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HONG KONG DETERMINED TO BUILD PROSPEROUS FUTURE: GOVERNOR

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HONG KONG IS ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED TO OVERCOME WHATEVER PROBLEMS. PAST AND FUTURE, AND BUILD UP THE TERRITORY AS A PROSPEROUS PLACE FOR THE LONG-TERM FUTURE; THAT IS THE MESSAGE THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL PUT ACROSS DURING HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT TONIGHT (FRIDAY), SIR DAVID SAID HE WANTED TO PUT ACROSS THIS MESSAGE AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. I'M SEEING THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR BAKER, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

"I'M MEETING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHER INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID FROM THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL HE WOULD BE GOING TO LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO WHERE THERE WERE LARGE ETHNIC CHINESE COMMUNITIES WITH VERY CLOSE CONNECTIONS TO HONG KONG.

"I'LL BE PUTTING ACROSS THE SAME MESSAGE THERE ON THE WEST COAST." HE SAID.

ASKED IF HE WOULD TRY TO CONVINCE THE UNITED STATES ON MANDATORY REPATRIATION, SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD TRY TO EXPLAIN THE WHOLE PROBLEM ABOUT VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

"THE WAY IN WHICH IT'S CHANGED OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, WHICH SOME PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES DON'T UNDERSTAND.

"IT'S CHANGED FROM GENUINE REFUGEES TO PEOPLE WHO ARE NO LONGER, MANY OF THEM, GENUINE REFUGEES.

"AND OUR NEED TO FOLLOW THE LOGIC OF WHAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS DECIDED, THAT IS IF YOU'RE GOING TO SCREEN AND FIND THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE NOT REFUGEES, YOU MUST FIND A WAY TO SEND THEM HOME BACK TO VIETNAM, PEOPLE WHO ARE SCREENED OUT AS NOT BEING REFUGEES," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE UNITED KINGDOM/HONG KONG TEAM WOULD BE PUTTING ACROSS EXACTLY THE SAME MESSAGE IN A STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES TO BE HELD IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK.

COMMENTING ON A REFERENCE TO HIS LAST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN THE STOCK MARKET CRASHED, SIR DAVID SAID THIS TIME HE WOULD BE ABLE TO SAY THAT ALL THE CORRECTIVE MEASURES HAD BEEN PUT IN PLACE AND THESE MEASURES HAD PROVED EFFECTIVE WHEN HONG KONG CAME UNDER PRESSURE IN JUNE.

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"SO THAT'S RATHER A POSITIVE MESSAGE WHICH I CAN GET OUT OF SOMETHING NEGATIVE THAT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS LAST IN THE UNITED STATES," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR IS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT BY LADY WILSON.

THEY WERE SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD; ACTING SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MISS MARIA TAM, AND THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE.

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BILL OF RIGHTS WILL HAVE PRIMACY: AG

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE BILL OF RIGHTS WILL BE SUPREME OVER ALL LAWS MADE BY THE HONG KONG LEGISLATURE.

"THIS MEANS THAT ANY LAW OR PRACTICE WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH IT WILL BE INEFFECTIVE.

"THE BILL OF RIGHTS WILL BE THE YARDSTICK BY WHICH ALL OTHER LAWS WILL BE MEASURED," HE SAID.

MR MATHEWS WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE BILL OF RIGHTS WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY JULY NEXT YEAR.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, SAID A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ISSUES HAD TO BE CONSIDERED BEFORE A WHITE BILL WAS ISSUED FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

"THESE INCLUDE THE FORM OF ENTRENCHMENT, THE DURATION OF THE 'FREEZE PERIOD' FOR PRE-EXISTING LEGISLATION AND THE FORMS OF REDRESS AVAILABLE TO PLAINTIFFS," MR SUEN SAID.

ELABORATING ON SOME OF THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE BILL, MR MATHEWS SAID ONE OF THE MATTERS THAT HAD TO BE CONSIDERED BEFORE THE PUBLICATION OF A WHITE BILL WAS THE IMPACT OF A BILL OF RIGHTS ON EXISTING LEGISLATION.

MR MATHEWS SAID: "IN THIS RESPECT, THE ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERED A NUMBER OF OPTIONS.

"ONE WAS TO DEFER THE COMMENCEMENT OF A BILL WHILE A COMPLETE REVIEW OF EXISTING LEGISLATION WAS CONDUCTED. THIS WOULD BE VERY TIME CONSUMING.

"WE DO NOT THINK THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE TO WAIT SO LONG.

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"WE THEREFORE OPTED FOR A QUICKER INTRODUCTION OF A BILL OF RIGHTS BUT WITH A TRANSITION PERIOD FOR A REVIEW OF EXISTING LEGISLATION TO BE CARRIED OUT. THE OBJECT OF THIS EXERCISE IS TO REMOVE UNCERTAINTIES IN EXISTING LEGISLATION.

"I SHOULD POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THIS TRANSITION PERIOD WILL NOT APPLY TO NEW LEGISLATION ENACTED AFTER THE PASSAGE OF A BILL OF RIGHTS."

ON THE QUESTION OF ENTRENCHING THE BILL OF RIGHTS, MR MATHEWS SAID THE PRECISE METHOD OF ENTRENCHMENT WAS A MATTER WHICH REQUIRED SPECIAL ATTENTION AND A DECISION WOULD BE MADE SOON.

HE EXPLAINED THAT ENTRENCHMENT MEANT ENACTING THE BILL IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENSURE THAT THE JUDICIARY ACCORDED IT PRIMACY AND WOULD STRIVE TO INTERPRET ALL OTHER HONG KONG LAWS AND PRACTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH IT.

AS ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION, THE BILL OF RIGHTS WOULD GIVE EFFECT IN LOCAL LAW TO THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, MR SUEN SAID.

"THE BILL WILL BE A STATEMENT OF RIGHTS CAPABLE OF BEING PROTECTED AND ENFORCED BY AN INDIVIDUAL THROUGH ACTION IN THE COURTS.

"THIS MEANS THAT ANYONE WHO CLAIMS THAT THEIR CIVIL OR POLITICAL RIGHTS, AS DEFINED IN THE COVENANT, HAVE BEEN VIOLATED WILL BE ABLE TO SEEK REDRESS IN THE COURTS," HE ADDED.

MR SUEN POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD SAID THE BILL WOULD PROVIDE FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD AFTER ENACTMENT DURING WHICH IT WOULD NOT OVERRIDE EXISTING LEGISLATION.

"THE DURATION WOULD BE DECIDED LATER, ONCE THE REIVEW OF EXISTING LEGISLATION IS FURTHER ADVANCED.

"THE PURPOSE OF THIS 'FREEZE PERIOD' IS TO ALLOW TIME TO CONSIDER THE NECESSITY FOR AMENDING EXISTING LEGISLATION, SO AS TO REMOVE ANY UNCERTAINTIES," MR SUEN SAID.

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OLD AGE - GOLDEN PHASE OF LIFE
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OLD AGE CAN BE VIEWED AS A GOLDEN PERIOD OF LIFE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE FOURTH SPEECH CONTEST FOR THE ELDERLY ORGANISED BY YAN OI TONG, MRS GOOSTADT SHARED THE VIEW THAT ELDERLY PEOPLE CONTINUED TO CONTRIBUTE IN MANY AREAS TO THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

"OLD AGE CAN BE VIEWED IN THIS TRUE CONTEXT: AS A GOLDEN PERIOD, A PHASE WHICH WE SHOULD WELCOME RATHER THAN DREAD, A TIME IN OUR LIVES IN WHICH WE CAN LIVE MORE FULLY AND MEANINGFULLY THAN WHEN WE ARE FACING THE STRUGGLES OF PARENTHOOD AND THE BURDEN OF A CAREER.

"OUR COMMUNITY HAS TO LEARN TO THINK OF OLD AGE IN CONSTRUCTIVE TERMS.

"OUR ELDERLY WILL THEN BE PERCEIVED AS ASSETS WHO CAN ENRICH THEIR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY GENERALLY BECAUSE OF THEIR FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES," SHE SAID.

MRS GOODSTADT SAID THE ELDERLY PROVIDED A NECESSARY BALANCE FOR SOCIETY, BEING THE ONE LARGE GROUP WHOSE MAIN EMPHASIS WAS NO LONGER ON ECONOMIC GOALS OR PROVIDING FOR THE DAILY NECESSITIES FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

"THEY HAVE TIME FOR FRIENDSHIP, TO CONTEMPLATE THE WIDER MEANING OF LIFE AND THE VALUE OF PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS."

SHE EXPLAINED THAT OLD AGE COVERED A SPAN OF SOME 25 YEARS FROM THE 60'S WELL INTO THE 80'S.

IN THIS RESPECT, PERSONS IN THEIR 60'S AND 70'S WERE IN FACT STILL RELATIVELY YOUNG AND IT DID NOT MAKE SENSE TO DISMISS THIS GROUP AS LIMITED IN THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ABILITIES, SHE SAID.

"THEY HAVE AS MANY TALENTS AS THE AVERAGE ADULT POPULATION AND THEIR INTERESTS AND HOBBIES ARE JUST AS WIDE.

"THEY HAVE EVERY REASON TO CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE IN DRAMA, DEBATE, SPORTS AND CULTURAL PURSUITS.

"THE MAJORITY OF THE ELDERLY HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS. THEY ENJOY AMPLE FREE TIME AT THIS STAGE OF THEIR LIVES AND THEY HAVE THE LEISURE TO CULTIVATE THEIR PERSONAL INTERESTS."

MRS GOODSTADT SAID BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WERE WORKING TOWARDS PROVIDING MORE DAY ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY INCLUDING SOCIAL AND MULTI-SERVICES CENTRES.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 106 SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY AND 14 MULTI-SERVICES CENTRES WITH A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF NEARLY 40,000.

PARTICIPANTS IN THEIR PROGRAMMES ARE ABOUT 100,000 A MONTH.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THESE FACILITIES WOULD BE INCREASED TO 174.

MRS GOODSTADT COMMENDED YAN OI TONG FOR SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE BY PROVIDING THE IMPETUS FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES AND THE AVENUES FOR THE ELDERLY TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES.

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IVORY CONTROLS TIGHTENED UP FURTHER

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HONG KONG'S CONTROLS ON THE IVORY TRADE WILL BE TIGHTENED UP FURTHER WITH LICENSING REQUIREMENTS BEING EXTENDED TO COVER THE POSSESSION AND EXPORT OF ALL IVORY FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) (EXEMPTION) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1989, UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE, TO THIS EFFECT WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE NEW CONTROL MEASURES, LICENCES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE POSSESSION OF ANY RAW OR WORKED IVORY AS WELL AS THE EXPORT OF WORKED IVORY.

HOWEVER, THE POSSESSION AND EXPORT OF MANUFACTURED IVORY PRODUCTS WEIGHING NOT MORE THAN FIVE KILOGRAMS AND WHICH ARE NOT INTENDED FOR COMMERCIAL USE WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

"THE NEW MEASURES ARE THE LATEST MOVE BY HONG KONG TO HELP CONSERVE THE ELEPHANT SPECIES WHOSE POPULATION HAD RAPIDLY DECLINED OVER THE PAST DECADE," THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR FRANK LAU, SAID.

MR LAU EXPLAINED THAT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES), THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF RAW AND SIMPLY PREPARED IVORY HAD ALWAYS BEEN UNDER STRICT LICENSING CONTROL IN HONG KONG.

ON AUGUST 5 LAST YEAR, THE CONTROL ON IMPORT WAS UPGRADED TO INCLUDE WORKED IVORY AND, TO DEMONSTRATE HONG KONG'S SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO SAVE THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT FROM CONTINUED DECLINE, A MORATORIUM HAD BEEN IMPOSED ON THE IMPORT OF RAW IVORY SINCE JUNE 16 THIS YEAR.

HE SAID WHETHER THE IMPORT BAN WOULD BE LIFTED WOULD DEPEND ON THE OUTCOME OF THE CITES CONFERENCE NOW BEING HELD IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND.

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW CURBS, HONG KONG'S LICENSING CONTROL SYSTEM WILL COVER IMPORT, POSSESSION AS WELL AS EXPORT OF ALL COMMERCIAL IVORY.

"THE ONLY EXEMPTION FROM IMPORT CONTROLS ARE WORKED IVORY FOR PERSONAL USE WEIGHING NOT MORE THAN ONE KILOGRAM, WHILE THE ONLY EXEMPTION FROM EXPORT AND POSSESSION CONTROLS ARE WORKED IVORY FOR PERSONAL USE WEIGHING NOT MORE THAN FIVE KILOGRAMS," MR LAU CONTINUED.

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HE SAID THE NEW MEASURES WOULD GIVE LEGAL BACKING TO THE DEPARTMENT'S BID TO REGISTER ALL EXISTING IVORY STOCKS AND TO SET UP A COMPUTER BASE TO MONITOR THEIR MOVEMENT. THE DRIVE WAS AIMED AT DETERRING IVORY SMUGGLING AND PREVENTING NEW IVORY OF DUBIOUS ORIGIN FROM ENTERING THE MARKET.

MR LAU ADVISED THAT ANY PERSON WHO WAS IN POSSESSION OF WORKED IVORY OVER FIVE KILOGRAMS OR ANY RAW IVORY SHOULD APPLY FOR A POSSESSION LICENCE FROM HIS DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN ANY EVENT NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 12, 1990.

"AND ANYONE WHO WISHES TO EXPORT WORKED IVORY SHOULD APPLY FOR AN EXPORT LICENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE SHIPMENT IS EFFECTED. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION MAY, HOWEVER, BE GIVEN TO PERSONS WHO HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXPORTING WORKED IVORY BEFORE OCTOBER 27 THIS YEAR," HE POINTED OUT.

HE ADDED THAT APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY VALID DOCUMENTS INCLUDING HONG KONG IMPORT LICENCES, EXPORT PERMITS FROM THE COUNTRIES OF EXPORT AND OTHER DOCUMENTARY PROOF SHOWING THAT THE IVORY WAS ACQUIRED FROM A CITES-APPROVED SOURCE.

MR LAU ADVISED THAT THE IMPORT, POSSESSION OR EXPORT OF IVORY WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE IS AN OFFENCE WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25,000 PLUS MANDATORY FORFEITURE OF THE IVORY CONCERNED. THE PENALTY FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE IS A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE NEW CONTROL MEASURES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S FAUNA CONSERVATION SECTION ON TEL. 3-7332117 OR 3-7332122.

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HK'S GARMENT INDUSTRY GOING THROUGH TRANSITION

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HONG KONG'S GARMENT INDUSTRY IS GOING THROUGH A TRANSITION AND IS READJUSTING ITSELF FROM MASS PRODUCTION OF LOW-END PRODUCTS TO HIGHER-VALUE-ADDED OUTPUT, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE THIRD WORLD APPAREL EXPO, MR SZE SAID AN INCREASING AWARENESS, AND WIDER APPLICATION, OF AUTOMATION, PLUS A GROWING SOPHISTICATION IN QUALITY AND DESIGN HAD ENABLED LOCAL MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS ALIKE TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE FAST CHANGING NEEDS OF A FASHION-LED CONSUMER MARKET.

"THESE, COUPLED WITH THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT SO CHARACTERISTIC OF HONG KONG, HAVE PUT THE TERRITORY FIRMLY ON THE MAP AS A TRADE CENTRE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FASHION INDUSTRY IN ITS OWN RIGHT," HE SAID.

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MR SZE SAID ALTHOUGH HONG KONG HAD HAD SOME SUCCESS IN RECENT YEARS IN DIVERSIFYING ITS MANUFACTURING BASE, GARMENT STILL CONSTITUTED AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE TERRITORY'S EXPORTS.

HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST GARMENT EXPORTERS. IN 1988, HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF GARMENT AMOUNTED TO \$67.3 BILLION, REPRESENTING 31 PER CENT OF ITS OVERALL DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

THE GARMENT INDUSTRY CURRENTLY EMPLOYS SOME 280,000 WORKERS, EQUIVALENT TO ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT IN HONG KONG.

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JUNE EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS RELEASED

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THERE WERE 824,300 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN JUNE 1989, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 5.1 PER CENT IN COMPARISON WITH JUNE 1988, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 746,300 IN JUNE 1989, WAS 5.1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JUNE 1988.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 253,300, WAS UP BY 12.2 PER CENT.

EMPLOYMENT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES INCREASED BY 2.5 PER CENT COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988.

A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID THE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN JUNE 1989 WERE DERIVED FROM THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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

THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR JUNE 1989 IN THESE SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, WITH COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR JUNE 1988 AND MARCH 1989, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN*			PERCENTAGE CHANGE**	
	JUN. 88	MAR. 89	JUN. 89	JUN. 89 ON JUN. 88	JUN. 89 ON MAR. 89
MANUFACTURING	869,000	814,200	824,300	- 5.1	+ 1.2
CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES ONLY)	70,300	73,000	72,000	+ 2.5	- 1.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	710,400	707,100	746,300	+ 5.1	+ 5.5
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	225,700	241,000	253,300	+12.2	+ 5.1

* FIGURES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST HUNDRED.

** BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

COMPARING JUNE 1989 WITH MARCH 1989, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS, THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS, INCREASED BY 1.2 PER CENT, 5.5 PER CENT, AND 5.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION SITES SECTOR DECREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT.

THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL ALSO PROVIDES VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS (EXCEPT CONSTRUCTION SITES WHICH ARE COVERED IN A SEPARATE SURVEY). THE VACANCY DATA TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR JUNE 1988 AND MARCH 1989 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN*			PERCENTAGE CHANGE**	
	JUN. 88	MAR. 89	JUN. 89	JUN. 89 ON JUN. 88	JUN. 89 ON MAR. 89
MANUFACTURING	48,460	57,050	43,450	- 10.3	- 23.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	27,590	37,720	23,070	- 16.4	- 38.8
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	8,320	11,630	8,990	+ 8.1	- 22.7

* FIGURES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST TEN.

** BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES.

RELATIVE TO JUNE 1988, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR THE MANUFACTURING, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTORS DECREASED BY 10.3 PER CENT, AND 16.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE OF 8.1 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH MARCH 1989, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE MANUFACTURING, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS DECREASED BY 23.8 PER CENT, 38.8 PER CENT AND 22.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN JUNE 1989.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

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SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE*
	2ND QTR. 1988	2ND QTR. 1989	2ND QTR. 1989 ON 2ND QTR. 1988
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	9,551	10,647	+11.5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	8,028	10,012	+24.7
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	4,165	5,561	+33.5

* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 11.5 PER CENT, 24.7 PER CENT AND 33.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989.

AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN JUNE 1988 AND JUNE 1989, ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED.

TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THESE TWO INDICES FOR JUNE 1988 AND JUNE 1989 ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW:

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SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	JUN. 88	JUN. 89	JUN. 89 ON JUN. 88
MANUFACTURING	263.5	309.2	+17.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	252.7	298.8	+18.2
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	246.7	294.7	+19.5

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	JUN. 88	JUN. 89	JUN. 89 ON JUN. 88
MANUFACTURING	143.8	152.0	+ 5.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	137.9	146.9	+ 6.5
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	134.7	144.9	+ 7.6

BETWEEN JUNE 1988 AND JUNE 1989, AN INCREASE OF 17.3 PER CENT WAS REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

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FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE INCREASE WAS 18.2 PER CENT AND FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THE INCREASE WAS 19.5 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED REGISTERED AN INCREASE OF 5.7 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, 6.5 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND 7.6 PER CENT FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS, JUNE 1989, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$11 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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CONFERENCE ON JAPAN'S EXPERIENCE IN SAFETY MANAGEMENT

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HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN FROM JAPAN'S EXPERIENCE IN PROMOTING SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK PLACES AT A CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 20 (MONDAY).

"AS JAPAN IS RENOWNED FOR ACHIEVING A HIGH STANDARD OF SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK, IT WILL BE A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS TO SHARE ITS EXPERIENCE OF SUCCESS THROUGH MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES," THE DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTOR (TRAINING), MR WONG CHI-KAI, OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE "CONFERENCE ON SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT - A JAPANESE EXPERIENCE" IS ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE JAPAN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION (JISHA).

JISHA WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1964 WITH THE AIM OF RAISING JAPAN'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS THROUGH VOLUNTARY PREVENTIVE ACTIVITIES AMONG BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT JAPAN.

THE CONFERENCE WILL HAVE PLACES FOR 500 MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS AS WELL AS SAFETY AND HEALTH OFFICERS FROM THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTORS. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

"THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A SERIES OF TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS AND SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION IN CANTONESE, ENGLISH AND JAPANESE WILL BE PROVIDED," MR WONG SAID.

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ONE OF THE KEY SPEAKERS IS DR TAKASHI KUSAKARI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT UNDER JAPAN'S LABOUR STANDARDS BUREAU. HE WILL TALK ON "SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT IN JAPAN".

THE MANAGER OF THE LABOUR AFFAIRS AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT OF KAJIMA CORPORATION OF JAPAN, MR HISASHI ISHIMURA, WILL TALK ABOUT "INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MOVEMENT - ESTABLISHED SAFETY CONSTRUCTION CYCLE".

MR CHEUNG LUN, A MEMBER OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD AND THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL IN HONG KONG, WILL DISCUSS "EMPLOYERS' RESPONSIBILITY IN THE PROMOTION OF SAFETY AND HEALTH - FROM EMPLOYEES' POINT OF VIEW".

ENROLMENT IN THE CONFERENCE WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 31 (TUESDAY). ENROLMENT FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT 13TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-8523562 AND 5-8523565.

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83 NT LOTS TO BE RESUMED FOR DEVELOPMENT

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EIGHTY-THREE PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS IN YUEN LONG AND SHA TIN WILL BE RESUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT.

IN YUEN LONG, 16 LOTS TOTALLING 2,031 SQUARE METRES WILL BE RESUMED TO CARRY OUT TWO DRAINAGE PROJECTS AND ONE WATER PIPES LAYING PROJECT.

THE LANDS TO BE RESUMED INCLUDE PORTIONS OF FOUR PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 143.1 SQUARE METRES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TAI KEI LENG DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, AND PORTIONS OF TWO PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 345.6 SQUARE METRES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STORM WATER DRAIN, A SURFACE CHANNEL AND MANHOLES AT NAM PIN WAI.

TEN PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS NEAR FUNG KAI WAI, TOTALLING ABOUT 1,542.3 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, WILL BE RESUMED FOR THE LAYING OF WATER PIPES BETWEEN THE WANG CHAU SERVICE RESERVOIR AND TIN SHUI WAI.

THE DRAINAGE WORKS ARE PROGRAMMED TO START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR WHILE THE WATER PIPES LAYING PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE LATER THIS MONTH.

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IN SHA TIN, 67 PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 12,852.8 SQUARE METRES WILL BE RESUMED FOR THE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF TAI SHUI HANG VILLAGE AND FO TAN VILLAGE.

THE WORKS ARE PROGRAMMED TO START IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

NOTICES ON THE RESUMPTION OF LANDS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE LOTS WILL REVERT TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE EXPIRY OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE POSTING OF NOTICES ON THE LOTS.

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BLINKINSOP RETIRES AFTER 24 YEARS' SERVICE

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THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, MR GORDON BLINKINSOP, WILL BE PROCEEDING ON LEAVE PRIOR TO RETIREMENT ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 16) AFTER MORE THAN 24 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

A FAREWELL DINNER WAS RECENTLY HELD IN HIS HONOUR DURING WHICH FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES GATHERED TO WISH HIM A LONG AND HAPPY RETIREMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE, MR BARRY WOODROFFE, MADE A PRESENTATION TO MR BLINKINSOP ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT, AND THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, PRESENTED HIM A VALEDICTORY LETTER.

MR BLINKINSOP JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN 1965. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES IN 1983 AND WAS APPOINTED COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION IN 1984.

AS COMMISSIONER HE HAS GUIDED THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH A PERIOD OF STEADY EXPANSION WITH AN EMPHASIS ON STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND THE EXTENSION OF COMPUTERISATION TO ALL MAJOR FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

MR BLINKINSOP IS A KEEN SPORTSMAN AND WILL RETIRE AS THE DEPARTMENT'S TENNIS CHAMPION. HE HAS ALSO ENCOURAGED AN INCREASED VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

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HK RECOGNISES WORLD STANDARDS DAY

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HONG KONG WILL BE JOINING MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN RECOGNISING WORLD STANDARDS DAY WHICH MARKS ANOTHER MILESTONE DEVELOPMENT OF IN THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDISATION.

THE EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR STANDARDISATION (ISO) AND THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION (IEC), OF WHICH HONG KONG IS A MEMBER.

THE TWO ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL PRODUCT STANDARDS AND WORKING TOWARDS COMPATIBILITY OF SYSTEMS WORLDWIDE FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH MANUFACTURERS AND CONSUMERS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY IN CHARGE OF QUALITY SERVICES, MR ERNEST EVANS, SAID HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS HAD BEEN PLACING INCREASING EMPHASIS ON QUALITY AND CONSUMER SAFETY IN RECENT YEARS.

"TO FURTHER PROMOTE STANDARDISATION AND THE AWARENESS OF QUALITY IN HONG KONG, THE PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WILL SET UP DIRECT ON-LINE COMPUTER LINKS WITH OVERSEAS STANDARDS INSTITUTIONS TO GAIN EFFICIENT ACCESS TO THEIR EXTENSIVE STANDARDS DATABASE," HE SAID.

THE PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WAS SET UP FIVE YEARS AGO TO COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS IN HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS MARKETS.

THE PRODUCT STANDARDS LIBRARY OF THE BUREAU MAINTAINS THE NATIONAL STANDARDS OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ISSUED BY THE ISO AND IEC.

THE BUREAU ALSO OPERATES A SALES AGENCY SERVICE THROUGH WHICH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS CAN BE PURCHASED. IN ADDITION, IT IS AUTHORISED TO REPRODUCE AND SELL PHOTOCOPIES OF BRITISH AND EUROPEAN STANDARDS. THE PHOTOCOPYING SERVICE WILL SOON BE EXTENDED TO COVER ISO STANDARDS.

BESIDES ANSWERING GENERAL ENQUIRIES PERTAINING TO STANDARDS, THE BUREAU INTRODUCED A TECHNICAL ENQUIRY SERVICE IN 1987 TO EXPLAIN THE PARTICULAR FEATURES OF OVERSEAS REQUIREMENTS AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, OFFER SUGGESTIONS ON WAYS TO ENABLE A PRODUCT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS.

"THE NUMBER OF GENERAL ENQUIRIES HANDLED BY THE BUREAU HAS GROWN FROM 25 IN 1984 TO OVER 1,800 IN 1988," MR EVANS SAID.

TO PROMOTE THE DISSEMINATION OF STANDARDS INFORMATION, THE BUREAU ALSO ORGANISES BRIEFINGS AND SEMINARS ON OVERSEAS REQUIREMENTS, WITH SPEAKERS COMING FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES' STANDARDS AUTHORITIES AND STANDARDISATION AND CERTIFICATION BODIES.

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CLEAN SAI KUNG MARICULTURE ZONES FORTNIGHT STARTS

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A CLEAN MARICULTURE ZONES FORTNIGHT WAS STARTED IN SAI KUNG TODAY (FRIDAY) TO PROMOTE THE AWARENESS OF MARICULTURISTS IN THE DISTRICT OF THE IMPORTANCE IN KEEPING THEIR ZONES CLEAN.

THE EVENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SAI KUNG FISHERMEN'S MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION, WILL LAST UNTIL OCTOBER 27.

DURING THIS PERIOD, MARICULTURISTS IN THE SEVEN ZONES IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO DEPOSE OF THEIR DOMESTIC REFUSE IN GARBAGE BINS PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE START OF THE FORTNIGHT WAS HELD THIS MORNING.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR HO KOON-SHUN; CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP ON THE 1989-90 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, MR EDWARD PONG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG FISHERMEN'S MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION, MR CHENG MING-KAI.

AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WENT TO TAI TAU CHAU MARICULTURE ZONE FOR A DEMONSTRATION ON THE CLEAN-UP WORK.

THE CLEAN-UP WORK AT THE OTHER SIX MARICULTURE ZONES IN THE DISTRICT ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

OCTOBER 16	MA NAM WAT MARICULTURE ZONE
OCTOBER 17	TIN HA WAN MARICULTURE ZONE
OCTOBER 19	KAU SAI MARICULTURE ZONE
OCTOBER 23	PO TOI O MARICULTURE ZONE
OCTOBER 25	LEUNG SHUEN WAN MARICULTURE ZONE
OCTOBER 27	KAI LUNG WAN MARICULTURE ZONE

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE 420 MARICULTURISTS IN SAI KUNG.

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RATEPAYERS GIVEN REMINDER ON FOURTH QUARTER PAYMENT

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RATEPAYERS SHOULD BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES FOR RATES FOR THE QUARTER OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1989 WHICH ARE DEMANDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RATING ORDINANCE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY RATEPAYERS WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE MAY BRING A RATES DEMAND NOTE OF ANY PREVIOUS QUARTER AND MAKE PAYMENT AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE TREASURY CENTRAL COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;
- * THE NORTH POINT SUB-TREASURY, ODEON BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 28 SHU KUK STREET, HONG KONG;
- * THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD (MARKET STREET ENTRANCE), KOWLOON;
- * THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD), KOWLOON.

ANY RATEPAYER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE AND CANNOT PRODUCE A RATES DEMAND NOTE FOR ANY PREVIOUS QUARTER SHOULD INQUIRE AT THE TREASURY RATES SECTION, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), NINTH FLOOR, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG.

NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE RATES MUST BE PAID BY 4 PM ON OCTOBER 31, 1989 AND UNLESS SO PAID MAY BE SUBJECT TO A SURCHARGE OF FIVE PER CENT IMPOSED UNDER SECTION 22 OF THE RATING ORDINANCE.

A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT MAY BE ADDED TO ACCOUNTS (INCLUDING THE NORMAL FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE) WHICH REMAIN UNPAID SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED A VALID DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORISATION SHOULD NOTE THAT PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY POST, OR IN PERSON AS STIPULATED IN THE DEMAND NOTE UNLESS THE WORDING "PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY AUTOPAY" IS SHOWN IN THE DEMAND NOTE.

IN THIS CASE THEIR PAYMENT OF RATES WILL BE MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT TO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS ON OCTOBER 31, 1989. RATEPAYERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS CONTAIN THE NECESSARY FUNDS ON THAT DATE.

RATEPAYERS ARE ALSO ADVISED THAT THE AMOUNT PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DATE IS INDICATED ON THE DEMAND NOTE BY AN ARROW-HEAD IN THE "TOTAL AMOUNT DUE" BOX.

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RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PROPERTIES BUT ARE REFUNDABLE UNDER THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 30 OF THE ORDINANCE.

UNDER SECTIONS 30 (1A) AND (2A), HOWEVER, NO REFUNDS WILL BE PAYABLE IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES OR FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES (UNLESS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT).

TO AVOID THE POSSIBLE INCONVENIENCE OF QUEUEING, RATEPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

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5 PM CLOSING TIME FOR TRADE DEPT LICENCE APPLICATIONS

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FROM NOVEMBER 1, THE CLOSING TIME OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT'S RECEIPT AND ISSUE COUNTERS FOR LICENCES, CERTIFICATES AND RELATED APPLICATIONS AT OCEAN CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND THE HONG KONG SUB-OFFICE AT HARBOUR BUILDING IN CENTRAL WILL BE ADVANCED FROM 5.15 PM TO 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS.

THE APPLICATIONS INCLUDE TEXTILES AND NON-TEXTILES LICENCES, CERTIFICATES OF ORIGINS, FORM A, EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS, SWING AND TRANSFER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT UNDER THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT, THE COUNTERS WERE OPEN UNTIL 5.15 PM ON WEEKDAYS (AND 12.30 PM ON SATURDAYS), IN LINE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICIAL CLOSING TIME.

"HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARRIVE AT 5.15 PM SHARP ARE STILL SERVED, AND QUITE OFTEN STAFF OF THE COUNTERS HAVE TO WORK WELL AFTER 5.15 PM.

"ALTHOUGH TIME-OFF IS GRANTED TO COMPENSATE FOR SUCH OVERTIME WORK, UNDERSTANDABLY STAFF RESOURCES AT THE NORMAL OFFICE HOURS ARE STRETCHED, WHICH MAY IN TURN AFFECT THE QUALITY OF OUR SERVICES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CONSEQUENT ON THE CHANGES, THE WORKING HOURS OF THE RECEIPT AND ISSUE COUNTERS WILL BE FROM 8.45 AM TO 12.30 PM AND FROM 1.30 PM TO 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 12.30 PM ON SATURDAYS.

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT'S AIRPORT RECEIPT AND ISSUE COUNTERS AT THE NEW CARGO OFFICE BLOCK, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED FROM 10.30 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 10 AM TO 11 AM ON SATURDAYS.

A "NOTICE TO EXPORTERS" HAS BEEN ISSUED INFORMING TRADERS OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENT.

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TEMPORARY FERRY SERVICE FOR TSING YI

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A TEMPORARY FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN TSING YI AND CENTRAL WILL BE INTRODUCED EARLY NEXT MONTH TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE MODE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR COMMUTERS DURING THE CLOSURE OF THE TSING YI SOUTH BRIDGE FOR MAINTENANCE WORKS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE DOUBLE-DECK FERRIES ON THE EXISTING SERVICE BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED TO CALL AT TSING YI PUBLIC PIER EN-ROUTE DURING THE MORNING AND EVENING PEAK HOURS FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

THE FERRIES WILL DEPART FROM TSING YI AT 8 AM, 8.25 AM AND 9.35 AM AND FROM CENTRAL AT 5.35 PM, 6.20 PM AND 7.25 PM DAILY.

THE JOURNEY FROM TSUEN WAN TO CENTRAL AND VICE VERSA IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 10 MINUTES AS A RESULT OF THE RE-ROUTEING.

IN THE MORNING, THE DEPARTURE TIMES OF THE FERRIES AT TSUEN WAN WILL BE ADJUSTED SLIGHTLY TO 7.50 AM, 8.15 AM AND 9.25 AM. THE FERRIES WILL ALSO ARRIVE IN CENTRAL FIVE MINUTES LATER THAN AT PRESENT.

THE FARE IS \$2.50 FOR ADULTS AND \$1.50 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12.

THE SERVICE WILL NOT OPERATE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS AND ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE TSING YI FERRY SERVICE:

MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS, MORNING PEAK HOURS DEPARTURE TIME:

FROM TSUEN WAN: 7.50 AM, 8.15 AM, 9.25 AM.

FROM TSING YI: 8 AM, 8.25 AM, 9.35 AM.

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, EVENING PEAK HOURS DEPARTURE TIME:

FROM CENTRAL: 5.35 PM, 6.20 PM, 7.25 PM. (THIS SERVICE WILL NOT PICK UP PASSENGERS FROM TSING YI TO TSUEN WAN).

THE EXISTING KMB ROUTE NO. 43B, WHICH CONNECTS THE MAJOR HOUSING ESTATES ON TSING YI WITH THE TSING YI PUBLIC PIER, WILL PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE FEEDER SERVICE.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ABOVE TEMPORARY FERRY SERVICE WILL BE WELCOMED BY COMMUTERS IN TSING YI, WHERE ROAD-BASED TRANSPORT IS AFFECTED BY REPAIR WORK ON THE BRIDGE.

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THE FERRY SERVICE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL TRAFFIC HAS RESUMED NORMAL OPERATION UPON THE COMPLETION OF BRIDGE REPAIR WORK EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE ABOVE FERRY SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AND ENDORSED BY THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEES OF THE KWAI TSING AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARDS.

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MODEL CAR RACE TO PROMOTE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE
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A MODEL CAR RACE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 15) AT THE SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND, WAN CHAI.

ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), THE EVENT BEARING THE THEME "THROUGH THE BARRICADES" FORMS PART OF THIS YEAR'S "THE ROAD TO A HAPPY LIFE" ANTI-DRUG PROGRAMME.

THE RACE IS SUPPORTED BY THE HONG KONG RADIO CONTROL MODEL CAR ASSOCIATION.

IT IS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE PERNICIOUS EFFECTS OF ABUSING DRUGS AND APPEALING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY YOUNGSTERS, TO TAKE PART IN HEALTHY ACTIVITIES.

THE RACE IS LIMITED TO 1/8 SCALE RADIO-CONTROLLED, COMBUSTION-ENGINED MODEL CARS.

ABOUT 100 ENTHUSIASTS HAVE APPLIED TO TAKE PART.

PRELIMINARY SELECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNING, AND FOUR GROUPS OF FINALISTS WILL BE SHORTLISTED TO VIE FOR DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON FROM 2 PM.

ADMISSION FOR SPECTATORS IS FREE.

A MEMBER OF THE ACAN AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE, MR PAO PING-WING, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY AT THE VENUE AT 3.40 PM ON SUNDAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT, ESPECIALLY THE FINALS AND THE OFFICIAL CEREMONY IN THE AFTERNOON.

NARCOTICS DIVISION STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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OFFSHORE WORKS IN SAI KUNG, HUNG HOM

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OFFSHORE WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH BUILDING THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL BE CARRIED OUT LATER THIS MONTH WITHIN AN AREA OF SOME 4.19 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT PORT SHELTER IN SAI KUNG.

THE WORKS, SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO YEARS, INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BEACH, BREAKWATER, DINGHY PARK, JETTY AND 200-METRE LONG SEAWATER INTAKE CULVERT AND SEAWATER INTAKE HEAD.

AUTHORISATION FOR THE WORKS TO PROCEED HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 12 NEXT YEAR.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY HE WILL ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT PARTICULARS TO SUBSTANTIATE IT.

IN HUNG HOM, THE GOVERNMENT HAS GRANTED THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY AN AREA OF EIGHT SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AS AN EXTENSION TO THE KOWLOON PERMANENT PIER NO. 42.

THIS IS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A GANGWAY TO FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF CREW AND PASSENGERS, AND LOADING AND UNLOADING OF GOODS AND MATERIALS CONNECTED TO THE NORMAL BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SITE FORMATION IN CHEUNG CHAU
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SITE FORMATION AND ASSOCIATED ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN CHEUNG CHAU AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME OF DEVELOPMENT ON THE ISLAND.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES SITE FORMATION OF ABOUT 0.7 HECTARE OF LAND AT TAI SHEK HAU. THE FUTURE FORMED LAND WILL EVENTUALLY BE DEVELOPED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT INTO A LOCAL OPEN SPACE.

IN ADDITION, A NEW PUBLIC LOADING/UNLOADING AREA WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT NAM WAN UNDER THE CONTRACT TO RELIEVE THE CONGESTION AT THE EXISTING CHEUNG CHAU PUBLIC PIER.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY 1990 AND BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER 1991.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 3 THIS YEAR.

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NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR MEN BORN IN 1941-44
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT MEN BORN IN 1941, 1942, 1943 OR 1944 WOULD BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM OCTOBER 23 TO NOVEMBER 25.

"MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP CAN CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP FOR A LONG TIME AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS AND THE AFTERNOONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.
TEL. NO. 5-747070

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- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD
TEL. NO. 3-7553679
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI
TEL. NO. 3-7232424
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET
TEL. NO. 0-4981259
- SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING
CENTRE, 11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET, SHA TIN
TEL. NO. 0-6059108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK
ROAD
TEL. NO. 0-4771543
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
CHI LOK FA YUEN
TEL. NO. 0-4580862
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN
FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI
TEL. NO. 0-6727191

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE DOCUMENTS TO BE BROUGHT ALONG, APPLICANTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE BY DIALLING 5-8909393.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1945, 1946, 1947 OR 1948 WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ONE MORE WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON OCTOBER 21.

HE POINTED OUT THAT FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1989

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAU KEI WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONVEYOR SYSTEM ALONG HOI NING STREET IN SHAU KEI WAN, THREE SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 12.30 AM TO 5 AM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 15).

THESE ROADS ARE SAI WAN HO STREET BETWEEN HOI LEE STREET AND HOLY CROSS PATH, HOI NING STREET BETWEEN SAI WAN HO STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, AND HOI NING STREET BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND HING MAN STREET.

DURING THE CLOSURES, VEHICLES ON SAI WAN HO STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HOI LEE STREET, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WESTBOUND AND HOLY CROSS PATH BEFORE REJOINING SAI WAN HO STREET.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FAT KWONG STREET FLYOVER

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THE EASTBOUND LANE OF THE FLYOVER IN FAT KWONG STREET OVER MA TAU WAI ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM 8 PM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 17) FOR ABOUT EIGHT DAYS TO FACILITATE WORKS TO REDUCE TRAFFIC NOISE, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL REPAIR THE EXPANSION JOINTS BELOW THE FLYOVER ROAD SURFACE TO REDUCE NOISE GENERATED BY VEHICLES RUNNING OVER EACH JOINT.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR HUNG HOM ARE ADVISED TO USE THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE VIA WO CHUNG STREET, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, WUHU STREET AND TAK MAN STREET OR VIA FAT KWONG STREET, MA TAU WAI ROAD, WUHU STREET AND TAK MAN STREET.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

THE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO STAGES. THE EASTBOUND LANE WILL BE AFFECTED IN THE FIRST STAGE. WHEN COMPLETED, SIMILAR WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON THE WESTBOUND LANE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF ANTI-SKID MATERIAL, THE SLIP ROAD LINKING WAI YIP STREET EASTBOUND WITH KAI FUK ROAD IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO 7 AM ON OCTOBER 16 (MONDAY).

VEHICLES ON WAI YIP STREET EASTBOUND HEADING FOR KAI FUK ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA HOW MING STREET, HUNG TO ROAD, LAI YIP STREET, HOI BUN ROAD, SHUN YIP STREET AND WAI YIP STREET WESTBOUND BEFORE REJOINING KAI FUK ROAD.

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