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DELEGATION ACHIEVED WHAT IT SET OUT TO DO: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE DELEGATION HE LED TO JAPAN HAD ACHIEVED EXACTLY WHAT THEY SET OUT TO ACHIEVE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN SIR DAVID SAID IT HAD BEEN A USEFUL VISIT FOR THE HONG KONG/JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE.

"THEY HAD GOOD TALKS, REALISTIC TALKS ON WAYS OF IMPROVING TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN; AND ON THE POLITICAL LEVEL, THE OVERALL POLITICAL FRAMEWORK, THERE WAS VERY MUCH OF A WELCOME FOR THE HONG KONG TEAM.

"AND ONE GETS A SENSE OF WILLINGNESS ON THE SIDE OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, THE JAPANESE POLITICIANS TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN HONG KONG," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"THEY SEE HONG KONG AS A VERY USEFUL GATEWAY FOR TRADE BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND CHINA, AND WE WERE ENCOURAGING THEM TO THINK IN THOSE TERMS AND WE WERE ENCOURAGING THEM TO THINK LONG-TERM ABOUT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID HE CAME BACK WITH THE MESSAGE THAT JAPAN WAS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN HONG KONG AND KEEN IN THINKING NOT JUST SHORT-TERM BUT LONG-TERM AS WELL.

"THAT'S THE SORT OF IMPRESSION THAT I WANTED TO GET. I WASN'T GOING TO SIGN TREATIES; TO LOOK FOR BITS OF PAPER, IT WASN'T THAT SORT OF VISIT AT ALL.

"IT'S PART OF A LONG PATIENT EFFORT TO BUILD UP OUR TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AND TO GET THE RIGHT ATTITUDE BY LEADING FIGURES IN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL WORLD TOWARDS HONG KONG," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR NOTED THAT SINCE THE BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE HAD BEEN SET UP PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN IMPROVING THE BALANCE OF TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN.

"WE HAVE STEADILY BEEN IMPROVING OUR POSITION; STEADILY BEEN REMOVING SOME OF THE BARRIERS TO TRADE AND EACH YEAR OUR EXPORTS FOR JAPAN HAVE GONE UP," SIR DAVID SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE WEAKNESS OF THE YEN IN THE EARLY PART OF THIS YEAR MADE IT HARDER FOR OUR EXPORTERS: "BUT OUR BUSINESSMEN ARE DETERMINED TO WORK HARDER AT IT AND FIND THE RIGHT WAYS TO PROMOTE OUR EXPORTS."

THE GOVERNOR NOTED THAT THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST BY JAPANESE FIRMS IN HONG KONG'S NEW AIRPORT PROJECT: "WE HAVE, I THINK IT'S OVER 60 JAPANESE FIRMS THAT HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE AIRPORT PROJECT."

/SIR DAVID .....

SIR DAVID SAID THE JAPANESE WERE INTERESTED IN WHAT THE CHINESE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE AIRPORT WAS, AND WAS SOMETIMES PUZZLED BY IT.

"WHAT I WAS DOING WAS EXPLAINING TO THEM THAT WE ARE CAREFULLY TALKING TO THE CHINESE ABOUT THEIR ATTITUDE, EXPLAINING TO THE CHINESE WHY IT IS CRUCIAL FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE TO HAVE A NEW AIRPORT AND TO START BUILDING ON IT.

"AND TO EXPLAIN THAT THIS CAN BE DONE TO THE BENEFIT, THE LONG-TERM BENEFIT, OF HONG KONG AND WITH NO DISADVANTAGE FOR THE SAR WHEN IT IS SET UP IN 1997. QUITE THE CONTRARY," HE SAID.

"THERE IS A NEED TO EXPLAIN IT BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN SOME PUZZLEMENT OF THE CHINESE ATTITUDE, BUT IT'S SOMETHING WE CAN EXPLAIN AND I'M SURE GRADUALLY WE'LL ALSO BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN TO AND CONVINCED THE PEOPLE ON THE CHINESE SIDE," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID ALSO SAID THERE WAS A REAL NEED TO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH THE CHINESE LEADERS FOR THE SAKE OF HONG KONG AND FOR THE SAKE OF MAKING THE RIGHT SORT OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE.

"WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE OTHER COUNTRIES REMAINING IN CONTACT WITH CHINA, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT CAN BE HELPFUL TO OUR OWN PARTICULAR CONCERNS IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LONDON, THE GOVERNOR SAID IT WAS SOMETHING THAT HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR SOME TIME AND NOT AS A RESULT OF RECENT CHANGES IN THE CABINET IN LONDON.

"THE REASON TO GO IS TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. THEY HAVE A MAJOR DINNER FOR LEADING BUSINESSMEN IN LONDON AND THEY ALSO HAVE AN IMPORTANT SEMINAR WHICH I WILL BE SPEAKING AT," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD BE MEETING THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR DOUGLAS HURD, AND MAKING SURE THAT SENIOR MEMBERS IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WERE UP-TO-DATE ON WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN HONG KONG.

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD.

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#### REPATRIATION OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE

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THE FIRST GROUP OF 23 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE IDENTIFIED BY THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) AS BEING "NOT OPPOSED TO RETURNING HOME" BOARDED A PLANE FOR VIETNAM TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE REPATRIATION OF THIS NEW CATEGORY OF BOAT PEOPLE WAS AGREED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF VIETNAM, THE UNITED KINGDOM, HONG KONG AND THE UNHCR AT A MEETING IN HANOI IN SEPTEMBER.

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ALSO ON BOARD THE PLANE WAS A FURTHER GROUP OF 83 BOAT PEOPLE RETURNING TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

THE GROUP OF 23 RETURNEES UNDER THE NEW CATEGORY COMPRISES 12 MEN, FIVE WOMEN, TWO BOYS, AND FOUR GIRLS, MAKING UP THREE FAMILIES AND 15 SINGLE PERSONS.

THE GROUP OF 83 VOLUNTARY RETURNEES COMPRISES 25 MEN, 21 WOMEN, 23 BOYS AND 14 GIRLS.

THESE 83 BOAT PEOPLE ARE THE 42ND BATCH OF VOLUNTARY RETURNEES, AND THEY BROUGHT TO 5,829 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE WHO HAVE RETURNED UNDER UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME WHICH WAS LAUNCHED IN MARCH 1989.

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REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR'S STATEMENT

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, THE REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MR. CLINTON LEEKS, MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TODAY (SATURDAY):

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE DEPARTURE TODAY OF THE FIRST GROUP OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TO RETURN TO VIETNAM UNDER THE TERMS OF THE JOINT STATEMENT SIGNED IN HANOI ON SEPTEMBER 21.

"THE GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT DESPITE THE SMALL NUMBERS ON THE FIRST FLIGHT, THE UNHCR WILL BE ABLE TO BUILD UP MOMENTUM WITH THE NEW PROGRAMME VERY QUICKLY, THUS HELPING TO ACHIEVE THE EARLY RETURN OF ALL NON-REFUGEES FROM CAMPS IN HONG KONG TO THEIR OWN HOME IN VIETNAM."

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY FOR SEPTEMBER RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN SEPTEMBER 1990, ESTIMATED AT \$9,401 MILLION, INCREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1989 WHILE THEIR VOLUME REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

CHANGES IN VOLUMES OF RETAIL SALES REFER TO CHANGES IN VALUES OF RETAIL SALES AFTER DISCOUNTING FOR THE ESTIMATED CHANGES IN PRICES.

/THE INDICATORS .....

THE INDICATORS OF PRICE CHANGES USED FOR THE PURPOSE ARE THE RESPECTIVE COMPONENTS OF CONSUMER PRICE INDEX WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE BROAD CATEGORY OF GOODS IN QUESTION.

COMPARING WITH SEPTEMBER 1989, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS ROSE BY 34 PER CENT IN VALUE AND FIVE PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THAT OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT UP BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY 11 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS, HOWEVER, DECREASED BY THREE PER CENT IN VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME. THIS WAS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE DECREASE IN RETAIL SALES OF JEWELLERY AND WATCHES.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 22 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES IN DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 20 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 11 PER CENT IN VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WENT UP BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME. SUPERMARKET SALES ROSE BY NINE PER CENT IN VALUE BUT REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN VOLUME.

COMPARING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT IN VALUE BUT REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN VOLUME. FUELS WENT UP BY 19 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY EIGHT PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME, WHILE SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT UP BY FIVE PER CENT IN VALUE BUT WENT DOWN BY THREE PER CENT IN VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS ROSE BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE. BUT THERE WAS A DECLINE OF FOUR PER CENT IN TERMS OF VOLUME, MAINLY DUE TO THE DECREASE IN SALES OF JEWELLERY AND WATCHES.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT IN VALUE AND EIGHT PER CENT IN VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES SALES ROSE BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE AND FIVE PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WENT UP BY 10 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND SEVEN PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME, WHILE RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME.

COMPARING WITH AUGUST 1990, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR SEPTEMBER 1990 DROPPED BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF FUELS ROSE BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN VOLUME, WHILE THAT OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT UP BY SIX PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, BOTH "CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS" AND CONSUMER DURABLES DECREASED BY FIVE PER CENT AND EIGHT PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE AND SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS WENT DOWN BY FOUR PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SUPERMARKETS INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND FIVE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS, RETAIL SALES OF "CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS" AND "MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS" DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. DEPARTMENT STORES DROPPED BY 13 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 14 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR AUGUST 1990 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR SEPTEMBER 1990.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN AUGUST 1990 AND SEPTEMBER 1990 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF SEPTEMBER 1990 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR AUGUST 1990 AND WITH THOSE FOR SEPTEMBER 1989, AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF SEPTEMBER 1990 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 802 1258).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for September 1990 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$9,401 million  
for August 1990 (Revised Figure) = HK\$9,554 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES  
FOR AUGUST 1990 AND SEPTEMBER 1990

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	August	September	September 1990 compared with August 1990		September 1990 compared with September 1989		Jan.-Sep. 1990 compared with Jan.-Sep. 1989	
		1990	1990	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
<b>(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES</b>									
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)						
	Value	171	168	-3	-2	+11	+7	+10	+6
	Volume	125	121	-4	-3	‡	‡	‡	‡
<b>(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS</b>									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	170	179	+9	+6	+16	+10	+18	+13
	Volume	125	130	+5	+4	+5	+4	+7	+6
Fuels	Value	146	162	+16	+11	+41	+34	+21	+19
	Volume	125	126	+1	‡	+6	+5	+3	+2
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	182	173	-8	-5	+17	+11	+8	+5
	Volume	122	116	-7	-5	+3	+2	-4	-3
Consumer durables	Value	184	169	-14	-8	+27	+19	+13	+8
	Volume	131	121	-10	-8	+15	+14	+5	+4
Other consumer goods	Value	166	160	-6	-4	-5	-3	+3	+2
	Volume	122	116	-5	-4	-12	-10	-5	-4
<b>(C) BY SELECTED TRADES</b>									
(see note 1 below)									
Supermarkets	Value	218	231	+13	+6	+19	+9	+33	+18
	Volume	154	161	+8	+5	‡	‡	+11	+8
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	332	297	-35	-11	+26	+10	+17	+6
	Volume	203	181	-22	-11	+3	+1	-2	-1
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	138	130	-8	-6	+27	+27	+12	+10
	Volume	109	102	-7	-6	+18	+22	+7	+7
Department stores	Value	242	211	-31	-13	+34	+20	+25	+13
	Volume	167	143	-24	-14	+14	+11	+7	+5

NOTES : 1. In order to analyse the sales of certain trades WITHIN major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :

- (a) "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.
- (b) "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
- (c) "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
- (d) "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.

2. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.

3. "‡" denotes a figure within ±0.5.

COUNTRY PARKS ADOPTION SCHEME LAUNCHED

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THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB'S (CYC) ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTRY PARKS ADOPTION SCHEME IS COMMENDABLE AND SERVES AS A GOOD INDICATION OF THEIR HIGH SENSE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

THESE REMARKS WERE MADE BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, WHEN ADDRESSING MORE THAN 500 CYC MEMBERS AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE 1990/91 CYC COUNTRY PARKS ADOPTION SCHEME AT THE TAI TONG MANAGEMENT CENTRE OF THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK TODAY (SATURDAY).

DR LEE SAID APART FROM CARING FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT AND KEEPING THE COUNTRY PARKS BETTER PLACES FOR VISITORS TO USE AND ENJOY, THE CYC MEMBERS WOULD ALSO SET GOOD EXAMPLES TO OTHER VISITORS ON HOW THE PUBLIC COULD HELP TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY PARKS CLEANER AND GREENER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE SCHEME, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (ED), AIMS TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION AMONG STUDENTS AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH VOLUNTARY WORK IN COUNTRY PARKS.

WHEN THE SCHEME WAS FIRST INTRODUCED EARLY LAST YEAR, ONLY 10 SCHOOLS JOINED AND ADOPTED FIVE COUNTRY PARKS.

"OWING TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHEME IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, IT HAS NOW BEEN EXPANDED AND ATTRACTED 49 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IN THE CURRENT YEAR AND THEIR STUDENTS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO LOOK AFTER THE 10 COUNTRY PARKS OF ABERDEEN, TAI TAM, SAI KUNG EAST, SAI KUNG WEST, KAM SHAN, SHING MUN, PLOVER COVE, PAT SIN LENG, TAI MO SHAN AND TAI LAM," DR LEE SAID.

STUDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES SUCH AS LITTER COLLECTION, GRASS CUTTING, TREE TENDING, FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND TREE PLANTING IN THE PARKS.

THEY WILL ALSO PATROL THE POPULAR RECREATIONAL SITES ON HOLIDAYS, URGING THE PUBLIC TO KEEP THE COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN AND PREVENT HILL FIRE.

SIX SENIOR STUDENTS FROM EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL WILL BE APPOINTED AS JUNIOR PARK WARDENS AFTER UNDERGOING BASIC TRAINING ON PRACTICAL COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION AND WILL LEAD THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS IN VOLUNTARY COUNTRY PARK WORK.

DR LEE SAID THE PARTICIPATING STUDENTS WOULD SOON HELP CONDUCTING A COUNTRY PARKS VISITOR OPINION SURVEY.

"PARTICIPATION OF THE CYC MEMBERS IN THE SURVEY WILL ADD INTEREST AND VARIETY TO THEIR WORK AND WILL PROVIDE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THE VIEWS AND NEEDS OF COUNTRY PARK VISITORS AND WILL HELP US IN PLANNING FOR EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO MEET THE DEMAND OF OUR COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

DR LEE HOPED THAT THROUGH PHYSICAL PARTICIPATION AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR COUNTRYSIDE, THE CYC MEMBERS WOULD DEVELOP A SENSE OF RESPECT AND LOVE FOR OUR COUNTRYSIDE AND HAVE A BETTER KNOWLEDGE ON HOW TO PROTECT, IMPROVE AND MAKE GOOD USE OF OUR COUNTRY PARKS.

"IN TURN, THEY WILL SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TO THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, SCHOOLMATES AND FRIENDS SO THAT THIS MESSAGE CAN SPREAD WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH SUCH 'CHAIN REACTION'," HE SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD, MR CARLOS CHEUNG, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG HARBOUR, MR CHARLES LAM.

MR LI SAID: "IN RECENT YEARS, GREAT IMPORTANCE HAS BEEN PLACED IN ENCOURAGING OUR YOUNGER GENERATION TO DEVELOP A GREATER SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND IN THIS CONNECTION THE CYC HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION THROUGH PROVIDING NUMEROUS COMMUNITY SERVICES.

"THE CYC COUNTRY PARKS ADOPTION SCHEME IS JUST A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR CYC MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT," HE ADDED.

MR LI EXPRESSED SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE AFD, WHICH HAD WORKED IN CLOSE COOPERATION FOR MANY YEARS WITH HIS DEPARTMENT, FOR PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN FORESTRY WORK TO CYC MEMBERS AND FOR OPENING THE COUNTRY PARKS FOR THEM TO WORK IN.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG HARBOUR FOR THEIR STRONG SUPPORT TO THIS SCHEME BY MAKING A GENEROUS DONATION OF \$40,000 TO FINANCE THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

MR LI FINALLY THANKED THE HEADMASTERS AND TEACHERS OF VARIOUS PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THIS SCHEME WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AS WELL AS THE STUDENTS FOR ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS FOR EASTERN YOUTHS  
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TWO UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATES AND EIGHT SECONDARY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN NAMED THE 1990 EASTERN DISTRICT OUTSTANDING YOUTHS FOR THEIR ZEALOUS PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTARY WORK.

THEY ARE LAW STUDENT MR TAM CHUNG-KIT, SOCIAL WORK STUDENT MR CHAN WING-KIN, FORM SEVEN STUDENTS MISS LIAO WEI-MING, MISS LEE KOON-MEI AND MISS KENNIE WONG, FORM SIX STUDENTS MISS HUI LAI-CHING, MISS CHUANG HONG-MEI AND MR WONG KAR-MING, FORM FIVE STUDENT MISS TERESA KAM, AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENT MR MAK WAI-CHEE.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY, PRESENTED THE AWARDS TO THEM TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A CIVIC EDUCATION GALA NIGHT HELD IN THE SAI WAN HO CIVIC CENTRE.

CO-ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE AWARD SCHEME SERVES TO MOTIVATE YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 30 TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN SOCIETY.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, CALLED ON YOUNG PEOPLE TO ADOPT POSITIVE ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

HE SAID THE YOUNGER GENERATION SHOULD EARNESTLY GET INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD IN ORDER TO BUILD A BETTER HONG KONG.

THE WINNERS WERE SELECTED BY A FOUR-MEMBER ADJUDICATING PANEL COMPRISING CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON YOUTH, MRS ROSANNA TAM; EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; ASSISTANT EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS LINDA SO; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION WORKING GROUP, MISS CHAN YUEN-HAN.

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#### POLITICAL FORUM IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT TOMORROW

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RESIDENTS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A DISCUSSION ON THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF HONG KONG WITH LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR ANDREW WONG AND MAGAZINE EDITOR MR LEE YEE AT AN OPEN FORUM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

WHILE THE TWO SPEAKERS ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON "THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG FROM A POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE", PARTICIPANTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO EXPRESS THEIRS.

THE FORUM FORMS PART OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 2 PM AT 5 PM AT THE ABERDEEN PROMENADE.

ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION (SDPCE), THE CARNIVAL AIMS TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEM IN THE TERRITORY.

THE CARNIVAL WILL ALSO PROVIDE A NUMBER OF STALL GAMES ON THE VARIOUS CIVIC EDUCATION THEMES, AN EXHIBITION ON THE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT SYSTEM AND A "CIVIC EDUCATION CITY".

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS SO CHAU YIM-PING; A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MISS JUNIA HO; SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN; SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, DR JIMMY CHAN; AND SDPCE CHAIRMAN, MR LAI CHI-TONG.

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IN ANOTHER CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM THE SAME DAY, FINALISTS OF THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT IN PERSPECTIVE" CONTEST WILL PRESENT, IN SLIDES, THE FINDINGS OF THEIR STUDIES ON VARIOUS DISTRICT ISSUES.

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE.

ADMISSION TO BOTH EVENTS ARE FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TWO CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL" WILL BE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN PROMENADE, BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT IN PERSPECTIVE" CONTEST PRESENTATION NIGHT WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL IN SHEUNG SHUI TOMORROW

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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE SHOPPING ARCADE OF TIN PING ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY IN THE NORTH DISTRICT.

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY SINGERS, EXHIBITIONS, SLIDE SHOWS AND STALL GAMES. THE AIM IS TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE 1991 ELECTIONS. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE.

OFFICIATING GUESTS OF THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE, DR JOSEPH CHENG; NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI, AND NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR PANG HANG-YIN.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NORTH DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION DAY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 12 NOON AT THE SHOPPING ARCADE OF TIN PING ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI.

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VARIETY SHOW IN SUPPORT OF CIVIC EDUCATION DAY

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A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE TAI PO CENTRAL TOWN SQUARE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY.

THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY THE TAI PO CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND WINNERS OF LOCAL SINGING COMPETITIONS, A MAGIC SHOW, STALL GAMES AND A QUIZ.

THE SHOW IS THE FINALE OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE.

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES INCLUDING AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD; A SLOGAN WRITING COMPETITION, A YOUTH CAMP, A SEMINAR AND AN EXHIBITION HAD BEEN HELD DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

TOMORROW BEFORE THE VARIETY SHOW BEGINS, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD AND THE SLOGAN WRITING COMPETITION.

OFFICIATING WILL BE THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS YIU; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG; AND A MEMBER OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE, MR JUSTEIN WONG.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION DAY TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM AT THE TAI PO CENTRAL TOWN SQUARE.

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HONG KONG DANCE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY

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MORE THAN 600 SENIOR CITIZENS FROM 31 ELDERLY CENTRES WILL TAKE PART IN A "HONG KONG DANCE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY" AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE TODAY (SATURDAY) AND TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE FUNCTION IS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY, HOLY CARPENTER CHURCH, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE COMPETITIONS, CHILDREN DANCE PERFORMANCES AND AN AEROBICS DEMONSTRATION.

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A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON. OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD; AN URBAN COUNCILOR, MR PAO PING-WING; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR CHEUNG HON-LEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF LOK SIN TONG, KOWLOON, MR CHEUNG NIM-PING; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR CHAN NEI-YUE AND MR LAM MING; CHAIRMAN OF HOLY CARPENTER CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE, REV LO KWAN-HO AND CHAIRMAN OF KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY, MR LAU TAK.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG DANCE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE, HUNG HOM, BEGINNING AT 4.30 PM.

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#### AIDS WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

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A WOMEN'S WORKSHOP ON AIDS, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, AIMED AT ENLISTING SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION FROM WOMEN IN THE AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAMMES, WAS HELD THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

ENTITLED "PREVENTION OF AIDS --- A WOMEN'S MISSION", THE WORKSHOP ENABLED PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF AIDS WHICH WILL, IN TURN, HELP THEM IN THEIR WORK TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE AND IN CARING FOR HIV CARRIERS.

THE WORKSHOP WAS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS UNDER THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AIDS. IT FORMED PART OF THE ACTIVITIES BEING HELD IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S WORLD AIDS DAY, THE THEME OF WHICH IS "AIDS AND WOMEN".

AMONG THOSE WHO TOOK PART WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GOVERNMENT, COMMERCIAL AND SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MRS PEGGY LAM, CALLED UPON WOMEN TO HELP COMBAT AIDS.

"ALTHOUGH HIV INFECTION IS STILL RELATIVELY UNCOMMON AMONG WOMEN IN HONG KONG," SHE SAID, "WOMEN SHOULD HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUE AND HELP TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON AIDS TO THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES."

MRS LAM ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF AIDS, NOTING THAT THERE IS NO EFFECTIVE VACCINES OR CURE OF THE DISEASE.

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SPEAKERS AT THE WORKSHOP INCLUDED A LOCAL ARTISTE, A SCHOOL HEADMASTER, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

THEY SPOKE ON TOPICS INCLUDING THE "IMPACT OF AIDS ON WOMEN", "EFFECT OF THE DISEASE ON SOCIETY" AND "EDUCATION AND PREVENTION OF AIDS".

THE TALKS WERE FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSIONS WHICH WERE DESCRIBED BY PARTICIPANTS AS "VERY USEFUL". PARTICIPANTS ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING A PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY AND A VIDEO SHOW ON AIDS.

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#### CONSTRUCTION OF SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHAU KEI WAN FOOTHILLS SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR AND THE LAYING OF ASSOCIATED WATERMANS IN THE AREA.

ON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, SALT WATER SUPPLY FOR FLUSHING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE LOW LEVEL AREAS IN SHAU KEI WAN.

THE PROPOSED SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 3,800 CUBIC METRES AND ABOUT 5,500 METRES OF WATERMANS WILL BE LAID WITHIN SHAU KEI WAN AREAS.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR TENDER SUBMISSION IS NOON ON DECEMBER 21.

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