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FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE REPORT RELEASED

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THE OVERALL CRIME SITUATION IN HONG KONG IS SATISFACTORY ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN 1987, ACCORDING TO THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7 PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REPORT GIVES A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 1986 TO DECEMBER 1987, AND THE ACTION IT IS PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.

INTRODUCING THE REPORT TO THE PRESS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, SIR DAVID FORD, QUOTED FIGURES TO REFLECT THE LAW AND ORDER STATE OF THE TERRITORY.

"THE YEAR 1987 SAW A VERY SLIGHT INCREASE OF 1.8 PER CENT IN OVERALL CRIME AFTER THE WELCOME DROP OF THE YEAR BEFORE, AND THERE WAS ALSO A SLIGHT RISE IN THE NUMBER OF ROBBERIES REPORTED, AN INCREASE OF 1.7 PER CENT," SAID SIR DAVID.

HOWEVER, SIR DAVID SAID IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE ROBBERY FIGURE FOR 1987 WAS STILL 3.5 PER CENT LOWER THAN THE CORRESPONDING FIGURE FOR 1978, AND WAS 40 PER CENT LOWER THAN THE HIGH POINT REACHED IN 1980.

"SIMILARLY THE FIGURE FOR VIOLENT CRIME IN 1987 SHOWS AN INCREASE OF 8.2 PER CENT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR, BUT IT IS STILL SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN THE FIGURES FOR THE EARLY 1980S, AND IS 12.6 PER CENT LOWER IN COMPARISON WITH THE RECORD HIGH IN 1980."

FOR BURGLARIES, SIR DAVID SAID THE DOWNWARD TREND RECORDED SINCE 1986 HAD CONTINUED AND A DROP OF THREE PER CENT WAS CHALKED UP IN 1987.

"THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN THE CASE OF BURGLARIES IN DOMESTIC PREMISES WHERE THERE HAS BEEN A 25 PER CENT DECREASE SINCE 1985, AND AN 11 PER CENT DECREASE OVER 1986."

POINTING OUT THAT OVER 25 PER CENT OF ALL BURGLARY CASES IN 1987 DID NOT INVOLVE BREAKING-IN, SIR DAVID APPEALED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE BASIC MEASURES TO PROTECT THEIR PROPERTY.

HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN OVER THE UPWARD TREND OF JUVENILE CRIME, SAYING THAT THE PROBLEM MUST BE TACKLED BEFORE IT GOT OUT OF CONTROL.

JUVENILE CRIME HAS SHOWN A SHARP INCREASE AFTER LAST YEAR'S DROP, AND CLOSELY ALLIED TO IT WAS A LARGE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SHOP THEFT CASES.

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ON FUTURE PLANS, SIR DAVID SAID THIS YEAR'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN WOULD FOLLOW UP THE EFFORTS MADE IN 1987, TARGETTING THE SAME AREAS OF THE MENACE OF TRIADS, HOME SECURITY, AND SHOP THEFT.

"THE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON BRINGING THE MESSAGE TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO URGE THEM TO AVOID INVOLVEMENT WITH TRIADS AND TO REPORT ANY APPROACHES THAT MAY BE MADE TO THEM.

"THE SHOP THEFT CAMPAIGN WILL BE STEPPED UP, AGAIN WITH THE EMPHASIS ON YOUNG PEOPLE, TO TRY AND HALT THE UPSURGE IN THIS OFFENCE.

"HOME WILL ALSO BE A PRIORITY TARGET, AND THERE WILL BE A FURTHER PHASED EXPANSION OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME," SIR DAVID SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THROUGH ITS SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS, HAD DONE A LOT IN TACKLING MANY OF THE SERIOUS LAW AND ORDER QUESTIONS FACING HONG KONG, AND IN TRYING TO FIND LASTING AND EFFECTIVE ANSWERS TO THEM.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE GOOD WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES, SAYING THAT THEIR SPECIALISED LOCAL KNOWLEDGE WAS OF GREAT VALUE AND THEIR OPINIONS CARRIED GREAT WEIGHT WITH THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

THE FCC REPORT NO. 7 CONTAINS 12 CHAPTERS ON THE CRIME SITUATION; PUBLICITY; WORKING GROUP ON GANGS; FOLLOW-UP WORK ON THE DISCUSSION DOCUMENT ON OPTIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE LAW AND IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW TO COUNTER THE TRIAD PROBLEM; SECURITY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT; CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES, BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENTS, AND NUISANCES ASSOCIATED WITH PROSTITUTION; STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNRULY AND DELINQUENT BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOLS; STANDING COMMITTEE ON YOUNG OFFENDERS; RESEARCH; SECURITY OF GOLDSMITH AND JEWELLERY SHOPS AND BANKS AND USE OF FIREARMS IN CRIME; COMMERCIAL CRIME AND DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES.

THERE ARE ALSO APPENDICES ON CRIME STATISTICS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

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SASI REPLACES STI IN LEGCO

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (MARCH 4) IN PLACE OF THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST CHANGE TO THE OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY ANNOUNCED IN THE WHITE PAPER "THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT: THE WAY FORWARD".

PARAGRAPH 42(A) OF THE WHITE PAPER SAYS THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY APPOINT DIFFERENT OFFICIALS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME ACCORDING TO THE BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED DURING THE SESSION AND THE POLICY EXPERTISE REQUIRED.

"IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL PRESENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL A HEAVY PROGRAMME OF MEASURES, INCLUDING THE FILM CENSORSHIP BILL, THE BROADCASTING BILL AND THE RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG BILL WHICH ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, WHO IS NOT CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF LEGCO.

"HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNCIL WILL FACILITATE THE EFFICIENT DESPATCH OF COUNCIL BUSINESS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DUTIES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY WERE EXPECTED TO BE LESS ONEROUS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SESSION.

"THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL MAINTAIN THE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL MEMBERS IN THE COUNCIL AT 10," HE SAID.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL SPEAK IN THE COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY DURING THE LATTER'S ABSENCE.

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BARNES APPOINTED TO LEGCO

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR GEOFFREY BARNES AS AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM FEBRUARY 29 IN HIS CAPACITY AS SECRETARY FOR SECURITY.

MR BARNES SUCCEEDED MR DAVID JEAFFRESON AS SECRETARY FOR SECURITY AND MR JEAFFRESON REPLACED MR BARNES AS COMMISSIONER, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, ON FEBRUARY 29.

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DETAILS OF UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS 1988-89 ANNOUNCED

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DETAILS OF THE NEW UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE OR POST-GRADUATE STUDIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN THE 1988-89 ACADEMIC YEAR WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR OUTSTANDING LOCAL RESIDENTS WITH HIGH ACADEMIC PROWESS, STRONG LEADERSHIP QUALITIES AND FULL COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG AND TO ITS FUTURE WELL-BEING.

"WE EXPECT THOSE SELECTED TO HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WE ALSO EXPECT THEM, ON RETURN FROM STUDIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, TO NUMBER AMONG THE FUTURE LEADERS, DECISION MAKERS, AND FORMERS OF OPINION IN HONG KONG," HE EXPLAINED.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS. THE COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY MR HENRY LITTON.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES LEADING TO A FIRST DEGREE OR FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES LEADING TO A HIGHER DEGREE WHETHER BY RESEARCH AND/OR COURSEWORK.

SELECTION WILL BE BY MERIT. SELECTED SCHOLARS MAY PURSUE ANY COURSE OF STUDY AT ANY ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AT THE TERTIARY LEVEL IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY WILL COVER TUITION FEES, PERSONAL LIVING EXPENSES FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF AN APPROVED COURSE OF STUDY AND A RETURN PASSAGE.

APPLICATION FORMS AND DETAILED INFORMATION ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY, UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE, C/O QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, M/F, LOW BLOCK, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 5-8650438).

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS APRIL 6, 1988.

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MOTION BY MR MARTIN LEE RULED OUT OF ORDER

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS RULED OUT OF ORDER A MOTION PUT DOWN BY MR MARTIN LEE FOR DEBATE IN THE COUNCIL ON MARCH 9, 1988.

THE MOTION WAS IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS : "THIS COUNCIL REGRETS THE GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO ANSWER THE DETAILED AND COGENT CRITICISMS MADE IN PUBLIC WHICH DEMONSTRATED THE INVALIDITY OF THE FINDINGS OF THE TWO SURVEYS OF PUBLIC OPINION CONDUCTED BY AGB MCNAIR HK LTD ON BEHALF OF THE SURVEY OFFICE ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT DIRECT ELECTIONS SHOULD BE INTRODUCED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN 1988 (PUBLISHED IN THE SURVEY OFFICE REPORT ON OCTOBER 29, 1987), AND ACCORDINGLY URGES THE GOVERNMENT TO ANSWER THESE CRITICISMS IN DETAIL BEFORE THIS COUNCIL DEBATES THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION OF NOT INTRODUCING DIRECT ELECTIONS IN 1988, AS ANNOUNCED IN PARAGRAPH 28 OF THE WHITE PAPER PUBLISHED ON 10 FEBRUARY 1988."

THE CLERK OF COUNCILS, MR ALISTAIR LANG, EXPLAINED THAT THIS DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER AUTHORITY CONFERRED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING ORDER 22(2)(C). IN TAKING THE DECISION, THE PRESIDENT TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT MR LEE'S MOTION ANTICIPATES A DEBATE BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MARCH 16 AND 17, WHEN THERE WOULD BE FULL OPPORTUNITY TO AIR ALL THE POINTS IN THE MOTION PUT DOWN BY MR LEE.

"ANTICIPATING THAT DEBATE WOULD BE A MISUSE OF THE COUNCIL'S TIME," SAID MR LANG.

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LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION ESSENTIAL

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THE LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION PRESENTLY DERIVED FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM IS ESSENTIAL TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES MENTIONED IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION.

THIS WAS SAID BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, IN CHICAGO TODAY (FRIDAY, CHICAGO TIME) AFTER ATTENDING THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR A DRUG FREE AMERICA IN WASHINGTON.

ADDRESSING A LUNCH MEETING JOINTLY HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDWEST AND THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION, MR THOMAS EXPLAINED TO HIS AUDIENCE THE LEGAL CHANGES THAT WERE REQUIRED FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION.

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"BY 1997 HONG KONG'S LAWS MUST BE SELF-STANDING AND NOT DEPENDENT UPON UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION," HE SAID.

"EXAMPLES OF AREAS IN WHICH HONG KONG MUST LOCALISE ITS OWN LAWS AND CEASE TO RELY UPON UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE FIELDS OF MERCHANT SHIPPING, CIVIL AVIATION, PATENTS AND COPYRIGHT.

"THESE SUBJECTS HAVE ALL BEEN MARKED DOWN BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS MATTERS FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION AND DRAFTING WORK HAS ALREADY BEGUN," THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID.

MR THOMAS ALSO SAID IT WAS DESIRABLE TO ESTABLISH A COURT OF FINAL APPEAL WELL BEFORE 1997 IN ORDER TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION.

THE BILINGUAL LEGISLATION PROJECT, THE CODIFICATION OF CERTAIN AREAS OF THE LAW AND THE WORK RELATING TO THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP WERE AMONG THOSE TASKS WHICH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDED AS NECESSARY FOR THE TRANSITION.

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MAXIMUM FINES UNDER EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE TO INCREASE

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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FINES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED BY A COURT FOR OFFENCES UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THE PRESENT MAXIMUM FINES UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE AND THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY REGULATIONS, THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS, AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS WERE BASED ON THE LEVELS SET IN 1968 WHEN THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED.

"IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FINES SO AS TO MAINTAIN THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF THE VARIOUS PENALTY PROVISIONS," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, THE PROPOSED NEW MAXIMUM FINES WILL RANGE FROM \$5,000 TO \$20,000, DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE OFFENCE.

FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE CASE OF LESS SERIOUS OFFENCES, SUCH AS FAILURE TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF SEVERANCE PAY OR LONG SERVICE PAYMENT TO EMPLOYEES, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE MAXIMUM FINE SHOULD BE \$5,000.

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BUT FOR MORE SERIOUS OFFENCES, SUCH AS FAILURE TO GRANT REST DAYS, STATUTORY HOLIDAYS, ANNUAL LEAVE, MATERNITY LEAVE AND SICKNESS ALLOWANCE, OR TERMINATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT OF A FEMALE EMPLOYEE AFTER SHE HAS GIVEN NOTICE TO TAKE MATERNITY LEAVE, THE MAXIMUM FINE WILL BE \$10,000.

FOR VERY SERIOUS OFFENCES THE MAXIMUM FINE WILL BE RAISED TO \$20,000. THESE OFFENCES INCLUDE ANTI-UNION DISCRIMINATION, EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE, EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS IN UNDERGROUND WORK OR IN DANGEROUS TRADES, AND OPERATING AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY WITHOUT A LICENCE.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING ON APRIL 27 THIS YEAR.

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NEW LICENCE, REGISTRATION FEES FOR EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

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THE LICENCE FEES FOR EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES AND THE REGISTRATION FEES CHARGEABLE TO JOB SEEKERS AND TO PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS WILL BE REVISED FROM TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW FEES, WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, ARE CONTAINED IN THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1988 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS, THE FEE FOR THE ISSUE OR RENEWAL OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LICENCE HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM \$400 TO \$500.

THE MAXIMUM FEE WHICH MAY BE CHARGED BY AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY FROM A JOB SEEKER ON FIRST REGISTRATION AND SUBSEQUENT RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION AFTER THREE MONTHS IS \$5; AND THOSE FROM AN EMPLOYER ARE \$35 AND \$20 RESPECTIVELY.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE MAXIMUM COMMISSION CHARGEABLE TO A JOB SEEKER BY AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY AFTER SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT REMAINED AT 10 PER CENT OF HIS FIRST MONTH'S SALARY.

THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD HAD BEEN CONSULTED AND HAD AGREED TO THE INCREASES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALL LICENSED EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES WOULD BE ADVISED OF THE NEW REGULATIONS BY LETTER SHORTLY.

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PRIVATE STREETS IN HUNG HOM TO BE RESUMED AND RECONSTRUCTED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND RECONSTRUCT THE PRIVATE SECTIONS OF PO LOI STREET AND BAKER STREET IN HUNG HOM.

THE PROJECT COMPRISES THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CARRIAGEWAYS, FOOTWAYS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE DRAINAGE.

THESE PRIVATE STREETS ARE AT PRESENT NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND MANAGED BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDER MULTIPLE SUBDIVIDED OWNERSHIP. AS A RESULT, THEY ARE GENERALLY IN POOR CONDITION GIVING RISE TO SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND ACCESS PROBLEMS.

IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO RESUME THESE PRIVATE STREETS TO ENABLE PROPER MAINTENANCE AND USE.

RECONSTRUCTION WORK IS PROGRAMMED TO COMMENCE IN MID-1988 AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, HONG KONG, BEFORE MAY 3 THIS YEAR.

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NEW PARKING CHARGES AT HK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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A NEW SCALE OF FEES WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC CAR PARK AND SPECIAL CAR PARK FACILITIES AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM APRIL 1.

THE REVISED PARKING FEES FOR THE PUBLIC CAR PARK WILL BE \$6 PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST TWO HOURS AND \$12 PER HOUR THEREAFTER AS AGAINST THE PRESENT RATE OF \$5 PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST TWO HOURS AND \$10 PER HOUR FOR SUBSEQUENT HOURS.

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THE MONTHLY FEE FOR THE USE OF SPECIAL PARKS WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$450 TO \$550 FOR A PRIVATE CAR AND FROM \$650 TO \$700 FOR A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT DIVISION TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THAT THE REVISED PARKING FEES FOR THE PUBLIC CAR PARK WOULD STILL BE LESS THAN THE RATES CHARGED IN MANY PUBLIC CAR PARKS.

HE ADDED THAT THE CURRENT RATE STRUCTURE PROVIDING FOR A DOUBLING OF THE HOURLY FEE AFTER THE FIRST TWO HOURS WAS INTENDED TO DISCOURAGE LONG-STAY PARKING AND TO MAKE AVAILABLE MORE PARKING SPACES FOR SHORT-TERM USERS.

THE CURRENT FEES HAVE BEEN IN FORCE SINCE MAY 1986, AND THE INCREASES ARE BEING MADE TO REFLECT THE CURRENT MARKET RATE AND TO COVER HIGHER OPERATING COSTS.

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FIVE LOTS TO BE RESUMED FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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FIVE PRIVATE LOTS IN SHEUNG WAN ARE TO BE RESUMED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN URBAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

A RESUMPTION NOTICE FOR THE PRIVATE PROPERTIES AT 127-133 HOLLYWOOD ROAD (ODD NUMBERS), 1 AND 2 TSUI ON LANE, AND 10 AND 11 CIRCULAR PATHWAY, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

NOTICES HAVE BEEN SERVED ON THE AFFECTED PROPERTIES TO NOTIFY OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS THAT THEIR PROPERTIES WILL REVERT TO THE GOVERNMENT ON JUNE 4.

THE AFFECTED PROPERTIES ARE LOCATED IN THE PERIPHERY OF A LARGE STEEPLY SLOPING SITE OF ABOUT 4,050 SQUARE METRES BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

THE RESUMED SITE WILL BE GRANTED TO THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN URBAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN OCTOBER.

THE HOUSING SOCIETY HAS STARTED INTERVIEWING RESIDENTS TO DETERMINE THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR REHOUSING.

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WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COMMERCIAL TENANTS, GENUINE OCCUPIERS AFFECTED BY THE SCHEME WILL BE OFFERED REHOUSING BY THE HOUSING SOCIETY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT REHOUSING POLICY.

THE OWNERS OF THE AFFECTED PROPERTIES WILL BE ENTITLED TO CLAIM COMPENSATION FOR THE LOSS OF THEIR INTERESTS AND BONA FIDE OCCUPANTS MAY CLAIM EX-GRATIA CASH ALLOWANCES TO ASSIST THEIR REMOVAL.

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FOUR LOTS OFFERED FOR PUBLIC AUCTION

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THE LAST LAND AUCTION FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 24 WITH FOUR LOTS BEING OFFERED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD IN THE THEATRE OF THE CITY HALL STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

THREE OF THE LOTS ARE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND ONE IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE FIRST PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SITE IS LOCATED IN AREA 44, TUEN MUN.

MEASURING ABOUT 13,200 SQUARE METRES, A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 24,000 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE DEVELOPED ON THE SITE BEFORE MARCH 31, 1992.

THE SECOND SITE IS IN SHA TIN AREA 41A.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT AT LEAST 1,524 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA MUST BE DEVELOPED ON THE 7,181-SQUARE-METRE SITE ALSO BEFORE MARCH 31, 1992.

THE THIRD SITE, IN SHA HA, SAI KUNG, COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,601 SQUARE METRES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 937 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BEFORE MARCH 31, 1991.

THE INDUSTRIAL SITE IS LOCATED IN AREA 25, ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING.

IT MEASURES ABOUT 3,372 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, BUT EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 10,116 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE SITE BEFORE MARCH 31, 1992.

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SYMPOSIUM ON INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY USEFUL
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A THREE-DAY SYMPOSIUM THIS WEEK ON INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT WAS MOST USEFUL IN HELPING GOVERNMENTS TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES IN THE AREA, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR STEVE BARCLAY, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MORE THAN 150 REPRESENTATIVES FROM 14 ASIAN PACIFIC COUNTRIES AND 40 LOCAL DELEGATES TOOK PART IN THE SYMPOSIUM WHICH WAS ORGANISED BY THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANISATION (WIPO) AND THE JAPANESE PATENT OFFICE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

MR BARCLAY SAID THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN PLEASED TO FIND THAT ITS EXISTING LEGISLATION WAS HELD IN HIGH REGARD BY OTHER DELEGATES.

"EVEN MORE REASSURING WAS THE CONFIRMATION THAT OUR IDEAS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF OUR LEGISLATION APPEAR TO BE ON THE RIGHT TRACK," HE ADDED.

MR BARCLAY NOTED THAT THE TIMING OF THE WIPO SYMPOSIUM COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BETTER AS THE GOVERNMENT WAS PRESENTLY STUDYING MANY OF THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING THE SYMPOSIUM.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE DIFFICULTIES THE GOVERNMENT HAD FACED HAD BEEN SHARED BY MANY COUNTRIES OVERSEAS.

"WE ARE SURE THAT THE SHARED EXPERIENCE WILL HELP US TO OVERCOME THESE DIFFICULTIES," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE SPEAKERS AT THE SYMPOSIUM HAD CLEARLY BEEN EMINENT IN THEIR FIELD AND DEMONSTRATED A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE.

THE WIPO SYMPOSIUM COVERED AREAS SUCH AS THE NATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY SYSTEMS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT; THE EFFECTIVE USE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY BY THE ENTERPRISE SECTOR; AND THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF CERTAIN AREAS IN THE FIELD OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING THE PROTECTION AND LICENSING OF COMPUTER PROGRAMS AND INTEGRATED CIRCUITS AND OF BIOTECHNOLOGY.

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CARNIVAL AND EXHIBITION TO PUBLICISE DB ELECTIONS
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A CARNIVAL AND AN EXHIBITION ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE THIS WEEKEND TO PUBLICISE THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND TO REMIND RESIDENTS TO CAST THEIR VOTES ON MARCH 10.

A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE ENTRANCE HALL OF HENNESSY CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY IN WHICH INFORMATION ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THE WORK OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, AND THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS INCLUDING BACKGROUNDS AND PLATFORMS OF WAN CHAI CANDIDATES, LOCATIONS OF POLLING STATIONS IN THE DISTRICT AND PROCEDURES FOR VOTING WILL BE DISPLAYED.

A VIDEO WILL ALSO BE SHOWN TO EXPLAIN TO VIEWERS WHY THEY SHOULD VOTE AND HOW TO CAST A SENSIBLE VOTE.

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND WHICH WILL FEATURE A NUMBER OF WELL-KNOWN POP SINGERS AND BANDS, AS WELL AS ARTISTES FROM RADIO AND TELEVISION HONG KONG. THERE WILL ALSO BE GAME STALLS OFFERING ATTRACTIVE PRIZES TO PARTICIPANTS.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AND WILL BE OPENED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALLAN CHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE ENTRANCE HALL OF HENNESSY CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARMAN CHIU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FUNCTION.

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VARIETY SHOW TO PUBLICISE DB ELECTIONS
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A VARIETY SHOW ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROMOTE THE "VOTE ON MARCH 10" MESSAGE WILL BE HELD AT THE PAK TEI PLAYGROUND, CHEUNG CHAU, ON SUNDAY (MARCH 6).

THE SHOW, WITH PERFORMANCES BY A NUMBER OF POP SINGERS, WILL START AT 3 PM. ISLANDERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. ADMISSION IS FREE.

DURING THE SHOW, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN SHERWIN, WILL CALL ON ISLANDERS TO SUPPORT THE ELECTIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DB ELECTION VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE PAK TEI PLAYGROUND, CHEUNG CHAU, ON SUNDAY (MARCH 6) AT 3 PM.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. THE LAUNCH "CLEMENTI" WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 10.30 AM FOR CHEUNG CHAU.

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TUEN MUN CANDIDATES' FORUM ON SUNDAY
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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE A LARGE-SCALE FORUM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 6) FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN TUEN MUN TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM VOTERS.

THE FORUM WILL START AT 10.30 AM IN YAN OI SQUARE, TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID A NUMBER OF FORUMS HELD IN THE DISTRICT'S NINE CONSTITUENCIES BETWEEN FEBRUARY 24 AND MARCH 5 HAD BEEN WELL-RECEIVED BY THE RESIDENTS.

THE CANDIDATES WERE MAINLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HOUSING, EDUCATION, TRANSPORT (ESPECIALLY THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT), MEDICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROBLEMS.

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THE FORUM ON SUNDAY WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE FORUM WILL BE HELD ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TUEN MUN CANDIDATES' FORUM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 6) IN YAN OI SQUARE OF TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE. IT WILL START AT 10.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE VIEWS ON TRAFFIC STUDY

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL EXAMINE PUBLIC VIEWS EXPRESSED ON THE WESTERN DISTRICT TRAFFIC STUDY AT ITS LAST MEETING FOR THE CURRENT TERM ON MONDAY (MARCH 7).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS MEASURES TO CLEAR OBSTRUCTIONS TO PAVEMENTS CAUSED BY ILLEGAL HAWKING ACTIVITIES AND DISPLAY OF GOODS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IN THE PAST THREE YEARS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE ON MONDAY (MARCH 7) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. IT WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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PAINTING, CALLIGRAPHY, PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION IN NORTH DISTRICT

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MORE THAN 300 PIECES OF CHINESE PAINTINGS, CALLIGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE EXHIBITED AT THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) UNTIL MARCH 7.

SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION (NDAAA) AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL TO PROMOTE THE APPRECIATION OF CHINESE ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE WORKS BY LOCAL ARTISTS AND MEMBERS FROM THE NDAAA'S CHINESE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY TRAINING CLASS. A DEMONSTRATION ON CHINESE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY WILL ALSO BE HELD.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG; AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN FROM 11 AM TO 5.30 PM TOMORROW, 9 AM TO 5.30 PM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 6), AND 9 AM TO 5 PM ON MONDAY (MARCH 7). ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CHINESE PAINTING, CALLIGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 11 AM AT THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL, LUNG SUM AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI.

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NEW YEAR CARNIVAL FOR YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS

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YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A FUN-FILLED CARNIVAL ON MARCH 13 (SUNDAY) IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE EVENT IS TO PROVIDE FREE ENTERTAINMENT TO LOCAL RESIDENTS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

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PROGRAMMES FOR THE DAY INCLUDE SINGING, DANCING, ACROBATIC AND MAGIC PERFORMANCES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE 10 GAMESTALLS SET UP BY AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS. ANOTHER ATTRACTION IS FORTUNE TELLING.

FREE TICKETS FOR THE GAMESTALLS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD AND ITS TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD; THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET; AND THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITY CENTRE AT 33 SALISBURY ROAD.

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NEW ELECTRONIC POSTAGE LABEL FOR YEAR OF DRAGON

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THE LABEL IMPRESSION OF THE ELECTRONIC POSTAGE LABEL ISSUING MACHINE WILL BE CHANGED FROM THE RABBIT DESIGN TO THE DRAGON DESIGN ON MARCH 23, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT NEW LABEL PAPER BEARING A DIFFERENT BACKGROUND PATTERN WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED ON THE SAME DAY.

"BOTH THE LABEL IMPRESSION AND BACKGROUND PATTERN OF THE LABEL PAPER WERE DESIGNED BY MR LINUS NG CHING-MAN," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CUSTOMERS INTERESTED IN COLLECTING THE LABELS, PRE-PACKAGED SETS OF FOUR FIXED VALUES -- 10 CENTS, 50 CENTS, \$1.30 AND \$1.70 -- WILL BE PUT ON SALE AT \$3.60 PER SET AT THE FOLLOWING SIX PHILATELIC OFFICES:

HONG KONG ISLAND

GENERAL POST OFFICE
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE
PEAK POST OFFICE

KOWLOON

TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE
GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE
AIRPORT POST OFFICE

"OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL NOT BE ISSUED ON MARCH 23," THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING THAT ON THAT DAY, HOWEVER, A HAND-BACK SERVICE FOR PRIVATELY-MADE FIRST DAY COVERS WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THE ABOVE SIX PHILATELIC OFFICES.

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IN ADDITION, ADVANCE ORDERS FOR FIRST DAY TREATMENT OF PRIVATELY MADE FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM MARCH 4 TO 18 AT ALL POST OFFICES.

"THE MINIMUM QUANTITY PER ORDER IS FIVE. CUSTOMERS WISHING TO AVOID CONGESTION ON THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THIS ORDER SERVICE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE POST OFFICE WILL CHANGE THE DESIGN OF THE LABELS AND LABEL IMPRESSION EVERY YEAR TO INCORPORATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR ANIMAL. THE LAST ISSUE OF THIS ELECTRONIC POSTAGE LABEL SERIES WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1998.

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CONCERT BY MUSIC OFFICE INSTRUCTORS

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THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL STAGE A CONCERT FEATURING TWO OF ITS INSTRUCTORS' ORCHESTRAS AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY (MARCH 6) AT 3 PM.

THE CONCERT IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED UNDER THE "MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS" (MFM) PROGRAMME TO INTRODUCE MUSIC TO NEW AUDIENCES.

SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1977, THE MUSIC OFFICE HAS REGULARLY ORGANISED CONCERTS WHICH ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE VARIOUS ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS WITH ILLUSTRATIONS IN BOTH CHINESE AND WESTERN MUSIC.

SO FAR MORE THAN 3,900 MFM CONCERTS HAVE BEEN HELD THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND HAVE ATTRACTED AN AUDIENCE OF OVER 2.6 MILLION.

THE CONCERT ON SUNDAY WILL FEATURE COMPOSITIONS OF BOTH CHINESE AND WESTERN MUSIC. THE REPERTOIRE WILL INCLUDE HANDEL'S "WATER MUSIC", TCHAIKOVSKY'S "POLONAISE", FALLA'S "RITUAL FIRE DANCE", QIAN XIAOMAO'S "TRIUMPHAL FISHING BOAT SONG" AND LAW WAI-LUN'S "REJOICE".

THE CONDUCTORS OF THE TWO ORCHESTRAS ARE ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR (PROFESSIONAL), MR THOMAS WANG; SENIOR MUSIC OFFICER (CHINESE), MR TONG LEUNG-TAK; SENIOR MUSIC OFFICER (WIND), MR JOHN CHENG; AND SENIOR MUSIC OFFICER (STRING), MR LUI KI-LING.

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SILVER JUBILEE REVIEW OF ROAD SAFETY PATROLS ON SUNDAY

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THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD ITS SILVER JUBILEE REVIEW OF THE ROAD SAFETY PATROLS ON SUNDAY (MARCH 6) AT 10.30 AM AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM IN SO KON PO.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AND PRESENT MEDALS TO MEMBERS OF THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION.

ROAD SAFETY PATROLS FROM MORE THAN 60 SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WILL TAKE PART IN THE PARADE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND WILL PERFORM DURING THE MARCH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. ADMISSION WILL BE FREE. SPECTATORS ARE REQUESTED TO BE SEATED BEFORE 10.15 AM.

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GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT FAMILY DAY

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THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A FAMILY DAY FOR ITS STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES ON SUNDAY (MARCH 6) IN THE COMPOUND OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN OIL STREET, NORTH POINT.

MORE THAN 1,800 CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE ANNUAL EVENT.

THE EVENT WILL START AT 1 PM WITH THE DOTTING OF A LION'S EYES BY THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, FOLLOWED BY A LION DANCE PERFORMED BY MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES.

OTHER PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE SIDE-SHOWS, GAMESTALLS, DISPLAY OF FIRE ENGINES AND FIREARMS, CHINESE WORD PUZZLES AND A MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOW. THERE WILL ALSO BE A POLICE DOG DEMONSTRATION AND A CYCLING TECHNIQUE DEMONSTRATION.

MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES BAND AND THE TAI TAM GIRLS' PIPERS AND MARCHING TEAM.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND LUCKY DRAW WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF THE DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT FAMILY DAY ON SUNDAY (MARCH 6) IN THE COMPOUND OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS, 12 OIL STREET, NORTH POINT. IT WILL START AT 1 PM.

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WATER CUT IN TAI PO

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (MARCH 7) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE MEASURE WILL AFFECT FU SHIN ESTATE, MING NGA COURT AND SUN HING GARDEN.

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CLOSURE OF ACCESS ROAD TO WUN YIU

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TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN TAI PO AREA 6, THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM PAN CHUNG TO WUN YIU IN TAI PO WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 7) UNTIL A LATER DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ALL TRAFFIC TO AND FROM WUN YIU WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE NEWLY OPENED ROAD L7/1 AND L37/1 ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF TAI PO KCR STATION.

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