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GOVERNOR ENDS EUROPEAN VISIT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, CONCLUDED A WEEKLONG VISIT TO EUROPE TODAY (FRIDAY) WITH CALLS ON SENIOR EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND BELGIAN OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS.

AT AN EARLY MORNING MEETING, EC COMMISSIONER OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS, FRANS ANDRIESSEN TOLD THE GOVERNOR THAT THE COMMUNITY WAS KEEN TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN HONG KONG, POSSIBLY NEXT YEAR.

FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE EC TOOK PLACE AT A LUNCH HOSTED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, HORST KRENZLER.

SIR DAVID ALSO MET SENIOR OFFICIALS AT THE BELGIAN ECONOMICS MINISTRY AND VISITED THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE BEFORE TAKING HIS FLIGHT BACK TO HONG KONG.

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GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT: FORD

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE WITH ITS EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THE FORMATION OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS WHICH, NOT ONLY FOSTERS BETTER BUILDING MANAGEMENT BUT ALSO ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO WORK TOGETHER TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AND THEMSELVES, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT FOR THE 90'S AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, SIR DAVID SAID THESE OWNERS' CORPORATIONS WOULD PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK AND ORGANISATION FOR BUILDING MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS.

HE SAID THERE WERE NOW SOME 2,400 OWNERS' CORPORATIONS REGISTERED WITH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL - AN INCREASE OF 200 COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR.

POINTING OUT THAT REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG HAD BECOME VERY PROFESSIONAL, SIR DAVID SAID NEW RESIDENTIAL ESTATES WERE NOW BEING DEVELOPED WITH A FULL RANGE OF COMMUNITY AND SHOPPING FACILITIES, PACKAGED TOGETHER WITH PROFESSIONAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT.

"BUT THERE ARE MANY PRIVATE BUILDINGS DEVELOPED IN AN EARLIER ERA WHICH DO NOT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF MODERN MANAGEMENT, WHERE OWNERSHIP IS FRAGMENTED AND WHERE THERE IS NO FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH RESIDENTS CAN BE BROUGHT TOGETHER," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID LIKE MANY OTHER PROSPERING AND DEVELOPING ECONOMIES, AN INCREASING PROPORTION OF FAMILIES IN HONG KONG NOW HAD THEIR OWN HOMES.

"SOME 66 PER CENT OF HOUSEHOLDS IN PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS ARE NOW OWNER-OCCUPIERS. THAT COMPARES WITH 54 PER CENT IN 1986.

"THIS UPWARDLY MOBILE TREND HAS RAISED EXPECTATIONS NOT ONLY FOR A HIGHER QUALITY OF ACCOMMODATION BUT ALSO FOR GOOD MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE HELP TO PRESERVE THE VALUE OF PROPERTIES, WHICH TO MOST HOUSEHOLDS IS THEIR MAIN INVESTMENT.

"AND OF COURSE OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURITY IN ESTATE MANAGEMENT," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

HE SAID DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAMS OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) HAD BEEN SET UP IN URBAN DISTRICTS.

AND IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, THE TEAMS HAD WORKED ON OVER 1,000 BUILDINGS TOGETHER WITH THE OWNERS CONCERNED.

SIR DAVID EMPHASISED THAT BUILDING MANAGEMENT WAS ALSO ONE OF GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS.

"THROUGH PUBLICITY IN THE MEDIA, ORGANISING WORKSHOPS, EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLISHING HANDBOOKS ON THE SUBJECT, WE BELIEVE THAT THE MESSAGE IS FILTERING THROUGH TO THE COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

ADDRESSING TO THE SEMINAR, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT (ACPB), MR CHUNG PUI-LAM, SAID THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAD BEEN ACTIVELY REVIEWING THE PROVISIONS IN THE MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATIONS) ORDINANCE EVER SINCE ITS INAUGURATION.

"ON ACCOUNT OF THE COMPLEXITY AND DIVERSITY OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT ISSUES, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS SET UP A TOTAL OF FOUR WORKING SUB-COMMITTEES TO LOOK INTO PARTICULAR AREAS OF CONCERN, INCLUDING WAYS AND MEANS TO PROMOTE AND DISSEMINATE THE CONCEPT AND PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE OF EFFECTIVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT," MR CHUNG SAID.

MORE THAN 250 PROPERTY MANAGERS, BUILDING MANAGEMENT STAFF AND OFFICE-BEARERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, DEVELOPERS AND POST-SECONDARLY STUDENTS ATTENDED THE ONE-DAY SEMINAR WHICH WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CNTA AND ACPBM TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT AND KEY ELEMENTS OF GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

TALKS ON THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT WERE GIVEN BY PROFESSIONALS IN BUILDING AND ESTATE MANAGEMENT.

AN EXHIBITION ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT WAS ALSO HELD AT TODAY'S VENUE.

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AUGUST ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED

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IN AUGUST 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES DECREASED BY TWO PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1990 AND AUGUST 1989, ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN AUGUST 1990 DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, ORDERS INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1989, THE ORDERS POSITION IN AUGUST 1990 DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY INCREASED MODERATELY OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN AUGUST 1990 DECREASED BY ONE PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1990, AND BY 11 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1989.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1990, EMPLOYMENT IN AUGUST 1990 DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, WEARING APPAREL AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

THESE DECREASES WERE PARTLY DUE TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF SUMMER WORKERS IN THE PRECEDING TWO MONTHS BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHILE THAT IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY INCREASED SLIGHTLY.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1989, EMPLOYMENT IN AUGUST 1990 DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST DECREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

HOWEVER, A MODERATE INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS REPORTED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

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IN AUGUST 1990, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY TWO PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1990. OVER THIS PERIOD OF COMPARISON, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES; AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

THESE INCREASES WERE PARTLY DUE TO THE ISSUE OF MID-YEAR BONUSES BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, LITTLE CHANGE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WAS RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN AUGUST 1990 IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS. INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN AUGUST 1990 DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1990 AND AUGUST 1989. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN AUGUST 1990 INCREASED MODERATELY WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1990, BUT SHOWED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVER AUGUST 1989.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS INDUSTRY COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN AUGUST 1990 AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1990, BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1989.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN AUGUST 1990 FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1990.

A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WAS RECORDED IN HOTELS OVER THIS PERIOD, FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL BONUSES IN JULY 1990 BY SOME HOTELS SURVEYED.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN AUGUST 1990 INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED.

HOWEVER, GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR AUGUST 1990 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 839 3222.

TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF AUGUST 1990 (MONTHS)	CHANGE WHEN JUL. 90 (%)	COMPARED WITH AUG. 89 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.23	-2	-2
WEARING APPAREL	4.66	+1	-3
TEXTILES	2.10	-5	-10
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2.58	-6	-10
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.07	-3	-12
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.26	-3	+4
OTHERS	4.11	-1	*

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF AUGUST 1990	
	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	JUL. 90	AUG. 89
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-1	-11
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	+4
WEARING APPAREL	-1	-10
TEXTILES	-1	-12
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-5	-21
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	+2	-8
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-3	-16
OTHERS	*	-2
CONSTRUCTION #	-1	-1
SERVICES	*	+3
BANKS	*	+3
HOTELS	-1	-3
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	+1
OTHERS	+1	+7

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN AUGUST 1990	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	JUL. 90	AUG. 89	
	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	5,964	+2	+15
FOOD AND DRINKS	6,819	*	+9
WEARING APPAREL	4,997	+5	+12
TEXTILES	5,523	+1	+8
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5,714	+6	+14
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	5,940	+3	+19

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ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5,781	+2	+18
OTHERS	7,602	+1	+14
CONSTRUCTION #	8,483	+4	+15
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SERVICES	10,320	+1	+15
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BANKS	9,427	*	+13
HOTELS	6,398	-15	+13
PUBLIC UTILITIES	10,203	-2	+17
OTHERS	12,189	+9	+15

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTES TO TABLES 1-3 : UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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PRODUCE RETAILERS MORE PRONE TO USE INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS

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FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SHOWED THAT FRUIT AND SEAFOOD RETAILERS ARE MORE PRONE TO USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS.

THE FIGURES SHOWED THAT OF 38 TRADERS CONVICTED OF OFFENCES UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE SINCE IT CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 LAST YEAR, 11 WERE FRUIT RETAILERS AND EIGHT WERE SEAFOOD RETAILERS.

THE OTHERS WERE SCRAP DEALERS AND OTHER RETAILERS SELLING VEGETABLES, ROAST MEAT AND POULTRY.

IN FOUR RECENT CASES, THREE FRUIT RETAILERS AND ONE SEAFOOD RETAILER WERE PROSECUTED UNDER THE ORDINANCE AND FINED A TOTAL OF \$6,000 AFTER TESTS BY OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY SHOWED THAT THE DEFENDANTS' WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS WERE IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHT FROM 3.12 TO 25.51 PER CENT.

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ACTING PRINCIPAL TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, MR WONG CHUN-KWONG, SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD SO FAR RECEIVED 276 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

MR WONG SAID A TOTAL OF \$92,550 HAD BEEN IMPOSED ON THE 38 OFFENDERS CONVICTED SO FAR.

HE REMINDED PRODUCE RETAILERS SUPPLYING GOODS BY WEIGHT OR MEASURE TO CHECK WEIGHING OR MEASURING EQUIPMENT REGULARLY TO ENSURE ITS ACCURACY.

ANY PERSON WHO WANT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MALPRACTICES IN RESPECT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SHOULD CONTACT EITHER THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 714 6146 OR THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

COMPLAINTS MAY ALSO BE MADE TO DUTY OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 852 3185 AFTER NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

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HK MANUFACTURERS COMPLYING TO WORLD MARKET REQUIREMENTS

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THE WILLINGNESS OF HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS TO COMPLY WITH RATHER THAN CIRCUMVENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE WORLD MARKET WILL BE A FUTURE PREREQUISITE FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING LASTING BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS.

AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ERNEST EVANS, MADE THESE REMARKS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFICATION LABORATORIES TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR EVANS SAID MANUFACTURERS HAD TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO SATISFYING CUSTOMERS' NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS, EVEN IF THEY WERE SOMETIMES UNPALATABLE TO THEM.

"WE HAVE TO COMPLY WITH, AND NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT, THE DIFFICULTIES AND STRICT REQUIREMENTS BEING IMPOSED.

"IT WILL COST US MORE TO PUT THINGS RIGHT, BUT THE REWARDS IN TERMS OF ENHANCED BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AND PROFITABILITY WILL MORE THAN COMPENSATE IN THE LONGER TERM," HE SAID.

MR EVANS ALSO SAID THE QUESTION OF THE COMPETENCY OF OVERSEAS LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEMES HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT A MEETING IN THE UNITED STATES RECENTLY.

A PROMINENT FIGURE IN THE INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION CONFERENCE (ILAC) HAD COMMENTED THAT THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS) WAS PROBABLY THE BEST OPERATING ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD TODAY.

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"THIS IS AN INDICATION OF THE STANDARDS YOU - HONG KONG'S TESTERS - HAVE ACHIEVED IN ONLY A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME," HE SAID.

MR EVANS SAID ENQUIRIES WERE BEING RECEIVED FROM OVERSEAS BUYERS AND LARGE CHAINSTORE PURCHASING AGENTS TO SUPPLY THE NAMES OF THOSE HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS CERTIFIED TO INTERNATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS.

"THIS IS BECOMING THE PATTERN FOR THE NOT-SO-DISTANT FUTURE: THAT IS, IF YOU ARE NOT CERTIFIED TO INTERNATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS, YOU DON'T GET THE ORDERS.

"IT APPLIES EQUALLY TO TESTING SERVICES - IF YOU ARE NOT ACCREDITED, THEN TESTING WORK WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO ARE.

"NOT ONLY ARE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS DEMANDING IT, BUT MANUFACTURERS WILL SHORTLY HAVE TO DO SO - MAINLY AS A RESULT OF PRESSURES FROM OVERSEAS," HE SAID.

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PROPOSED TSEUNG KWAN O DEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT DREDGING AND RECLAMATION WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 1.96 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED IN TSEUNG KWAN O.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE SEAWALL CONSTRUCTION AS A MEANS TO PROTECT FUTURE RECLAMATION EARMARKED FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND PURPOSES. IT IS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF TSEUNG KWAN O.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 18, 1990.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHTS OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

MEANWHILE, AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT A BREWERY TO USE AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 900 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT SHAM TSENG, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF SUBMARINE OUTFALL.

THE AREA WILL BE USED FOR DREDGING OF SEA-BED TO FORM A TRENCH AND LAYING OF A CONCRETE PIPE.

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THE WORK IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED BY MAY 1991.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 18, 1991.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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PREVENTION IS KEY TO HILL FIRE PROBLEM

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MOST HILL FIRES IN HONG KONG ARE CAUSED BY HUMAN CARELESSNESS AND, PREVENTION, RATHER THAN FIRE FIGHTING, IS THE KEY TO THE PROBLEM, THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD), MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE 1990/91 COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN HELD AT SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK, MR CHEUNG POINTED OUT THAT FIRE FIGHTING ALONE IS NOT AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION.

THIS IS DESPITE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE AFD, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CIVIL AID SERVICES AND THE HELICOPTER SERVICES OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE (RHKAAF), HAD TRIED THEIR BEST AND WERE STEADILY IMPROVING THEIR CAPABILITY TO DEAL WITH HILL FIRES.

"NO MATTER WHAT ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE, THE FINAL SOLUTION DEPENDS ON FIRE PREVENTION," HE SAID.

"THE NUMBER OF COUNTRYSIDE FIRES IN THE LAST FIRE SEASON WAS THE SMALLEST IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, YET, THERE WERE STILL 160 HILL FIRES INSIDE OR ADJACENT TO COUNTRY PARKS RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF SOME 84,000 TREES," HE ADDED.

MR CHEUNG WAS WORRIED THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE SO FORTUNATE THIS YEAR AS RAINFALL IN THE LAST FIVE MONTHS HAD FALLEN ABOUT 22 PER CENT BELOW THE AVERAGE AND SUCH DRY WEATHER COULD CONTINUE TO PREVAIL.

DURING THE DRY SEASON OF 1985/86, OVER 300 FIRES SWEEPED 6,300 HECTARES OF COUNTRY PARKS AND DESTROYED OVER HALF A MILLION TREES, HE SAID.

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"HILL FIRES CAUSE DAMAGES TO OUR COUNTRYSIDE VEGETATION, ADVERSELY AFFECTING OUR COUNTRYSIDE LANDSCAPE QUALITY AND WILDLIFE HABITATS AND EXPOSE THE SOIL TO EROSION, CAUSING SILTING UP OF STREAM COURSES.

"THE ABOVE DAMAGES AND DETERIORATION IN THE QUALITY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT WILL DEPRIVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OF THE ENJOYMENT OF THE COUNTRYSIDE," MR CHEUNG SAID.

HE URGED EVERYONE IN HONG KONG TO TAKE EXTRA EFFORT AND CARE TO PROTECT THE COUNTRYSIDE THROUGHOUT THE DRY SEASON, PARTICULARLY DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL PERIOD.

"COUNTRYSIDE VISITORS SHOULD LIGHT BARBECUE FIRE ONLY IN DESIGNATED BARBECUE PITS. THEY SHOULD NOT DROP BURNING CIGARETTE ENDS.

"FARMERS OR VILLAGERS SHOULD NOT LEAVE A BURNING STACK OF HAY OR RUBBISH UNATTENDED. GRAVE-SWEEPERS SHOULD ENSURE LIGHTING JOSS PAPERS ONLY IN CONTAINERS AND NEVER LEAVE BURNING JOSS STICKS UNATTENDED," MR CHEUNG SAID.

"ANY PERSON WHO CHOOSES TO IGNORE THESE SIMPLE PREVENTIVE MEASURES MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT," HE SAID.

ON THE DETAILS OF THE 1990/91 COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, MR CHEUNG SAID THROUGHOUT THE DRY SEASON, THE PUBLIC WOULD BE REMINDED TO HANDLE FIRE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WITH CARE THROUGH RADIO AND TELEVISION ANNOUNCEMENTS, POSTERS, LEAFLETS AND MOBILE EXHIBITIONS.

HE THANKED THE MEDIA FOR THEIR VALUABLE ASSISTANCE IN PROMOTING HILL FIRE PREVENTION IN THE PAST YEARS AND HOPED THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO HELP IN THIS MEANINGFUL EXERCISE.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS OF THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY TODAY WERE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES) OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR S.S. CHEUNG; SENIOR PILOT OF THE RHKAAF, FLIGHT LIEUTENANT BRIAN BUTT; AND STAFF OFFICER OF CIVIL AID SERVICES, MR S.F. LAM.

AFTERWARDS, A HELICOPTER FIRE FIGHTING DEMONSTRATION WAS JOINTLY CONDUCTED BY THE RHKAAF AND THE AFD GROUND CREW.

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DISTRICT EFFORTS CRUCIAL IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES EQUAL IMPORTANCE TO PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOTH AT THE DISTRICT AND THE TERRITORY-WIDE LEVELS, REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR LAN MADE THESE REMARKS WHEN ADDRESSING THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN JOINT AREA COMMITTEES SEMINAR ON "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION".

CITING CENTRAL AND WESTERN AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID THAT VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WERE NOW WORKING ON A NUMBER OF PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AND OTHER RELATED FACILITIES.

"THE \$350 MILLION HONG KONG PARK, WHICH OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 10 HECTARES ON THE FORMER VICTORIA BARRACKS, IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION NEXT YEAR," MR LAN SAID, ADDING THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL ATTRACTION TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

HE SAID TWO MAJOR URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WOULD FURTHER IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE DISTRICT.

HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT SUPPORT OF DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS WAS VITAL TO MORE EFFECTIVELY TACKLE THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION PROBLEMS.

MR LAN SAID THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD (DB) AND THE DISTRICT'S VARIOUS AREA COMMITTEES (AC'S) HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS BY MAKING SUGGESTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TO THE GOVERNMENT.

FOR INSTANCE, HE SAID, THE AC'S CONCERNED HAD HELPED MINIMISE THE AIR POLLUTION PROBLEM BY THE KENNEDY TOWN ABATTOIR BY-PRODUCT PLANT AND THE SAI STREET LARD WORKSHOP TO RESIDENTS.

FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE SHEUNG WAN AC MEMBERS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECENTLY MADE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO YU LAM TERRACE IN CENTRAL, HE SAID.

APART FROM MAKING CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS, MR LAN SAID, THE DB AND ACS HAD ALSO TAKEN AN ACTIVE PART IN ORGANISING A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

HE BELIEVED THAT A LARGE-SCALE COMPETITION ON RETRIEVING OLD NEWSPAPERS BEING HELD IN THE DISTRICT WOULD GENERATE A BETTER AWARENESS AMONG RESIDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT.

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ON THE ROLE OF AC'S IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, HE SAID THEY HAD GRADUALLY BECOME ONE OF THE MAJOR CONSULTATIVE MACHINERIES IN THE TERRITORY'S DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

"THEY WILL BECOME EVEN MORE IMPORTANT AS HONG KONG ENTERS INTO ANOTHER PHASE OF DEMOCRATISATION," HE ADDED.

MR LAN ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO URGE AC MEMBERS TO CONTINUE THEIR GOOD WORK AND MAKE HONG KONG LIVE UP TO ITS REPUTATION AS THE "PEARL OF THE ORIENT".

PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR DANIEL LAU, ALSO SPOKE AT THE SEMINAR WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED AC MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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A CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 21) AT MORETON PLAYGROUND IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE MIMIC PERFORMANCES, COUNTRY MUSIC, GAME STALLS AND AN EXHIBITION. ADMISSION IS FREE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME.

OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL'S OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM AND A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR STEPHEN WONG.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY AT 4 PM AT MORETON PLAYGROUND IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

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CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL IS STATUTORY HOLIDAY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL, WHICH FALLS ON OCTOBER 26 (FRIDAY), IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

ALL EMPLOYEES, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR WAGE LEVELS, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE SAME EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A FULL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS AND 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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RUN-DOWN AREA IN SHEUNG WAN TO BE REDEVELOPED

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A SMALL AREA OF DILAPIDATED TENEMENTS, SHOPS AND WORKSHOPS IN SHEUNG WAN IS TO BE REDEVELOPED INTO A MODERN RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WITH LOWER FLOORS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE 393-SQUARE-METRE SITE WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY AS ONE OF ITS URBAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PROJECTS.

WHEN THE SCHEME IS COMPLETED IN 1993, IT WILL PROVIDE 50 DOMESTIC UNITS FOR SALE, A LANDSCAPED PODIUM FOR FUTURE RESIDENTS AND APPROXIMATELY 380 SQUARE METRES OF COMMERCIAL FLOOR SPACE.

THE SCHEME IS SEEN AS AN IMPORTANT INITIATIVE TO UPGRADE AND REVITALISE PART OF SHEUNG WAN.

TO ENABLE THE SCHEME TO GO AHEAD, THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED IN ITS GAZETTE AN ORDER FOR THE RESUMPTION OF FIVE PRIVATE LOTS IN BONHAM STRAND AND WING LOK STREET WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA.

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THE LOTS ARE LOCATED AT 129,131 AND 133 BONHAM STRAND AND 147 AND 153 WING LOK STREET.

GENUINELY AFFECTED TENANTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REHOUSING WILL BE RESETTLED IN EXISTING RENTAL ESTATES OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY, OR ALTERNATIVELY THEY CAN SELECT TO PURCHASE A FLAT IN ONE OF THE SOCIETY'S URBAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME DEVELOPMENTS AT A DISCOUNT RATE.

AS REGARDS THE AFFECTED NON-DOMESTIC OCCUPANTS, THEIR ENTITLEMENT TO COMPENSATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE STATUTORY PROVISIONS UNDER THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 124.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL OFFER STATUTORY COMPENSATION TO THE LOT OWNERS.

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AMENDMENTS TO TWO DRAFT OZP'S

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT TSUEN WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AND THE DRAFT KWAI CHUNG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

ONE AMENDMENT ITEM WHICH IS COMMON TO BOTH DRAFT PLANS IS THE INCORPORATION OF STATUTORY PLOT RATIO CONTROL FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG.

A MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO OF 9.5 IS IMPOSED ON ALL LAND DESIGNATED "INDUSTRIAL" ON BOTH PLANS.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN FLEXIBILITY FOR UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES, MINOR RELAXATION OF THE STATED RESTRICTION, BASED ON INDIVIDUAL MERITS OF EACH CASE, MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD ON APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE.

A TOWN PLANNING BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID: "CONTROLS ON THE INTENSITY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT HAVE BECOME NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT A REASONABLE BALANCE EXISTS BETWEEN THE DEMANDS CREATED BY INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES AND THE CAPACITY OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ACCOMMODATE THESE DEMANDS."

OTHER AMENDMENT ITEMS TO THE DRAFT TSUEN WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN INCLUDE REZONING OF THE AREA BOUNDED BY SHA TSUI ROAD, TAI HO ROAD, YEUNG UK ROAD AND WO TIK STREET; AND THE CHINA DYEING WORKS FACTORY SITE IN PLANNING AREA 21 TO "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA" (CDA).

"THE 'CDA' ZONING WILL ENSURE THAT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS WOULD BE DESIGNED IN A COMPREHENSIVE MANNER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT VARIOUS PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS SUCH AS ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, NEIGHBOURHOOD COMPATIBILITY, PROVISION OF SHOPPING, COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AS WELL AS TRAFFIC AND PHASING REQUIREMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE CHINA DYEING WORKS FACTORY, LOCATED IN TSUEN WAN PLANNING AREA 21, HAS BECOME INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE NEARBY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

DESIGNATION OF THE FACTORY SITE AS "CDA" WOULD NOT ONLY FACILITATE THE PHASING OUT OF THIS INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY BUT ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THIS PART OF TSUEN WAN, ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN.

THE AREA BOUNDED BY SHA TSUI ROAD, TAI HO ROAD, YEUNG UK ROAD AND WO TIK STREET WHICH IS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED NEAR THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL WITHIN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN CENTRE, IS NOW RIPE FOR REDEVELOPMENT.

DESIGNATION OF THE AREA AS "CDA" WOULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA WHICH WOULD PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT TO THE TSUEN WAN TOWN CENTRE.

OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT TSUEN WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN RELATE MAINLY TO UPDATING OF THE PLAN WITH MORE RECENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS.

AS FOR THE DRAFT KWAI CHUNG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN, OTHER AMENDMENTS INCLUDE THE REZONING OF KAU WA KENG AREA INTO "CDA" AND "VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT".

THE REZONING ALLOWS FOR COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA AND EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE KAU WA KENG VILLAGE.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS UNDER THE "CDA" ZONING WILL BE SUBJECT TO PLANNING APPROVAL OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD. THIS WILL ENSURE PROPER REPLANNING AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THIS AREA.

A SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND LEI MUK ROAD IS REZONED TO "OPEN SPACE" IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE RELOCATION OF THE EXISTING GIRLS' HOME TO A BETTER SITE AND AT THE SAME TIME PRESERVE A UNIQUE LANDSCAPE FEATURE IN THE AREA.

A SITE IS PROPOSED FOR RECLAMATION IN RAMBLER CHANNEL AREA AND ZONED "OTHER SPECIFIED USES" ANNOTATED "SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND ANIMAL LANDING AREA".

A PORTION OF THE EXISTING SHEK YAM ESTATE AND SHEK LEI ESTATE TOGETHER WITH TWO SITES ARE REZONED TO "OPEN SPACE".

THE EXISTING SHEK LEI PLAYGROUND IS REZONED "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)".

THIS GENERAL LAND USE RESTRUCTURING FOLLOWS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT STUDY FOR THE AREA.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVES ARE TO MITIGATE THE RESIDENTIAL/INDUSTRIAL INTERFACE PROBLEMS AND TO PROVIDE OPEN SPACE IN A CENTRAL LOCATION. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A HOUSING SITE WHICH WILL FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEK LEI ESTATE.

OBJECTIONS TO THESE AMENDMENTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD HONG KONG AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 19, 1990.

BOTH DRAFT PLANS CAN BE INSPECTED AT:

- THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;
- THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN (FOR DRAFT TSUEN WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN);
- THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG (FOR DRAFT KWAI CHUNG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN);
- THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SECTION, PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, HO FAI COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 222-224 SAI LAU KOK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

COPIES OF THE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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"HONG KONG FIGHTS DRUGS" EXHIBITION OPEN TO PUBLIC
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THE CURTAIN OF AN ANTI-DRUG FORTNIGHT, THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE, WAS RAISED TODAY (FRIDAY) WITH A "HONG KONG FIGHTS DRUGS" EXHIBITION AT HARBOUR CITY, TSIM SHA TSUI.

ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE FORTNIGHT WILL TAKE PLACE FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) UNTIL NOVEMBER 2.

EQUIPPED WITH VIDEOS, THE EXHIBITION OUTLINES THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL STRATEGY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS WHICH INCLUDES LAW ENFORCEMENT, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION, PREVENTIVE EDUCATION, PUBLICITY AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION.

MAKING A PREVIEW THIS MORNING, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MISS WINDY KWOK, SAID THE EXHIBITION AS WELL AS THE FORTNIGHT WERE AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE LOCAL DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM.

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"NO CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUGS CAN HOPE TO SUCCEED WITHOUT THE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC AS A WHOLE," SHE STRESSED.

SHE URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED IN THE FORTNIGHT EVENT.

MISS KWOK SAID THE FORTNIGHT IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE, YOUNGSTERS IN PARTICULAR, TO ADOPT A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AND SAY 'NO' TO ALL DRUGS, AND APPEAL TO PARENTS TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THEIR CHILDREN SO THAT THEY DO NOT FALL PREY TO DRUGS.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM AT THE OCEAN GALLERIES EXHIBITION CORNER OF THE HARBOUR CITY UNTIL SUNDAY (OCTOBER 21).

LEAFLETS AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON THE SPOT.

AMONG OTHER ACTIVITIES ORGANISED IN THE FORTNIGHT ARE FAMILY OUTING AND KITE-FLYING DAY, DRUG EDUCATION WORKSHOP, TRAINING CAMP FOR YOUTH LEADERS, EXHIBITION ON ABUSE OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, 'SAY YES TO LIFE' KARAOKE SINGING CONTEST AND 'TO CREATE A BRIGHT TOMORROW' PHOTO COMPETITION.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR BRIDGE WORK

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 216-METRE-LONG PIPE BRIDGE ACROSS SHING MUN RIVER FOR TRANSPORTING TREATED SEWAGE EFFLUENT.

TO BE BUILT NEAR SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO AN EXISTING SERVICE BRIDGE, THE PILED-SUPPORT BRIDGE WILL CARRY A TWIN TREATED SEWAGE EFFLUENT MAIN (WHICH IS 1.4 METRE IN DIAMETER) AND OTHER UTILITIES.

IT IS ONE PART OF THE TOLO HARBOUR EFFLUENT EXPORT SCHEME UNDER THE TOLO HARBOUR ACTION PLAN, WHICH IS AIMED AT REDUCING POLLUTION IN TOLO HARBOUR, ONE MANIFESTATION OF WHICH IS THE FORMATION OF "RED TIDES".

ACCORDING TO THE EFFLUENT EXPORT SCHEME, TREATED SEWAGE EFFLUENT FROM TAI PO AND SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, A NUTRIENT SOURCE TO THE HARBOUR, WILL BE TRANSPORTED THROUGH PIPELINES AND A TUNNEL TO THE HEAD OF KAI TAI NULLAH FOR DISPOSAL.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE PIPE BRIDGE IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT JANUARY AND LAST FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS UNDER THE DESIGN OF, AND SUPERVISION BY BALFOURS-HASWELL, CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, THIRD FLOOR, BAY TOWER, 2-4 SUNNING ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 30.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN NOVEMBER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN/CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 23 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 ----
NOVEMBER 1 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 2 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 3 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 5 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 6 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 7 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 8 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 9 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 12 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 13 (TUESDAY)	0.01 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 14 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 15 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 16 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 19 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 20 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 21 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 22 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 10 PM
NOVEMBER 23 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 26 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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NOVEMBER 27 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 28 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 29 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 30 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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TRADE STAFF PRAISED FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE TALKS
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THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR T.H. CHAU, PRAISED HIS STAFF TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR THEIR "WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT AND DEDICATION" IN CARRYING OUT DUTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE TRADE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL DINNER AND HOUSEWARMING GATHERING THIS EVENING, MR CHAU SAID THE URUGUAY ROUND OF GATT TALKS IN GENEVA HAD EXERTED VERY HEAVY DEMAND ON DIRECTORATE OFFICERS.

"WE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COPE WITHOUT THE WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT AND DEDICATION OF STAFF OF ALL RANKS. I SHOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO ALL COLLEAGUES," HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID THE PAST YEAR HAD BEEN A HECTIC ONE IN WHICH THE INCREASING VOLUME OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS HAD BROUGHT GREAT PRESSURE TO BEAR ON FRONTLINE STAFF.

"WE ISSUED 4.4 MILLION LICENCES AND CERTIFICATES OF VARIOUS SORTS IN 1989. FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, OUR OUTPUT WAS 3 MILLION," HE SAID.

ON THE DEPARTMENT'S NEW PREMISES AT TRADE DEPARTMENT TOWER, MR CHAU SAID THERE WAS A LIFT LINKING THE VARIOUS LICENSING OFFICES ON THE LOWER FLOORS WITH THE COMPUTER HALL ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR, WHICH HAD IMPROVED THE FLOW OF WORK.

"ALSO, WITH MORE SPACE IN THE NEW PREMISES, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LAUNCH AN INSTANTANEOUS SERVICE FOR TEXTILE EXPORT LICENSING FOR THE NON-RESTRAINED MARKET WHEN THE NEW PREMISES CAME ON STREAM IN TRADE DEPARTMENT TOWER," HE SAID.

MR CHAU ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE DIRECTOR'S COMMENDATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO 14 STAFF MEMBERS AND THE DIRECTOR'S COMMENDATION FOR LONG AND VALUABLE SERVICE TO FOUR MEMBERS.

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IN ADDITION, 23 OTHERS WERE AWARDED THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE'S LONG AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATES.

HE ALSO PRESENTED AWARDS TO 12 STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS THE MOST COURTEOUS IN DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC.

ABOUT 350 STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT ATTENDED THE EVENT.

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EXCITING PROGRAMME FOR TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL

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THE 12TH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL BEGIN ON OCTOBER 28 TO PROVIDE SOME 40 RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS EVENTS FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE MONTH-LONG SPORTS FESTIVAL AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND YOUNG, SAID A NUMBER OF LARGE RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES BUILT OR BEING PLANNED IN THE DISTRICT WOULD PROVIDE IMPETUS TO SPORTS DEVELOPMENT.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY EARMARKED A 2,500-SQUARE METRE SITE IN TSUEN WAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPORTS COMPLEX," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL, FIRST HELD IN 1979 AND WITH KEEN SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, HAD DEVELOPED INTO AN ANNUAL EVENT IN THE DISTRICT.

ON THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR CHUNG WAI-PING, SAID THE FESTIVAL WOULD BE KICKED OFF WITH A GO-KART RACE AT SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

OTHER EVENTS WILL INCLUDE ARCHERY, MINI-SOCCER, FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER, HANDBALL, BASKETBALL, VOLLEY BALL, TENNIS, TABLE TENNIS, AEROBIC DANCES AND CROSS-COUNTRY MARATHON.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND THE ELDERLY AND THE HIGHLIGHT WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY THE CHINESE NATIONAL ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS TEAM.

THE SPORTS FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FEDERATION OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATIONS.

THE EXPENDITURE IS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT \$900,000, WITH \$300,000, COMING FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, \$350,000 FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND THE REST FROM LOCAL DONATIONS.

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NORTH DISTRICT CLEAN HK CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY

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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT FANLING PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 21) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

THE CARNIVAL, WHICH IS OPEN FREE TO THE PUBLIC, IS ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON NORTH DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN. IT IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

PROGRAMMES WILL COMPRISE A VARIETY SHOW, STALL GAMES AND INFLATED ANIMAL-LIKE SPRING BED.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI; NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR PANG HANG-YIN; REGIONAL COUNCILLOR, MR PANG HOK-TUEN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR LAW CHAK-TONG.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NORTH DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD AT 1 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 21) AT FANLING PLAYGROUND.

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RELOCATION OF DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE

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THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE'S TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 22) DUE TO LEASE EXPIRY.

ALL ITS SERVICES, HOWEVER, WILL CONTINUE AT THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, MIDDLE ROAD CARPARK BUILDING, 15 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 5.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 301 2130 AND 301 2164.

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FIGHT CRIME FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT IN MONG KOK

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A FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-JUVENILE CRIME MESSAGE WILL BE HELD AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND IN MONG KOK ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 21), BEGINNING AT 11 AM.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

SIXTEEN LOCAL TEAMS WILL COMPETE IN MATCHES WHICH WILL BE HELD EVERY SUNDAY THEREON.

A KICK-OFF CEREMONY WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO THE MATCHES. OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE POLICE MONG KOK DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR JAMES WALKER; AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR HO FEI-CHI; ASSISTANT MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VINCENT FUNG; AND DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MRS TAM CHEUNG KIT-YING.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO THE KICK-OFF CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK ANTI-JUVENILE CRIME FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 21) AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND, SAI YEE STREET.

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