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DIRECTOR OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICES

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THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT A PILOT SCHEME TO INTRODUCE MEDICAL RECORDS FOR INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS WOULD COMMENCE IN FOUR GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS FROM TOMORROW.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT HIS FIRST "MEET THE MEDIA" SESSION SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE HEAD OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

DR LEE SAID THAT THE SCHEME WAS ONE OF A SERIES OF SHORT AND LONG TERM IMPROVEMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

INITIALLY, THE SCHEME WOULD BE INTRODUCED AT THE ANNE BLACK HEALTH CENTRE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, CHEUNG SHA WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON, WONG SIU CHING CLINIC IN NEW TERRITORIES EAST AND THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG CLINIC IN NEW TERRITORIES WEST.

"THE SCHEME WILL BE EVALUATED AFTER SIX MONTHS, AND IF SUCCESSFUL, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO EXTENDING THE SCHEME TO OTHER CLINICS," DR LEE SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAD RECENTLY ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO REVIEW THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICE AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT A WORKING PARTY WILL BE ESTABLISHED SHORTLY TO UNDERTAKE THE REVIEW AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT," HE ADDED.

IN THE NEXT DECADE, DR LEE SAID, 13 MORE CLINICS WOULD BE BUILT TO IMPROVE THE PROVISION OF OUT-PATIENT SERVICE. ONE OF THESE WOULD BE OPENED IN YUEN LONG THIS YEAR.

MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICE INCLUDE:

- (A) THE INTRODUCTION OF A BLOCK APPOINTMENT SYSTEM WHICH AIMS TO REDUCE THE UNNECESSARY WAITING BY PATIENTS AT THE CLINICS, AND
- (B) THE SETTING UP OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO LOOK INTO THE SERVICES IN CLINICS WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING AREAS WHICH NEED IMPROVEMENT.

ON HEALTH EDUCATION, DR LEE SAID, PLANS WERE IN HAND TO DEVELOP HEALTH EDUCATION CENTRES ON A REGIONAL BASIS.

IN ADDITION TO THE THREE EXISTING HEALTH EDUCATION CENTRES - ONE EACH ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN EAST KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES - ONE WAS BEING PLANNED FOR WEST KOWLOON.

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HE ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO EXPAND AND DEVELOP FURTHER HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES. AND A MAJOR CAMPAIGN "LET'S TALK HEALTH" WOULD BE CONDUCTED THIS YEAR.

TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SAID THE DEPARTMENT PLANNED TO INTRODUCE THE MUMPS, MEASLES AND RUBELLA (MMR) VACCINE EARLY NEXT YEAR TO INFANTS AT THE AGE OF ONE.

HE SAID: "THE USE OF THIS VACCINE WILL ENHANCE THE EXISTING RUBELLA VACCINATION PROGRAMME AND HELP TO PREVENT THE DISABLING CONDITION OF CONGENITAL RUBELLA SYNDROME."

TOGETHER WITH HEPATITIS B VACCINATION WHICH WAS INTRODUCED LAST YEAR TO ALL NEWBORNS, THE IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN WOULD INCLUDE VACCINATION AGAINST NINE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, NAMELY TUBERCULOSIS, POLIOMYELITIS, DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, WHOOPING COUGH, MEASLES, HEPATITIS B, MUMPS AND RUBELLA.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT AREA OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK, HE SAID, WAS THE PROVISION OF A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND MOTHERS.

IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, EIGHT FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE CENTRES WOULD BE BUILT, INCLUDING ONE WHICH WOULD BE OPENED IN YUEN LONG LATER THIS YEAR.

ON DENTAL HEALTH, DR LEE SAID THE SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE PROVIDED DENTAL EXAMINATION, TREATMENT AND ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION TO A TOTAL OF OVER 373,600 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN LAST YEAR.

TWO NEW SCHOOL DENTAL CLINICS WOULD BE OPENED THIS YEAR AT SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN WHILE PLANS WERE IN HAND TO BUILD TWO MORE IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

DR LEE SAID THAT A PROPERLY DESIGNED AND EQUIPPED ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, HAD BEEN SET UP IN THE ARGYLE STREET SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC.

TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED NEXT WEEK, IT WOULD SERVE AS A CENTRAL UNIT TO PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.

TO IMPROVE THE CHILD ASSESSMENT SERVICE FURTHER, A NEW CENTRE WOULD BE OPENED IN SHA TIN THIS YEAR, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILD ASSESSMENT CENTRES IN THE TERRITORY TO FOUR. TWO MORE HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR TUEN MUN AND HA KWAI CHUNG IN THE NEXT THREE TO FOUR YEARS.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS BEING PLANNED INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CENTRAL PATHOLOGY INSTITUTE WHICH AIMS TO EXPAND THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICES.

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COMMITTEE CONCLUDES DELIBERATIONS ON INTERIM REPORT  
CONCERNING SURROGACY

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THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFICALLY ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION TODAY (TUESDAY) CONCLUDED DELIBERATIONS OF AN INTERIM REPORT ON ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PRACTICES OF SURROGACY AND ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION BY DONOR.

THE MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SURROGACY INCLUDE:

- \* COMMERCIAL SURROGACY SHOULD BE BANNED IN HONG KONG;
- \* ONLY MARRIED COUPLES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ENTER INTO SURROGACY ARRANGEMENT IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO PROCREATE IN THE NORMAL WAY DESPITE EXHAUSTIVE MEDICAL TREATMENTS, AND IF BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE, AND NO THIRD PARTY, CONTRIBUTE THEIR OWN SEMEN AND EGG;
- \* PROPER AND STRINGENT COUNSELLING ABOUT LIKELY PROBLEMS FOR BOTH THE COMMISSIONING COUPLE AND THE SURROGATE MOTHER BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE PROCESS, SHOULD BE ENFORCED.

THE MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION BY DONOR INCLUDE:

- \* ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION BY DONOR (AID) SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE IN HONG KONG;
- \* ONLY BANKED SEMEN SHOULD BE USED AND THE SEMEN OF ANY SINGLE DONOR SHOULD NOT BE USED TO PRODUCE MORE THAN THREE PREGNANCIES;
- \* THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SEMEN DONORS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED IN ALL CASES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, DR LEONG CHE-HUNG, SAID AFTER THE MEETING THAT THE INTERIM REPORT WOULD BE ISSUED FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS.

"THE VIEWS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, DISTRICT BOARDS, RELIGIOUS BODIES, AS WELL AS THE MEDICAL AND LEGAL PROFESSIONS ON THE INTERIM REPORT WILL BE CANVASSED DURING A THREE MONTH CONSULTATION PERIOD," HE SAID.

DR LEONG STRESSED THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE INTERIM REPORT WERE NOT FINAL.

"THE COMMITTEE WILL CAREFULLY EXAMINE THE FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC AND, IF NECESSARY, REVISE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE SUBMITTING THEM TO THE GOVERNMENT.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN SEND THEIR COMMENTS AND OPINIONS ON THE INTERIM REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE THROUGH THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG," HE SAID

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1986 SURVEY NOT TO BE USED AS SALARY ADJUSTMENT BASIS

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS ACCEPTED A RECOMMENDATION PUT FORWARD IN THE FINAL REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO CIVIL SERVICE PAY THAT THE 1986 PAY LEVEL SURVEY SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A BASIS FOR ADJUSTING CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HARNAM GREWAL, SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALSO DECIDED THAT IMPROVEMENTS ALREADY AWARDED TO MODEL SCALE 1 STAFF AS A RESULT OF THE 1986 SURVEY WOULD NOT BE WITHDRAWN.

"THIS DECISION TOOK ALL RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS, INCLUDING THE COMMITTEE'S QUASI-ARBITRATION ROLE, INTO ACCOUNT," HE SAID.

AS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION ON PAY TREND SURVEY METHODOLOGY, MR GREWAL SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ACCEPTED AND WOULD IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED FORMULA FOR CALCULATING PAY TREND INDICATORS WHICH FORM THE BASIS FOR CONSIDERING ANNUAL PAY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS.

"IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION THAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF ANNUAL PAY AWARDS, WHERE THE LOWER BAND PAY TREND INDICATOR IS BELOW THAT FOR THE MIDDLE BAND, IT BE BROUGHT UP TO THE SAME LEVEL UNLESS THERE ARE OVERRIDING REASONS FOR NOT DOING SO."

MR GREWAL ADDED THAT THE COMMITTEE'S OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS ON PAY TREND SURVEY METHODOLOGY WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE PAY TREND SURVEY COMMITTEE, WHICH COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STAFF SIDES, THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, AND THE ADMINISTRATION.

TURNING TO THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A NEW SYSTEM OF PAY DETERMINATION BASED ON PAY LEVEL SURVEYS, MR GREWAL SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO TAKE NOTE OF THE SUGGESTIONS MADE.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY INVITED THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE TO CONDUCT AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE SALARY STRUCTURE OF THE NON-DIRECTORATE CIVIL SERVICE, WHICH MAY TAKE UP TO TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

"IT WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE TO CONDUCT A PAY LEVEL SURVEY AT THE SAME TIME AS THE OVERALL SALARY STRUCTURE REVIEW WHICH WILL IN ANY CASE EXAMINE THE EXTERNAL RELATIVITIES OF A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL GRADES," HE SAID.

THE FINAL REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY CONTAINING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PAY TREND SURVEY METHODOLOGY AND THE 1986 PAY LEVEL SURVEY WAS PUBLISHED LAST MONTH.

ITS INTERIM REPORT ON THE 1988 CIVIL SERVICE PAY ADJUSTMENT WAS PUBLISHED AND ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR.

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FEBRUARY ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES  
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THE ORDERS POSITION REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN FEBRUARY 1989 WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN JANUARY 1989, BUT INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING FEBRUARY 1989 WITH JANUARY 1989, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AS SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED RECEIVED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF NEW ORDERS.

SLIGHT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE ORDERS POSITION DECLINED SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY, WHILE SHOWING LITTLE CHANGE IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988, THE ORDERS POSITION IN FEBRUARY 1989 IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND DROPPED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY AND MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY 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 THE FEBRUARY 1989 LEVEL WAS LOWER BY 2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1989, AND BY 6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988.

COMPARING FEBRUARY 1989 WITH JANUARY 1989, MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED REPORTED SLIGHT DECREASES IN EMPLOYMENT, EXCEPT THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN WHICH A SLIGHT INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS RECORDED.

COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988, EMPLOYMENT IN FEBRUARY 1989 DECREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

MODERATE DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, WEARING APPAREL AND FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRIES, ALONG WITH A SLIGHT DECREASE IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A SLIGHT INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS REPORTED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

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AS WAS USUAL FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF EACH YEAR, COMPARISON OF THE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FIGURES IN FEBRUARY 1989 WITH THE CORRESPONDING JANUARY 1989 AND FEBRUARY 1988 FIGURES WAS AFFECTED BY THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

TO GEAR IN WITH THIS TIMING, QUITE A LARGE NUMBER OF MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED HAD THEIR DOUBLE-PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES ISSUED IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, BUT IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

THUS IT WAS MORE MEANINGFUL TO COMPARE THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1989 COMBINED WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988.

FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1989 TAKEN TOGETHER, THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 21 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, PARTICULARLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT IN FEBRUARY 1989 DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1989, BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER FEBRUARY 1988.

THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY TAKEN TOGETHER INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN 1989 OVER 1988. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS SECTOR COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SERVICE SECTORS SURVEYED, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN FEBRUARY 1989 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1989, BUT INCREASED MODERATELY WHEN COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988.

THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1989 TAKEN TOGETHER INCREASED MARKEDLY OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988 IN ALL SERVICE SECTORS SURVEYED, PARTICULARLY IN BANKS AND HOTELS.

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 AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS CAN ONLY REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED; NEVERTHELESS THESE COULD PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1989 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 \$2.00 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8234820.

TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 1989 (MONTHS)	CHANGE WHEN JAN. 89 (%)	COMPARED WITH FEB. 88 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.40	*	+1
WEARING APPAREL	4.71	*	+2
TEXTILES	2.38	-2	-16
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.35	+11	-5
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.70	+2	+10
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.20	+1	+4
OTHERS	4.22	*	*

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 1989	
	CHANGE WHEN JAN. 89 (%)	COMPARED WITH FEB. 88 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-2	-6
FOOD AND DRINKS	-1	-4
WEARING APPAREL	-3	-6
TEXTILES	-1	-2
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	+1	-22

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FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-2	+2
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-3	-7
OTHERS	-1	-3
CONSTRUCTION#	-2	+1
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SERVICES	*	+4
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BANKS	-	-
HOTELS	-1	+4
PUBLIC UTILITIES	-3	-1
OTHERS	*	-1
	*	+13

\* 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 FEBRUARY 1989 (HK\$)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH JAN. 89 FEB. 89 (%) (%)		**CHANGE IN AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR JAN.-FEB. 1989 OVER JAN.-FEB. 1988 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4,593	-37	-6	+21
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FOOD AND DRINKS	4,881	-35	+10	+22
WEARING APPAREL	3,630	-34	-7	+15
TEXTILES	4,139	-44	-31	+10
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4,427	-42	-17	+30
FABRICATED	5,044	-29	+4	+24
METAL PRODUCTS				
ELECTRICAL AND	4,548	-31	+7	+21
ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS				
OTHERS	6,221	-43	-5	+26
CONSTRUCTION#	6,866	-19	+14	+22
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SERVICES	7,820	-32	+1	+16
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BANKS	7,712	-26	+22	+25
HOTELS	5,637	-66	-37	+24
PUBLIC UTILITIES	7,261	-32	+1	+10
OTHERS	9,273	-29	-6	+12

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

\*\* THE SUBSTANTIAL DECREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS BETWEEN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1989 WERE MAINLY DUE TO THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE-PAY AND ANNUAL BONUSES IN JANUARY 1989, AHEAD OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS. THE COMPARISON BETWEEN THE FEBRUARY 1988 AND FEBRUARY 1989 FIGURES WAS AFFECTED BY THE DIFFERENCE IN TIMING FOR THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE-PAY AND ANNUAL BONUSES IN 1988 AND 1989, DUE TO THE DIFFERENCE IN THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR IN THE TWO YEARS. A FURTHER COMPARISON IS THUS PROVIDED TO SHOW CHANGES IN AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR JAN.-FEB. 1989 OVER JAN.-FEB. 1988.

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

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WETTER THAN NORMAL YEAR IN 1989

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PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT HONG KONG IS LIKELY TO HAVE A WETTER THAN NORMAL YEAR IN 1989 IN TERMS OF RAINFALL, THE DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, MR PATRICK SHAM, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"SINCE TROPICAL CYCLONES ON AVERAGE ACCOUNT FOR ONE-QUARTER OF THE YEAR'S NORMAL RAINFALL, ONE CAN PERHAPS DEDUCE THAT TROPICAL CYCLONE ACTIVITY AND IMPACT ON HONG KONG WILL BE HIGHER THIS YEAR THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS," HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG, MR SHAM REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IT WAS NOT TOO EARLY TO TAKE SOME GENERAL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST DAMAGE DUE TO STRONG WINDS, HEAVY RAIN AND FLOODING BEFORE THE TYPHOON SEASON BEGAN.

"COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS ARE THE KEY WORDS IF WE WANT TO MINIMISE DAMAGE DUE TO NATURAL DISASTERS LIKE TYPHOONS," HE SAID.

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MR SHAM POINTED OUT THAT ON AVERAGE 30 TROPICAL CYCLONES FORMED OVER THE NORTHWEST PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA EACH YEAR, AND OF THESE, ABOUT SIX CAME CLOSE TO THE SOUTH CHINA COAST AND POSED A THREAT TO HONG KONG.

"EVERY FOUR TO FIVE YEARS A MATURE TYPHOON WILL COME VERY CLOSE TO HONG KONG TO CAUSE WINDS OF HURRICANE FORCE, I.E. THE NO. 10 SIGNAL," HE SAID.

"IN THE POST-WAR YEARS FROM 1946 TO NOW, WE HAVE HAD 11 YEARS DURING WHICH WE HOISTED THE NO. 10 SIGNAL," HE ADDED.

QUOTING STATISTICS, MR SHAM SAID HONG KONG HAD NOT HAD A DIRECT HIT SINCE TYPHOON ELLEN SIX YEARS AGO.

"YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL HAVE ONE THIS YEAR," SAID MR SHAM.

OTHER THAN STATISTICAL ASSESSMENT, THERE WERE AS YET NO RELIABLE METHODS TO PREDICT THE YEARLY NUMBER OF TROPICAL CYCLONES, LET ALONE WHERE EXACTLY THEY WOULD FORM AND HOW MANY OF THEM WOULD HIT A SMALL PLACE LIKE HONG KONG, HE NOTED.

ALTHOUGH HONG KONG HAD BEEN LUCKY SO FAR IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, EXPERIENCE SHOWED THAT THE LONGER THE TERRITORY STAYED FREE OF TYPHOONS, THE MORE PEOPLE WOULD FORGET HOW DESTRUCTIVE THEY COULD BE, MR SHAM WARNED.

"THERE ARE MORE AND MORE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, ESPECIALLY NEW-COMERS, WHO MAY NEVER HAVE EXPERIENCED A TYPHOON IN THEIR LIVES BEFORE. PEOPLE THEREFORE TEND TO BE TOO LAX IN TAKING PRECAUTIONS AGAINST DAMAGE," HE SAID.

"COUPLED BY THE FACT THAT MORE AND MORE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY, COASTAL AREAS AND OFF-SHORE IN RECENT YEARS, THE DAMAGE IS LIKELY TO BE MUCH HIGHER IF SUFFICIENT ATTENTION IS NOT GIVEN TO THE WARNINGS ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY," HE ADDED.

MR SHAM SAID THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WOULD KEEP UP THE VIGILANCE AGAINST ANY THREAT FROM A TROPICAL CYCLONE.

"OUR WARNINGS AND ADVICE ON GENERAL PRECAUTIONS WILL BE PROMPTLY BROADCAST TO EVERYONE THROUGH RADIO AND TELEVISION OR THROUGH DIRECT MEANS.

"SHOULD ANYONE HAVE ANY SPECIFIC PROBLEMS REGARDING WHAT PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE IN A PARTICULAR SITUATION, WHAT DECISIONS TO MAKE AS REGARDS THEIR WEATHER-AFFECTED OPERATIONS, I AND MY COLLEAGUES AT THE OBSERVATORY ARE PREPARED AND ALWAYS STAND READY TO GIVE YOU THE NECESSARY ADVICE," MR SHAM SAID.

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MR SHAM POINTED OUT THAT THE FORECASTING PROBLEM AS FAR AS TROPICAL CYCLONES WERE CONCERNED WAS TO FORECAST WHETHER OR NOT THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE WINDS NEAR THE EYE OF A TYPHOON WOULD AFFECT A PLACE, AND IF SO WHEN.

"THE AVERAGE DIAMETER OF THE EYE OF A TYPHOON IS 50 TO 80 KILOMETRES AND THE BELT OF DESTRUCTIVE WINDS AROUND THE EYE ANOTHER 30 TO 50 KILOMETRES WIDE.

"THIS MEANS THEREFORE WE HAVE TO FORECAST HOW CLOSE THE CORE OF ABOUT 150 KILOMETRES IN DIAMETER WILL COME TO US AND AT THE SAME TIME WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY CHANGE IN ITS INTENSITY," HE SAID.

"THE LARGER THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA YOU WANT TO FORECAST THIS CORE TO HIT, FOR EXAMPLE THE GUANGDONG PROVINCE, THE GREATER CHANCE THERE WILL BE FOR YOUR FORECAST TO BE RIGHT.

"THE SMALLER THE PLACE, SAY HONG KONG (ONLY ROUGHLY 50 KILOMETRES BY 50 KILOMETRES), THE EASIER IT WILL BE FOR THIS TYPHOON CORE TO MISS ALTOGETHER," MR SHAM SAID.

"THE CURRENT WORLD-WIDE STATE-OF-THE-ART IN PREDICTING WHERE THE CENTRE OF A TROPICAL CYCLONE WILL BE IN 24 HOURS CAN BE, ON AVERAGE, 200 KILOMETRES OFF, THAT IS, ROUGHLY THE DISTANCE BETWEEN HERE AND SHANTOU. FOR 48 HOURS, THE AVERAGE ERROR IS 450 KILOMETRES," HE ADDED.

"IN SIMPLER TERMS, IF WE WERE TO FORECAST A DIRECT HIT OF THE CENTRE OF A TYPHOON IN HONG KONG IN 24 HOURS, THE CENTRE MAY WELL END UP SOMEWHERE IN SHANTOU TO OUR EAST, OR WEST OF MACAU TO OUR WEST, IN WHICH CASE THE DECISION TO WARN GALE OR HURRICANE FORCE WINDS IN HONG KONG 24 HOURS AHEAD WOULD BE INCORRECT.

"THE HOISTING OF THE NO.8 GALE SIGNAL OR THE NO. 10 HURRICANE SIGNAL WOULD HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE 0 HURRICANE SIGNAL WOULD HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE PREMATURE AND UNNECESSARY. EVERYBODY WOULD HAVE STOPPED WORK, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A FREE HOLIDAY FOR ALL, THE TERRITORY WOULD HAVE LOST A DAY'S PRODUCTIVITY.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, IF WE CONSIDERED THAT THE TYPHOON WOULD HIT SHANTOU IN 24 HOURS, IT COULD END UP RIGHT OVER US, CATCHING EVERYONE UNPREPARED THEREBY CAUSING A LOT OF UNNECESSARY DAMAGE," MR SHAM POINTED OUT.

IN BOTH CASES, HE SAID, THE FORECASTS GIVING RISE TO THE TWO TOTALLY DIFFERENT SCENARIOS IN HONG KONG WOULD BE RANKED AS "AVERAGELY ACCURATE" BY WORLD STANDARD.

"THE FORECASTS MAY PERHAPS BE CONSIDERED METEOROLOGICALLY REASONABLE BUT IT WOULD BE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE FROM THE PUBLIC'S POINT OF VIEW," HE SAID.

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DEBATE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES  
BILL IN LEGCO TOMORROW

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 10 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER ONE BILL AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE SECOND READING DEBATE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1989 WILL BE RESUMED, AFTER WHICH IS DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

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SHAM SHUI PO DB BY-ELECTION ON THURSDAY

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ELECTORS LIVING IN PAK TIN ESTATE, CHAK ON ESTATE AND THE TAI WO PING AREA IN SHAM SHUI PO ARE URGED TO TURN OUT IN FORCE TO VOTE IN THE BY-ELECTION OF THE PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD ON THURSDAY (APRIL 20).

A SPOKESMAN OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED THE ELECTORS THAT THE POLLING STATIONS WOULD BE LOCATED AT THE BUDDHIST CHAN SIK YAM PRIMARY SCHOOL IN UPPER PAK TIN ESTATE AND THE HO CHAK SOCIAL CLUB FOR THE ELDERLY IN CHAK ON ESTATE.

THE TWO CANDIDATES FOR THE BY-ELECTION ARE MR LUI PAK-YIU AND MISS SHA MI-CHING.

POLLING WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 10.30 PM.

ELECTORS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND POLL CARDS, IF AVAILABLE, TO THE DESIGNATED POLLING STATIONS.

AS THERE IS ONLY ONE VACANCY, ELECTORS SHOULD SIMPLY MARK ON THE BALLOT PAPER A CROSS IN THE BOX ALONGSIDE THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE OF THEIR CHOICE.

FOR ENQUIRIES, ELECTORS MAY CONTACT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION ON 5-270369 OR 5-270380.

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HEAVY FINES FOR SAFETY OFFENCES

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PROPRIETORS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ARE TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED OF THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY STANDARDS OF THE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT USED BY THEIR WORKERS.

COMMENTING ON TWO RECENT COURT CASES, A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID A CONTRACTOR AND A FACTORY OWNER WERE HEAVILY FINED FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE SAFETY PROVISIONS UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE.

IN AN ACCIDENT LAST YEAR, AN ELECTRICIAN ENGAGED IN DECORATION WORK WAS ELECTROCUTED AS THE EXPOSED LIVE PARTS OF A DAMAGED CABLE FOR AN ELECTRIC HAND DRILL CAME INTO CONTACT WITH A METAL LADDER ON WHICH HE WAS STANDING.

"UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (ELECTRICITY) REGULATIONS, ALL CURRENT-CARRYING CONDUCTORS AND WIRING, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE PART OF AN APPARATUS, MUST BE PROPERLY INSULATED AND PROTECTED TO PREVENT ELECTRICAL HAZARDS AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR FOR THE DECORATION WORK WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FINED \$20,000 BY A SOUTH KOWLOON MAGISTRATE EARLIER THIS MONTH."

IN ANOTHER CASE, A TEXTILE FACTORY WORKER LOST HIS ARM WHEN TRYING TO REMOVE SOME COTTON JAMMED INSIDE AN AUTOMATIC BALE OPENING MACHINE STILL IN OPERATION.

"AS THE INSPECTION WINDOW ON THE MACHINE WAS NOT PROPERLY GUARDED, PROSECUTION WAS TAKEN OUT AGAINST THE PROPRIETOR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"HE WAS EVENTUALLY FINED \$20,000 PLUS \$3,000 COSTS BY A TSUEN WAN MAGISTRATE FOR FAILURE TO EFFECTIVELY GUARD THE DANGEROUS PARTS OF THE MACHINE AS REQUIRED UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS.

"OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000 UNDER THE TWO REGULATIONS," HE SAID.

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PROPOSED LIVESTOCK WASTE CONSOLIDATION SITE ON NORTH DB AGENDA

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (APRIL 20) A PROPOSAL TO SET UP A LIVESTOCK WASTE CONSOLIDATION SITE AT SHA LING WITHIN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA.

THE SITE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR COMPOSTING TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK WASTE COLLECTED FROM FARMS IN NORTH DISTRICT IN LINE WITH THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

THE ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, DR DANIEL LAU, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PROPOSAL.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN WO HOP SHEK, FANLING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD OVER SEAS STUDY TOUR, THE ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS, THE NOMINATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AS CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S NORTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO THE BOARD'S FIVE COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (APRIL 20) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM.

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COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTBRIDGE

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS A PAPER SUBMITTED BY SEVERAL MEMBERS REQUESTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT FOOTBRIDGE CONNECTING WALDORF GARDEN WITH THE TUEN MUN CENTRAL LIBRARY.

THE MEMBERS HAD COLLECTED 6,638 SIGNATURES SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE AND URGED THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED TO RE-OPEN AN EXISTING WOODEN FOOTBRIDGE FOR PUBLIC USE FOR THE TIME BEING.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS TWO PAPERS CALLING FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSPORT NETWORK OF THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES.

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THERE WILL BE TWO PAPERS REQUESTING IMPROVEMENTS IN CROSSING FACILITIES AT NAI WAI AS WELL AS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF SIU HEI COURT CARPARK.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT A PAPER ON THE PROFIT CONTROL SCHEME APPLIED TO FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES.

THE WORK REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REPORT AND PROCEDURES FOR RECOMMENDING DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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FUNDS FOR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN KWAI TSING  
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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTHS THIS SUMMER.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED \$530,000 FOR FUNDING SUCH ACTIVITIES. THE AMOUNT INCLUDES \$480,000 DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND \$50,000 FROM THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD.

A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID ABOUT 66,000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAD PARTICIPATED IN OVER 500 EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS LAST SUMMER.

INVITATIONS TO APPLY FOR FUNDS THIS YEAR HAD BEEN SENT TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED CAN BE RECREATIONAL, OR COMMUNITY SERVICE OR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, FOCUSING ON THE THEME OF "SHARE THE FUN AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY".

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KWAI CHUNG.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BEFORE MAY 3. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4212855.

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SHA TIN COMMITTEE TO FORM WORKING GROUPS

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (APRIL 20) TO SET UP WORKING GROUPS AND TO NOMINATE CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO COMMENT ON A WORK PLAN 1989/90 FOR SHA TIN DISTRICT SUBMITTED BY THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION'S REGIONAL OFFICE (NEW TERRITORIES EAST).

THE ESTIMATES OF THE COMMITTEE AND APPLICATION FOR FUNDS WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN ON THURSDAY (APRIL 20). THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM.

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RE-OPENING OF A ROAD NEAR TAI KOK TSUI FERRY BUS TERMINUS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE UN-NAMED ROAD BETWEEN POK MAN STREET AND FOO KWAI STREET AT THE EXIT OF TAI KOK TSUI FERRY BUS TERMINUS WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 21) AFTER COMPLETION OF ROAD WORKS.

AT THE SAME TIME, FOO KWAI STREET WILL BE CONVERTED TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND, HOI KING STREET AND CHUN WING STREET WILL BE ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

MOTORISTS FROM TAI KOK TSUI ROAD HEADING FOR TAI KOK TSUI OPEN-AIR CAR PARK IN HOI KING STREET MAY TRAVEL VIA FOO KWAI STREET, WHILE THOSE COMING OUT FROM THE CAR PARK HEADING FOR TAI KOK TSUI ROAD MAY TRAVEL VIA HOI KING STREET AND CHERRY STREET.

MEANWHILE, KMB ROUTE NOS. 10, 13D, 16, 32, 33A, 37, 43C, 46, 66, 66X, 72B, 72X, 87, 87A AND 87B WILL RESUME NORMAL ROUTEINGS ON JOURNEYS DEPARTING FROM TAI KOK TSUI FERRY BUS TERMINUS.

THE EXISTING 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAYS ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF FOO KWAI STREET BETWEEN HOI KING STREET AND TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, AND A 25-METRE STRETCH ALONG THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF FOO KWAI STREET EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE UN-NAMED ROAD BETWEEN POK MAN STREET AND FOO KWAI STREET WILL BE LIFTED.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS THIS SATURDAY (APRIL 22) AT 10 AM AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

EA 783	EA168	DZ2	EA668
EA2838	DD83	EA1708	EA730
3817	EA802	EA302	EA9283
EA823	DJ5217	EA163	XX389
AL349	DF5	EA832	EA660
DD9000	HK1200	BB20	CR7711
DZ9388	EA786	EA2881	EA299
EA108	2271	EA179	EA208
DZ11	EA803	375	EA149
EA6339	HK728	DZ9188	DZ7720

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 137TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN YUEN LONG  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG AND KUK TING STREET, THE LEFT TURN FROM KUK TING STREET ONTO CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE RESTRICTED BETWEEN 1.30 AM AND 5.30 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 20) AND FRIDAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON KUK TING STREET TOWARDS AU TAU ARE ADVISED TO USE KUK TING STREET, TAI TONG ROAD, FAU TSOI STREET, KIN LOK STREET, FUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

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