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COME OUT AND VOTE, GOVERNOR URGES PEOPLE  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY THAT HE HOPED VERY MUCH THAT ALL REGISTERED ELECTORS WOULD +COME OUT AND VOTE+ TOMORROW.

SIR EDWARD SAID: +I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS BIG A TURNOUT AS POSSIBLE, FOR I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR HONG KONG, AND THIS ELECTION, OF COURSE, IS MORE IMPORTANT EVEN THAN EARLIER ELECTIONS.

+SO WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO ALL IS, COME OUT AND VOTE.+

HE WAS HOPING, HE ADDED, FOR A MUCH BETTER TURNOUT THAN BEFORE.

THE GOVERNOR WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING SHAU KEI WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL AND THE MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL - CHAI WAN.

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT PRESS REPORTS ON GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, SIR EDWARD SAID: +WE ARE CONSIDERING THAT. THAT'S QUITE A PROBLEM AND IT'S, AS YOU KNOW, A DELICATE PROBLEM. BUT WE HAVEN'T COME TO ANY CONCLUSIONS YET. ONCE IT HAS BEEN FULLY STUDIED, THEN IT WILL HAVE TO GO TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. BUT THAT IS NOT IMMEDIATE.+

EARLIER, SIR EDWARD, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, VISITED THE TWO SCHOOLS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

AT THE SHAU KEI WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, SIR EDWARD WAS MET BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR T.L. LAM, AS WELL AS THE HEADMISTRESS, MRS FUNG CHOY YUK-NGAN AND TWO SENIOR TEACHING STAFF.

SIR EDWARD THEN WENT TO THE COMPUTER ROOM TO WATCH STUDENTS DOING PRACTICAL WORK IN COMPUTER STUDIES.

FROM THERE, THE GOVERNOR PROCEEDED TO THE MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL - CHAI WAN, WHERE HE WAS MET BY MRS J.L. MARDEN, OF THE FOUNDATION, AND THE SCHOOL SUPERVISOR, THE REV. JOHN TSANG, THE SCHOOL MANAGER, MR PETER LEE AND THE PRINCIPAL, MR WONG PO-LAM.

AT THIS SCHOOL, SIR EDWARD SAW THE CLOTHING AND TEXTILE WORKSHOP, THE ELECTRICAL AND PRINTING WORKSHOPS AND THE COMMERCIAL AND RETAILING WORKSHOP.

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HONG KONG GOES TO POLLS TOMORROW

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TOMORROW IS POLLING DAY, AND THE FIRST TERRITORY-WIDE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL PROVIDE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WITH THE OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING A STRONGER VOICE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

VOTERS WILL BE GOING TO THE POLLS TO ELECT 237 REPRESENTATIVES TO 19 DISTRICT BOARDS.

+THESE ELECTIONS ARE BY FAR THE BIGGEST HONG KONG HAS SEEN SO FAR, AND THE MOST IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE IN OUR HISTORY,+ MR LIAO SAID.

+THEY OPEN A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE DISTRICT BOARDS WHICH HAVE BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT BY CONSULTATION AND CONSENSUS,+ HE SAID.

+WITH THREE YEARS OF SOLID WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS BEHIND THEM, THE BOARDS HAVE PROVEN THEIR WORTH AND CAN LOOK FORWARD TO EVEN MORE EXCITING TIMES AHEAD,+ HE ADDED.

SOME 1.27 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CASTING THEIR VOTES AT THE 288 POLLING STATIONS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY FOR 15 HOURS TOMORROW, STARTING FROM 7.30 IN THE MORNING UP TO 10.30 IN THE EVENING.

+TOMORROW BELONGS TO THE VOTERS,+ SAID MR LIAO.

+IT IS THEIR TURN TO SHOW IN A POSITIVE WAY, THEIR CONCERN FOR THEIR COMMUNITY, THEIR COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG, AND THEIR SUPPORT FOR THOSE THEY WISH TO REPRESENT THEM,+ HE ADDED.

+THE SIMPLEST AND MOST DIRECT WAY TO DO SO IS TO VOTE,+ HE SAID.

MR LIAO SAID AFTER ALL THE PUBLICITY AND CAMPAIGNING IN THE ELECTIONS DRAW TO A CLOSE, IT IS FITTINGLY LEFT TO THE VOTERS TO MAKE THEIR CHOICE AND MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD.

+NEXT MONTH, THE BOARDS WILL TAKE ON A NEW DIMENSION IN THAT MEMBERS THEMSELVES, ELECTED AND APPOINTED, WILL BE RUNNING THE BOARDS AND ELECTING THEIR OWN CHAIRMEN,+ HE SAID.

+THEY WILL THUS BE SETTING THEIR OWN PACE AND DECIDING THEIR OWN PRIORITIES,+ HE ADDED.

THE DISTRICT BOARDS WILL ALSO BE ASSUMING A GREATER MANAGEMENT ROLE IN THE RUNNING OF COMMUNITY CENTRES AND MANAGING RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE NEW TOWNS.

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MR LIAO SAID IN SEPTEMBER, THE BOARDS WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WHICH WILL HELP ESTABLISH A DIRECT LINK WITH THE CENTRAL ORGAN OF GOVERNMENT.

+FOR ALL THESE REASONS, IT IS INCUMBENT ON US AS VOTERS TO EXERCISE OUR RIGHT AND VOTE FOR THOSE WE FEEL ARE BEST QUALIFIED TO REPRESENT OUR INTERESTS,+ HE SAID.

+VOTING IS A SIMPLE PROCESS AND TAKES ONLY A FEW MINUTES, BUT THE SIGNIFICANCE IS GREAT,+ HE ADDED.

MR LIAO ALSO URGED EMPLOYERS TO ALLOW THEIR STAFF SOME TIME TO VOTE TOMORROW, EVEN IF IT MEANS BEING AWAY FROM THEIR WORK PLACES ABOUT HALF-AN-HOUR OR SO EARLIER OR LATER THAN USUAL.

+FOR THEIR PART, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL BE EXERCISING THEIR DISCRETION TO ENABLE NON-ESSENTIAL STAFF SOME TIME TO GO AND CAST THEIR BALLOTS DURING OFFICE HOURS,+ MR LIAO SAID.

+THE DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE COME A LONG WAY, AND AS WE CLOSE THE OLD TERM WE LOOK BACK WITH SATISFACTION ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS,+ HE ADDED.

+TOMORROW, WE BEGIN A NEW PHASE WHICH BRINGS A WIDER PERSPECTIVE TO THE BOARDS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL SHOW THEIR CONCERN AND SUPPORT BY TURNING OUT TO VOTE,+ MR LIAO SAID.

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#### FINANCE COMMITTEE TASK EXPLAINED

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S TASK IS TO EXAMINE THE PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS IN THE DRAFT ESTIMATES TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY JUSTIFIED, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID TODAY.

IN HIS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AT THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, SIR PHILIP SAID:

+AS THIS IS ONLY THE SECOND YEAR IN WHICH THE DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S SERVICES FOR THE FORTHCOMING FINANCIAL YEAR ARE TO BE EXAMINED IN PUBLIC, PERHAPS I MIGHT REMIND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND OF THE PRESS OF THE BACKGROUND TO OUR PROCEEDINGS.

/+EACH YEAR, .....

+EACH YEAR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE ARE FORMALLY LAID ON THE TABLE AT THE SECOND READING OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL. THE PRESIDENT THEN REFERS THEM TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR DETAILED EXAMINATION BEFORE CONSIDERATION OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE APPROPRIATION BILL IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

+THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S TASK IS TO EXAMINE THE PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS IN THE DRAFT ESTIMATES TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY JUSTIFIED. THAT IS TO SAY, THAT THE VOTE PROVISION SOUGHT IS NO MORE THAN IS NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY INTENTIONS TO BE FULFILLED. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE COMMITTEE MAY CALL BEFORE THEM THE PUBLIC OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SERVICE OR SERVICES SHOWN UNDER ANY PARTICULAR HEADS AND SUBHEADS OF THE ESTIMATES TO ANSWER QUESTIONS PUT TO THEM. THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS WILL NEED TO SATISFY MEMBERS THAT NO MORE VOTE PROVISION THAN IS JUSTIFIED IS BEING SOUGHT, AT ANY RATE IN THE ABSENCE OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES.

+MEMBERS REQUIRE ANSWERS TO TWO GROUPS OF QUESTIONS: FIRST, THERE ARE THOSE REQUIRING WRITTEN REPLIES FROM THE CONTROLLING OFFICERS OF THE HEADS OR SUBHEADS OF EXPENDITURE TO WHICH THEY RELATE; AND SECOND, THERE ARE THOSE FOR WHICH THE CONTROLLING OFFICERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO GIVE ORAL REPLIES.

+MEMBERS ARE GIVEN COPIES OF THE DRAFT ESTIMATES TWO WEEKS BEFORE BUDGET DAY. DURING THE PAST THREE WEEKS, THEY FORMED WORKING GROUPS TO STUDY THE PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE IN THE DRAFT ESTIMATES. AS I HAVE JUST SAID, THEY WILL RAISE QUESTIONS ON THOSE PROPOSALS, BUT QUESTIONS ON THE UNDERLYING POLICIES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. THE PROPER TIME AND PLACE FOR QUESTIONS OR CRITICAL COMMENT ON THOSE POLICIES IS IN THE DEBATE ON THE SECOND READING OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ITSELF.

+THERE WILL BE FOUR MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE: TODAY AND ON THE AFTERNOONS OF 8TH, 11TH AND 12TH OF THIS MONTH. THE AGENDA FOR EACH AFTERNOON WILL BE DEVOTED TO A PARTICULAR GROUP OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES. THESE ARE LAW AND ORDER; SOCIAL SERVICES; ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND GENERAL SERVICES.

+EACH MEETING WILL COMMENCE WITH A BRIEF CONSIDERATION OF THE REPLIES TO QUESTIONS FOR WHICH WRITTEN RESPONSES WERE REQUESTED. IF MEMBERS WISH TO RAISE FURTHER QUESTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE WRITTEN REPLIES, THEY WILL SIGNIFY THEIR INTENTIONS TO ME AS THE CHAIRMAN. I WILL THEN ARRANGE FOR THE RELEVANT CONTROLLING OFFICER TO ATTEND LATER, IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED TO DO SO TO ANSWER ORAL QUESTIONS.

/+EACH CONTROLLING .....

+EACH CONTROLLING OFFICER TO WHOM QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED FOR ORAL REPLIES WILL BE CALLED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PRE-ARRANGED TIMETABLE. I SHALL THEN INVITE MEMBERS TO PUT THEIR QUESTIONS TO HIM. AFTER HE HAS ANSWERED THE QUESTIONS OF WHICH HE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED, HE MAY BE REQUESTED TO ANSWER FURTHER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO HIS FUNCTIONS AS CONTROLLING OFFICER.

+THE DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMPILATION OF THE DRAFT ESTIMATES, AND SOME OF HIS STAFF WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE TO PROVIDE FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE ISSUES UNDER DISCUSSION AT MY REQUEST, SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.

+WHEN THE MEETINGS ARE CONCLUDED, THE DEPUTY CLERK WILL PREPARE A REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, WHICH WILL BE TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT THE THIRD BUDGET SITTING, THAT IS TO SAY, WHEN THE APPROPRIATION BILL HAS REACHED THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THE THIRD READING.

+WITH THIS BRIEF INTRODUCTION, I SHALL NOW PROCEED WITH TODAY'S AGENDA.+

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URBCO CHAIRMAN URGES VOTERS TO VOTE  
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, TODAY CALLED ON ALL VOTERS TO SUPPORT THE TERRITORY-WIDE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS BY TURNING UP AT THE POLLING STATIONS AND CASTING THEIR VOTES TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

HE SAID THIS WOULD HELP UPHOLD THE TERRITORY'S EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS IN GIVING THE MAN IN THE STREET A BIGGER SAY IN HOW IMPORTANT POLICIES ARE SHAPED IN FUTURE.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON, MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THAT WITH THE TERRITORY'S LONG-TERM POLITICAL FUTURE HAVING BEEN CLEARLY SPELT OUT IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION, HONG KONG IS NOW BEGINNING ITS PROCESS OF DEMOCRATISATION OF GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO MAKE ITSELF READY FOR SELF-ADMINISTRATION AFTER 1997.

+LAST NOVEMBER'S PUBLICATION OF THE WHITE PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT STARTED THE BALL OF DEMOCRATISATION ROLLING, AND TOMORROW'S ELECTIONS WILL BE A FURTHER SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD TOWARDS A MORE REPRESENTATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

+ALTOGETHER 501 CANDIDATES WILL CONTEST 237 ELECTED SEATS IN THE 10 URBAN AND NINE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARDS. WE SHOULD FEEL PROUD THAT SO MANY MEN AND WOMEN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE HAVE COME FORWARD AND ARE WILLING TO GENEROUSLY DEVOTE THEIR LEISURE TIME TO THE WORTHY CAUSE OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

+TOMORROW, IT WILL BE THE TURN OF OUR ELECTORATE TO DO THEIR PART BY CASTING THEIR BALLOTS.+

TURNING TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE URBAN DISTRICT BOARDS, MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO THE FULLEST CO-OPERATION WITH THEM EVER SINCE THEY WERE SET UP IN 1982.

TO ACHIEVE THIS, THE COUNCIL FORMED A DISTRICT RELATIONS SELECT COMMITTEE IN EARLY 1981 TO PRODUCE AND KEEP UNDER REVIEW AN OVERALL URBAN COUNCIL POLICY ON RELATIONS WITH DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO FORMULATES GUIDELINES FOR URBAN COUNCIL MEMBERS ON THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS COUNCILLORS WHEN INVOLVED IN DB WORK EXAMINES DISTRICT BOARD PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE DIRECT BEARING ON THE POLICIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL AND CO-ORDINATES THE VIEWS OF COUNCILLORS ON SPECIFIC PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN DISTRICT BOARDS WHICH AFFECT THE COUNCIL.

ON THE WORKING LEVEL, AT LEAST TWO URBAN COUNCILLORS SIT ON EACH OF THE URBAN DISTRICT BOARDS AS MEMBERS TO PRESENT THE COUNCIL'S WORK AND POLICIES TO BOARD MEMBERS. THIS ARRANGEMENT ALSO ENABLES THE COUNCILLORS TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN THE WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS THAT GOVERN THE DAILY LIVES OF DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

IN ADDITION, THE DISTRICT BOARDS ARE CONSULTED ON MAJOR MATTERS AFFECTING THEIR OWN DISTRICTS INCLUDING THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF A DISTRICT AND THE HAWKER AND MARKET POLICIES.

THE COUNCIL HAS ALSO VIGOROUSLY SUPPORTED THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE PROMOTION OF A BALANCED DISTRIBUTION OF RECREATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMES, AND PROVIDED CASH SUBSIDIES, VENUES OR PROGRAMMES TO DBS TO HELP ORGANISE THEIR OWN DISTRICT CARNIVALS AND FESTIVALS.

+AS A RESULT OF THESE LONG-STANDING EFFORTS, THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE CLOSE TIES AND ENJOY A QUITE HARMONIOUS UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DISTRICT BOARDS,+ SAID MR CHEONG-LEEN.

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+BUT OUR RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED BEGINNING FROM APRIL THIS YEAR WHEN THREE LEISURE SERVICES OFFICES WILL BE SET UP AS PART OF THE RE-ORGANISATION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

+THIS RE-ORGANISATION WILL BE FOR THE BETTERMENT NOT ONLY OF OVERALL RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, BUT FOR SIMPLER AND SMOOTHER RUNNING OF THESE IMPORTANT FIELDS OF ACTIVITY.

+IN THE COMING YEARS, THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL SEEK TO PROVIDE TOGETHER WITH THE DISTRICT BOARDS AN EVEN WIDER RANGE OF GAINFUL ACTIVITIES IN CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS.+

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ARTS FESTIVAL NOW A WORLD EVENT - GOVERNOR  
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THAT THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL IS NOW AN EVENT OF INTERNATIONAL STANDING IS A CREDIT TO ALL CONCERNED, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID AT A DINNER HOSTED BY SIR RUN RUN SHAW TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE 1985 HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

SIR EDWARD ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO SIR RUN RUN FOR +HIS DEDICATION AND HIS OUTSTANDING WORK WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR SO MUCH OF THE SUCCESS OF THE ARTS FESTIVAL SINCE ITS EARLY DAYS.

+IT HAS BEEN UNDER HIS GUIDANCE THAT IT HAS REACHED ITS PRESENT EMINENT POSITION IN THE CALENDAR OF INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD ALSO THANKED THE MANY INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS WHO CONTRIBUTED IN CASH OR IN KIND.

IN ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL SUPPORT RECEIVED BY THE ARTS FESTIVAL, IT BENEFITTED GREATLY FROM THESE SUPPORTS, HE ADDED.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH :-

SIR RUN RUN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

SIR RUN RUN HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IN ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL SUPPORT RECEIVED BY THE ARTS FESTIVAL, IT BENEFITS GREATLY FROM THE SUPPORT OF MANY INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS WHO CONTRIBUTE IN CASH OR IN KIND. TO ALL OF THEM I ADD MY THANKS.

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THAT THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL IS NOW AN EVENT OF INTERNATIONAL STANDING IS A CREDIT TO ALL CONCERNED. BUT THERE IS ONE GLARING OMISSION IN THE LIST OF SUPPORTERS WE HAVE HEARD THIS EVENING. I REFER, OF COURSE, TO OUR HOST SIR RUN RUN SHAW HIMSELF. IT IS HIS DEDICATION AND HIS OUTSTANDING WORK WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR SO MUCH OF THE SUCCESS OF THE ARTS FESTIVAL SINCE ITS EARLY DAYS. IT HAS BEEN UNDER HIS GUIDANCE THAT IT HAS REACHED ITS PRESENT EMINENT POSITION IN THE CALENDAR OF INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS.

I SPEAK FOR EVERYBODY HERE THIS EVENING IN THANKING HIM MOST WARMLY NOT ONLY FOR HIS HOSPITALITY BUT FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR HONG KONG AND THE ARTS FESTIVAL.

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PRICE, VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF 1984 EXTERNAL TRADE  
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DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 17 PER CENT AND RE-EXPORTS BY 31 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN 1984 AS COMPARED WITH 1983, SO THAT TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IMPORTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 13 PER CENT AND RE-EXPORTS BY 14 PER CENT IN 1984 COMPARED WITH 1983, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES WERE UP BY 13 PER CENT.

PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 11 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) ROSE BY TWO PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

AS SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE EXPORT PRICES OF MOST OF THE COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN 1984 COMPARED WITH 1983, RANGING FROM TWO PER CENT FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS TO 21 PER CENT FOR TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN EXPORT PRICES WERE REGISTERED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-4%) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-1%).

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THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MANY COMMODITY GROUPS ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+54%), DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+31%), FOOTWEAR (+24%), RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+20%) AND CLOTHING (+13%). HOWEVER, SLIGHT DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-5%), TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-3%) AS WELL AS METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-1%).

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN 1984 COMPARED WITH 1983, RANGING FROM FOUR PER CENT FOR FUELS TO 14 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS DECLINED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS, OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR; VEGETABLES; ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES AS WELL AS SUGAR. HOWEVER, INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR TEA AND COFFEE; MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS AS WELL AS LIVE POULTRY.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MAJOR CONSUMER GOODS ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS, PASSENGER MOTOR CARS, HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, CLOTHING AS WELL AS CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR WATCHES AND MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST OF THE RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE, AMONG WHICH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR MAN-MADE FIBRES; THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS; WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; YARN OF MAN-MADE FIBRES; SPECIAL TEXTILE FABRIC FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE; WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK; FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES; LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS AS WELL AS PAPER AND PAPERBOARD. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS AS WELL AS YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES.

IMPORTS OF FUELS ROSE SLIGHTLY BY ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF ALL THE COMMODITIES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY, THE MORE REMARKABLE ONES BEING OFFICE MACHINES, TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN 1984 COMPARED WITH 1983; RANGING FROM FOUR PER CENT FOR FUELS TO 55 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. HOWEVER, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF FOODSTUFFS DROPPED BY SIX PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE DECEMBER 1984 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON MARCH 12, 1985 AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

TABLE 1 : CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP  
(COMPARING 1984 WITH 1983)

<u>COMMODITY GROUP</u>	<u>EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT VOLUME</u>
CLOTHING	+36%	+20%	+13%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+24%	+17%	+ 6%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	+ 8%	+13%	- 5%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+29%	+17%	+10%
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	+32%	+11%	+20%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+57%	+ 2%	+54%
FOOTWEAR	+38%	+11%	+24%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+27%	+15%	+10%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	- 4%	- 4%	- 1%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 7%	- 1%	+ 8%
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	+17%	+21%	- 3%
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	+42%	+ 9%	+31%
ALL COMMODITIES	+32%	+13%	+17%

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TABLE 2 : CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY  
 (COMPARING 1984 WITH 1983)

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>IMPORT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 5%	+10%	- 5%
CONSUMER GOODS	+25%	+10%	+14%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+33%	+14%	+16%
FUELS	+ 5%	+ 4%	+ 1%
CAPITAL GOODS	+45%	+ 7%	+35%
ALL COMMODITIES	+27%	+11%	+15%

TABLE 3 : CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY  
 (COMPARING 1984 WITH 1983)

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 6%	+13%	- 6%
CONSUMER GOODS	+34%	+12%	+19%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+62%	+15%	+41%
FUELS	+14%	+10%	+ 4%
CAPITAL GOODS	+77%	+14%	+55%
ALL COMMODITIES	+48%	+14%	+31%

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AUTOMATION BENEFITS STRESSED

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ENTREPRENEURS MUST STRIVE TO CONSTANTLY FIND WAY TO IMPROVE THEIR PRODUCTIVITY IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO PROSPER AGAINST AN INCREASINGLY COMPETITIVE MARKET ENVIRONMENT, BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG '85 AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, MR HO STRESSED THAT THE APPLICATION OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY IN MANUFACTURING PROCESSES WAS A KEY TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY.

+AUTOMATED MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT IS NO LONGER A TOOL FOR THE PRIVILEGED FEW. COMPUTERS AND MICROPROCESSORS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT PRICES AFFORDABLE TO SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES. THIS CHANGE HAS BROUGHT ABOUT NEW OPPORTUNITIES WHICH INDUSTRY SHOULD FULLY EXPLOIT.

+THE WIDE RANGE OF AUTOMATION MACHINES TOOLS AND SYSTEM IN DISPLAY HERE TODAY SHOULD ENABLE THE ENTERPRISING MANUFACTURERS TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE LATEST IN AUTOMATION MACHINERY AND TO REALISE WHAT ADVANTAGES THESE CAN BRING TO THEIR OWN OPERATIONS,+ MR HO SAID.

COMMENDING THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL (HKPC) IN ITS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING THE USE OF AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGY, MR HO SAID: +WITH ITS SUPPORT AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES, THE COUNCIL IS IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO HELP EVEN SMALL ENTERPRISES TO CROSS THE TECHNICAL AND SCALE BARRIERS TO ENABLE THEM TO REAP THE BENEFITS OF AUTOMATION.

+FOR ITS PART, THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO THE HKPC TO ENABLE IT TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION SERVICE TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG INDUSTRY,+ HE SAID.

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PEDESTRIANS' NEEDS IN FOCUS

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PEDESTRIANS' NEEDS WILL BE GIVEN MORE ATTENTION BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN FUTURE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER LEEDS, SAID TODAY.

ADDRESSING THE ROTARY CLUB HONG KONG ISLAND EAST, MR LEEDS DESCRIBED THE USE OF FEET AS +A FORM OF TRANSPORT WHICH HAS THE LONGEST HISTORY, WHICH IS UNIVERSALLY AVAILABLE AND HAS AN ADAPTABILITY IN USAGE WHICH CANNOT BE SURPASSED.+

/+AND YET .....

+AND YET IT IS THE ONE THAT IS MOST EASILY OVERLOOKED,+  
HE SAID.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, WAS PLANNING TO EXAMINE THIS YEAR A NUMBER OF AREAS WHICH HAD PARTICULAR PEDESTRIAN FLOW PROBLEMS, SO AS TO RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY GOVERNMENT AND THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT BOARDS. BUT, IN VIEW OF THE CONFLICT BETWEEN PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, THE DEPARTMENT WAS UNDER NO DELUSIONS THAT CHANGE WOULD BE EASY.

ON THE ONE HAND, IN SUCH AN ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE CITY AS HONG KONG, THERE WAS ALWAYS A GOOD CASE FOR PROVIDING A FREE FLOW CONDITION FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, MR LEEDS SAID. UNFORTUNATELY, EFFORTS TO IMPROVE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FLOW NEARLY ALWAYS WERE TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF PEDESTRIANS. OFTEN FOOTPATHS HAD TO BE NARROWED, CORNERS SHAVED, TRAFFIC ISLANDS REMOVED, PEDESTRIAN BARRIERS RAISED AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT GUIDED INTO A MORE LIMITED NUMBER OF CROSSING POINTS, WHICH COULD TAKE THE FORM OF DREARY TUNNELS OR HIGH FOOTBRIDGES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IMPROVEMENTS TO PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC, ESPECIALLY IN THE OLD URBAN AREAS, COULD SOMETIMES BE MADE ONLY BY INCREASING THE CAPACITY OF THE SIDEWALKS AND THE ROAD CROSSINGS THEREBY REDUCING THE CAPACITY OF ROADS FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

+WHEN THERE ARE CONFLICTING NEEDS BY EQUALLY WORTHY CLAIMANTS, FAIR JUDGMENT IS UNLIKELY TO GIVE ANYONE FULL SATISFACTION,+ MR LEEDS SAID.

HE SAID IT WAS MUCH EASIER TO CATER FOR PEDESTRIAN NEEDS IN NEW TOWNS THAN IN ESTABLISHED URBAN AREAS.

THIS WAS CLEARLY BORNE OUT BY THE NEW TOWNS BUILT BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WHERE THE SEPARATION OF PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC HAD PRODUCED ENVIRONMENTS WHICH WERE MUCH SAFER, ECONOMICALLY MORE EFFICIENT, AND CONSIDERABLY MORE PLEASANT TO LIVE AND WORK IN.

IMPROVEMENTS TO PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC IN ESTABLISHED URBAN AREAS COULD BE MADE WHEN LARGE-SCALE REDEVELOPMENT TOOK PLACE.

A CASE IN POINT WAS THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF HONG KONG, WHERE AN ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION SYSTEM RAPIDLY DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE GOVERNMENT. IN OTHER LOCATIONS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS HAD ALSO PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE NEW SUB-SURFACE PEDESTRIAN LINKS.

WHILE AGREEING THAT OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, BOTH THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN A HIGHER PRIORITY TO THE USE OF THE FEET AS AN IMPORTANT MODE OF TRANSPORT IN THE URBAN AREA, MR LEEDS STRESSED THAT THERE WAS STILL MUCH TO BE DONE.

HE LISTED OUT THE GOALS FOR PEDESTRIANS AS FOLLOWS :

- \* TO ENSURE SAFETY BY AVOIDING AS FAR AS POSSIBLE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR CONFLICT;
- \* TO STEP UP SECURITY SO THAT PEDESTRIANS CAN MOVE WITHOUT RISK;
- \* TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF OBSTRUCTIONS;
- \* TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN THE PEDESTRIAN SYSTEMS AND SEE TO IT THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY LINKED;
- \* TO ACHIEVE COMFORT BY PROTECTING PEDESTRIANS FROM THE WEATHER WHEREVER POSSIBLE;
- \* TO ENSURE COHERENCE SO THAT PEDESTRIANS CAN EASILY FIND THEIR WAY ABOUT; AND
- \* TO MAKE THE PEDESTRIANWAYS LOOK MORE ATTRACTIVE.

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ALL 5 904 FLATS IN PSPS RICHLAND GARDENS SOLD  
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THE SALES EXERCISE FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME RICHLAND GARDENS IN KOWLOON BAY CLOSED TODAY, WITH ALL ITS 5 904 FLATS ON 22 BLOCKS SOLD.

+SINCE THE SALES EXERCISE BEGAN THREE MONTHS AGO UNDER PHASE VIB OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, AN AVERAGE OF SOME 100 FLATS HAD BEEN SNAPPED UP IN EACH WORKING DAY,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

HE SAID THE POPULARITY OF RICHLAND GARDENS SHOWED THAT ASPIRING HOME-OWNERS WERE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME.

+RICHLAND GARDENS, THE LARGEST PSPS DEVELOPMENT, WILL BE FULLY COMPLETED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR.

+THE FLATS ARE DESIGNED WITH TWO BEDROOMS OR THREE BEDROOMS, WITH GROSS AREAS RANGING FROM 43.7 TO 57.9 SQUARE METRES, AND THEY ARE PRICED BETWEEN \$188 300 AND \$337 000.+

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36 SITES FOR SALE IN SIX MONTHS

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SELL A TOTAL OF 36 SITES IN THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS BEGINNING APRIL 1.

THIS COMPARES WITH 25 SITES FOR THE PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS BETWEEN OCTOBER AND MARCH.

A GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR DUNCAN SCOTT-WILL, SAID THE PROVISIONAL LAND SALES FORECAST FOR THE COMING SIX MONTHS TOTALLED 18 HECTARES WITH A FURTHER 36 HECTARES AVAILABLE ON THE APPLICATION LIST.

THREE SITES IN THE URBAN AREA WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST ARE IN QUEENSWAY (VICTORIA BARRACKS), HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI AND AT THE JUNCTION OF CANTON ROAD/PEKING ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI. THEY WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION.

THE QUEENSWAY SITE IS ABOUT ONE HECTARE AND IS PROPOSED FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES (INCLUDING HOTEL), IS THE SAME SITE THAT FAILED TO ATTRACT SATISFACTORY TENDERS IN NOVEMBER 1982 AT A TIME OF FALLING LAND PRICES BUT WHICH IS NOW THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL ENQUIRIES FROM INTERESTED DEVELOPERS, ESPECIALLY AS PAYMENT FOR THE SITE MAY BE MADE IN MONETISED LETTER B.

THE HARBOUR ROAD LOT ON THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION IS PROPOSED FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND, IN ADDITION, MAY INCLUDE A HOTEL. IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3 400 SQUARE METRES.

THE CANTON ROAD/PEKING ROAD SITE, COMPRISING ABOUT 6 400 SQUARE METRES, IS THE LAST PRIME COMMERCIAL SITE AVAILABLE IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI AREA AND IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT STRONG INTEREST. THIS SITE MAY ALSO BE PAID FOR IN MONETISED LETTER B.

A TOTAL OF 13 SITES IN THE NEW TOWN AREAS WILL BE OFFERED UNDER THE +VINTAGE+ LETTER B SYSTEM WITH THE ALTERNATIVE OF TENDERING MONETISED LETTERS B ON A CASH EQUIVALENT BASIS, IN KEEPING WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO REDEEM OUTSTANDING LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

MOST OF THESE NEW TOWN SITES ARE FOR COMMERCIAL OR HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN.

APART FROM SPECIAL USER SITES AT TUEN MUN AND TAI PO (BOATYARD, SAWMILL, FUEL DEPOT, MARINE WORKSHOP) ONLY THREE INDUSTRIAL SITES ARE TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE, TWO OF WHICH ARE IN THE URBAN AREA.

MR SCOTT-WILL SAID IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONAL SALES FORECAST THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 80 SITES INCLUDED ON THE APPLICATION LIST WHICH COULD BE PROCESSED FOR SALE IF GENUINE INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED. THIS WAS IN LINE WITH AN AIM TO CONDUCT A DEMAND-LED PROGRAMME.

+A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER SHOULD INITIALLY APPROACH EITHER THE CHIEF ESTATE SURVEYOR/DISPOSAL IN LANDS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS OR THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE IN WHICH THE RELEVANT SITE WAS LOCATED,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE APPLICATION LIST, FIRST INTRODUCED TWO YEARS AGO, INCLUDED SITES FOR WHICH THERE WAS LITTLE ESTABLISHED DEMAND IN THE PRESENT MARKET OR WHICH HAD BEEN OFFERED UNSUCCESSFULLY IN THE PAST.

A LARGE PROPORTION ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL USE OR FOR LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE CURRENT POLICY IS TO PROCESS THESE FOR SALE ON A SITE-BY-SITE BASIS ON RECEIPT OF A GUARANTEED MINIMUM BID FROM AN INTERESTED PARTY.

+ALTHOUGH SITES FOR LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL USE ARE STILL NOT IN GENERAL DEMAND, THERE HAD RECENTLY BEEN ENCOURAGING SIGNS THAT SOME INTEREST IN THESE SITES WAS REVIVING,+ MR SCOTT-WILL SAID.

HOWEVER, MR SCOTT-WILL EMPHASISED THAT THE SALES PROGRAMME WAS PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

SALES DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND MAJOR NEWSPAPERS IN THE USUAL WAY.

COPIES OF THE LAND SALES FORECAST ARE AVAILABLE FROM LANDS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, MURRAY BUILDING, THIRD FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG- OR AT ANY OF THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

PLANS INDICATING THE LOCATION OF THE VARIOUS LOTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THESE OFFICES SHORTLY.

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#### ELECTION POSTERS ON THE MOVE

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HUNDREDS OF GOVERNMENT VANS AND LORRIES WILL BE CARRYING THE ELECTION POSTER WHEN THEY TAKE TO THE ROADS TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO REMIND THE PUBLIC TO VOTE.

THE 288 POLLING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WILL BE OPEN FROM 7.30 AM TO 10.30 PM TOMORROW. REGISTERED VOTERS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THE STATIONS SPECIFIED ON THEIR POLLING CARDS.

ELECTION MESSAGES WILL ALSO APPEAR ON TWO HELIUM-INFLATED BALLOONS OVER STATUE SQUARE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDENS IN KOWLOON TOMORROW.

TV AND RADIO PERSONALITIES WILL BE JOINING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB IN DISTRIBUTING ELECTION HAND-BILLS AT MAJOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUSES DURING LUNCH HOUR.

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TRADE DIRECTOR VISITS GUANGZHOU  
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, TODAY (MARCH 6) LEFT HONG KONG BY THROUGH TRAIN TO GUANGZHOU FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MR SZE CHO-CHEUNG. THEY WERE INVITED BY THE HEAD OF THE GUANGDONG FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND TRADE COMMISSION, MR FENG XUE-YAN, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND DISCUSS TRADE MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST BETWEEN GUANGDONG AND HONG KONG.

THE HONG KONG OFFICIALS WILL LEAVE GUANGZHOU FOR SHENZHEN ON MARCH 8 AND ARE DUE BACK ON MARCH 9.

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TENANCIES SOUGHT FOR FOUR SITES  
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCIES OF FOUR SITES.

TWO OF THE SITES ARE ON THE RECLAMATION AT MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND. ONE OF THEM HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1 540 SQUARE METRES, AND IS FOR THE HANDLING OF BUILDING MATERIALS INCLUDING CEMENT, BUT NOT FOR CONCRETE OR ASPHALT BATCHING PURPOSES.

THE OTHER SITE MEASURES 1 700 SQUARE METRES, AND IS FOR THE HANDLING OF BUILDING MATERIALS INCLUDING CEMENT AND CONCRETE BATCHING AND/OR ASPHALT BATCHING PURPOSES.

THE TENANCY FOR BOTH SITES, WHICH SHALL NOT BE USED AS STONE OR ROCK CRUSHING PLANTS, IS FOR TWO YEARS AND IS RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE NEXT SITE IS AT WING YIP STREET, KWAI CHUNG. COVERING 4 725 SQUARE METRES, IT IS FOR THE PARKING OF GOODS VEHICLES, CONTAINER TRACTORS AND TRAILERS.

THE LAST SITE, MEASURING 1.02 HECTARES, IS AT TAI WAN ROAD, HUNG HOM. IT IS FOR THE STORAGE OF GOODS AND VEHICLES.

THE TENANCY FOR THE TWO SITES IS ONE YEAR AND IS RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS FOR THE FOUR SITES IS MARCH 22.

/TENDER FORMS, .....

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND RELATED PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- \* LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON;
- \* ISLANDS DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG FOR THE MUI WO SITES; AND
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TSUEN WAN, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES, FOR THE TSUEN WAN SITE.

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#### STUDENTS URGED TO SERVE COMMUNITY

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STUDENTS MIGHT START SERVING THE COMMUNITY BY ORGANISING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THEIR SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SAID MR DICKEN YUNG, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (RECREATION AND SPORT) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF THE SUNG LAN MIDDLE SCHOOL, MR YUNG SAID RECREATION AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES GAVE THE PARTICIPANTS HAPPINESS AND A SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT.

+STUDENTS WHO ORGANISE RECREATION OR SPORTING ACTIVITIES FOR OTHERS CAN ALSO GAIN SUCH SATISFACTION,+ HE ADDED.

IN FACT, GOVERNMENT, SPORTS GOVERNING BODIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES COUNTED ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF VOLUNTEERS, HE SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT, THE SPORTS GOVERNING BODIES AND VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAVE BEEN CO-OPERATING IN PROVIDING SPORTS TRAINING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

STUDENTS COULD IN TURN APPLY THEIR ORGANISATION SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP TO SERVE THEIR SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS, BRINGING HAPPINESS TO MORE PEOPLE, MR YUNG ADDED.

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GOOD RESPONSE TO ANTI-DRUG EFFORT  
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THE +STUDENTS AGAINST DRUGS MOVEMENT+ HAS RECEIVED ENCOURAGING RESPONSE FROM SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STUDENTS AGAINST DRUGS MOVEMENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR KARL STUMPF, SAID THAT THERE WERE 143 TEAMS FROM 84 SECONDARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY PARTICIPATING IN THE MOVEMENT.

THE MOVEMENT, LAUNCHED IN OCTOBER 1984, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND COMMERCIAL RADIO, AS THE MAJOR PUBLICITY EVENT FOR 1984/85.

+THE MOVEMENT HAS LASTED SIX MONTHS, DURING WHICH PERIOD ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGES HAVE BEEN SPREAD AMONG STUDENTS THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION, GENERAL PUBLICITY AND MANY OTHER OCCASIONS CONNECTED WITH THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT,+ SAID MR STUMPF.

+I HOPE THAT ALL STUDENTS OF HONG KONG ARE NOT ONLY AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE BUT WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SPREADING THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES AMONG THEIR FRIENDS,+ HE ADDED.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE MOVEMENT ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE PART IN A SERIES OF COMPETITIONS WITH THE ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME.

MARKS SCORED IN THE VARIOUS COMPETITIONS WILL BE ACCUMULATED AND THE TEAMS WITH THE OVERALL HIGHEST SCORES IN SENIOR AND JUNIOR DIVISIONS WILL BE CHAMPIONS.

EACH MEMBER OF THE CHAMPION TEAMS OF BOTH DIVISIONS WILL BE AWARDED A FULL SET OF LASER 3000 COMPUTER WORTH ABOUT \$6 000.

THE RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AND CONCERT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1985 AT ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL. LADY YOUDE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN ANTI-NARCOTICS CONCERT, PRODUCED BY COMMERCIAL RADIO, AND WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY COMMERCIAL RADIO ONE.

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LADY YOUDE TO VISIT SCHOOLS  
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LADY YOUDE, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, WILL VISIT TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT ON FRIDAY (MARCH 8) MORNING.

SHE WILL FIRST TOUR THE KIANGSU AND CHEKIANG PRIMARY SCHOOL IN NORTH POINT AT 9.30 AM AND THEN THE VICTORIA PARK SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN CAUSEWAY BAY AT 10.30 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TWO EVENTS.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HOLD OPEN DAYS

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THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL BE HOLDING THEIR OPEN DAYS OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THE HAKING WONG AND KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON FRIDAY (MARCH 8).

VISITORS ARE WELCOME TO SEE THE FACILITIES OF THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FROM 10.30 AM TO 5.30 PM.

THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, WHICH WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 4.30 PM, IS ALSO INVITING FORM 3 LEAVERS TO ATTEND CAREER TALKS.

OPEN DAYS OF THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ARE SCHEDULED ON FRIDAY (MARCH 8) FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM AND ON SATURDAY (MARCH 9) FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

MANY ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT AND TEACHING RESOURCES WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN WORKSHOPS AND LABORATORIES. A 20-MINUTE FILM ON TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WILL ALSO BE SHOWN TO VISITORS AT HOURLY INTERVALS AT THE INSTITUTE.

OPEN DAYS OF THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ON SATURDAY (MARCH 9) FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON AND ON MONDAY (MARCH 11) FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM WILL MARK THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTE.

IN ADDITION TO DISPLAYS OF STUDENTS' WORKS, THE INSTITUTE WILL FEATURE A COMPETITION OF SKILLS IN MACHINING AMONG STUDENTS FROM ALL FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

A FASHION SHOW IS A MAIN FEATURE OF THE KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OPEN DAY WHICH WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (MARCH 15) FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM. THE SHOW IS ORGANISED BY THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF THE INSTITUTE'S CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

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SHIP STREET CLOSURE

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SHIP STREET, BETWEEN JOHNSTON ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 7 AM AND 11 PM TOMORROW (MARCH 7) IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

ALL METERED PARKING SPACES IN THE ROAD SECTION WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED DURING THE PERIOD.

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