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REPORT TO DEAL WITH HAZARD SERIOUSNESS OF OIL INSTALLATIONS: GOVERNOR
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THE TSING YI RISK REASSESSMENT REPORT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, WILL DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF HOW SERIOUS IS THE HAZARD OF THE OIL INSTALLATIONS ON THE ISLAND AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A VISIT TO KWAI TSING DISTRICT, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE FEELING OF RESIDENTS OF MAYFAIR GARDEN TOWARDS THE NEARBY INSTALLATIONS.

HE SAID: "THE FIRST THING TO DO IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE INSTALLATIONS ARE WELL MANAGED AND THAT THEY ARE AS SAFE AS THEY CAN POSSIBLY BE. AND THAT PARTICULAR INSTALLATION IS WELL MANAGED.

"IN LONGER TERM, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT YOU SHOULD SEPARATE DWELLING AREAS AND PLACES WHERE THERE ARE POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS INSTALLATIONS. AND THE LONG TERM PLAN IS TO MOVE MOBIL AND HONG KONG OIL."

IT WAS JUST A QUESTION OF LOCATING ALTERNATIVE SITES AND MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO MOVE, HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT A CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT PLANT TO BE BUILT ON TSING YI, THE GOVERNOR SAID IT HAD ALREADY GONE OUT TO TENDER AND PLANS WOULD BE GOING AHEAD FOR THE PLANT.

"THERE ARE TWO POINTS I WOULD MAKE ON THAT," HE SAID.

"ONE IS WE DO DESPERATELY NEED THAT SORT OF CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT PLANT IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF POLLUTION BY CHEMICAL WASTES.

"THE SECOND POINT IS THE PLANT ITSELF IS NOT POLLUTING. IT IS SAFE AND NOT A POTENTIAL HAZARD FOR THE PEOPLE LIVING THERE NEAR IT."

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IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR KWAI TSING
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IMPRESSIVE EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND LIVING CONDITIONS IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID DURING A VISIT TO THE DISTRICT TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THE QUESTION OF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS INSTALLATIONS ON TSING YI ISLAND WILL BE FULLY DEALT WITH IN THE TSING YI RISK REASSESSMENT REPORT WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE RELEASED AT THE END OF THE MONTH," THE GOVERNOR ADDED.

/THE GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG, STARTED HIS TOUR AT YIP SHING STREET, KWAI CHUNG - A SITE WHICH USED TO BE NOTORIOUS FOR ITS DRAINAGE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENT.

FOLLOWING THE SETTING UP OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM IN AUGUST 1986, THIS IS NOW BECOMING A THING OF THE PAST.

THE GOVERNOR WAS TOLD THAT CONDITIONS IN THE STREET WERE STEADILY IMPROVING BECAUSE MANY OF THE INDUSTRIALISTS HAD AGREED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURES AS A RESULT OF THE WORK BY THE CO-ORDINATION TEAM.

SIR DAVID THEN WENT TO THE ROOFTOP OF A BUILDING IN UPPER KWAI CHUNG TO LOOK AT THE CLOSENESS OF RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN THE AREA.

UPPER KWAI CHUNG HAS A POPULATION OF 110,000 PEOPLE ON 36.4 HECTARES OF LAND. WITH THIS VERY HIGH POPULATION DENSITY AND MIXED RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS, THE AREA SUFFERS FROM PROBLEMS OF AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION AS WELL AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

TO DEAL WITH THESE PROBLEMS AN UPPER KWAI CHUNG ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT STUDY IS BEING PREPARED TO WORK OUT HOW TO LOWER THE POPULATION DENSITY, REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE AND BALANCE THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES BY IMPROVING THE PATTERN OF LAND USE.

SIR DAVID THEN BOARDED A LAUNCH TO INSPECT THE 30 SHIPYARDS ALONG THE NORTH COAST OF TSING YI ISLAND.

DUE TO THEIR PROXIMITY OF CHEUNG ON ESTATE, CHEUNG FAT ESTATE AND CHING TAI COURT, RESIDENTS HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE NOISE, PARTICULARLY IN THE EARLY MORNINGS.

SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT PLANS FOR RELOCATING THE SHIPYARDS FURTHER TO THE WEST WERE IN HAND AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1992-93.

MEANWHILE THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WERE HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SHIPYARD OPERATORS ON WAYS TO MINIMISE THE NOISE NUISANCE DURING THE INTERIM.

DISCUSSIONS WERE ALSO BEING HELD WITH THE MOBIL OIL COMPANY ON RELOCATING THE OIL DEPOTS FROM THEIR EXISTING SITE IN SOUTH EAST TSING YI TO SOUTH WEST OF THE ISLAND.

SIR DAVID ALSO VIEWED ONE OF THE PROPOSED SITES FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 8. A CONSULTANCY STUDY IS BEING CONDUCTED TO ASSESS THE TERMINAL'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, TRAFFIC IMPLICATIONS AND COMPATIBILITY WITH SURROUNDING LAND USE.

BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID MET WITH KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS AT THE CHEUNG CHING ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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CHINESE AND HK OFFICIALS TO RECIPROCATE VISITS

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AT THE INVITATION OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, MR GUO FENGMIN, HEAD OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WILL LEAD A GROUP OF FIVE OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY TO VISIT HONG KONG FROM APRIL 19 TO 29.

AT THE INVITATION OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU OFFICE OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, MR JOHN CHAN, SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, WILL LEAD A GROUP OF SIX HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO VISIT PEKING AND SHANGHAI FROM MAY 4 TO 13.

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DECEMBER EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS RELEASED

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THERE WERE 837,100 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN DECEMBER 1988, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 3.6 PER CENT IN COMPARISON WITH DECEMBER 1987, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 711,300 IN DECEMBER 1988, WAS 8.1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN DECEMBER 1987.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 235,500, WAS UP BY 10.9 PER CENT.

EMPLOYMENT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES INCREASED BY 5.3 PER CENT COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1987.

A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN DECEMBER 1988 WERE DERIVED FROM THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THESE SECTORS COVER THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. THERE IS A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERING CONSTRUCTION SITES.

/THE OVERALL

THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1988 IN THESE SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, WITH COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1987 AND SEPTEMBER 1988, ARE AS FOLLOWS :

| SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY | PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN* | | | PERCENTAGE CHANGE** | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | DEC.87 | SEPT.88 | DEC.88 | DEC.88 ON DEC.87 | DEC.88 ON SEPT.88 |
| MANUFACTURING | 867,900 | 844,600 | 837,100 | -3.6 | -0.9 |
| CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES ONLY) | 72,500 | 73,100 | 76,300 | +5.3 | +4.5 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | 657,900 | 698,500 | 711,300 | +8.1 | +1.8 |
| FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES | 212,200 | 230,500 | 235,500 | +10.9 | +2.1 |

* FIGURES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST 100.
 ** BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

COMPARING DECEMBER 1988 WITH SEPTEMBER 1988, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION SITES, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS INCREASED BY 4.5 PER CENT, 1.8 PER CENT AND 2.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL ALSO PROVIDES VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS (EXCEPT CONSTRUCTION SITES WHICH ARE COVERED IN A SEPARATE SURVEY).

THE VACANCY DATA TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1987 AND SEPTEMBER 1988 ARE AS FOLLOWS :

/NUMBER OF

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| SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY | NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN* | | | PERCENTAGE CHANGE** | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | DEC.87 | SEPT.88 | DEC.88 | DEC.88 ON DEC.87 | DEC.88 ON SEPT.88 |
| MANUFACTURING | 41,720 | 55,070 | 51,790 | +24.1 | - 6.0 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | 24,060 | 34,380 | 32,600 | +35.5 | - 5.2 |
| FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES | 6,870 | 9,640 | 10,640 | +54.8 | +10.3 |

* FIGURES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST 10.

** BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES.

RELATIVE TO DECEMBER 1987, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 24.1 PER CENT.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE OF 35.5 PER CENT AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AN INCREASE OF 54.8 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE MANUFACTURING AND THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTORS DECREASED BY 6.0 PER CENT AND 5.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN DECEMBER 1988.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 10.3 PER CENT.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE :-

/TOTAL QUARTERLY

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| SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY | TOTAL | QUARTERLY | PAYROLL | IN | % CHANGE* |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 4TH QTR. 1987 | 4TH QTR. 1988 | 4TH QTR. 1988 | 4TH QTR. 1987 | 4TH QTR. 1988 ON 4TH QTR. 1987 |
| | HK\$ MN | HK\$ MN | HK\$ MN | | |
| MANUFACTURING | 9,284 | 10,456 | | | +12.6 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | 7,613 | 9,167 | | | +20.4 |
| FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES | 4,335 | 5,239 | | | +20.8 |

* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 12.6 PER CENT, 20.4 PER CENT AND 20.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988.

AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN DECEMBER 1987 AND DECEMBER 1988, ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED.

TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED. THESE TWO INDICES FOR DECEMBER 1987 AND DECEMBER 1988 ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW :-

| SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY | NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100) | | % CHANGE |
|---|---|---------|--------------------------|
| | DEC. 87 | DEC. 88 | DEC. 88 ON DEC. 87 |
| MANUFACTURING | 263.4 | 307.4 | +16.7 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | 288.5 | 318.4 | +10.4 |

/FINANCING, 327.7

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| FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES | 327.7 | 358.1 | + 9.3 |
| | REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100) | | % CHANGE |
| | ----- | | ----- |
| SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY | DEC. 87 | DEC. 88 | DEC. 88 ON DEC. 87 |
| | ----- | | ----- |
| MANUFACTURING | 148.8 | 161.4 | +8.5 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | 163.0 | 167.1 | +2.5 |
| FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES | 185.1 | 188.0 | +1.6 |

BETWEEN DECEMBER 1987 AND DECEMBER 1988, AN INCREASE OF 16.7 PER CENT WAS REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE INCREASE WAS 10.4 PER CENT AND FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THE INCREASE WAS 9.3 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, IN THE LAST TWO SECTORS, A MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF 16.2 PER CENT WAS REGISTERED FOR THE RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS INDUSTRY, AND 16.7 PER CENT FOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INDUSTRY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED REGISTERED AN INCREASE OF 8.5 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, 2.5 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND 1.6 PER CENT FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

/THE CORRESPONDING

THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR THE RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS INDUSTRY AND THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INDUSTRY WERE 8.0 PER CENT AND 8.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS, DECEMBER 1988, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$11 PER COPY, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND AT THE SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES
FOR FOURTH QUARTER 1988

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988, ESTIMATED AT \$7,449 MILLION, WAS 14 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1987, WHILE THE VOLUME WAS 2 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988 WAS \$3,128 MILLION WHICH WAS 13 PER CENT HIGHER IN VALUE TERMS THAN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987.

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE (23 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987. THESE WERE FOLLOWED BY NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (20 PER CENT), CHINESE RESTAURANTS (12 PER CENT) AND BARS (1 PER CENT).

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" - COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND OTHER OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY AND SO ON - HOWEVER, DROPPED BY 6 PER CENT.

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT AND 8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THOSE FOR CHINESE RESTAURANTS REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED WHILE THOSE FOR BARS AND "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING 1988 WITH 1987, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS ROSE BY 14 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME; AND THE TOTAL VALUE OF PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT.

/IN VALUE

IN VALUE TERMS, FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST GROWTH IN TOTAL RECEIPTS (25 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (19 PER CENT), CHINESE RESTAURANTS (12 PER CENT), "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" (6 PER CENT) AND BARS (5 PER CENT).

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS AGAIN SHOWED THE LARGEST INCREASE, AT 17 PER CENT.

THE GROWTH, IN VOLUME TERMS, RECORDED BY NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, CHINESE RESTAURANTS, "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" AND BARS WERE 9 PER CENT, 2 PER CENT, 1 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988 WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER - AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS - TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THE VALUE OF PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT.

IN VALUE TERMS, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND BARS INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THOSE OF "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES", FAST FOOD SHOPS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, HOWEVER, DECREASED BY 14 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE INCREASES FOR CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND BARS WERE 9 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THE DECREASES FOR "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES", FAST FOOD SHOPS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS WERE 14 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR THE TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

ALSO TABULATED ARE COMPARISONS OF THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 AND FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987. COMPARISONS OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OF 1988 WITH 1987 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 5-8234941).

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

| | 3rd qtr. 1988 (Revised figures) | 4th qtr. 1988 (Provisional figures) |
|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Total restaurant receipts (in HK\$ million) | 6 924 | 7 449 |
| Total purchases by restaurants (in HK\$ million) | 3 000 | 3 128 |

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 3RD QUARTER 1988 AND 4TH QUARTER 1988

(Quarterly average of October 84 - September 85 = 100)

| Type of restaurant | Index of total restaurant receipts | 3rd quarter 1988 | 4th quarter 1988 | 4th qtr. 1988 compared with 3rd qtr. 1988 | | 4th qtr. 1988 compared with 4th qtr. 1987 | | 1st-4th qtr. 1988 compared with 1st-4th qtr. 1987 | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---|-----|---|-----|---|----|
| | | (Revised figures) | (Provisional figures) | Points | % | Points | % | Points | % |
| Chinese restaurants | Value | 145 | 163 | 18 | 13 | 18 | 12 | 16 | 12 |
| | Volume | 119 | 130 | 11 | 9 | -1 | † | 2 | 2 |
| Non-Chinese restaurants | Value | 154 | 149 | -5 | -3 | 24 | 20 | 23 | 19 |
| | Volume | 125 | 119 | -6 | -5 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 9 |
| Fast food shops | Value | 186 | 177 | -8 | -5 | 33 | 23 | 34 | 25 |
| | Volume | 162 | 150 | -12 | -7 | 16 | 12 | 22 | 17 |
| Bars | Value | 130 | 137 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| | Volume | 112 | 117 | 5 | 5 | -2 | -2 | 1 | 1 |
| Other eating and drinking places | Value | 148 | 128 | -20 | -14 | -8 | -6 | 7 | 6 |
| | Volume | 128 | 109 | -18 | -14 | -12 | -10 | 1 | 1 |
| Entire restaurant sector | Value | 149 | 160 | 11 | 8 | 20 | 14 | 18 | 14 |
| | Volume | 123 | 129 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 4 |

Notes: 1. Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.
2. † denotes a figure within ±0.5.

increased by 12%. In value terms, fast food shops recorded the largest

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BAN ON SALES OF SHELLFISH LIFTED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) LIFTED THE BAN ON THE SALE OF SHELLFISH TAKEN FROM THE THREE LOCALITIES WHICH WERE RECENTLY FOUND TO BE CONTAMINATED WITH PARALYTIC SHELLFISH POISON (PSP) CAUSED BY A TOXIC RED TIDE.

THIS FOLLOWED A JOINT OPERATION CARRIED OUT THIS WEEK BY THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO SAMPLE SHELLFISH FROM 21 LOCALITIES IN LOCAL COASTAL WATERS INCLUDING SHA TAU KOK, JUNK BAY AND LAMMA ISLAND. TWENTY-SIX SAMPLES WERE TAKEN FOR LABORATORY TESTS.

"THE TEST RESULTS HAVE REVEALED THAT THE LEVELS OF TOXICITY IN ALL THE SHELLFISH SAMPLES IN THE LOCALITIES PREVIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE TOXIC RED TIDE HAVE DROPPED DRASTICALLY TO WELL WITHIN THE SAFETY LIMIT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION," THE HYGIENE ADVISOR OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, DR RON PERRY, SAID.

DR PERRY CONSIDERED THAT THE HEALTH RISK IN CONSUMING SHELLFISH FROM THESE AREAS WAS MINIMAL.

HOWEVER, HE STILL ADVISED THE PUBLIC NOT TO TAKE IN LARGE QUANTITIES OF SUCH SHELLFISH FOR THEIR SAFETY.

AMONG THE 26 SHELLFISH SAMPLES TAKEN, 21 WERE SPECIMENS OF GREEN MUSSELS, THREE WERE CLAMS, AND TWO WERE OYSTERS.

THEY WERE TAKEN FROM MA WAN, PENG CHAU, LO TIK WAN, SOK KWU WAN, TIN HA WAN, PO TOI O, KAU SAI, YIM TIN TSAI, YIM TIN TSAI EAST, KAT O, SHA TAU KOK, YUNG SHUE AU, TUNG CHUNG, CHEUNG SHA WAN, MA NAM WAT, TAI TAU CHAU, LO FU WAT, SHAM WAN, TAP MUN, O PUI TONG AND LEUNG SHUEN WAN.

THE FIRST 12 LOCATIONS WERE ALSO COVERED IN THE PREVIOUS SAMPLING OPERATION.

THE FINDINGS OF THE MICE TESTS CONDUCTED ON THESE SAMPLES SHOWED THAT THEY WERE EITHER WELL BELOW THE WHO SAFETY LIMIT OR UNDETECTABLE.

APART FROM THE SHELLFISH SAMPLES, WATER SAMPLES WERE ALSO TAKEN FROM THESE LOCATIONS.

MICROSCOPIC ANALYSIS OF THESE WATER SAMPLES COULD NOT DETECT THE PRESENCE OF THE TOXIC ALGAE, PROTOGONYAULAX CATENELLA.

THE MICE TESTS WERE CONDUCTED BY THE FISHERIES OFFICER (AQUACULTURE ENVIRONMENT) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, DR PATSY WONG.

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"THE FINDINGS OF THE SECOND ROUND SAMPLING TESTS WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE RESULTS OF THE PREVIOUS TESTS. HOWEVER THE TOXICITY LEVELS IN THE SHELLFISH SAMPLES IN THE AFFECTED AREAS HAD DROPPED CONSIDERABLY," DR WONG SAID.

"REGULAR RED TIDE REPORTING AND TESTING BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE."

IN THE MEANTIME, THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WILL ALSO CONTINUE WITH ITS REGULAR MONITORING PROGRAMME FOR BIOTOXINS IN FISH AND SHELLFISH IN A CO-ORDINATED EFFORT TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC HEALTH.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT BIWEEKLY INTERVALS DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT BACTERIA DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

BATHING WATERS COMMONLY BECOME WORSE DUE TO HEAVY USAGE DURING THE SUMMER. HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"A" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 100 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN SEVEN CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"B" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 1,000 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN 18 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"C" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS 18 OR MORE CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "C" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, A RECOMMENDATION TO RE-OPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "B" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, SIX BATHING BEACHES HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THESE BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, SILVERMINE BAY, OLD CAFETERIA, ROCKY BAY AND TING KAU.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAILED TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THESE SIX BEACHES. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW :

| BEACH ----- | LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 30.3.89) | PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 13.4.89) |
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| HONG KONG SOUTH ----- | | |
| BIG WAVE BAY | A | A |
| CHUNG HOM KOK | A | A |

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| DEEP WATER BAY | A | A |
| HAIRPIN | A | A |
| MIDDLE BAY | A | A |
| REPULSE BAY | B | B |
| SHEK O | A | A |
| SOUTH BAY | A | A |
| ST. STEPHEN'S | A | A |
| TURTLE COVE | A | A |
| STANLEY MAIN | B | B |
| ROCKY BAY | X | X |
| TO TEI WAN* | A | A |

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| CHEUNG SHA UPPER | A | A |
| CHEUNG SHA LOWER | A | A |
| DISCOVERY BAY* | A | A |
| HUNG SHING YEH | A | A |
| KWUN YAM WAN | A | A |
| TONG FUK | A | A |
| LO SO SHING | A | A |
| PUI O | A | A |
| SILVERMINE BAY | X | X |
| TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU | B | B |
| TUNG O* | A | A |

/SAI KUNG

SAI KUNG DISTRICT

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| CAMPERS | A | A |
| CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH | A | A |
| CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH | A | A |
| HAP MUN BAY | A | A |
| KIU TSUI | A | A |
| PAK SHA CHAU | A | A |
| SILVERSTRAND | A | A |
| TRIO (HEBE HAVEN) | A | A |

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

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| ANGLERS' | X | X |
| APPROACH | B | B |
| CASAM | A | A |
| GEMINI | A | A |
| HOI MEI WAN | B | B |
| LIDO | A | A |
| TING KAU | X | X |
| TUNG WAN, MA WAN | A | A |

TUEN MUN DISTRICT

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|---------------|---|---|
| OLD CAFETERIA | X | X |
| NEW CAFETERIA | B | A |
| CASTLE PEAK | X | X |
| KADOORIE | B | B |
| BUTTERFLY | B | A |

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NOTE: 'X' THE BEACH HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING.
* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:
BUTTERFLY AND NEW CAFETERIA, FROM "B" TO "A".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE
BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT MR PAUL HOLMES,
PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF EPD, ON
5-8351234.

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CNTA POSTINGS ANNOUNCED

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A CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED
TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT MR AUGUSTINE CHENG LUK-SAN WILL BECOME DEPUTY
REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY
(APRIL 17).

MR CHENG IS CURRENTLY PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (BUILDING
MANAGEMENT) AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG AND KOWLOON REGIONAL
HEADQUARTERS.

THE INCUMBENT DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY, MR GREGORY LEUNG,
WILL MOVE TO THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH TO FILL A NEWLY CREATED
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY POST.

MR LEUNG WAS SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER BEFORE TAKING UP
THE POST OF DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ON A
TEMPORARY BASIS.

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ELECTION FORUM FOR PAK TIN CONSTITUENTS
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AN OPEN FORUM FOR THE BY-ELECTION FOR RESIDENTS OF PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE FORUM WILL START AT 8.30 PM AT THE OPEN SPACE NEXT TO BLOCK 13 OF THE PAK TIN ESTATE.

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

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PAK TIN BY-ELECTION FORUM.

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YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD TO DISCUSS PORNOGRAPHY
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YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF YOUNG PEOPLE READING INDECENT AND OBSCENE MAGAZINES, AND WATCHING ADULT VIDEO TAPES.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS AN INFORMATION PAPER ON THE PROBLEM, PREPARED BY A BOARD MEMBER, MISS SUSAN SO SUK-YIN.

IN HER PAPER, MISS SO EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT THE PROBLEM, AND PROPOSES WAYS TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION. SHE ALSO ASKS WHAT THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED ARE DOING TO STEP UP ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES ORDINANCE, AND CONTROL ON VIDEO RENTAL CENTRES AND COMIC BOOK CLUBS.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE BOARD'S BUDGET AND WORK PLAN FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, AS WELL AS PROPOSALS BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TO IMPROVE PROVISIONS IN EXISTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL VET A REPORT WHICH OUTLINES THE IMPROVEMENTS TO 26 TARGET BUILDINGS IN THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, 490, NATHAN ROAD, SECOND FLOOR.

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WORKING GROUP ON CIVIC EDUCATION TO DISCUSS ACTIVITY PLAN
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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION WILL DISCUSS THE GROUP'S ACTIVITY PLAN FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS DECIDED AT A MEETING LAST MONTH TO RESERVE A SUM OF ABOUT \$130,000 FOR THE GROUP TO ORGANISE CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, THE WORKING GROUP WILL ALSO CONSIDER ORGANISING A CIVIC EDUCATION FUNCTION IN JUNE WITH THE EAST KOWLOON JAYCEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME
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ORGANISATIONS AND YOUTH AGENCIES IN WONG TAI SIN ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ORGANISING ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTHS THIS SUMMER.

THE SYP IS SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TO ASSIST LOCAL BONA FIDE ORGANISATIONS IN HOLDING RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES DURING SUMMER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTHS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25.

"HOWEVER, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, APPLICATIONS FROM AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS BEFORE MAY 1 THROUGH THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE'S TSZ WAN SHAN SUB-OFFICE AT BLOCK THREE, TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE.

"ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-220767."

/THE SPOKESMAN

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THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE ACTIVITIES TO BE ORGANISED MUST CARRY THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S SYP -- "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY".

"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SYP ACTIVITIES, YOUTHS WILL DEVELOP A SENSE OF COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY," HE NOTED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT LETTERS HAD BEEN SENT TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND YOUTH AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT ENCOURAGING THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMME.

"A BRIEFING ON THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND OTHER DETAILS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN ROOMS 301 AND 302 OF THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE IN CHING TAK STREET," HE SAID.

"INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SESSION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM."

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FORUM ON YOUTH SERVICES IN EASTERN

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YOUTH WORKERS AND TEACHERS WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS ON WAYS TO PROMOTE YOUTH SERVICES IN EASTERN DISTRICT AT A FORUM ORGANIZED BY A PLANNING GROUP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE THIS SATURDAY (APRIL 15).

THE FORUM IS A FOLLOW UP TO A SURVEY CONDUCTED LAST YEAR TO IDENTIFY THE BASIC PATTERN OF LEISURE ACTIVITIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR NEEDS FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING GROUP, MR TO BOON-MAN SAID.

"FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WILL PROVIDE USEFUL GUIDELINES IN THE ORGANIZATION OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE," HE SAID.

THE SURVEY WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE CENTRE OF HONG KONG STUDIES OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

PRIOR TO THE DISCUSSIONS, FOUR GUESTS WILL SPEAK ON TOPICS COVERING RESEARCH FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY, THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT, AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WORK.

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THE GUESTS ARE DR PETER MAN, LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; MR WU TING-PANG, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE; MR WONG KIN-FAI, RECREATION AND SPORTS MANAGER (HK) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND MR MUI WAI-SI, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUM WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, 880 - 886 KING'S ROAD, FROM 10 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAY (APRIL 15).

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MAIL SERVICES TO LEBANON SUSPENDED

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT OWING TO THE CLOSURE OF THE BEIRUT AIRPORT, AIRMAIL AND AIR PARCELS SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND LEBANON ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

SURFACE MAIL AND SURFACE PARCEL SERVICES TO LEBANON REMAIN SUSPENDED.

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GOVT BUILDING OVER MONG KOK KCRC STATION

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WORK HAS JUST STARTED ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GOVERNMENT OFFICE BLOCK ON TOP OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION'S MONG KOK STATION.

CONTRACT FOR THE \$77.4 MILLION PROJECT, AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 13-STORY BUILDING WHICH WILL PROVIDE 10,000 SQUARE METRES OF OFFICE SPACE.

THE NEW BUILDING, EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MID-1991, WILL BE USED TO ACCOMMODATE THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, INCLUDING A PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE; THE MONG KOK MUSIC CENTRE; AND OFFICES OF THE TRANSPORT, LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS.

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SUBSIDY FOR ENGINEER TRAINEES GOES UP

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THE SUBSIDY FOR THE ENGINEERING GRADUATES TRAINING SCHEME HAS BEEN INCREASED WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE MONTHLY SUBSIDY PAID THROUGH EMPLOYERS TO EACH ENGINEERING GRADUATE AS PART OF HIS SALARY HAS GONE UP BY \$200 TO \$2,500.

ENGINEERING UNDERGRADUATES WHO ARE UNDERGOING AN APPROVED SANDWICH TRAINING PROGRAMME IN INDUSTRY ALSO CAN GET AN INCREASE OF \$150 IN SUBSIDY FROM \$1,300 TO \$1,450 A MONTH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID.

THE SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN 1983, IS ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON TRAINING OF TECHNOLOGISTS TO ENABLE ENGINEERING GRADUATES AND UNDERGRADUATES TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY PRACTICAL TRAINING AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO BECOME QUALIFIED ENGINEERS.

A TOTAL OF 160 TRAINING SCHEMES FROM 111 EMPLOYERS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE SINCE 1983.

EMPLOYERS WHO WISH TO OFFER TRAINING TO ENGINEERING GRADUATES OR UNDERGRADUATES MAY CONTACT THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE ON 5-8932341 EXT. 271.

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PRISONERS OBTAIN DISTINCTIONS IN PUBLIC EXAMINATION

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EIGHT PRISONERS WHO WORKED HARD AT THEIR STUDIES HAD PERFORMED VERY WELL IN A PUBLIC EXAMINATION IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE PRISONERS, AGED BETWEEN 25 AND 40, TOOK A TOTAL OF 20 PAPERS IN THE TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNICIAN COURSE EXAMINATION OF THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE AND SCORED DISTINCTIONS IN ALL THE PAPERS. AMONG THEM, TWO GOT FOUR DISTINCTIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY): "IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO ENCOURAGE AND TO ASSIST INMATES TO SIT FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

"IN FACT, MOST OF THE INMATES WHO TOOK PART IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS HAD GAINED REMARKABLE RESULTS IN THE PAST, WHICH PROVED THAT OUR EFFORTS HAVE NOT BEEN WASTED."

SINCE 1979, ABOUT 900 INMATES HAD SAT FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS OFFERED BY WELL-ESTABLISHED BODIES INCLUDING THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE, THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, THE PITMAN EXAMINATIONS INSTITUTE AND THE HONG KONG EXAMINATION AUTHORITY.

ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THEM GOT PASSES IN THE EXAMINATIONS.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN TSUEN WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 15).

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS WILL BE MADE 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS:

- * TEXACO ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN SHA TSUI ROAD AND TSUEN WING STREET;
- * TEXACO ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN TAI WO HAU ROAD AND SHA TSUI ROAD;
- * TAI WO HAU ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TEXACO ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 210 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE KERBSIDE LANE OF TAI HA STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI WO HAU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

MEANWHILE, TEXACO ROAD BETWEEN TEXACO ROAD INTERCHANGE AND SHA TSUI ROAD WILL BECOME A PEAK HOUR (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

MOREOVER, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK:

- * TEXACO ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TSUEN WING STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHING MUN ROAD;
- * TEXACO ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI WO HAU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHING MUN ROAD;
- * ALL LINK ROADS AND SLIP ROADS ASSOCIATED WITH TEXACO ROAD NORTH INTERCHANGE; AND
- * TAI WO HAU ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH SHEK TAU STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 210 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TEXACO ROAD.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MA TAU KOK ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF MA TAU KOK ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN MA TAU CHUNG ROAD AND SHING TAK STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10.30 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 15).

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON MA TAU KOK ROAD HEADING FOR MA TAU WAI ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, FU NING STREET AND SHING TAK STREET.

KMB ROUTES 5A AND 108 ON JOURNEYS TO SHING TAK STREET WILL ALSO BE RE-ROUTED TO OPERATE VIA MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, FU NING STREET AND SHING TAK STREET.

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