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PRINCE OF WALES GOES WALKABOUT IN WESTERN

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THE PRINCE OF WALES SAMPLED CHIU CHOW TEA AND EXPERIENCED SOME OF THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND SCENTS THAT MAKE UP THE MORE TRADITIONAL HONG KONG WHEN HE WALKED THROUGH WESTERN AND VISITED CHINESE MEDICINE AND DRIED FISH SHOPS TODAY (FRIDAY).

FOR HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, WHO HAD JUST VISITED A JAGUAR CAR EXHIBITION IN THE LANDMARK, HIS WALKABOUT WAS A TRANSITION FROM ONE OF THE MOST MODERN TO ONE OF THE OLDEST PARTS OF HONG KONG.

HE VISITED AN AREA KNOWN AS THE NAM PAK HONG, WHICH HAS BEEN A BUSINESS CENTRE SINCE HONG KONG WAS FOUNDED AS A TRADING PORT IN 1842.

THE NAM PAK HONG IS A CLUSTER OF SHOPS ALONG A FEW NARROW STREETS OCCUPIED BY BONHAM STRANDS EAST AND WEST AND WING LOK STREET IN SHEUNG WAN.

THE NAME LITERALLY MEANS "SOUTH AND NORTH FIRMS" AND REFLECTS THE WIDE SCOPE OF BUSINESS IT HANDLES, STRETCHING FROM BEIJING AND TIENTSIN IN NORTH CHINA TO COUNTRIES IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA. THE FIRMS IN THESE OLD STREETS HAVE ACTED AS COMMERCIAL INTERMEDIARIES BETWEEN CHINA AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA. OVER TIME THEIR TRADE HAS EXTENDED TO EUROPE, AMERICA AND MOST PARTS OF THE WORLD.

THE NAM PAK HONG ASSOCIATION WAS FOUNDED IN 1868 IN BONHAM STRAND WEST, AIMED AT PROMOTING MEMBERS' WELFARE AND MARKET PROSPERITY.

THE UNITY AND SOLIDARITY SHOWN BY THE HONGS IN THOSE DAYS STILL EXISTS TODAY WITH METHODS OF BUSINESS STILL RELYING VERY MUCH ON TRUST AND PERSONAL INTEGRITY.

ON ARRIVAL AT SHEUNG WAN HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WAS GREETED BY MR. DONALD LIAO, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, WHO PRESENTED THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), DAVID LAN AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), MR STEPHEN FISHER.

THE PRINCE OF WALES SAW SOME OF THE HERBAL AND OTHER NATURAL MEDICINES THAT HAVE BEEN STOCK-IN-TRADE OF SHOPKEEPERS IN THE AREA SINCE ITS EARLIEST DAYS WHEN HE CALLED IN THE SHOP OF CHIU KWONG LEE CO LTD WHERE THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR CHIU KWONG-HOI OFFERED HIS ROYAL VISITOR TO TRY AND TASTE SOME KOREAN GINSENG AND CHIU CHOW TEA. MR CHIU ALSO EXPLAINED TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS SOME OF THE TRADITIONAL MEDICINES ON DISPLAY.

IN THE SHOP MR DAVID LAN PRESENTED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR. AMBROSE LAU HON-CHUEN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHIU CHOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR. LIU LIT-FOR.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS HAD FURTHER INSIGHT INTO CHINESE MEDICINE WHEN HE VISITED THE SHOP NEXT DOOR, PAK CHEONG TONG, WHERE MR LAN PRESENTED THE OWNER, MR. TSANG SAU-YUEN.

THE PRINCE OF WALES THEN WALKED ALONG BONLIAM STRAND WEST TO DES VOEUX ROAD, AN AREA KNOWN FOR ITS DRIED SEAFOOD SHOPS, AND CALLED IN AT TWO OF THEM, FOOK SHING HO (HK) LTD AND THE FORTUNATE SEAFOOD PRODUCTION LTD.

AFTER HIS HOUR-LONG STROLL THROUGH WESTERN, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS LEFT BY CAR FOR HMS TAMAR WHERE HE BOARDED HMY BRITANNIA.

AT NOON THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON BOARDED THE BRITANNIA TO BID FAREWELL TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS BEFORE THE ROYAL YACHT SAILED AT 2 PM AT THE END OF THE FOUR-DAY ROYAL TOUR.

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PRINCE OF WALES VISITS A HONG KONG LANDMARK

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JAGUAR CARS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN THE NEWS WITH TAKEOVER BIDS LATELY, CAME IN FOR SOME ROYAL ATTENTION WHEN THE PRINCE OF WALES VISITED AN EXHIBITION OF JAGUAR'S LATEST MODELS AT THE LANDMARK.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS TRAVELLED FROM HMS TAMAR TO THE LANDMARK BY CAR ACCOMPANIED BY THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER IN HONGKONG, MR. P.W. HEAP, WHO ACCOMPANIED THE ROYAL VISITOR ON HIS TOUR OF ONE OF HONG KONG'S MOST POPULAR SHOPPING CENTRES.

COMPLETED IN 1983, THE LANDMARK IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST SUCCESSFUL COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES. A 47-LEVEL DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF TWIN 42-LEVEL OFFICE BLOCKS, GLOUCESTER TOWER AND EDINBURGH TOWER, AND AN ADJOINING FIVE-LEVEL OFFICE AND RETAIL BUILDING, LANDMARK EAST, IT HAS A FIVE-LEVEL, SKYLIGHTED RETAIL ATRIUM AT ITS CENTRE.

THE ATRIUM, A POPULAR MEETING PLACE WITH HONG KONG'S SHOPPERS, WAS THE VENUE FOR THE JAGUAR CAR EXHIBITION VISITED BY THE PRINCE OF WALES.

THE NEW MODELS ON SHOW INCLUDED A SOVEREIGN 4.0 SALOON, A DAIMLER, AN XJS CONVERTIBLE, A JAGUAR 2.9 LITRE AND AN XJS 3.6.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE DES VOEUX ROAD ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING THE PRINCE OF WALES WAS RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON.

MR HEAP PRESENTED MR CHARLES MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF INCHCAPE PACIFIC; MR STUART ROBINSON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE JAGUAR HONG KONG; VISCOUNT ERRINGTON, MANAGING DIRECTOR INCHCAPE CHINA LTD; MR ROGER PUTNAM, SALES AND MARKETING DIRECTOR OF JAGUAR CARS UK AND JAGUAR CARS UK'S DIRECTOR OVERSEAS SALES, MR NIGEL HESLOP.

THE CAR EXHIBITION IS JUST ONE IN A SERIES OF COMMERCIAL, MUSICAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS REGULARLY HELD AROUND THE ATRIUM'S SPARKLING FOUNTAIN.

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THE ATRIUM'S RETAIL AREA IS THE HOME OF MANY FAMOUS INTERNATIONAL NAMES IN FASHION AND ACCESSORIES AND OTHER RETAIL TENANTS INCLUDE AIRLINES, RESTAURANTS AND A 930 SQUARE METRE (10,000 SQUARE FEET) SUPERMARKET.

WELL-KNOWN AS THE ATRIUM HAS BECOME, IT IS JUST A SMALL PART OF THE 113,500 SQUARE METRE (1.2 MILLION SQUARE FEET) OF PRIME COMMERCIAL, CENTRALLY AIR-CONDITIONED SPACE IN THE LANDMARK.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT LONDON
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT LONDON FROM NOVEMBER 15 TO 17.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO BRIEF THE NEWLY APPOINTED FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR DOUGLAS HURD, ON THE LATEST SITUATION IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNOR WILL MEET THE MINISTER OF STATE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, MR FRANCIS MAUDE, AND HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE. HE WILL ALSO CALL ON THE HOME SECRETARY, MR DAVID WADDINGTON.

SIR DAVID WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON NOVEMBER 14 AND RETURN ON NOVEMBER 18.

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DECISION ON NATIONALITY PACKAGE STILL AWAITED: CS
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET HAD A MINISTERIAL DECISION ON THE CONTENT OR THE TIMING OF THE NATIONALITY PACKAGE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED EXHIBITION, SIR DAVID SAID: "BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE SORT OF PACKAGE WHICH I OUTLINED IN MY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SPEECH WILL BE SOMETHING NEAR THE EVENTUAL PACKAGE WHICH COMES BACK FROM LONDON."

"WE'VE HAD THE VISIT FROM THE TEAM FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND THE HOME OFFICE. BUT THAT IS ONLY AT OFFICIAL LEVEL. AND I MADE REFERENCE IN MY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SPEECH TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WE HAD MADE ON BEHALF OF THE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATION." HE SAID.

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ASKED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT TWO MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY WERE REFUSED ENTRY TO HONG KONG. SIR DAVID SAID: "ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT WE ARE WORKING WITHIN OUR LAW IN THAT WE ARE ENTITLED AT ANY STAGE TO REFUSE ENTRY TO ANYONE COMING TO HONG KONG WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG."

THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT HE WOULD NOT COMMENT ON INDIVIDUAL CASES.

"THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LAW. BETWEEN LOCAL GROUPS WHO WISH TO SET THEMSELVES UP AS A SOCIETY OR AS A BUSINESS AND PURSUE A POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND A GROUP WHICH COMES FROM ABROAD.

"THERE IS, UNDER THE LAW. STRICTER CONTROL OF PEOPLE WHO WISH TO COME FROM ABROAD TO INDULGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN HONG KONG REGISTERING UNDER THE SOCIETIES OR THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE." SIR DAVID SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO ACT WITHIN THE LAW IN ALL SUCH CASES.

NOTING THAT IN EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE, DECISIONS WERE MADE ON THE MERITS OF THE CASE. THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THERE WAS NO BLANKET POLICY AFFECTING PEOPLE COMING INTO HONG KONG.

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CONSULTANTS SOUGHT TO PREPARE CHEK LAP KOK AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN A CONSULTANCY TO PREPARE A MASTER PLAN FOR THE NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK.

A NOTICE INVITING SUCH EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ALL NECESSARY STEPS WERE NOW BEING TAKEN TO ENABLE THE NEW AIRPORT TO BE OPENED IN EARLY 1997.

"THE MOST PRESSING AND IMMEDIATE TASK IS TO FINALISE THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN AND LAYOUT AND TO UNDERTAKE RELATED ENGINEERING DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDIES," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY RECEIVED A WIDE RANGE OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL FIRMS AND CONSORTIA INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE AIRPORT PROJECT.

"THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S GAZETTE NOTICE IS TO PROVIDE A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR FIRMS WITH THE APPROPRIATE SKILLS TO EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN UNDERTAKING THE MASTER PLAN CONSULTANCY."

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HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT SEEKING DETAILED PROPOSALS AT THIS STAGE.

"AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NEED CONTAIN ONLY A STATEMENT OF THE FIRM'S RELEVANT EXPERTISE AND PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH THE MATTERS TO BE COVERED BY THE MASTER PLAN CONSULTANCY.

"IN VIEW OF THE TIGHT TIMETABLE SET FOR THE OPENING OF THE AIRPORT IN 1997, CONSULTANTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THE CONSULTANCY VERY QUICKLY AND HAVE THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND RESOURCES TO DO SO.

"THEY WILL NEED, INTER ALIA, TO REVIEW AIR TRAFFIC FORECASTS, FIX THE RUNWAY CONFIGURATION AND RECLAMATION SIZE, DESIGN THE AIRPORT LAYOUT AND TRANSPORT INTERFACES, CARRY OUT A COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY, AND PRODUCE AN OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WITH COSTS," HE SAID.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION BEFORE NOON ON NOVEMBER 24 THIS YEAR.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL THEN DRAW UP A SHORTLIST OF POTENTIALLY SUITABLE CONSULTANTS WHO WILL BE ASKED TO SUBMIT DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR CARRYING OUT THE CONSULTANCY ON THE BASIS OF A PRELIMINARY BRIEF," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WE EXPECT THE CONSULTANCY TO START WORK IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 AND TO LAST NO MORE THAN 18 MONTHS.

"IN THE MEANTIME, THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROCEED URGENTLY WITH ALL NECESSARY LAND ACQUISITION, GAZETTAL PROCEDURES AND PRELIMINARY WORKS ON SITE," HE ADDED.

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INVESTMENTS IN MODERN MACHINERY AND PRODUCTION METHODS NECESSARY

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HONG KONG'S CLOTHING INDUSTRY, WITH ITS GOOD REPUTATION AND CONNECTIONS ESTABLISHED OVER THE YEARS, WILL STILL BE ABLE TO HOLD A POSITION THAT COUNTS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING COSTS AND HIGHLY COMPETITIVE OVERSEAS MARKET, CONTINUED GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY IN THE LONG RUN WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER IT CAN MOVE TOWARDS DIVERSIFIED DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCE HIGH VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS OF GOOD QUALITY AND FIRST CLASS DESIGN AND TAILORING, MEET MARKET DEMANDS AS WELL AS OPEN UP NEW MARKETS," HE SAID.

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MR CHAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A CONFERENCE ON THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY.

HE SAID THAT IN ORDER TO COPE WITH CHANGING NEEDS WHICH WERE IN THE MEANTIME GETTING MORE AND MORE COMPLICATED, LOCAL MANUFACTURERS SHOULD INVEST IN MODERN MACHINERY AND PRODUCTION METHODS TO INCREASE LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY, SHORTEN DELIVERY TIME, HANDLE SMALL-SCALE PRODUCTION AND IMPROVE ON QUALITY.

MR CHAN, HOWEVER, POINTED OUT THAT INVESTING IN NEW MACHINERY AND PRODUCTION METHODS WAS NO EASY DECISION.

"MANUFACTURERS SHOULD CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHICH SYSTEM WILL BEST MEET THEIR DEMAND. BOTH MANAGEMENT AND STAFF SHOULD MAKE CONCERTED EFFORTS TO ENSURE SMOOTH OPERATION OF THE NEW SYSTEM TO ACHIEVE THE BEST EFFECT POSSIBLE," HE SAID.

MR CHAN NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL SUPPORTIVE ORGANISATIONS HAD TRIED THEIR BEST TO HELP.

"THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL HAS RECENTLY SET UP A TEXTILE AND APPAREL DIVISION TO CO-ORDINATE SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED FOR CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS AND TO DEVELOP NEW SERVICES.

"THE COUNCIL ALSO JOINED HANDS WITH THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY TO SET UP A CLOTHING TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION CENTRE TO DEMONSTRATE TO MANUFACTURERS THE OPERATION OF MODERN SYSTEMS IN COMMERCIAL SETTING, TO INTRODUCE AND PROMOTE OTHER RELATED TECHNOLOGY AND THE ADVANTAGES OF ADOPTING NEW SYSTEMS," HE SAID.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT COMPANIES AND MACHINERY SUPPLIERS WHO MADE THEIR FAIR SHARE OF CONTRIBUTION BY PROVIDING A USEFUL TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES.

THE CONFERENCE, ENTITLED "THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY IN THE 90'S: TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS", IS STAGED TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR MORE THAN 300 TECHNOLOGY VENDORS AND USERS TO DISCUSS THE SOLUTIONS TO VARIOUS TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AND INSPIRE CONFIDENCE IN THE APPLICATION OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, THE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INSTITUTE (HONG KONG BRANCH), THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, THE TEXTILE INSTITUTE (HONG KONG SECTION), AND THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

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MORE JOBS FOUND FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

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SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT PROGRAMME, THE NUMBER OF DISABLED PEOPLE WHO HAVE OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT WITH PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANISATIONS HAS INCREASED 10 TIMES FROM 113 IN 1980 TO OVER 1,100 IN 1988. THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED" EXHIBITION AT NEW WORLD PLAZA IN TSIM SHA TSUI, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALSO PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT FOR THE DISABLED, AND OVER 3,200 HANDICAPPED PEOPLE WERE MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.

"THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR REHABILITATION PROGRAMME IS TO ENABLE HANDICAPPED PEOPLE TO DEVELOP FULLY THEIR CAPABILITIES.

"TO THIS END, WE HAVE SOUGHT TO PROVIDE THE HANDICAPPED WITH GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT WHICH REPRESENTS A CONCLUDING STAGE IN THE REHABILITATION PROCESS." HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID AS HONG KONG BECAME A MORE PROSPEROUS AND ADVANCED SOCIETY, THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLACING INCREASING EMPHASIS ON REHABILITATION FOR THE DISABLED TO HELP THEM ATTAIN THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE DEGREE OF INTEGRATION INTO THE COMMUNITY.

"IN PROMOTING THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME, WE HAVE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE DISABLED IN TERMS OF MEDICAL CARE, COMPASSIONATE HOUSING, BOARDING HOMES, REHABUS SERVICES, SPECIAL EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND SHELTERED WORKSHOPS.

"IN RECENT YEARS, WE HAVE ALSO MADE PROGRESS WITH TRAINING IN SPORTS, AND I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE HONG KONG TEAM HAS BEEN DOING VERY WELL IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS." HE SAID.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SUGGESTIONS IN THE PAST THAT HONG KONG SHOULD CONSIDER LEGISLATING FOR THE COMPULSORY EMPLOYMENT OF THE DISABLED IN THE FORM OF A QUOTA SYSTEM.

"WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT EMPLOYMENT SHOULD RELATE TO WORK ABILITY AND HAVE ADOPTED THE POLICY OF PROMOTING VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND ENHANCING THE AWARENESS OF EMPLOYERS THROUGH PUBLIC EDUCATION AND VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATION.

"THE POLICY HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE AND WE HAVE MADE MEASURED PROGRESS." HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY THANKED THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME.

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THE EXHIBITION, WHICH HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, WILL RUN UNTIL NOVEMBER 16.

IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID DISABLED PERSONS WERE ABLE TO UNDERTAKE SUCCESSFULLY A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS FROM THE UNSKILLED TO THE PROFESSIONAL LEVELS WITH THE HELP OF SUITABLE VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL AIDS.

MR HAMMOND SAID THE PROVISION OF A SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR THE DISABLED HAD LONG BEEN RECOGNISED AS A MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF HELPING THEM TO COMPLETE THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROCESS SUCCESSFULLY.

THE OPERATIONAL PHILOSOPHY OF THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION, HE SAID, WAS BASED ON THREE MAIN PRINCIPLES:

- * FIRSTLY, DISABLED PERSONS SHOULD ENJOY EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE ABLE-BODIED TO PERFORM SUITABLE WORK.
- * SECONDLY, EMPLOYERS SHOULD BE FREE TO TAKE ON DISABLED WORKERS OF THEIR OWN CHOICE AND DISABLED PERSONS SHOULD LIKEWISE BE FREE TO ACCEPT JOBS OFFERED AS THEY CHOSE.
- * THIRDLY, IN SELECTIVE JOB-MATCHING, EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE WORKING ABILITIES OF DISABLED PERSONS RATHER THAN ON THEIR DISABILITIES.

"BUT THESE PRINCIPLES WILL BE MEANINGLESS IF THEY ARE NOT ENDORSED BY THE WORKING COMMUNITY AND REINFORCED BY EMPLOYERS' READY ACCEPTANCE OF DISABLED WORKERS," HE STRESSED.

OBSERVING THAT PREJUDICE TOWARDS DISABLED PEOPLE WAS PRESENT IN ALMOST EVERY COMMUNITY, MR HAMMOND SAID THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WAS TRYING TO CHANGE THIS NEGATIVE ATTITUDE BY ORGANISING A VARIETY OF PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES ON A REGULAR BASIS.

"I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT, AS A RESULT OF THIS EXHIBITION, EMPLOYERS WILL BE APPRECIATIVE OF THE WORKING ABILITIES OF THE DISABLED AND WILL GIVE THEM A FAIR CHANCE TO SHOW WHAT THEY CAN DO," HE SAID.

THE EXHIBITION, WHICH IS BEING HELD FOR THE FOURTH YEAR AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, IS OPEN DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 6.30 PM UNTIL NOVEMBER 16.

VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE DIFFERENT EMPLOYMENT AIDS ON DISPLAY, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO DISABLED PERSONS AND THE VARIETY OF JOBS TAKEN UP BY THEM IN VARIOUS TRADES, PARTICULARLY IN THE COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES SECTORS.

THERE ARE ALSO LIVE WORK DEMONSTRATIONS BY DISABLED WORKERS, MOCK JOB-MATCHING BY COMPUTER AND A COMPUTER QUESTION-AND-ANSWER QUIZ ON UNDERSTANDING DISABILITIES.

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WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING STUDY COMMISSIONED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED A CONSORTIUM OF CONSULTANTS TO CARRY OUT A 15-MONTH FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

THE \$17.7 MILLION AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED TODAY (FRIDAY) BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR KWEI SEE-KAN, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONSORTIUM, MR RICHARD GARRETT.

THE CONSORTIUM WHICH INCLUDES MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LTD, ACER CONSULTANTS (FAR EAST) LTD, PARSONS BRINKERHOFF (ASIA) LTD, PYPUN-HOWARD HUMPHREYS LTD AND THE MVA CONSULTANCY, WILL COMMENCE WORK LATER THIS MONTH.

MR KWEI SAID THE STUDY WOULD IDENTIFY THE MOST SUITABLE ALIGNMENT AND CROSS-SECTION OF AN IMMersed TUBE TUNNEL CROSSING THE HARBOUR BETWEEN THE PROPOSED WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION AT YAU MA TEI AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

"RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE AS TO THE MOST SUITABLE INTERCHANGE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE TUNNEL AND THE EXISTING AND PLANNED ROAD SYSTEMS AT THE LANDFALLS." HE SAID.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE TUNNEL, WHICH FORMS THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF THE NEW ROUTE 3, IS PLANNED TO COMMENCE IN 1993 FOR COMPLETION PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK ON LANTAU ISLAND IN EARLY 1997.

THE STUDY WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT'S EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING SECTION WHICH WILL BE RETITLED WESTERN HARBOUR LINK SECTION, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR JOHN MICHAEL TURNER WHO WILL BECOME THE GOVERNMENT ENGINEER/WESTERN HARBOUR LINK.

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1.6M VOTERS ON GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL

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THE FIRST PHASE OF THE ANNUAL VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE WHICH CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 30 HAS ATTRACTED 22,661 NEW APPLICANTS.

THIS IS OFFSET BY A DELETION OF 31,911 ENTRIES DUE TO DEATH, EMIGRATION AND LOSS OF CONTACT, RESULTING IN A NET REDUCTION OF 9,350 ELECTORS.

THE REGISTRATION FIGURE NOW STANDS AT 1,594,698, WITH 1,023,606 IN THE URBAN AREAS AND 571,092 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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WITH CONTINUED MOVEMENT OF POPULATION FROM THE URBAN AREAS THERE WAS A NET LOSS OF 11,339 ELECTORS TO NEW TOWNS AND DEVELOPING AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM TODAY (FRIDAY) TO NOVEMBER 20 AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION.

"ELIGIBLE PERSONS WILL HAVE UP TO NOVEMBER 20 TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION SAID.

ELECTORS ARE ALSO URGED TO REPORT ANY CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS. FOR NOTIFICATIONS MADE BY DECEMBER 11, THE CHANGES WILL BE INCORPORATED IN THE FINAL REGISTER FOR PUBLICATION IN JANUARY 1990.

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HK CONCLUDES CULTURAL AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT IT HAS CONCLUDED A CULTURAL AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION DURING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE UP TO 41 MILLION YEN (ABOUT HK\$2.27 MILLION) TO THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEACHING AND AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT TO STRENGTHEN ITS JAPANESE STUDIES PROGRAMME.

THE AGREEMENT WAS CONTAINED IN NOTES EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR K.Y. YEUNG, AND THE JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL IN HONG KONG, MR YUKIO SATOH, AT A SIGNING CEREMONY HELD TODAY IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

ALSO PRESENT WAS THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR CHARLES KAO.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR YEUNG NOTED THAT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG HAD IN THE PAST RECEIVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE JAPAN FOUNDATION AND THE JAPAN EXPOSITION COMMEMORATIVE FUND FOR THE PROMOTION OF JAPANESE STUDIES.

"THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED TO GOOD EFFECT," HE SAID. "HOWEVER, JAPAN WOULD LIKE TO PROMOTE JAPANESE STUDIES MORE EXTENSIVELY HERE.

"TODAY, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS GENEROUSLY MADE AVAILABLE A FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL SUM.

"WE WARMLY WELCOME THIS AGREEMENT. THERE ARE GROWING LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN IN MANY FIELDS - IN TRADE, INVESTMENT AND IN TOURISM.

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"IT IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT TO HONG KONG THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRODUCE GRADUATES WITH A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF JAPAN AND THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE."

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR SATOH SAID: "IT IS MY TASK TO PROMOTE FURTHER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF HONG KONG AND JAPAN AND I HOPE THAT THIS GRANT WILL SERVE THIS PURPOSE."

PROFESSOR KAO WELCOMED THE AGREEMENT AND SAID HE WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE GRANT FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

HE SAID IT WAS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IN SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF JAPANESE STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY.

"THE ACQUISITION OF THE MODERN TEACHING AND AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT WOULD ENABLE JAPANESE STUDIES TO BE TAUGHT MORE EFFECTIVELY," HE ADDED.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY ON SUNDAY

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THE REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE CENOTAPH IN STATUE SQUARE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12) IN HONOUR OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

WREATHS WILL BE LAID BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES; THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON; THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL PETER DUFFELL; THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI LIANG YANG; REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS; COMMONWEALTH COMMISSIONERS; THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR GERRY FORSGATE; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 11 AM AND WILL END AT ABOUT 11.30 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS POSITION WILL BE SET UP TO THE WEST OF THE CENOTAPH. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE ENTRANCE ONE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING FACING STATUE SQUARE BY 10.15 AM SHARP TO COLLECT BADGES FOR ADMISSION TO THE CEREMONY. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ESCORT THEM TO THE PRESS POSITION.

PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV CAMERAMEN SHOULD NOTE THAT TELEPHOTO LENSES MAY BE REQUIRED.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE CEREMONY MAY BE SUBJECT TO SECURITY CHECKS.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN SEPTEMBER 1989, AT \$96,885 MILLION, GREW BY 7 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN SEPTEMBER 1989 RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT TO \$19,542 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER 1989. HOWEVER, RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 16 PER CENT TO \$30,435 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1989 TO \$49,977 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 8 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1988. OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT TO \$46,908 MILLION.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1989, AT \$838,946 MILLION, INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988. OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT TO \$163,928 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORT INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT TO \$254,788 MILLION. THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT TO \$418,716 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT TO \$420,230 MILLION.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1989 WITH SEPTEMBER 1988, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE NETHERLANDS, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND CHINA DECREASED BY 18 PER CENT, 17 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TAIWAN, JAPAN AND SINGAPORE BY 38 PER CENT, 9 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE USA, THE LARGEST MARKET, SHOWED NO CHANGE.

IMPORTS FROM CHINA, THE USA AND TAIWAN INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT, 21 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE TERMS IN SEPTEMBER 1989 OVER SEPTEMBER 1988. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, SINGAPORE, JAPAN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM DECREASED BY 24 PER CENT, 17 PER CENT, 12 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT AND 8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RE-EXPORTS TO THE USA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, SINGAPORE, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS IN SEPTEMBER 1989 OVER THE SAME MONTH IN 1988, BY 49 PER CENT, 46 PER CENT, 45 PER CENT, 33 PER CENT, 28 PER CENT, 22 PER CENT AND 17 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DECREASED BY 12 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, THE MARKETS WITH SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED TAIWAN (+22 PER CENT), JAPAN (+21 PER CENT), CHINA (+19 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+15 PER CENT).

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DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CANADA AND AUSTRALIA ALSO INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, THOSE TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT, 3 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE USA SHOWED NO CHANGE.

IMPORTS IN JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1989 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH THOSE IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM ITALY (+33 PER CENT), CHINA (+32 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+22 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+22 PER CENT) AND THE USA (+16 PER CENT).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE USA, CANADA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND SINGAPORE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS, BY 57 PER CENT, 50 PER CENT, 47 PER CENT, 46 PER CENT, 41 PER CENT, 34 PER CENT AND 29 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. INCREASES IN VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE ALSO RECORDED FOR CHINA AND TAIWAN, EACH BY 20 PER CENT.

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN SEPTEMBER 1989 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY DECEMBER.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, NOTABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$3.659 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1.118 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$1,076 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT) AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$841 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$1,141 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$454 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

TABLE 2 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE MORE NOTABLE ONES WERE CLOTHING (BY \$9,632 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$9,089 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$6,964 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$6,840 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$1.742 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT); AND RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$228 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, NOTABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$10,304 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$9,725 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$7,329 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$6,521 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$1,020 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT); AND RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$135 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE SEPTEMBER 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE ON SALE AROUND NOVEMBER 15 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1989 WILL BE AVAILABLE AT END-NOVEMBER AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	SEP 1989 (HKD MN.)	SEP 89 OVER SEP 88 (%)	JAN-SEP 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 89 OVER JAN-SEP 88 (%)
U.S.A.	6,832	*	52,061	*
CHINA	3,693	- 2	31,963	+ 19
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,182	- 7	11,443	- 4
U.K.	1,185	- 17	10,811	- 2
JAPAN	1,305	+ 9	9,591	+ 21
CANADA	520	*	4,761	+ 9
SINGAPORE	516	+ 7	4,267	+ 15
NETHERLANDS	336	- 18	3,479	- 3
AUSTRALIA	349	- 8	3,104	+ 5
TAIWAN	398	+ 38	3,063	+ 22

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	SEP 1989 (HKD MN.)	SEP 89 OVER SEP 88 (%)	JAN-SEP 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 89 OVER JAN-SEP 88 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	6,528	+ 7	51,291	+ 8
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,464	- 17	20,867	- 5
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,754	+ 2	14,285	+ 5

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ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,509	- 1	13,310	+ 4
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,470	+ 13	12,269	+ 10
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,384	- 16	11,984	- 4

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	SEP 1989 (HKD MN.)	SEP 89 OVER SEP 88 (%)	JAN-SEP 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 89 OVER JAN-SEP 88 (%)
CHINA	17,811	+ 23	142,979	+ 32
JAPAN	7,517	- 10	71,239	+ 8
TAIWAN	4,097	+ 6	38,400	+ 22
U.S.A.	4,376	+ 21	35,097	+ 16
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,838	- 24	19,845	+ 7
SINGAPORE	1,610	- 12	16,258	+ 22
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,023	- 17	10,299	+ 9
U.K.	985	- 8	9,801	+ 4
ITALY	698	+ 1	7,595	+ 33
SWITZERLAND	655	- 3	7,051	+ 7

TABLE 4: IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	SEP 1989 (HKD MN.)	SEP 89 OVER SEP 88 (%)	JAN-SEP 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 89 OVER JAN-SEP 88 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5,907	+ 13	54,230	+ 20

ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	4,610	- 7	42,703	+ 14
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,451	+ 45	31,772	+ 44
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,418	*	29,175	+ 31
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,641	+ 29	27,231	+ 34
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,256	- 1	21,638	+ 12

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	SEP 1989 (HKD MN.)	SEP 89 OVER SEP 88 (%)	JAN-SEP 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 89 OVER JAN-SEP 88 (%)
CHINA	8,114	- 12	78,346	+ 20
U.S.A.	7,412	+ 49	51,787	+ 50
JAPAN	2,089	+ 22	16,359	+ 34
TAIWAN	1,253	+ 4	12,160	+ 20
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	977	- 2	10,008	+ 14
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,130	+ 33	9,356	+ 57
SINGAPORE	918	+ 28	7,993	+ 29
U.K.	908	+ 46	6,615	+ 46
AUSTRALIA	528	+ 17	4,220	+ 41
CANADA	515	+ 45	3,946	+ 47

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COMMODITY DIVISION	SEP 1989 (HKD MN.)	SEP 89 OVER SEP 88 (%)	JAN-SEP 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-SEP 89 OVER JAN-SEP 88 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,645	+ 22	31,727	+ 30
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	4,750	+ 47	30,343	+ 51
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,882	+ 62	27,065	+ 56
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,765	- 1	24,882	+ 24
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,519	+ 24	19,579	+ 50
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,110	+ 22	9,715	+ 34

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CANCER THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN HK

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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT CANCER WAS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN HONG KONG, ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF THE TERRITORY'S TOTAL MORTALITY.

"OVER THE PAST DECADE, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO DIED OF CANCER IN HONG KONG HAS INCREASED FROM 5,978 IN 1978 TO 8,177 IN 1988," HE SAID.

MR CHAU WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE U.I.C.C. REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON "CANCER EDUCATION AT THE WORKPLACE".

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MR CHAU POINTED OUT THAT MANY CANCERS WERE CURABLE WHEN DETECTED AND TREATED AT AN EARLY STAGE AND THAT SOME WERE LARGELY PREVENTABLE.

HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF AN ENHANCED CANCER EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN HELPING TO LOWER THE MORTALITY RATE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THIS DISEASE. AND NOTED THAT THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY HAD BEEN WORKING HARD TO PROMOTE CANCER EDUCATION.

"IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, AFTER A REVIEW OF STRATEGY, THE SOCIETY DECIDED TO TAKE THE MORE AGGRESSIVE APPROACH OF BRINGING THE MESSAGE DIRECTLY TO WHERE THE PEOPLE LIVE AND WORK THROUGH A SERIES OF ROVING EXHIBITIONS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND FACTORIES," HE SAID.

"MANY PEOPLE SELDOM TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO SEEK HEALTH MESSAGE," HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID THE THREE-DAY REGIONAL WORKSHOP WOULD PROVIDE AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SHARING OF EXPERIENCE AMONG DELEGATES, AND A FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND KNOWLEDGE.

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS WHICH LIE OUTSIDE THE MAIN STREAM OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION SYSTEM HAVE A VERY SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS WENT A LONG WAY IN SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED PRESENCE IN HONG KONG OF A NON-CHINESE AND EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY WHICH HAD CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO MAKING HONG KONG THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CENTRE THAT IT WAS TODAY. MR LI SAID.

THE DIRECTOR WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1989 CONFERENCE OF THE CENTRAL EAST ASIA REGION COUNCIL OF OVERSEAS SCHOOLS. AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL.

APART FROM ENRICHING AND ADDING TO THE DIVERSITY OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION SYSTEM. HE SAID INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS ALSO HELPED TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON THE PUBLIC SECTOR OF EDUCATION IN THE PROVISION OF PLACES FOR CHILDREN INCLUDING CHILDREN OF RETURNED EMIGRANTS. WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND LOCAL SCHOOLS DUE TO LANGUAGE, CULTURAL BACKGROUND OR OTHER REASONS.

"AT A TIME WHEN HONG KONG IS SUFFERING FROM A BRAIN-DRAIN PROBLEM. THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS CANNOT BE OVER-EMPHASISED," HE SAID.

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CITING THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AS THE EXAMPLE OF THE GENERALLY KNOWN "INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS". MR LI SAID IT WAS ONE OF TWO SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG WHICH OFFERED AN AMERICAN TYPE OF EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN PLANNING TO PROCEED OR RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

OTHER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS ALSO OFFERED CURRICULA DESIGNED FOR SPECIFIC NATIONAL OR LINGUISTIC GROUPS.

THESE INCLUDED THE GERMAN-SWISS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, FRENCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, HONG KONG JAPANESE SCHOOL, INDONESIAN SCHOOL, NORWEGIAN SCHOOL AND SEVERAL OTHERS.

"THERE ARE ALSO SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION (THE ESF SCHOOLS) WHICH PROVIDE A BRITISH TYPE OF EDUCATION PRIMARILY FOR CHILDREN WHOSE FIRST LANGUAGE IS ENGLISH." MR LI SAID.

MR LI NOTED THAT. AT PRESENT, ONLY THE ESF SCHOOLS WERE SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ALL THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS WERE OPERATED AS PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

TO THIS END. HE SAID. THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO INTRODUCE A DIRECT SUBSIDY SCHEME WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS OR SO UNDER WHICH PRIVATE SCHOOLS THAT SATISFIED THE REQUIRED CONDITIONS WOULD BE GIVEN A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY ON A PER CAPITA BASIS.

"IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN HONG KONG. WE WOULD WELCOME APPLICATIONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS," MR LI SAID.

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TWENTY-TWO LIFE SAVERS HONOURED

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TWENTY-TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WERE COMMENDED TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR THEIR COURAGE IN SAVING 54 PEOPLE FROM DROWNING.

THEY WERE EACH PRESENTED THE RESCUE STAR, THE HIGHEST HONOUR FOR WATER RESCUE, BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB (HKLGC) IN REPULSE BAY, DR LEE SAID THE COMMUNITY WAS PROUD OF THE LIFE SAVERS' SELFLESS AND GALLANT ACTS. "THEY HAVE SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR US ALL." HE ADDED.

THE ANNUAL AWARD WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1962 TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN LIFE-SAVING OPERATIONS AT SEA. SINCE THEN, 787 PEOPLE HAD RECEIVED RESCUE STARS BEFORE TODAY'S CEREMONY.

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THIS YEAR RESCUE STARS WERE AWARDED TO THREE FISHERMEN, TWO PRIVATE CITIZENS AND 17 LIFE GUARDS FROM THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (RSD), THE OCEAN PARK, THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE AND THE HONG KONG SEA SCHOOL.

ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS, MR CHEUNG WAH, A FISHERMAN, WAS NAMED LIFE SAVER OF THE YEAR AND WAS PRESENTED THE TIEN HAU TROPHY.

ON JANUARY 13, MR CHEUNG BRAVED ROUGH SEAS TO RESCUE 10 CREW MEMBERS FROM A SINKING SHRIMP TRAWLER WHICH CAUGHT FIRE OFF SHANTOU IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

AS MR CHEUNG WAS AT SEA TODAY, HIS FATHER RECEIVED THE AWARD ON HIS BEHALF.

ANOTHER FISHERMAN, MR CHENG AH-FOOK, RISKED HIS LIFE IN SAVING EIGHT CREW MEMBERS FROM A GILL NETTER WHICH SANK IN WATERS SOUTHWEST OF THE LEMA ISLANDS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

MR CHUNG KUEN-HONG AND MR WONG KAI-LEUNG, BOTH RSD LIFE GUARDS AT LIDO BEACH IN CASTLE PEAK, RESCUED NINE PEOPLE AND SEVEN PEOPLE RESPECTIVELY DURING THE SWIMMING SEASON THIS YEAR.

THE HKLGC PROVIDED VOLUNTEER LIFE GUARD SERVICES ON 5,500 OCCASIONS AT BATHING BEACHES, SWIMMING POOLS AND VARIOUS WATER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY SOCIAL BODIES, AND A TOTAL OF 735 PEOPLE WERE SAVED FROM DROWNING.

THE CLUB CONTINUED TO PROMOTE YOUTH PROGRAMMES WITH 5,700 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN ITS SWIMMING COMPETITIONS, POSTER DESIGN CONTEST, PARADES AND TRAINING SESSIONS ON LIFE SAVING, CANOEING AND ACUPRESSURE.

"THESE PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES NOT ONLY CONSTITUTE VERY MEANINGFUL WORK, BUT ALSO ARE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE CLUB FOR SUCH EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENTS." DR LEE SAID.

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LAW UK DECLARED AS HISTORICAL BUILDING

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LAW UK, AN OLD VILLAGE HOUSE IN CHAI WAN, WAS DECLARED A HISTORICAL BUILDING TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE ANTIQUITIES AUTHORITY UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE.

SITUATED ON A SITE BOUNDED BY CHAI WAN ROAD IN THE WEST AND KUT SHING STREET IN THE EAST, THE "UK" (MEANING HOUSE) WAS ORIGINALLY OWNED BY A FAMILY BY THE NAME OF LAW, AND IS THEREFORE KNOWN AS "LAW UK".

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A TITLE DEED DATED THE 32ND YEAR OF THE EMPEROR QIAN LONG (1768) WAS SAID TO BE RELATED TO THE PROPERTY. THIS WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE HOUSE WAS MORE THAN 200 YEARS OLD.

UNTIL THE LATE 1940'S CHAI WAN WAS A FARMING AREA WITH SEVERAL LONG-ESTABLISHED HAKKA VILLAGES WHICH HAVE SINCE BEEN CLEARED FOR DEVELOPMENT. NOW LAW UK IS THE ONLY ONE OF THE ORIGINAL VILLAGE HOUSES LEFT INTACT IN CHAI WAN.

THE HOUSE ITSELF IS A TYPICAL MEDIUM-SIZED HAKKA-STYLE STRUCTURE WITH A MAIN ROOM, SIDE ROOMS STONE FOOTINGS AND GRANITE DOOR-FRAME, AND A TILED ROOF.

IN VIEW OF THE HISTORICAL INTEREST OF THE HOUSE, THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO RESUME THE BUILDING AND CONVERT IT INTO A FOLK MUSEUM, WHILE THE SURROUNDING AREA WAS RESUMED AT THE SAME TIME FOR DEVELOPMENT INTO A REST GARDEN. BOTH OF THESE WILL BE MANAGED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

RESUMPTION AND CLEARANCE OF THE SITE TOOK PLACE IN 1987. RESTORATION OF THE OLD HOUSE STARTED LAST YEAR AND HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

PROPERLY RESTORED IN THE TRADITIONAL LOCAL STYLE, LAW UK IS AN ATTRACTIVE BUILDING AND AN AUTHENTIC EXAMPLE OF EARLY HONG KONG VILLAGES.

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FACTORIES FINED FOR DARK SMOKE EMISSIONS
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED ALL FACTORY OWNERS TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN AND OPERATE THEIR FURNACES AND CHIMNEYS TO PREVENT DARK SMOKE EMISSIONS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT A FACTORY IN TSUEN WAN HAD BEEN FINED A TOTAL OF \$12,500 FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DARK SMOKE OFFENCES AND A DYEING FACTORY IN KWAI CHUNG HAD BEEN PENALISED \$8,000 FOR ONE OFFENCE. THE PENALTIES WERE IMPOSED IN THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY ON WEDNESDAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MAXIMUM FINE UNDER THE PRESENT AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (SMOKE) REGULATIONS WAS \$5,000.

THE PENALTY OF \$8,000 IN THE SECOND CASE HAD INCLUDED COURT COSTS OF \$3,000.

IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS, FIVE OTHER CASES INVOLVING EMISSION OF DARK SMOKE CASES WERE HEARD IN THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY. CONVICTIONS WERE ENTERED IN ALL CASES AND THE FINES IMPOSED, INCLUDING COSTS, EXCEEDED \$5,000.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MAGISTRATE HAD REMARKED THAT THE PRESENT MAXIMUM FINE APPEARED TO HAVE LOST ITS DETERRING EFFECT AND THAT THE COURT WOULD TAKE A SERIOUS VIEW OF SIMILAR REPETITIVE OFFENCES.

AT PRESENT, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, THE EPD WAS CONSIDERING PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (SMOKE) REGULATIONS WITH A VIEW OF TIGHTENING THE DARK SMOKE EMISSION LIMIT AS WELL AS RAISING THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR THE OFFENCE.

THE AIR CONTROL GROUP OF THE EPD HAD BEEN MAKING GREAT EFFORTS IN THE CONTROL OF AIR POLLUTION IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI TSING DISTRICTS SINCE THE DECLARATION OF THE TSUEN WAN-KWAI CHUNG AIR CONTROL ZONE IN JANUARY 1987, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 97 CONVICTIONS WERE ENTERED FOR DARK SMOKE EMISSIONS WITHIN THIS AIR CONTROL ZONE. THE FINES IMPOSED RANGED FROM \$1,500 TO \$5,000.

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VENTILATION OF FACTORY CANTEENS PUT UNDER CONTROL

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THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT OF SECOND SCHEDULE) ORDER 1989 WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO INCLUDE FACTORY CANTEENS IN THE LIST OF SCHEDULED PREMISES UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE.

"THIS WOULD PUT THE VENTILATION OF FACTORY CANTEEN PREMISES UNDER THE SAME STATUTORY CONTROLS AS OTHER SCHEDULED PREMISES LIKE RESTAURANTS, DANCE HALLS, FUNERAL PARLOURS, CINEMAS AND THEATRES, UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE AND THE VENTILATION OF SCHEDULED PREMISES BY-LAWS MADE UNDER IT," THE HYGIENE ADVISER OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, DR MOHAMED ALI, SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT THESE CONTROLS WERE NECESSARY TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO ENSURE FIRE SAFETY WHERE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE GATHERED IN A CONFINED AREA FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.

"PREVIOUSLY, VENTILATING SYSTEMS OF FACTORY CANTEENS, NOT BEING SCHEDULED PREMISES, WERE CONTROLLED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE AND THE BUILDING (VENTILATING SYSTEMS) REGULATIONS MADE UNDER IT. THEY SERVE MAINLY FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF ENSURING FIRE SAFETY IN SUCH BUILDINGS WHERE VENTILATING SYSTEMS ARE INSTALLED.

"THE AMENDMENT ORDER WHICH COMES INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT TODAY REQUIRES ALL FACTORY CANTEENS TO MEET THE SPECIFIED VENTILATION STANDARD OF PROVIDING AN AMOUNT OF 17 CUBIC METRES PER HOUR OF OUTSIDE AIR PER PERSON INSIDE THE CANTEEN," HE SAID.

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THE VENTILATING SYSTEMS WOULD ALSO BE SUBJECT TO COMPULSORY ANNUAL INSPECTION.

"OFFENDERS ON CONVICTION ARE LIABLE TO THE REVOCATION OF LICENCES OR A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

"HOWEVER, A GRACE PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS WILL BE GIVEN TO EXISTING FACTORY CANTEEN LICENSEES TO ENABLE THEM TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW REQUIREMENTS," DR ALI SAID.

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MALAYSIAN DELEGATION CALLS ON DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TODAY (FRIDAY) RECEIVED MEMBERS OF THE MALAYSIAN NATIONAL WELFARE COUNCIL WHO ARE ON A THREE-DAY VISIT IN HONG KONG.

THEY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

WHILE IN HONG KONG, THE DELEGATION VISITED A NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS AND FACILITIES RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES.

THE GROUP IS ONE OF TWO OVERSEAS DELEGATIONS VISITING HONG KONG TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON THE TERRITORY'S SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES WHICH HAVE TAKEN A GREAT STRIDE IN THE PAST DECADE.

EARLIER IN THE WEEK, ANOTHER DELEGATION COMPRISING SEVEN OFFICIALS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ALSO CALLED ON THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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KEEP HK CLEAN CARNIVAL IN EASTERN DISTRICT

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A THREE-HOUR CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD IN VICTORIA PARK ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12) TO PROMOTE THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN BY PROVIDING FREE ENTERTAINMENT TO YOUTHS.

THE HIGHLIGHT WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW WITH PERFORMANCES BY POP SINGERS MISS GINA LAM, MR ENGLISH TANG AND MR HUI CHI-ON.

THE CARNIVAL HAS BEEN CO-ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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IT WILL START AT 2 PM. OFFICIATING AT ITS OPENING WILL BE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN CHI-SUM; AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR MAN SAI-CHEONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN YOUTH CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12) AT THE VICTORIA PARK FOOTBALL PITCHES NOS. 4 TO 6. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN RALLY FOR YOUTHS

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MORE THAN 400 YOUNGSTERS FROM KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT WILL ATTEND A RALLY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

THE RALLY, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

PERFORMING AT THE RALLY WILL BE THE KOWLOON CITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND POPULAR SINGERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN YOUTH RALLY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND, OPPOSITE TO THE SUNG WONG TOI GARDEN.

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WAN CHAI CAMPAIGN FOR ELDERLY STARTS TOMORROW

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT CARE FOR THE OLD CAMPAIGN WILL START TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING WITH A CANTONESE OPERA NIGHT IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN WAN CHAI.

THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH IS HELD ANNUALLY IN THE DISTRICT, WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS BENEFITTING SOME 2,000 ELDERLY PEOPLE.

A LUNCH ON A FLOATING RESTAURANT, A PICNIC, A VEGETARIAN FEAST AND A CHINESE BANQUET WILL BE HELD FOR THE ELDERLY DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

OFFICIATING AT TOMORROW'S OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR MICHAEL PREW; AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT CARE FOR THE OLD CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 7 PM IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN WAN CHAI.

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MOCK DB MEETINGS TOMORROW IN SHAM SHUI PO

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FORTY PEOPLE FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE ROLE OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS IN TWO MOCK DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE FUNCTION HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND IS SPONSORED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD.

IT AIMS TO ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND TO HAVE A GREATER SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

DURING THE MOCK MEETINGS, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN DISTRICT BOARD PAPERS FOR REFERENCE. DISCUSSION WILL FOCUS ON THE COMPREHENSIVE CLEARANCE OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN THE DISTRICT AND A REPORT ON ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH.

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THE MEETINGS WILL BE CHAIRED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MR CHAN CHEE-SING AND MR TAM KWOK-KIU. THEY WILL GIVE THEIR COMMENTS IN A REVIEW SESSION AFTER THE MEETINGS.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH, AND HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH WILL ATTEND THE MEETINGS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RAISED BY "MEMBERS".

OFFICIATING AT THE FUNCTION WILL BE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK, AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MOCK SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS TO BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 6 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE HOLIDAY INN GOLDEN MILE HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI.

A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 3.45 PM DURING WHICH THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK, WILL ADDRESS THE PARTICIPANTS.

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TICKETS FOR LYRICS COMPETITION STILL AVAILABLE

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A LIMITED NUMBER OF FREE TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE FINALS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT'S CHILDREN LYRICS COMPETITION WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12) EVENING.

THE TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S THREE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES AT HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), AND IN BELCHER'S STREET, AS WELL AS AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, 36 WESTERN STREET.

THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH CHOIR, THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR, AND TWO TVB CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME ARTISTS, MISS LEUNG WING-LAM AND MR WONG CHI-YIN, WILL BE GUEST PERFORMERS IN THE ANNUAL COMPETITION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

AFTER TWO SESSIONS OF AUDITIONS, 18 CHILDREN FROM THREE SOLO GROUPS AND 41 OTHERS FROM SEVEN ENSEMBLE GROUPS WILL COMPETE IN THE FINALS.

PART OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL, THE CONTEST HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED PRIZES BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, THREE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR LAI KWOK-HUNG, MR PETER LEE AND MRS IRENE LEE, AS WELL AS BY OTHER GUESTS.

EVENTS IN THE THIRD WEEK OF THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE THE "CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OUR HOME PROJECT" AT FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY; "CARNIVAL ON THE THEME OF DEMOCRACY" AT FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY; "KITE-FLYING DAY" AT TAI O MUN, SAI KUNG, ON SUNDAY; AND A "HONG KONG AWARENESS COURSE" AT CARITAS YOUTH CENTRE, SHEK TONG TSUI, WHICH WILL BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 15 AND 30.

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ROAD SAFETY QUIZ PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TOMORROW

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A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO PRESENT PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS TO THE WINNERS AND SPONSORS OF THE ROAD SAFETY QUIZ WHICH WAS ORGANISED AS PART OF THE 1989-90 ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

THE QUIZ WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY COMMITTEE AND HONG KONG DAILY NEWS, SING TAO JIH PAO AND SING TAO WAN PAO TO REINFORCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE SAFETY CODES FOR DRIVERS, PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (TRAFFIC) OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, MR CHING KWOK-KOO.

FOLLOWING THE PRIZE PRESENTATION, OFFICERS FROM THE POLICE ROAD SAFETY SECTION WILL INTRODUCE A NEW ROAD SAFETY EDUCATIONAL VIDEO PRODUCED FOR THIS YEAR'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

THE 10-MINUTE VIDEO FEATURES FOUR DRAMATISED ROAD ACCIDENT CASES INVOLVING CHILDREN TO HEIGHTEN THE AWARENESS OF THIS GROUP ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY. THEY ARE REMINDED OF THE SAFETY CODES TO BE OBSERVED IN EVERYDAY TRAFFIC SITUATIONS.

THE VIDEO WILL BE SHOWN AT THE ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITION CENTRE AT 31ST FLOOR, UNITED CENTRE, QUEENSWAY; THE ROAD SAFETY PARK IN SHA TIN AND ON THE ROAD SAFETY BUS. IT WILL ALSO BE USED AS AN EDUCATIONAL AID BY OFFICERS OF THE ROAD SAFETY TEAM DURING THEIR VISITS TO SCHOOLS AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

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ALSO ATTENDING THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND VIDEO PREVIEW WILL BE AN ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MR Y.C. YEUNG, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, POLICE ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ROAD SAFETY QUIZ PRIZE PRESENTATION AND VIEW THE NEW ROAD SAFETY EDUCATIONAL VIDEO TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 3.45 PM IN THE TANG ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR, FURAMA HOTEL, CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL.

CROSS COUNTRY MARATHON IN TSUEN WAN ON SUNDAY

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ABOUT 150 RUNNERS WILL TAKE PART IN THE 11TH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL CROSS COUNTRY MARATHON ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12).

THE 14-KILOMETRE RACE WILL START AT 9 AM AT TSING LUNG TAU IN TSUEN WAN AND FINISH AT THE TAI MO SHAN COUNTRY PARK.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SPORTS FESTIVAL, MR CHUNG WAI-PING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE STARTING CEREMONY.

DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE TWISK MANAGEMENT CENTRE OF THE TAI MO SHAN COUNTRY PARK AT 10.30 AM.

THE MARATHON IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH-LONG SPORTS FESTIVAL. OTHER HIGHLIGHTS WILL BE TABLE TENNIS AND MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS BY TEAMS FROM CHINA AND A BOXING COMPETITION.

AN AEROBIC DANCE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING AND AN ARCHERY COMPETITION AT THE YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12).

PROGRAMME LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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THE SPORTS FESTIVAL HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FEDERATION OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION. THE BUDGET FOR THE FESTIVAL IS ESTIMATED AT OVER \$1 MILLION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL CROSS COUNTRY MARATHON ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12).

TRANSPORT TAKING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STARTING POINT AT TSING LUNG TAU WILL LEAVE THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AT TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING AT 8.30 AM.

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MORE FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES FOR WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS

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A NUMBER OF DISTRICT FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN WONG TAI SIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12).

THESE INCLUDE A SPECIAL TELEVISION PROGRAMME, A JOINT KINDERGARTEN GAMES DAY, A SOCIAL DANCE CONTEST, A CANTONESE OPERA SHOW, VARIETY SHOWS, A DISTRICT LONG RUN, A GUANGDONG-HONG KONG TABLE TENNIS EXHIBITION MATCH AND A TRADITIONAL CHINESE CRAFT SHOW.

TOMORROW, ATV-HOME CHANNEL WILL INTRODUCE THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT AND THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL IN ITS "MORNING LIVE WAVE" PROGRAMME. THE PROGRAMME WILL BEGIN AT 6.45 AM.

ABOUT 360 KINDERGARTEN PUPILS WILL TAKE PART IN A JOINT KINDERGARTEN GAMES DAY AT THE CHOI HUNG ROAD INDOOR GAMES HALL IN SAN PO KONG. THIS EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM.

A SOCIAL DANCE CONTEST WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM AT THE CHOI HUNG ROAD INDOOR GAMES HALL. WHILE A CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMED BY WELL-KNOWN ACTOR LAW KA-YING AND ACTRESS TSE SHUET-SUM WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL IN KOWLOON TONG.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE DANCE CONTEST AND TICKETS FOR THE CANTONESE OPERA SHOW AT \$20, \$40, AND \$60 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE LAST EVENT FOR TOMORROW IS A CIVIC EDUCATION VARIETY SHOW AT TSZ CHING ESTATE. ADMISSION TO THE SHOW, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM, IS FREE.

/SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES

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SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES WILL BEGIN WITH A DISTRICT LONG RUN. MORE THAN 150 ATHLETES WILL START OFF AT 9 AM AT FEI NGO SHAN ROAD. THE SEVEN-KILOMETRE RUN WILL FINISH AT JAT'S INCLINE.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A CHINESE TRADITIONAL CRAFT SHOW TO OPEN AT 2 PM AT THE CHUK YUEN ESTATE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.

LEADING TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS FROM GUANGDONG WILL COMPETE AGAINST TOP LOCAL PLAYERS AT AN EXHIBITION MATCH TO BEGIN AT 7 PM AT THE CHOI HUNG ROAD INDOOR GAMES HALL. FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

ALSO BEGINNING AT 7 PM, A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD ON THE PODIUM OF THE PHASE 2 MARKET OF CHOI WAN ESTATE.

MORE CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CLOSES ON NOVEMBER 26.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE ABOVE EVENTS OF THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

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VITALITY PROGRAMME FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN YOUTH

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A CENTRAL AND WESTERN "YOUTH VITALITY SHOW", SUPPORTING THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, WILL BE HELD AT THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK IN SAI YING PUN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12) AFTERNOON.

THE SHOW WILL COMPRISE TELEMATCHES, COLOURING AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS AS WELL AS PERFORMANCES BY SINGERS TSOI LAP-YEE AND TO TAK-CHEE.

ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE SHOW, WHICH WILL RUN FROM 1 PM TO 4.30 PM.

THE EVENT, INTENDED TO REMIND THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE TERRITORY CLEAN, HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN A CEREMONY BEGINNING AT 3 PM.

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AMONG THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL BE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR AMBROSE LAU; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MONICA CHAN; URBAN COUNCILLORS, MR CHAN TAK-CHOR AND MR CHOW WAI-KEUNG; AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR PETER LEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN YOUTH VITALITY SHOW AND PRIZE PRESENTATION AT THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK IN SAI YING PUN ON SUNDAY.

THE SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 1 PM AND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES WILL HOLD AN EASTERN DISTRICT RECRUITMENT DAY AND A PASSING OUT PARADE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12).

THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE RECRUITMENT DRIVE'S OPENING CEREMONY AND INSPECT THE PARADE.

THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM AT THE MORETON TERRACE PLAYGROUND, CAUSEWAY BAY.

A DISPLAY OF FIRST-AID EQUIPMENT AND PICTURES INTRODUCING THE ACTIVITIES OF AMS WILL BE STAGED AT THE VENUE. THOSE INTERESTED IN FIRST AID SERVICE CAN APPLY FOR ENROLMENT AT THE SITE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES RECRUITMENT DAY AND PASSING OUT PARADE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12) AT MORETON TERRACE PLAYGROUND, CAUSEWAY BAY. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM.

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CONTROL OF NEW ANTIBIOTIC

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A NEW ANTIBIOTIC CALLED "ENRAMYCIN" WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONTROL UNDER THE ANTIBIOTICS ORDINANCE WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

THIS MEASURE IS CONTAINED IN THE ANTIBIOTICS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS 1989 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

"IT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY THAT WITHOUT EXCEPTION ALL ANTIBIOTICS SHOULD BE CONTROLLED AS THEY ARE POTENT SUBSTANCES WHICH MAY PRODUCE HARMFUL EFFECTS AND RESISTANT BACTERIAL STRAINS UNLESS USED PROPERLY," A HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ENRAMYCIN" IS A NEW ANTIBIOTIC WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED SINCE THE LIST OF ANTIBIOTICS WAS LAST REVISED IN 1987 AND SHOULD ALSO BE SUBJECT TO CONTROL.

UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE ANTIBIOTICS ORDINANCE, ONLY QUALIFIED PERSONS ARE ALLOWED TO SELL, SUPPLY OR ADMINISTER BY WAY OF TREATMENT ANTIBIOTICS LISTED IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THE ANTIBIOTICS REGULATIONS.

"ANY PERSON WHO CONTRAVENES SECTION 4 COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$10,000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR 12 MONTHS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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MUSICIANS ARRIVE FOR YOUTH STRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

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TWO RENOWNED MUSICIANS FROM THE UNITED STATES. MS XIAO HONGMEI AND MR IVAN CHAN. ARRIVED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO TAKE PART IN THE 1989 HONG KONG YOUTH STRING MUSIC FESTIVAL ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE.

MS XIAO WON THE FIRST PRIZE IN THE GENEVA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION FOR VIOLA IN 1987.

SHE HAS ALSO APPEARED IN A NUMBER OF RECITALS AND PERFORMANCES WITH ORCHESTRA IN SWITZERLAND, BELGIUM, ITALY, GERMANY, JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

MR CHAN, A VIOLINIST, WAS A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA FROM 1977 TO 1980.

IN RECENT YEARS, HE HAS GIVEN PERFORMANCES IN THE UNITED STATES WITH SUCH LEADING ORCHESTRAS AS THE DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, THE CONCERTO SOLOIST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF PHILADELPHIA AND THE FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

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DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD, THE TWO MUSICIANS WILL GIVE DEMONSTRATIONS AND PERFORMANCES IN THREE CONCERTS TO BE STAGED AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL, THE APA DRAMA THEATRE AND THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM ON NOVEMBER 12, 18 AND 19 RESPECTIVELY.

THEY WILL ALSO CONDUCT A SERIES OF VIOLIN AND VIOLA MASTER CLASSES AT THE MUSIC OFFICE'S MUSIC CENTRES ON NOVEMBER 13, 15 AND 17.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE FESTIVAL CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 5-283257.

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CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER, DREDGING WORKS PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT A WAYLEAVE TO A TUEN MUN LANDOWNER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER FOR THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED EFFLUENT.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE SEWER, WITH A DIAMETER OF 250 MILLIMETRES, BE LAID WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 480 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN BEAULIEU PENINSULA AND PEARL ISLAND.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO INTENDS TO DREDGE WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,355 HECTARES OF SEABED FOR MARINE SAND AT SOUTH TATHONG CHANNEL TO PROVIDE FILL FOR RECLAMATION.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 9 NEXT YEAR.

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

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12) TO FACILITATE THE SERVICE AT THE CENOTAPH IN CENTRAL.

THE ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDE TEMPORARY CLOSURES OF THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS:

- * JACKSON ROAD BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD, AND EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM TO NOON;
- * CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL EASTBOUND BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE WEST AND EDINBURGH PLACE EAST WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10.50 AM TO 11.30 AM;
- * HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND BETWEEN HARCOURT ROAD AND ICE HOUSE STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10.28 AM TO NOON;
- * CHATER ROAD BETWEEN PEDDER STREET AND JACKSON ROAD AND ICE HOUSE STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT EXCEPT FOR THOSE VEHICLES REQUIRING ACCESS TO THE MANDARIN HOTEL.

THE FOLLOWING DIVERSIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 8 AM TO NOON UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED:

- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA EDINBURGH PLACE WEST, EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH AND EDINBURGH PLACE EAST FROM 10.50 AM TO 11.30 AM.

ALL BUSES AND HEAVY VEHICLES WILL USE THE NORTHERN LANE WHEN PASSING THROUGH THE QUEEN'S PIER CONCOURSE AREA.

- * WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON HARCOURT ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED SOUTH TO COTTON TREE DRIVE. VEHICLES WISHING TO PROCEED FURTHER WEST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE SLIP ROAD TO QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM THE ADMIRALTY MTR STATION WILL BE PERMITTED TO TURN SOUTH ONTO TAMAR STREET AND THEN TURN LEFT TO QUEENSWAY.
- * VEHICLES BEARING A MANDARIN HOTEL LABEL WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER CHATER ROAD FROM PEDDER STREET AND THEN TURN NORTH TO THE SERVICE LANE ADJACENT TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE HOTEL.

IF NECESSARY THESE VEHICLES WILL ALSO BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED SOUTH ON ICE HOUSE STREET TO REGAIN ACCESS TO THE SERVICE LANE.

- * DURING THE CLOSURE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL EASTBOUND BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE WEST AND EDINBURGH PLACE EAST FROM 10.50 AM TO 11.30 AM, EDINBURGH PLACE CENTRAL WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

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VEHICLES LEAVING THE STAR FERRY MULTI-STOREY CARPARK WILL BE DIVERTED VIA EDINBURGH PLACE CENTRAL, QUEEN'S PIER AND EDINBURGH PLACE EAST.

ALL PARKING SPACES IN JACKSON ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 12.01 AM TO MIDNIGHT AND THOSE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 12.01 AM TO NOON. MOTORCYCLE PARKING SPACES IN EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH WILL ALSO BE CANCELLED BETWEEN 12.01 AM AND NOON.

THE TAXI STAND IN EDINBURGH PLACE WEST WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TO 11.30 AM AND WILL BE RESITED TO THE EASTERN SIDE OF CONNAUGHT PLACE.

THE GREEN MINIBUS TERMINI FOR ROUTES 1, 1A, 3, 8, 9 AND 22 IN EDINBURGH PLACE EAST OR EDINBURGH PLACE CENTRAL WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TO NOON AND WILL BE RESITED TO THE NORTHERN SECTION OF CONNAUGHT PLACE.

CMB ROUTES 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 13, 15, 23A, 40M, 61, 64, 70, 75, 80, 81M, 90, 97, 260 AND 780, CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE 103 AND KMB ROUTE A2 WILL BE DIVERTED DUE TO THE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN 8 AM AND NOON.

GREEN MINIBUSES ON ROUTES 1, 1A, 3, 8, 9, 22 AND 28 WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED BETWEEN 10 AM AND NOON.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SAI YING PUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SAI YING PUN ON HONG KONG ISLAND FROM 8 AM TO 11 PM ON FOUR SUNDAYS (NOVEMBER 12, 19 AND 26 AND DECEMBER 3) BECAUSE OF TELEPHONE CABLE LAYING WORKS.

CENTRE STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY CUL-DE-SAC WITH ACCESS FROM DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

VEHICLES ON CENTRE STREET NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND WILMER STREET TO JOIN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE TERMINUS FOR CMB ROUTE 91 IN CENTRE STREET WILL BE RELOCATED TO EASTERN STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

ALSO, THIS BUS ROUTE ON ITS SAI YING PUN BOUND JOURNEYS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, WESTERN STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND EASTERN STREET.

EASTERN STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE MADE A 8 AM TO 11 PM URBAN CLEARWAY AND ALL PARKING SPACES ON THIS ROAD SECTION WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING THIS PERIOD.

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