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ACS REGRETS DEATH OF CHRISTOPHER WONG KIM-KAM

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THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HE WAS SHOCKED AND SADDENED TO HEAR OF THE DEATH OF MR CHRISTOPHER WONG KIM-KAM THIS MORNING.

ON BEHALF OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND MR WONG'S COLLEAGUES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, SIR PIERS EXTENDED HIS SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO MR WONG'S FAMILY.

MR WONG JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1963 AND HAD RISEN TO THE RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B1.

HE HAD HELD A NUMBER OF SENIOR POSITIONS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, INCLUDING SECRETARY-GENERAL, STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE; DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT; DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE; DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS; AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES. HE WAS 48 YEARS OLD.

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BANKING ORDINANCE NOTICE GAZETTED

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, HAS BY NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) VARIED THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM CAPITAL ADEQUACY RATIOS OF AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS AND AMENDED THEIR WAY OF CALCULATION WITH EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 31 THIS YEAR.

THE CHANGES ARE IN LINE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING SUPERVISORY STANDARDS, RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON BANKING REGULATIONS AND SUPERVISORY PRACTICES (THE BASLE COMMITTEE).

ALTHOUGH NOT A MEMBER OF THE BASLE COMMITTEE, HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRES THAT TAKE THE LEAD IN ADOPTING THE NEW STANDARDS.

"THE NEW STANDARDS ARE ADOPTED TO MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S POSITION AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL BANKING CENTRE AND TO RETAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF FOREIGN BANKS IN THE LOCAL MARKET.

"THIS ALSO DEMONSTRATES THE STABILITY AND SOUNDNESS OF HONG KONG'S BANKING SECTOR," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE MINIMUM RATIO SPECIFIED IN SECTION 98(1) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 5 PER CENT TO 8 PER CENT WHILE THE MAXIMUM RATIOS SET OUT IN SECTION 101(1) HAVE BEEN PROPORTIONALLY INCREASED FROM 8 PER CENT TO 12 PER CENT FOR BANKS, AND FROM 10 PER CENT TO 16 PER CENT FOR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

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THE MAIN CHANGES IN THEIR WAY OF CALCULATION ARE:

- (A) THERE WILL BE A MORE DETAILED DEFINITION OF THE CAPITAL BASE, AND ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF CAPITAL SUCH AS CURRENT YEAR'S PROFIT, GENERAL PROVISIONS AND TERM SUBORDINATED DEBT CAN BE INCLUDED SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS. CAPITAL WILL BE DIVIDED INTO CORE AND SUPPLEMENTARY CAPITAL DEPENDING ON THEIR DEGREE OF PERMANENCE AND THE LATTER WILL ONLY BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS;
- (B) OFF BALANCE SHEET EXPOSURES WILL BE CAPTURED AS RISK ASSET ITEMS;
- (C) WEIGHTINGS OF RISK ASSET ITEMS WILL INCORPORATE A BROAD DISTINCTION OF COUNTRY RISK. OTHER MODIFICATIONS INCLUDE A LOWER WEIGHT FOR LENDING TO DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND FOR LOANS FULLY SECURED BY RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGES.

THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING IS CONFIDENT THAT ALL RELEVANT INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THE NEW STATUTORY MINIMUM RATIO CALCULATED USING THE NEW METHOD.

IT IS THEREFORE APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW STANDARDS AHEAD OF THE 1992-TARGET RECOMMENDED BY THE BASLE COMMITTEE.

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BILL TO INTRODUCE MINOR AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCES

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THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1989 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) PROPOSES A NUMBER OF MINOR AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING ORDINANCES.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ORDINANCE AND THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (WITNESSES' ALLOWANCES) RULES BE AMENDED TO PERMIT SUCCESSFUL DEFENDANTS AND PRIVATE PROSECUTORS TO CLAIM WITNESS ALLOWANCES.

THE CLASSES OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM WITNESS ALLOWANCES HAVE ALSO BEEN EXPANDED.

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ORDINANCE WILL BE AMENDED TO ENABLE THE ADDITION TO AN INDICTMENT OF ANY COUNTS FOUNDED ON FACTS OR EVIDENCE DISCLOSED IN "PAPER" COMMITTALS UNDER THE MAGISTRATES ORDINANCE.

A "PAPER" COMMITTAL IS A COMMITTAL FOR TRIAL FOR A PERSON CHARGED WITH AN INDICTABLE OFFENCE WHO ELECTS TO DISPENSE WITH A PRELIMINARY BEFORE A MAGISTRATE.

THE REFERENCES TO THE OBSOLETE TERM "SESSION OF THE COURT" IN THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ORDINANCE WILL BE REMOVED SINCE THE HIGH COURT DOES NOT SIT IN SESSION.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO REMOVE THE OBSOLETE REFERENCES TO "LARCENY" AND CERTAIN OTHER COMMON LAW OFFENCES OF DISHONESTY FROM THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ORDINANCE. THESE OFFENCES WERE ALREADY ABOLISHED BY THE THEFT ORDINANCE.

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ORDINANCE WILL BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT NO SUPERVISION ORDER IS TO BE MADE IN THE CASE OF A RELEASED PRISONER WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A REMOVAL OR DEPORTATION ORDER UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE.

THE MAGISTRATES ORDINANCE IS TO BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE A PERSON WHO MAKES A WITNESS STATEMENT TO DECLARE THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE MAKING OF SUCH A STATEMENT WHICH IS FALSE, OR WHICH HE DOES NOT BELIEVE TO BE TRUE, IS LIABLE TO RENDER HIM SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

AMENDMENTS ARE PROPOSED TO EXTEND ALIBI NOTICE PROVISIONS TO ACCUSED PERSONS IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

AT PRESENT THE REQUIREMENT TO GIVE NOTICE OF AN ALIBI DEFENCE APPLIES ONLY TO TRIALS BEFORE A JUDGE AND JURY IN THE HIGH COURT.

THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE PROSECUTION WITH TIME TO VERIFY PARTICULARS OF AN ALIBI DEFENCE SO THAT IT MAY DISCONTINUE THE PROSECUTION IF SATISFIED THAT THE ALIBI IS OR MIGHT BE TRUE.

EXTENSION OF THE ALIBI NOTICE PROVISIONS TO THE DISTRICT COURT WOULD RESULT IN A SAVING OF COURT AND POLICE TIME.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT DISTRICT COURT JUDGES BE EMPOWERED TO IMPOSE SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT THAT ARE PARTIALLY CONCURRENT AND PARTIALLY CONSECUTIVE, NOT EXCEEDING SEVEN YEARS IN TOTAL. THIS POWER IS ENJOYED BY HIGH COURT JUDGES.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES ARE NOW RESTRICTED TO IMPOSING PURELY CONSECUTIVE SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT, SUBJECT TO THE SEVEN YEARS LIMIT.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1989 IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 10 NEXT YEAR.

SEAT BELT REGULATIONS ON GOODS VEHICLES TO TAKE EFFECT

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THE SEAT BELT LAW WILL BE EXTENDED TO GOODS VEHICLES WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (SAFETY EQUIPMENT) REGULATIONS, ALL GOODS VEHICLES MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1989 AND FIRST REGISTERED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1990 WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE FITTED WITH SEAT BELTS.

DRIVERS AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS IN SUCH VEHICLES MUST WEAR SEAT BELTS.

THE SAME REGULATIONS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN EFFECT CONCERNING PRIVATE CARS, TAXIS AND LIGHT BUSES.

A FRONT SEAT PASSENGER SITTING IN THE MIDDLE SEAT OF A GOODS VEHICLE AND AGED 15 OR OVER, IS NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR A SEAT BELT.

HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONLY ONE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER, THAT PASSENGER MUST WEAR A SEAT BELT REGARDLESS OF THE PERSON'S AGE.

THE FIXED PENALTY FOR DRIVING WITHOUT FASTENING A SEAT BELT IS \$200. WHEN THE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER UNDER 15 YEARS OLD HAS NOT FASTENED A SEAT BELT, THE FIXED PENALTY IS \$140.

FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS WHO ARE AGED 15 OR OVER AND FAIL TO WEAR A SEAT BELT WILL BE CHARGED BY WAY OF SUMMONS AND BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF A \$5,000 FINE AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR NOVEMBER PUBLISHED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR NOVEMBER 1989. THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR NOVEMBER 1989 WERE 132.7 AND 132.5 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 9.6 PER CENT AND 9.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER NOVEMBER 1988.

THESE RATES OF INCREASE WERE LOWER THAN THOSE RECORDED IN THE PRECEDING SIX MONTHS.

/COMPARING NOVEMBER .....

COMPARING NOVEMBER WITH OCTOBER 1989, THE CPI(A) INCREASED BY 0.1 PER CENT AND THE CPI(B), BY 0.4 PER CENT, LARGELY BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING AND HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 1989, AT 128.4 AND 128.0 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 9.9 PER CENT AND 9.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 1988.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED NOVEMBER 1989, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.8 PER CENT PER MONTH.

THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR NOVEMBER 1989 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1989 AND NOVEMBER 1988, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR NOV.89	% CHANGE OVER OCT.89	% CHANGE OVER NOV.88	INDEX FOR NOV.89	% CHANGE OVER OCT.89	% CHANGE OVER NOV.88
FOODSTUFFS	133.4	-0.6	+10.8	135.1	-0.3	+11.4
HOUSING	124.9	+0.4	+7.9	119.6	+0.5	+6.4
FUEL AND LIGHT	96.5	+0.8	+4.7	96.6	+0.5	+4.2
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	133.8	+0.0*	+6.9	135.1	+0.1	+7.1
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	140.3	+3.4	+9.1	143.3	+3.3	+9.4
DURABLE GOODS	122.9	+0.4	+2.5	121.9	+0.3	+2.3

/MISCELLANEOUS GOODS .....

MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	134.8	+0.7	+3.7	134.5	+0.6	+4.0
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	139.6	+0.4	+14.1	138.7	+0.4	+13.8
SERVICES	150.2	+0.4	+13.3	149.6	+0.4	+12.9
ALL ITEMS	132.7	+0.1	+9.6	132.5	+0.4	+9.4

\* LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.3 PER CENT IN CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH AND LIVE POULTRY, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH FRUIT AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.5 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY 0.8 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.5 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES OF KEROSENE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY 3.4 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 3.3 PER CENT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.6 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY.

FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR NOVEMBER 1989, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.50 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 141.1 IN NOVEMBER 1989, UP BY 1.1 PER CENT OVER OCTOBER 1989 AND UP BY 10.9 PER CENT OVER NOVEMBER 1988.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT \$10,000-24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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#### WONG UK HOUSE DECLARED MONUMENT

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THE OLD HOUSE AT WONG UK VILLAGE IN SHA TIN WAS DECLARED A HISTORICAL BUILDING TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE ANTIQUITIES AUTHORITY, UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE.

SITUATED AT THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE FORMER YUEN CHAU KOK ISLAND IN SHA TIN, THE WONG UK VILLAGE WAS FOUNDED SOME 200 YEARS AGO BY A MARRIED COUPLE FROM XING NING COUNTY IN EASTERN GUANGDONG.

IN THE 19TH CENTURY, YUEN CHAU KOK WAS A MAJOR POST ON THE ROUTE FOR TRAVELLERS, AND GOODS, COMING FROM GUANGDONG PROVINCE ON THEIR WAY TO KOWLOON CITY IN HONG KONG.

THE ROUTE FIRST PASSED THROUGH TAI PO MARKET, THEN SOUTH OVER LEAD MINE PASS TO A POINT ON TIDE COVE (NOW KNOWN AS SHA TIN HOI) THEN BY FERRY TO A STONE PIER AT THE NORTHERN TIP OF YUEN CHAU KOK.

THIS SEA LINK ALSO SERVED AS A SEA TRAFFIC JUNCTION FROM THE TOWNS IN MIRS BAY. GOODS WERE CARRIED OVER SHA TIN PASS IN THE SOUTH OF THE ISLAND TO KOWLOON CITY.

BECAUSE OF THIS GEOGRAPHICAL ADVANTAGE, THE VILLAGE BECAME A TRADING STATION FOR MERCHANTS AND TRAVELLERS, WITH VILLAGERS CARRYING ON VARIOUS TRADES RANGING FROM GOLDSMITHING TO INNKEEPING AND PIG-REARING.

HOWEVER, WHEN OTHER, EASIER ROUTES BECAME AVAILABLE AFTER 1898, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISLAND DISAPPEARED GRADUALLY AND VILLAGERS BEGAN TO LEAVE AND MIGRATE ABROAD.

ALSO, THE RECLAMATION OF THE TIDE COVE TO LINK UP YUEN CHAU KOK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN COMPLETELY OBLITERATED THE ORIGINAL ROCKY COAST-LINE AND THE OLD STONE PIER.

MANY OLD BUILDINGS IN WONG UK VILLAGE FELL INTO RUIN. WHAT REMAINS IS THE 100-YEAR-OLD SINGLE TWO-STOREY GREEN BRICK HOUSE WITH FINE MURAL PAINTINGS AND TRADITIONAL WOODEN CARVINGS WHICH SERVED AS THE ONLY LANDMARK OF THE HISTORY OF YUEN CHAU KOK.

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THE OLD HOUSE WAS SURRENDERED TO THE GOVERNMENT IN 1984. AFTER OTHER INHABITANTS IN THE SURROUNDING STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN RESITED IN 1991-92, THE SURROUNDING AREA WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO AN OPEN SPACE TO BE MANAGED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

AFTER RESTORATION, THE HOUSE WILL STAND AS AN INTERESTING HISTORICAL AND EDUCATIONAL FEATURE IN THE AREA.

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POSTCARDS TO COMMEMORATE ACAN SILVER JUBILEE

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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) IS PREPARING A SET OF SPECIAL POSTCARDS TO COMMEMORATE ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY NEXT YEAR.

THE PROJECT HAS THE SUPPORT AND THE CONTRIBUTION OF \$60,000 FROM THE HONG KONG CHINESE BANK.

THE DESIGNS OF THE SET OF FOUR POSTCARDS ARE BASED ON THOSE OF THE YEAR OF THE HORSE SPECIAL STAMPS ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE TOGETHER WITH AN ACAN MESSAGE.

"MORE THAN 40,000 SETS WILL BE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED FREE OF CHARGE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS IN MID-JANUARY BEFORE THE ISSUE OF THE SPECIAL STAMPS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT'S NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THIS IS THE SECOND PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP IN SUPPORT OF THE ANTI-DRUG DRIVE AND MORE ARE EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE," HE ADDED.

REPRODUCED BY PERMISSION OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, THE DESIGNS OF THE FOUR POSTCARDS DEPICT THE VARIOUS POSTURES OF THE HORSE IN AN EMBROIDERY STYLE.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL IN SHAM SHUI PO

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A CARNIVAL TO DRIVE HOME THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE WILL BE HELD AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE CARNIVAL HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) AND THE SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE AS A MAJOR EVENT OF THE MONTH-LONG DISTRICT FESTIVAL. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE CARNIVAL INCLUDES PERFORMANCE BY POPULAR SINGERS, MAGIC SHOWS, AND GAMES STALLS TO BE SET UP BY LOCAL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE CARNIVAL IS PART OF THE COMMITTEE'S YEAR-LONG EFFORT IN ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO ASSIST IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME. ACTIVITIES HELD EARLIER IN THE YEAR INCLUDED A BOOK DESIGN COMPETITION AND A YOUTH TRAINING CAMP.

PLANS ARE NOW IN HAND TO CONDUCT A SURVEY ON YOUTH PROBLEMS IN JANUARY AND ORGANISE A SEMINAR ON "HOW TO EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN" IN FEBRUARY.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG; DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS OF THE POLICE, MR HUI KI-ON; SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK; AND DFCC CHAIRMAN, MR FAN KAM-PING.

ANOTHER MAJOR ACTIVITY OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE A CHINESE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION AT THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 24).

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL TO BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND. A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM.

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AMENDED CLASSIFICATION ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) AMENDMENTS TO THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST (HARMONISED SYSTEM), WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN JANUARY 1988.

THESE AMENDMENTS, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, WILL TAKE EFFECT AS FROM JANUARY 1, 1990.

IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ARE REMINDED THAT IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS FOR SHIPMENTS MADE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1990 MUST BE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMENDED CLASSIFICATION.

THE AMENDMENTS INVOLVE CHANGE IN COUNTRY DESCRIPTION OF BURMA, AND IN CLASSIFICATION OF SOME COMMODITIES SUCH AS FUNGUS, BEVERAGES IN CONSUMER PACKAGE, ALUMINIUM OXIDE AND URANIUM, CERTAIN TYPE OF REFRIGERATING OR FREEZING EQUIPMENT, PRESS-FASTENERS AND BUTTONS.

THESE AMENDMENTS WILL BRING THE CLASSIFICATION UP-TO-DATE BY INTRODUCING MORE APPROPRIATE UNITS OF QUANTITY AND DELETING UNNECESSARY SUBCLASSIFICATIONS.

IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ARE URGED TO ENSURE THAT THEIR STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATION FORMS SHOULD BECOME FULLY CONVERSANT WITH SUCH AMENDMENTS.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT LIST ARE OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

- \* GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE  
GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR,  
CONNAUGHT PLACE,  
HONG KONG.
  
- \* CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT  
(I) HONG KONG COLLECTION OFFICE  
SECOND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING,  
38 PIER ROAD,  
CENTRAL,  
HONG KONG.  
(II) KOWLOON COLLECTION OFFICE  
SECOND FLOOR, STAR HOUSE,  
3 SALISBURY ROAD,  
KOWLOON.
  
- \* CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT  
TRADE CLASSIFICATION SECTION,  
17TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1,  
12 HARBOUR ROAD,  
WAN CHAI.

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LADY WILSON OPENS FLORA AND FAUNA SHOW

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LADY WILSON THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING OFFICIALLY OPENED A MINIATURE WORLD OF FLORA AND FAUNA BUILT UP IN THE NORTH DISTRICT.

THIS WORLD IS FORMED BY THE THIRD NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW, WHICH VISITORS WILL FIND BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND RELAXING.

LADY WILSON ALSO PRESENTED AN OVERALL CHAMPION TROPHY FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE FLOWER SECTION.

THOSE ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY INCLUDED THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU; DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR HAIDER BARMA; ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR ANTHONY BENNETT; POLICE REGIONAL COMMANDER/NEW TERRITORIES, MR RICHARD SMALLSHAW; CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG; AND NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI.

VISITORS TO THE FIVE-DAY SHOW AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND MAY APPRECIATE THE ART OF CULTIVATING AND TRAINING POT PLANTS THROUGH THE YEARS, AS WELL AS THE ART OF MODERN STYLE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT.

A FUKIEN TEA TREE ATTACHED TO A ROCK, WHICH WON THE FIRST CLASS AWARD IN THE SECOND CHINESE (1989) ARTISTIC POT PLANTS COMPETITION, IS ON DISPLAY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS OF THE FLOWER SECTION INCLUDE A BELL-SHAPED COLLECTION OF RARE SPECIES POINSETTIA FROM USA, FRESH FLOWERS FLOWN IN FROM THE NETHERLANDS AND SOUTH AFRICA, AND SOME DRY WILD FLOWERS FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

IN THE ADJOINING FANLING ROTARY YOUTH CENTRE, VISITORS MAY HAVE A LOOK AT "THE INSECT BOOK OF RECORDS" HIGHLIGHTING THE AMAZING THINGS THAT INSECTS CAN DO.

SIX CAGES OF COLOURFUL PET BIRDS, AND TANKS OF RARE SPECIES OF FISH ARE ALSO ON DISPLAY. AMONG THEM IS AN 100-YEAR-OLD BEEF-EATING ALBINO FISH FROM SINKIANG IN CHINA.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE HONG KONG ARE PROVIDING EXHIBITS.

ABOUT 50 STALLS SELL SOUVENIRS, FLOWERS, PLANTS AND FISH.

THE SHOW IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 5.30 PM FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO MONDAY (DECEMBER 25), AND FROM 9.30 AM TO 4 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 26).

THE ADMISSION FEE IS \$5 FOR ADULTS AND \$2 FOR CHILDREN.

THE SHOW, WHICH RUNS UNTIL TUESDAY, IS SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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INTER-SCHOOL TELEMATCH ON ROAD SAFETY

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AN INTER-SCHOOL TELEMATCH WILL BE HELD AT SOUTHRN PLAYGROUND IN WAN CHAI TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ROAD SAFETY.

THE FUNCTION, ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP AND THE WAN CHAI HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE, WILL MARK THE END OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WHICH BEGAN THREE WEEKS AGO.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES WERE HELD TO PROMOTE, AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON, ROAD SAFETY RULES.

THESE INCLUDED A ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITION, MODEL PEDESTRIAN SELECTIONS, VISITS TO THE "ROAD SAFETY TOWN" BY THE ELDERLY, A QUIZ, A COLOURING COMPETITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS.

MORE THAN A HUNDRED STUDENTS FROM SIX SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT WILL COMPETE IN THE ROAD SAFETY TELEMATCH WHICH PROMISES TO BE BOTH ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS, DANCES, AS WELL AS CHORAL AND POP SONG SINGING.

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AND THE INTER-SCHOOL TELEMATCH WILL BE THE ASSISTANT WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRYAN CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MS ANNA TONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AND THE INTER-SCHOOL TELEMATCH WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT SOUTHRN PLAYGROUND, WAN CHAI.

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## ANIMAL LICENCE FEES TO GO UP

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FEEES FOR SIX TYPES OF LICENCES AND PERMITS ISSUED UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH (ANIMALS AND BIRDS) ORDINANCE WILL GO UP FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE INCREASES, PRESCRIBED IN A SERIES OF NEW AMENDMENT REGULATIONS TO THE ORDINANCE, WERE ENDORSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL EARLIER THIS WEEK. A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FEE REVISIONS WILL COVER THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS EXHIBITION LICENCE, BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE, RIDING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE, TEMPORARY EXHIBITION PERMIT, DAIRY LICENCE AS WELL AS THE SPECIAL PERMIT TO REMOVE ANIMALS OR BIRDS FROM A VESSEL OR AN AIRCRAFT.

THE EXISTING AND NEW LICENCE FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	EXISTING LEVEL -----	REVISED LEVEL -----
EXHIBITION LICENCE	\$2,000 PER YEAR	\$5,000 PER YEAR
BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE	\$1,200 PER YEAR	\$1,800 PER YEAR
RIDING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE	\$1,200 PER YEAR	\$1,800 PER YEAR
TEMPORARY EXHIBITION PERMIT	\$300 PER MONTH FROM DATE OF ISSUE	\$500 PER MONTH FROM DATE OF ISSUE
DAIRY LICENCE	\$30 PER COW OR AT LEAST \$1,200 PER DAIRY PER YEAR	\$56 PER COW OR AT LEAST \$2,240 PER DAIRY PER YEAR

DETAILS OF THE OLD AND NEW FEES FOR THE SPECIAL PERMIT TO REMOVE ANIMALS OR BIRDS FROM A VESSEL OR AN AIRCRAFT ARE SET OUT BELOW:

CATEGORY OF ANIMAL OR BIRD	SIZE OF UNIT	FEES FOR ONE UNIT (OR PART THEREOF )		FEES FOR EACH ADDITIONAL UNIT (OR PART THEREOF)	
		(OLD)	(NEW)	(OLD)	(NEW)
CATTLE	50 ANIMALS	\$240	\$630	\$100	\$200

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SHEEP, GOATS AND PIGS	100 ANIMALS	\$240	\$630	\$100	\$200
EQUINES	PER ANIMAL	\$130	\$330	\$20	\$40
DAY-OLD POULTRY	500 BIRDS	\$60	\$170	\$20	\$40
BIRDS (OTHER THAN DAY-OLD POULTRY)	50 BIRDS	\$60	\$170	\$20	\$40
REPTILES (OTHER THAN TURTLES FOR FOOD)	200 ANIMALS	\$60	\$170	\$20	\$40
RODENTS AND LAGOMORPHS	50 ANIMALS	\$60	\$170	\$20	\$40
DOGS AND CATS	PER ANIMAL	\$60	\$170	\$20	\$40
TURTLES FOR FOOD	200 KG	\$60	\$170	\$20	\$40
OTHER ANIMALS NOT PROVIDED FOR ABOVE	PER ANIMAL	\$60	\$170	\$20	\$40

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE NEW FEES, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (AGRICULTURE) OF THE DEPARTMENT, DR THOMAS YIP, SAID THE REVISION IS THE THIRD AND LAST PHASE OF AN EXERCISE INITIATED THREE YEARS AGO TO RECOVER THE FULL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

THE FIRST AND SECOND PHASES OF INCREASES WERE EFFECTED ON APRIL 1 LAST YEAR AND JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR RESPECTIVELY.

"THE REVISION ALSO TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE INCREASED STAFF COSTS AND INFLATION OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS," HE EXPLAINED.

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REVIEW ARTICLE ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET SURVEY

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THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "1989 FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET SURVEY".

THE ARTICLE GIVES A SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR FINDINGS OF THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET CONDUCTED BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH IN APRIL THIS YEAR. IT INCLUDES ANALYSES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS BY CURRENCY COMPOSITION, COUNTERPARTY AND TYPE OF TRANSACTION.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$34 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR BOAT HIRE

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF A MINIMUM OF THREE MOTOR BOATS ON HIRE AT ONE TIME, AT AN HOURLY RATE, TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS COMMENCING APRIL 1, 1990.

A NOTICE INVITING TENDERS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BOATS WILL BE USED TO CONVEY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICERS FOR JOURNEYS BETWEEN THE SHORE AND SHIPS AT ANCHOR IN THE HARBOUR AND FOR PATROLS WITHIN THE WATERS OF THE TERRITORY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TOTAL HIRING TIME PER MONTH WILL NOT BE LESS THAN 1,800 HOURS.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SUPPLIES SECTION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, EIGHTH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN JANUARY

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 19 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE	TIME
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JANUARY 3 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 4 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 5 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JANUARY 6 (SATURDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 5 PM
JANUARY 9 (TUESDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 5 PM
JANUARY 10 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JANUARY 11 (THURSDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 5 PM
JANUARY 12 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 15 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 16 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 17 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 18 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 19 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JANUARY 20 (SATURDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 5 PM
JANUARY 22 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JANUARY 23 (TUESDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 5 PM
JANUARY 24 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 25 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JANUARY 26 (FRIDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 8 AM

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