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MINISTER OF STATE TO VISIT HK NEXT MONTH

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THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE TODAY (TUESDAY):

MR FRANCIS MAUDE, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, AND MRS MAUDE WILL VISIT HONG KONG FROM APRIL 7-11, 1990.

THIS WILL BE MR MAUDE'S SECOND VISIT TO HONG KONG SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT LAST YEAR.

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MERGING OF CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH AND GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

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THE CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH AND GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH WILL MERGE WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 1990 AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT REORGANISATION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THIS NEW BRANCH, TO BE HEADED BY MR MICHAEL SUEN, WOULD BE CALLED THE CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH.

"ON THE SAME DATE, THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION WILL TAKE OVER FROM THE SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSEEING THE OPERATIONS OF THE COUNCILS DIVISION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE TWO BRANCHES WILL REMAIN THE SAME AFTER THE MERGER.

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GOVT CONTINUES TO PURSUE MFA-BASED TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK INTENSIVELY WITH OTHER TEXTILES EXPORTING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES UNDER THE BANNER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TEXTILES AND CLOTHING BUREAU (ITCB) TO PURSUE AN MFA-BASED TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT WITH A VIEW TO SECURING ITS ADOPTION AS PART OF THE URUGUAY ROUND RESULTS.

THIS ASSURANCE CAME FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR T.H. CHAU, WHEN HE SPOKE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INSTITUTE THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

/MR CHAU

MR CHAU SAID ONE OF HIS PRIORITY TASKS SINCE TAKING UP HIS POST IN JANUARY HAD BEEN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE URUGUAY ROUND ON A FRAMEWORK TO GOVERN WORLD TRADE IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING AFTER EXPIRY OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT IN JULY 1991.

HE SAID PROGRESS IN THE TEXTILES NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT KEY TO PROGRESS IN THE URUGUAY ROUND AS A WHOLE.

"THE TEXTILES SECTOR IS OF MAJOR INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHO MUST SECURE SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS AREA IF THEY ARE TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE REST OF THE TRADE PACKAGE TO EMERGE FROM THE ROUND. FAILURE HERE WOULD INEVITABLY UNDERMINE THE ROUND AS A WHOLE.

"THIS WOULD HAVE EXTREMELY SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD TRADE, AND WOULD BE IN NOBODY'S INTEREST, DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALIKE," HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID THE ITCB, ACCOUNTING FOR THE BULK OF TEXTILE AND CLOTHING EXPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND OF WHICH HONG KONG WAS A MEMBER, HAD PROPOSED TO THE URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATING GROUP ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING THAT THE MOST APPROPRIATE WAY AHEAD WAS THE GRADUAL PHASING OUT OF MFA RESTRICTIONS WITHIN A DEFINITE TIME SPAN.

"DURING THIS INTEGRATION OR TRANSITION PERIOD, RESTRICTIONS SHOULD BE REMOVED THROUGH PROGRESSIVELY HIGHER GROWTH RATES, GREATER FLEXIBILITY, AND SIMPLIFICATION OF PRODUCT CATEGORISATION, AND SO ON.

"BY THE END OF THIS PERIOD, THE QUOTA LIMITS WOULD HAVE GROWN TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THEY WOULD BECOME NOTIONAL AND ACADEMIC.

"IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THERE SHOULD THEN BE NO MORE RESTRICTIONS ON WORLD TRADE IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING, EXCEPT WHERE JUSTIFIED UNDER THE GATT SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY MEASURES AGAINST INJURIOUS IMPORTS," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR CHAU SAID, THE ITCB'S PROPOSAL FOR AN MFA-BASED TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT WAS MET WITH A LONG SILENCE BY THE IMPORTING COUNTRIES.

HE SAID THE U.S. AND CANADA, TWO MAJOR TEXTILE IMPORTING COUNTRIES, HAD ONLY RECENTLY PROPOSED A GLOBAL QUOTA SYSTEM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE MFA-BASED APPROACH PROPOSED BY ITCB.

MR CHAU SAID THE FIRST IMPLICATION OF THE GLOBAL QUOTA PROPOSAL FOR EXPORTING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WOULD BE THAT, INSTEAD OF PROGRESSIVE LIBERALISATION OF TRADE AFTER EXPIRY OF THE CURRENT MFA, MORE COUNTRIES WOULD BE BROUGHT UNDER RESTRAINT.

"SECONDLY, THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY WOULD BE MORE SHELTERED FROM FOREIGN COMPETITION, AS IMPORTS FROM FOREIGN SUPPLIERS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A GLOBAL CEILING.

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"WITH SUCH GUARANTEED PROTECTION FROM FOREIGN COMPETITION, AND GIVEN THE EXPERIENCE OF THE MFA, IS IT REALISTIC TO EXPECT THAT THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES OF IMPORTING COUNTRIES WOULD BE WILLING TO SEE THE GLOBAL QUOTAS REMOVED AFTER THE TRANSITION PERIOD?" HE ASKED.

THIRDLY, HE SAID, GLOBAL QUOTAS MEANT THAT EXPORTING COUNTRIES WOULD BE LOSING THEIR RIGHT OF EXPORT CONTROL EITHER IMMEDIATELY (ACCORDING TO CANADA'S PROPOSAL) OR GRADUALLY OVER 10 YEARS (ACCORDING TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL).

NOTING THAT EXPORTING COUNTRIES HAD BEEN ABLE TO MAXIMISE UTILISATION OF THE LIMITED QUOTA AVAILABLE TO THEM BY ADMINISTERING THAT QUOTA EFFICIENTLY, MR CHAU ASKED WHAT GUARANTEES THERE WERE FOR EXPORTING COUNTRIES THAT THE IMPORT QUOTAS WOULD BE UTILISED AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE.

"AND IS IT FAIR TO EXPECT EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE TO ACCEPT RESTRAINTS ON THEIR TRADE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME TO GIVE UP EXPORT CONTROL, WHICH IS ONE OF THE FEW ADVANTAGES THEY HAVE UNDER THE MFA?" HE QUESTIONED.

MR CHAU SAID THE GLOBAL QUOTA PROPOSALS HAD MET WITH STRONG OPPOSITION, NOT ONLY BY THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES BUT ALSO BY THE EEC, JAPAN, AUSTRIA AND THE NORDIC COUNTRIES.

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HIMONT SETS UP TECHNICAL CENTRE IN HK

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A \$60 MILLION ADVANCED COMPOSITE MATERIAL RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURING CENTRE NEWLY SET UP IN HONG KONG BY THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER OF POLYPROPYLENE WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

WELCOMING HIMONT (EAST) LIMITED'S DECISION TO BUILD ITS EIGHTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL CENTRE ON A 7,000 SQUARE METRE SITE AT TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT IT WAS PROOF OF CONTINUED OVERSEAS INTEREST IN HONG KONG AS AN OFFSHORE MANUFACTURING SUPPORT BASE.

HE SAID IT WAS ALSO EVIDENCE THAT OVERSEAS, HIGH-TECHNOLOGY, MULTI-NATIONAL COMPANIES WERE INCREASINGLY AWARE OF HONG KONG'S ADVANTAGES AND ATTRACTIONS FOR REGIONAL TECHNICAL SERVICE CENTRES.

HIMONT INCORPORATED, BASED AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, USA, HAS DESCRIBED ITS LATEST INVESTMENT AS ITS WAY OF STATING CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

THE NEW FACILITY WILL PROVIDE THE NEEDED TECHNICAL SUPPORT IN ADVANCING PLASTIC MATERIAL INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING ECOLOGICAL ISSUES AND DESIGN ADVANCEMENT CAPABILITIES.

/MR BARMA

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MR BARMA SAID THE COMPANY'S DECISION TO SELECT HONG KONG AS THE FINAL SITE OF ITS GLOBAL NETWORK OF RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURING SUPPORT FACILITIES WAS "INDICATIVE OF THE STRATEGIC LOCATION ADVANTAGES WE CAN OFFER TO ADVANCED COMPOSITE MATERIAL RESEARCH AND ASSOCIATED APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES".

"NO DOUBT, HIMONT'S PROJECT WILL ADD LUSTRE TO HONG KONG'S ALREADY STRONG INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION IN THESE FIELDS," HE SAID.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT HONG KONG'S PLASTIC PROCESSORS WILL BENEFIT FROM THE SERVICES WHICH THE TECHNICAL CENTRE WILL SOON PROVIDE," MR BARMA SAID.

INDUSTRIES USING POLYPROPYLENE INCLUDE THOSE IN THE APPLIANCES, ELECTRONIC HOUSINGS, RECREATIONAL, TRANSPORTATION, TEXTILE, PACKAGING AND CONSTRUCTION AREAS. EXPANSION OF EXPORTS IN THESE AREAS WILL BE ENHANCED WITH LOCAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT NOW AVAILABLE.

MR BARMA SAID THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT FIRST MET SENIOR EXECUTIVES FROM HIMONT'S PARENT COMPANY IN AUGUST 1987 AND DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE COMPANY EXPANDING ITS OPERATIONS INTO HONG KONG.

"THINGS THEN MOVED QUICKLY, AND IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF MONTHS BEFORE HONG KONG WAS SELECTED AND THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE EARMARKED AS THE SITE FOR A TECHNICAL CENTRE," HE SAID.

HIMONT IS A WORLD LEADER IN MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY. ITS TECHNOLOGY DATES FROM THE WORK OF DR GIULIO NATTA AND THE INVENTION OF CRYSTALLINE POLYPROPYLENE IN 1954. FOR THAT DISCOVERY, DR NATTA WON THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY IN 1963.

THE COMPANY IS NOW THE LEADING LICENSOR OF POLYPROPYLENE PROCESS TECHNOLOGY, AND THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER OF POLYPROPYLENE, WITH A PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF OVER 1.7 MILLION TONNES PER YEAR.

IT HAS ALSO LICENSED ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE WORLD'S ANNOUNCED POLYPROPYLENE CAPACITY AND CURRENTLY HAS OVER 60 LICENSEES ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE END-USE MARKETS HIMONT SERVES RANGE FROM PACKAGING TO CONSUMER PRODUCTS, TRANSPORTATION, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND FIBRES. TWENTY PER CENT OF HIMONT'S 4,000 EMPLOYEES ARE INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES COVERING BOTH RESEARCH AND PRODUCT APPLICATION.

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GOVT PROPERTIES SOLD FOR \$4.12M

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FIVE GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL OF \$4.12 MILLION BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE PROPERTIES, INCLUDING TWO FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, ARE ALL LOCATED IN KOWLOON.

THE DETAILS AND RESULTS OF THE AUCTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

LOCATION OF PROPERTY	AREA/USAGE	BIDDING OPENED AT	SOLD FOR
FIFTH FLOOR OF 456 SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, KOWLOON	ABOUT 58.3 SQUARE METRES; FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES	\$320,000	\$475,000
FLAT NO. 7 ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF BLOCK A, TUNG LO COURT, 136 - 154 TAI PO ROAD, KOWLOON	ABOUT 36.9 SQUARE METRES; FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES	\$340,000	\$365,000
ELEVENTH FLOOR AND ROOF OF 42 TAI PO ROAD, KOWLOON	ABOUT 66.8 SQUARE METRES AND ABOUT 56 SQUARE METRES FOR THE 11TH FLOOR AND ROOF RESPECTIVELY; FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES	\$750,000	\$790,000
GROUND FLOOR OF 1D UN CHAU STREET, KOWLOON	ABOUT 47.4 SQUARE METRES; FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES	\$1.8 MILLION	\$2.41 MILLION
SHOP NO. 11 ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF CHI FAI COURT, 31 - 35 TAI PO ROAD, KOWLOON	ABOUT 6.8 SQUARE METRES; FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES	\$50,000	\$80,000

THESE PROPERTIES WERE SOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE HALL OF THE HENRY G. LEONG YAUMATEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, WAS CONDUCTED BY THE ACTING GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR FRANCIS NG.

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THREE MORE AIDS CASES CONFIRMED

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THREE MORE MEN IN HONG KONG WERE CONFIRMED TO BE SUFFERING FROM ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS), THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THIS BRINGS TO 36 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONFIRMED AIDS CASES TO DATE. TWENTY OF THE PATIENTS HAVE PASSED AWAY, AND THE OTHER 16 ARE RECEIVING COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT.

TWO OF THE LATEST VICTIMS ACQUIRED THE DISEASE SEXUALLY WHILE THE OTHER IS A HAEMOPHILIAC.

MEANWHILE, ONE OF THE AIDS PATIENTS WHO WAS CONFIRMED TO BE SUFFERING FROM THE DISEASE EARLIER, HAD DIED.

RELEASING THE MONTHLY STATISTICS ON THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID ONE MORE MAN WAS FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST. HE HAD ACQUIRED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HIV CARRIERS WHO HAVE NOT YET DEVELOPED AIDS REMAIN AT 140. OF THESE, 52 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, 71 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY, THREE WERE DRUG USERS, THREE ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSION AND THE INFORMATION FOR THE OTHER 11 WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

UNDER THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 152,614 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS VIRUS.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, 685,656 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND 10 WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

/AIDS VIRUS

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 AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing
 病毒組 衛生署
 Virus Unit, Department of Health

	Apr 85 - Jan 90		February 90		Total	
	No. tested *	No. +ve	No. tested *	No. +ve	No. tested *	No. +ve
經由政府醫院及診所介紹 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics	9879	57	200	0	10079	57
經由私家醫生及補助醫院介紹 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	1888	40	13	0	1901	40
到社會衛生科求診人數 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	133255	19	2175	1	135430	20
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	415	55	5	0	420	55
服用注射藥物者 IV drug abusers	3893	1	28	0	3921	1
經由家庭計劃指導所介紹 Referrals from Family Planning Association	202	0	0	0	202	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	655	0	6	0	661	0
總數 Total	150187	172	2427	1	152614	173

* 此項驗血樣本數字，並非人數，因為某些個別人士之檢驗乃重複
 * This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.

	Aug 85 - Jan 90		February 90		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service	670149	10	15507	0	685656	10

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CAPO STUDIES INFORMAL RESOLUTION SCHEME

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THE COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE POLICE OFFICE IS CURRENTLY ADMINISTRATING A SCHEME DESIGNED TO ENABLE FASTER ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON COMPLAINTS OF A MINOR NATURE MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

SUCH CASES MAY IN FUTURE BE RESOLVED BY INFORMAL RESOLUTION WHICH ENCOURAGES A PROMPT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH COMPLAINANTS AIRING THEIR GRIEVANCES TO A SENIOR POLICE OFFICER.

POLICE SENIOR STAFF OFFICER (COMPLAINTS AND INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS), MR PAUL BARKLEY, SAID: "THE PRESENT CRITERIA ONLY PERMIT COMPLAINTS INVOLVING FAULTS IN PROCEDURES OR POLICY, GENUINE MISUNDERSTANDING OR CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH ARE COMPLETELY OUTSIDE THE CONTROL OF THE OFFICER CONCERNED TO BE INVESTIGATED IN THIS WAY.

"A COMPLAINT WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED FOR INFORMAL RESOLUTION IF THERE IS ANY SIGNIFICANT CONFLICT OF TESTIMONY, THE COMPLAINANT DOES NOT AGREE TO ITS USE OR THERE IS LIKELIHOOD THAT THE COMPLAINT WILL BE SUBSTANTIATED OR THAT CRIMINAL OR DISCIPLINARY CHARGES WOULD ENSUE."

MR BARKLEY SAID EXPERIENCE SHOWED THAT MANY COMPLAINANTS DID NOT WISH TO GET INVOLVED WITH WHAT THEY SAW AS A BUREAUCRATIC AND TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS.

"THIS IS EVIDENT FROM THE FACT THAT OVER 50 PER CENT OF ALL MINOR COMPLAINTS MADE LAST YEAR WERE WITHDRAWN," HE SAID.

"AN EXPLANATION OR AN APOLOGY, AS APPROPRIATE, WOULD SATISFY MANY COMPLAINANTS AND WOULD RESULT IN A MINIMUM OF INCONVENIENCE ALL ROUND."

MR BARKLEY WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS SURE THAT EARLY RESOLUTION AND A PERSONALISED APPROACH THROUGH CONCILIATION WOULD HELP ENHANCE POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ENGENDER FURTHER CONFIDENCE IN THE FORCE.

THE ADVANTAGES OF THE INFORMAL RESOLUTION SCHEME FOR POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE SUBJECT OF A COMPLAINT IS THAT IT TAKES A MATTER OF DAYS, NOT MONTHS, TO RESOLVE. THIS, IN TURN, ALLEVIATES STRESS AND ANXIETY ON THE PART OF THE OFFICER.

BUT THE SCHEME, INTRODUCED ON A TRIAL BASIS IN JANUARY 1989, HAS HAD ONLY LIMITED SUCCESS SO FAR POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF OFFICERS' APPREHENSION OF ANY LIABILITY OF ADMISSION EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD FULL JUSTIFICATION FOR THE ACTION TAKEN AT THE TIME.

OFFERING REASSURANCE TO OFFICERS WHO AGREE TO INFORMAL RESOLUTION, MR BARKLEY WENT ON: "ONLY THE OUTCOME OF A RESOLVED CASE WILL BE KEPT ON RECORD BY THE COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE POLICE OFFICE, WITH COPIES BEING SENT TO THE COMPLAINANT AND TO THE POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE WHICH HAS FULLY ENDORSED THE SCHEME.

/"THESE RECORDS

"THESE RECORDS ARE PURELY FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY REVIEWS OF AN OFFICER'S OVERALL COMPLAINTS RECORD."

MR BARKLEY CONCLUDED: "SIMPLY, INFORMAL RESOLUTION PROVIDES A FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO ANYONE WHO, THROUGH MISINTERPRETATION OF THE LAW OR POLICE PROCEDURE, OR IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT FOLLOWING CONFRONTATION WITH ONE OF OUR OFFICERS, MAKES A COMPLAINT OVER WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE IMPROPER ACTION."

AFTER FURTHER ASSESSMENT IT IS HOPED TO FURTHER EXPAND THE SCHEME TO SELECTED FORMATIONS AND ULTIMATELY THE FORCE AS A WHOLE.

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MARCH SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STARTS
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED TO CONDUCT THE MARCH ROUND OF THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN RESPECT OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990.

THIS SURVEY IS CONDUCTED QUARTERLY AND THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG.

THIS ROUND OF THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 100,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS), AND DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS), WITH FULL ENUMERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES).

INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON MARCH 30 WILL BE SOUGHT FROM EACH SELECTED ESTABLISHMENT.

ABOUT 10,000 ESTABLISHMENTS ARE RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THIS SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF JANUARY-MARCH 1990.

ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES) WILL ALSO BE REQUESTED TO FURTHER PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MAJOR KIND OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1990.

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QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON TEL. 823 5076.

AS FOR THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS KNOWN TO THIS DEPARTMENT DURING JANUARY-MARCH 1990, THEY WILL ALSO BE ENUMERATED IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SURVEY RESULTS COMPLETE.

FIELD OFFICERS OF THIS DEPARTMENT, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL CALL ON THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, EXISTING VACANCIES, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NATURE OF BUSINESS AND DATE ON WHICH BUSINESS COMMENCED.

IN CASE OF ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THESE FIELD VISITS, RESPONDENTS MAY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON TEL. 823 4770.

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WANTED: FUTURE TECHNICAL TEACHERS

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS OFFERING A ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE IN SEPTEMBER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE INTERESTED IN TAKING UP THE TEACHING PROFESSION.

APPLICANTS MUST BE A HOLDER OF A HIGHER DIPLOMA, HIGHER CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING OR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, AWARDED BY THE POLYTECHNICS OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, OR AN EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATION, AND WHO HAVE ACQUIRED SOME YEARS OF INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE IN THESE FIELDS.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT INDUCEMENT GRANTS RANGING FROM \$4,730 TO \$7,390 PER MONTH WOULD BE GIVEN TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS DURING THEIR COURSE OF STUDY, ACCORDING TO THEIR YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SAME ADDRESS BY HAND BEFORE APRIL 7.

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AWARD SCHEME TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO IMPROVE IN STUDIES

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MORE THAN 520 SECONDARY STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THE SING TAO MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS AWARD IN A PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 30).

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SING TAO FOUNDATION, MISS SALLY AW SIAN, WILL PRESENT THE AWARDS.

THE SCHEME IS AIMED AT JUNIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS WHO, AS A RESULT OF THEIR HARD WORK AND PERSEVERANCE, HAVE ATTAINED THE BEST ALL-ROUND IMPROVEMENT IN PERFORMANCE OVER THE PAST SCHOOL YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SING TAO MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH TAKES PLACE AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI ON FRIDAY (MARCH 30), STARTING AT 3 PM.

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SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

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THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION AND THE JOCKEY CLUB GRANT FOR PERMANENT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR YOUTH.

THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION IS USED FOR THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATIONAL, SPORTING, CULTURAL, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

IT IS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE RECREATIONAL AND RELATED PROJECTS WITH THE AIM TO PROMOTING PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, PURPOSEFUL USE OF LEISURE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, PARTICULARLY OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE JOCKEY CLUB GRANT IS PRIMARILY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEED OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

A SINGLE APPLICATION FORM HAS BEEN USED FOR THE TWO FUNDS SINCE 1989-90. ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED EITHER UNDER THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION OR THE JOCKEY CLUB GRANT.

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APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND AT THE EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE, HEALTH, URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

THEY CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SECTION OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH, AND THE SECRETARIAT OF THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING BOTH THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION FOR CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS AND ADVISING ON THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE JOCKEY CLUB GRANT.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE, 11TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS WILL CLOSE ON MAY 21 WHILE THAT FOR NON-CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS IS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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