8 PER CENT AND FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.3 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR EACH DECREASED BY 0.8 PER CENT.

THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1983 TO SEPTEMBER 1984 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

THESE NOMINAL AND REAL WAGE INDEXES ARE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED EACH QUARTER BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT COVERING BOTH MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS (EXCLUDING WORKERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS) IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR, THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR.

SUCH INDEXES MEASURE CHANGES IN WAGE RATES BY HOLDING THE STRUCTURAL PATTERN OF THE LABOUR FORCE WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, SEX AND MODE OF PAYMENT THE SAME AS THAT OF MARCH 1982, WHICH IS THE BASE PERIOD OF THE WAGE INDEXES.

WHILE THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGE RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), MEASURES CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF WAGES (ALTHOUGH THE SAME DEFLATOR IS USED FOR EACH INDUSTRY TO DERIVE THE REAL WAGE INDEX FROM ITS NOMINAL COUNTERPART, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MOVEMENTS OF THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX AND THE REAL WAGE INDEX BETWEEN ANY TWO TIME PERIODS MAY VARY SLIGHTLY FROM INDUSTRY TO INDUSTRY DUE TO ROUNDING.)

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT DREW ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAGE INDEXES AND THE INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WHICH ARE ALSO PUBLISHED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WAGE RATES PROVIDE A MEASURE OF THE UNIT PRICE OF LABOUR, PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS A MEASURE OF PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

WAGE RATES REPRESENT THE AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION FOR NORMAL HOURS OF WORK, AND ARE DEFINED TO INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AND SALARIES, COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE, MEAL BENEFITS, COMMISSIONS AND TIPS, GOOD ATTENDANCE BONUS AND NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE.

IN ADDITION, YEAR-END BONUS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES THAT ARE PAID LESS FREQUENTLY THAN MONTHLY, ARE CONVERTED TO AN EQUIVALENT MONTHLY RATE WHEN COMPILING THE WAGE RATE INDEXES.

TOTAL PAYROLL, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT CASH PAYMENTS THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FROM EMPLOYERS. APART FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED CASH RECEIPTS, IT ALSO INCLUDES OVERTIME PAY AND OTHER NON-GUARANTEED AND IRREGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

HENCE, STATISTICS ON PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED TEND TO BE SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED, THE TIMING OF THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND BACK-PAY, AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE LABOUR FORCE.

AS A RESULT, MOVEMENTS IN WAGE RATES DO NOT NECESSARILY CONFORM WITH THOSE IN PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE REPORT OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATISTICS VOL. I, SEPTEMBER 1984 WHICH WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

THE VOL. II ISSUE OF THE REPORT CONTAINING DETAILED OCCUPATIONAL STATISTICS, SUCH AS WAGE RATES, NUMBER OF NORMAL HOURS OF WORK AND NUMBER OF STANDARD WORKING DAYS IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN EARLY FEBRUARY 1985.

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

TABLE 1 : NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMICS SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	SEPT 1983	DEC 1983	MAR 1984	JUN 1984	SEPT 1984
MANUFACTURING	110.5	111.6	116.7	118.9	120.3
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	108.1	109.7	113.6	113.8	115.6

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TRANSPORT SERVICES	118.9	119.8	125.3	129.7	132.6
BUSINESS SERVICES	110.4	110.6	116.5	120.3	120.4
PERSONAL SERVICES	110.7	110.5	113.4	116.1	116.1
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ALL SECTORS ABOVE	110.8	111.9	116.8	118.8	120.4

TABLE 2 : NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR

INDUSTRY	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	SEPT 1983	DEC 1983	MAR 1984	JUN 1984	SEPT 1984
GARMENTS	108.7	109.5	113.0	114.7	115.4
GLOVES	107.3	109.6	117.6	124.7	130.2
HANDBAGS	106.7	107.4	112.9	114.6	115.6
COTTON SPINNING/WEAVING	111.1	111.3	118.9	120.0	120.3
KNITTING	112.5	114.5	120.1	123.4	123.7
BLEACHING AND DYEING	110.8	111.7	117.1	119.8	121.2
PRINTING	113.2	112.3	115.7	122.0	123.4
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	111.1	111.9	118.5	121.3	123.3
METAL PRODUCTS	113.0	113.4	118.9	120.1	121.1
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	112.6	115.2	126.1	127.8	129.4
ELECTRONICS	111.5	113.2	119.9	120.9	123.9
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	113.0	113.2	121.2	123.5	124.6
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MANUFACTURING	110.5	111.6	116.7	118.9	120.3

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TABLE 3 : REAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMICS SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	SEPT 1983	DEC 1983	MAR 1984	JUN 1984	SEPT 1984
MANUFACTURING	95.5	94.4	96.6	96.8	97.1
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	93.4	92.8	94.0	92.6	93.3
TRANSPORT SERVICES	102.8	101.4	103.8	105.6	107.0
BUSINESS SERVICES	95.4	93.6	96.5	98.0	97.2
PERSONAL SERVICES	95.7	93.5	93.9	94.5	93.7
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	95.8	94.7	96.7	96.7	97.2

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QUARTERLY UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT FIGURES

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION DETERIORATED SLIGHTLY IN THE QUARTER SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1984 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION REMAINED STABLE, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1984 WAS 3.8 PER CENT, AS COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 3.4 PER CENT FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER ENDING AUGUST 1984. THE INCREASE OF 0.4 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER WAS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT - THAT IS, IT IS GREATER THAN MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO ARISE FROM SAMPLING ERROR - BUT ONLY marginally. THE RATE FOR SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1983 WAS 4.1 PER CENT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER ENDING NOVEMBER 1984 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 99 800, AS COMPARED WITH 90 800 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING AUGUST 1984 AND 106 300 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1983.

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THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1984 WAS 1.0 PER CENT, AS COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 0.9 PER CENT FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. THE RATE FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1983 WAS 1.6 PER CENT. THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS AT 24 900 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING NOVEMBER 1984, WAS ROUGHLY THE SAME AS THE 24 500 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING AUGUST 1984, BUT WAS MUCH LOWER THAN THE 40 000 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1983.

THE DECREASES IN THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE AND IN THE NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS OVER THE YEAR WERE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE SEEKING MORE WORK OR WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED MORE WORK WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIED FROM MONTH TO MONTH, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WHICH HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FOR THE VARIATION IN FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

HE ADDED THAT BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST MOVING THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY.

THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1984 WAS 4.0 PER CENT, AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 0.8 PER CENT. THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1984 WAS 4.2 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 53 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG. PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLD SAMPLED.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 1984 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE LATE IN MARCH.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS FESTIVAL PLAN

THE FIRST EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH, FEATURING A PROGRAMME THAT INCLUDES SONG AND DRAMA SHOWS, TALKS AND DEMONSTRATION ON CHINESE OPERA, AND ORIENTAL AND WESTERN DANCES.

AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 16), THE BOARD'S ENDORSEMENT WILL BE SOUGHT FOR THE ALLOCATION OF \$90 000 TO ORGANISE THE WEEK-LONG FESTIVAL BEGINNING ON JANUARY 27.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE ANOTHER \$35 000 FOR PUTTING UP LUNAR NEW YEAR LIGHTING DECORATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING SYSTEM, A REPORT ON VICE-ASSOCIATED ESTABLISHMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES, AND PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM ON SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST AND TO PLANT TREES IN THE DISTRICT TO COMMEMORATE THE SERVICES OF BOARD MEMBERS.

THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, WILL ACCEPT A CHEQUE FOR \$15 000 ON BEHALF OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR. DONATED BY A ROTARY CLUB, THE MONEY IS FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW WINTER UNIFORMS FOR CHOIR MEMBERS.

TEN MEMBERS OF THE +ALL CHINA STUDENTS' FEDERATION+ WILL ALSO ATTEND THE BOARD MEETING.

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BOARD VISITS LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION THIS (MONDAY) MORNING VISITED THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION IN KOWLOON.

THE MEMBERS WERE MR PETER WONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR TAM MAN-KWAN, MR TIMOTHY HA, REV JOSEPH G. FOLEY, MRS ELEANOR C.M. LING, PROFESSOR B.L. COOKE, MR B.H. TISDALL AND PROFESSOR C.Y. TO.

THE PURPOSE WAS TO ENABLE MEMBERS TO SEE THE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTE.

THE VISITORS WERE MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTE, DR VERNER BICKLEY.

DURING THE TOUR, MEMBERS SHOWED A KEEN INTEREST IN THE DISPLAY OF THE FIFTH REFRESHER COURSE EXHIBITION OF LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING MATERIALS.

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YOUTHS HELP +CLEAN AND GREEN+ PLAN

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ABOUT 200 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SUPPORTED THE CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME BY HELPING TO PICK LITTER AT THE SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK TODAY (MONDAY).

THEY WERE JOINED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME WORKING GROUP.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR HOWARD YOUNG SAID, THE SCHEME WAS ATTRACTIVE IN THAT THE PARTICIPANTS COULD HAVE FUN, AND AT THE SAME TIME LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT LOVING AND CARING FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE.

HE SAID SINCE LAST MONTH, OVER 1 700 PEOPLE HAD TAKEN PART AND COMPLETED THE FIRST STAGE OF ACTIVITIES - LITTER PICKING.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE SECOND YEAR BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO STAGES - LITTER PICKING AND TREE PLANTING.

AFTER COMPLETING BOTH STAGES, PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A LUCKY DRAW IN WHICH 250 ENTRANTS WOULD BE SELECTED TO ATTEND A PICNIC AT CHEUNG SHEUNG IN SAI KUNG ON APRIL 28 THIS YEAR, HE SAID.

+THE LITTER PICKING STAGE WILL END ON FEBRUARY 28. ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 12 IS WELCOME TO JOIN AND WILL STAND A CHANCE OF WINNING A DAY'S FREE EXCURSION,+ HE SAID.

EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS ON THE CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME ARE AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

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FURTHER JURY LIST DUE

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A FURTHER LIST OF COMMON JURORS WOULD BE POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING AT NO. 38, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG ON JANUARY 21, THE ACTING REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, MR JULIAN BETTS, ANNOUNCED TODAY.

+THIS LIST WILL REMAIN POSTED FOR 14 DAYS DURING WHICH PERIOD ANY PERSON MAY APPLY BY NOTICE IN WRITING TO THE REGISTRAR REQUIRING THAT HIS NAME OR THE NAME OF SOME OTHER PERSON BE POSTED OR REMOVED UPON CAUSE DULY ASSIGNED IN SUCH NOTICE. THE REGISTRAR SHALL IN HIS DISCRETION, POST OR REMOVE SUCH NAME ACCORDINGLY AND SHALL IF NECESSARY ALTER THE LIST,+ HE SAID.

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TOILET FOR KWUN TONG

A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT-AND-PUBLIC TOILET BUILDING IS TO BE BUILT ON A 590-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT KEI YIP STREET, KWUN TONG.

THE GROUND FLOOR WILL BE A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WITH ANCILLARY FACILITIES SUCH AS HANDCART WASHING SPACE, A UNISEX COMPARTMENT FOR THE DISABLED AND A STOREROOM. IT WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH CARBON FILTRATION SYSTEM.

THE MEZZANINE FLOOR WILL BE A ROLL-CALL OFFICE AND THE FIRST FLOOR WILL BE FOR TOILETS, A STOREROOM AND AN ATTENDANT ROOM.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH AND BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT. THE DEADLINE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1. LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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REPAIR WORK NEEDED

THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR REPAIR OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, STARTING FROM APRIL 1.

REPAIR WORK ON WOODEN BENCHES AND NOTICE BOARDS AT THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, GARDENS AND PARKS WOULD ALSO BE REQUIRED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID.

TENDER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTION OF THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE 12 NOON ON FEBRUARY 8 (FRIDAY).

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTION OF NTSD HEADQUARTERS OR TELEPHONE 3-678675.

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HING FAT STREET CLOSED FOR WORK
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HING FAT STREET BETWEEN CAUSEWAY ROAD AND ELECTRIC ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 11.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 16) AND 5.30 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WORK ON THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KING'S ROAD, NGAN MOK STREET, LAU LI STREET, ELECTRIC ROAD AND HING FAT STREET.

BUSES ON ROUTES 102 AND 106 BOUND FOR KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KING'S ROAD AND TSING FUNG STREET FLYOVER.

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ROAD CLOSURE
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THE YUEN LONG BOUND SECTION OF ROAD D9 BETWEEN ROAD 10N AND ROAD 10M IN TUEN MUN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 16), FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS, TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS REPAIR WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, GENERAL TRAFFIC AND KMB ROUTES 53 AND 67M ON ROAD D9 NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROAD 10N, YAN OI TONG CIRCUIT AND ROAD 10M.

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FRESH WATER LEAKAGE TEST
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 17) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY WATERLOO ROAD, HEREFORD ROAD, LA SALLE ROAD AND LANCASHIRE ROAD, INCLUDING PREMISES AT CAMBRIDGE ROAD, OXFORD ROAD, WILTSHIRE ROAD, DURHAM ROAD, HAMPSHIRE ROAD, SELKIRK ROAD AND MORAY ROAD.

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WATER STORAGE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 71.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, OR 418.373 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 518.511 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 88.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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