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1990 DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS RE-CLASSIFIED BY
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ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN 1990 WERE: ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS; TEXTILES, INCLUDING KNITTING; WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR AND KNITWEAR; PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT; BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS; AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS.

THEY TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 80.8% OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN 1990.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN 1990 OVER 1989 WERE : PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (+\$1,825 MILLION); CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+\$1,281 MILLION); TOBACCO (+\$1,004 MILLION); PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING (+\$642 MILLION); TEXTILES, INCLUDING KNITTING (+\$249 MILLION); AND FOOD (+\$246 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN 1990 OVER 1989 WERE : TOBACCO (+49.9%); CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+27.4%); FOOD (+14.9%); AND PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING (+11.8%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, A NUMBER OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES RECORDED DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN 1990 AS COMPARED WITH 1989. AMONG THEM WERE : PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-\$1,629 MILLION OR -15.7%); BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (-\$1,069 MILLION OR -10.5%); ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (-\$435 MILLION OR -0.8%); AND MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL (-\$233 MILLION OR -3.0%).

OUTSIDE THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ORIGINATING FROM THE FISHING INDUSTRY DECREASED BY \$51 MILLION OR 8.5% IN 1990 AS COMPARED WITH 1989, WHILE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICITY INCREASED BY \$112 MILLION OR 16.9%.

THE ABOVE STATISTICS ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN ARE DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE MERCHANDISE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED. TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE EXCLUDED.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (I.S.I.C.), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (S.I.T.C.) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

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CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN REFERRING TO THESE RE-CLASSIFIED STATISTICS. CERTAIN MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS MAY REQUIRE SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IN THEIR PRODUCTION.

IN SUCH CASES, THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH AN ITEM IS FINALLY PRODUCED IS NOT THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE EXPORT VALUE OF THAT ITEM. HOWEVER, THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE ITEM HAS WHOLLY BEEN ALLOCATED TO THAT INDUSTRY IN THIS RE-CLASSIFICATION.

BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF A MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEM TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE EXPORT VALUE OF THE ITEM IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE PART OF THE VALUE MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES AS SECONDARY PRODUCTS.

FURTHER DETAILS OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS RE-CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE FOUND IN A TABLE WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 839 3223).

A TABLE SHOWING MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF SIMILAR STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, DECEMBER 1990".

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**Value of merchandise domestic exports reclassified by industrial origin
for the whole year of 1990**

(Value in HK\$ million)

Industrial origin of the commodities exported	Merchandise domestic exports			
	1990 whole year	1989 whole year	Value change	% change
<u>Agricultural, Forestry and Fishing</u>				
Agricultural, livestock and poultry production	10	6	+4	+77.1
Fishing	553	604	-51	-8.5
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>				
	9	5	+4	+74.2
<u>Manufacturing</u>				
Food	1,899	1,652	+246	+14.9
Beverages	348	334	+14	+4.2
Tobacco	3,017	2,013	+1,004	+49.9
Textiles (including knitting)	45,195	44,946	+249	+0.6
Wearing apparel, except footwear and knitwear	44,578	44,499	+79	+0.2
Leather and leather products	995	964	+31	+3.2
Footwear	861	1,030	-169	-16.4
Wood and cork products, furniture and fixtures	647	729	-82	-11.3
Paper and paper products, printing and publishing	6,080	5,438	+642	+11.8
Chemicals and chemical products	5,952	4,672	+1,281	+27.4
Products of petroleum and coal	6	7	-1	-8.1
Rubber products	124	132	-8	-5.8
Plastic products	8,753	10,382	-1,629	-15.7
Non-metallic mineral products	524	691	-166	-24.1
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	9,097	10,166	-1,069	-10.5
Machinery, except electrical	7,461	7,694	-233	-3.0
Electrical and electronic products	52,356	52,792	-435	-0.8
Transport equipment	172	229	-57	-24.8
Professional and optical equipment	22,530	20,705	+1,825	+8.8
Other manufacturing industries	13,817	13,612	+204	+1.5
<u>Electricity</u>				
	774	662	+112	+16.9
<u>Miscellaneous items</u>				
(e.g. developed photographic plates and film, antiques, and works of art)	117	140	-23	-16.3
Total	225,875	224,104	+1,771	+0.8

Individual entries of a column may not add up exactly to the corresponding total due to rounding. All percentage changes are calculated based on unrounded figures.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT LONDON AND EUROPE

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT LONDON AND EUROPE FROM MARCH 7 TO 16. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON AND HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR RICHARD HOARE.

WHILE IN LONDON, SIR DAVID WILL BRIEF FOREIGN OFFICE MINISTERS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN HONG KONG, AND HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, SIR DAVID WILL FLY TO THE GERMAN CITY OF HANOVER WHERE HE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE HANOVER FAIR CEBIT '91. THIS IS REGARDED AS THE WORLD'S LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT FAIR FOR OFFICE EQUIPMENT, DATA PROCESSING, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY.

HONG KONG HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE "BUSINESS PARTNER" FOR THE FAIR. THIS WILL PROVIDE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE THE TERRITORY'S BUSINESS, MANUFACTURING, TRADE AND FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE ESTIMATED 500,000 VISITORS.

ON MARCH 13, THE GOVERNOR WILL FLY TO THE NETHERLANDS, WHERE HE WILL MEET SENIOR DUTCH MINISTERS, BUSINESSMEN AND BANKERS.

THE GOVERNOR RETURNS TO GERMANY ON MARCH 15 TO ADDRESS A LUNCHEON GATHERING IN HAMBURG. HE WILL ALSO BE THE GUEST AT THE EAST ASIA ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL DINNER THE SAME NIGHT.

SIR DAVID WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SUNDAY, MARCH 17.

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CLUBS' WORK IN DEVELOPING ROLE OF WOMEN PRAISED

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LADY WILSON TODAY (FRIDAY) PRAISED THREE PROMINENT WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUBS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN HELPING WOMEN TO DEVELOP THEIR ROLE IN THE SOCIETY.

SPEAKING AT THE WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB KOWLOON, EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS LUNCH, LADY WILSON NOTED THAT THE THREE CLUBS, SINCE THEIR FOUNDATION THREE DECADES AGO, HAD ENCOURAGED WOMEN TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND HAD RAISED AWARENESS IN THE SOCIETY OF WHAT WOMEN COULD ACHIEVE.

"BY ESTABLISHING SCHOOLS AND NURSERIES YOU HAVE ENABLED MOTHERS TO GO OUT TO WORK. AND BY LOOKING AFTER THE ELDERLY YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM DIGNITY.

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"THESE ARE VALUABLE ACHIEVEMENTS. THERE WILL BE MANY MORE, I'M SURE," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON SAID THROUGH THE EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN PUBLIC ACTIVITIES, THE CLUBS WERE DEMONSTRATING A COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

"IT IS THROUGH LEARNING TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER THAT WE WILL HELP TO ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF THIS COMMUNITY CONTINUES IN THE YEARS TO COME," LADY WILSON SAID.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE GARDENS OPEN TO PUBLIC

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THE GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10, FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM TO ENABLE RESIDENTS TO SEE THE AZALEAS IN BLOOM.

THE OPEN DAY HAS BEEN AN ANNUAL EVENT SINCE 1968.

PEOPLE WISHING TO VISIT THE GARDENS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE ARE REQUESTED TO ENTER BY THE MAIN GATE AND LEAVE BY THE SIDE GATES SO THAT ALL CAN ENJOY THE FLOWERS WITHOUT CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO OTHERS.

THEY ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT ONLY THE GARDENS WILL BE OPEN AND THEY SHOULD NOT ENTER THE HOUSE ITSELF.

SCOUTS AND POLICEMEN WILL BE PRESENT AND VISITORS ARE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THEM TO AVOID OVERCROWDING.

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LEVEL OF APPLICATIONS FOR BRITISH NATIONALITY SATISFACTORY

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT A TOTAL OF 57,862 APPLICATIONS UNDER THE BRITISH NATIONALITY SELECTION SCHEME HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 28, 1991.

"THIS NUMBER WILL GO UP WHEN APPLICATIONS DESPATCHED BY POST IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS ARE RECEIVED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT," HE ADDED.

COMMENTING ON THE LEVEL OF APPLICATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE OUTCOME WAS ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY. THERE WAS NO OVERWHELMING OVER-SUBSCRIPTION OR UNDER-SUBSCRIPTION.

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"THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME WAS TO PROVIDE LOCAL PEOPLE WITH AN OPTION OF AN INSURANCE POLICY AT A TIME WHEN HONG KONG WAS SUFFERING FROM A SERIOUS CONFIDENCE CRISIS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCHEME ACHIEVED THIS," HE SAID.

"THE SCHEME HAS SINCE EXERTED A STABILISING EFFECT ON THE COMMUNITY.

"MOREOVER, IT HAS ACTED AS A CATALYST IN ENCOURAGING OTHER COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE SIMILAR ASSURANCE SCHEMES SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, AND THE RESULT HAS BEEN A MUCH WIDER RANGE OF OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE TO CHOOSE FROM.

"ALL IN ALL, THE SCHEME HAS PLAYED ITS PART IN RESTORING LOCAL CONFIDENCE BY ANCHORING KEY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

ON SUGGESTIONS THAT THE SCHEME MIGHT CATCH APPLICANTS OF LOWER QUALITY AS A RESULT OF LESS COMPETITION INVOLVED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE PROFILE OF APPLICANTS SHOWED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE.

"THE MAIN REASON FOR THIS IS THAT THE SCHEME IS TOTALLY TRANSPARENT, SO THAT ALL POTENTIAL APPLICANTS ARE ABLE TO ASSESS THEIR OWN SCORES FAIRLY ACCURATELY.

"ONLY THOSE WHO FEEL THAT THEY ARE WELL QUALIFIED AND WOULD STAND A GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCESS HAVE APPLIED," HE SAID.

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APPOINTMENTS TO NEW TERM URBAN COUNCIL WELCOMED

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THE URBAN COUNCIL TODAY (FRIDAY) WELCOMED THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF FIVE NEW MEMBERS AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF 10 MEMBERS TO THE NEW-TERM COUNCIL WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT IN JUNE.

A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE RE-APPOINTMENT WILL ENABLE THE EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE OF THE EXISTING COUNCIL TO CONTINUE WHILE THE NEW APPOINTMENT WILL INJECT NEW IMPETUS TO THE COUNCIL."

HE SAID THAT THE NEW MEMBERS WERE PROFESSIONALS DRAWN FROM A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNCIL WAS LOOKING FORWARD WITH EAGERNESS TO THEIR VALUABLE ADVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WIDE SPECTRUM OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNCIL.

"AT PRESENT, THE COUNCIL HAS NO MEMBER FROM THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE SOMEONE OF MR THOMAS KWOK PING-KWONG'S STANDING, BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE IN THE COUNCIL TO LOOK AFTER ITS LARGE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME WHICH COSTS OVER \$600 MILLION A YEAR IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HE NOTED THAT MR VINCENT CHOW WING-SHING, AN ENGINEER IN COMPUTER SCIENCE BY TRAINING AND AN ENERGETIC YOUNG BUSINESSMAN IN THE JEWELLERY TRADE, IS INTERESTED IN CULTURE AND THE ARTS WHILE MR RONALD POON CHO-YIU, AN ARCHITECT, IS AN EXPERT IN CHINESE PAINTINGS, CALLIGRAPHY AND CERAMICS.

"IT IS DESIRABLE FOR THE COUNCIL TO HAVE MORE MEMBERS WITH A KEEN INTEREST IN THESE FIELDS TO MAKE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S EXPANDING CULTURAL AND MUSEUM ACTIVITIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MISS CARLYE TSUI WAI-LING, AN ECONOMIST BY TRAINING AND A COMPANY DIRECTOR, HAS WIDE EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC RELATIONS WHICH WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO THE COUNCIL.

DR LEUNG PING-CHUNG, A PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDICS AND TRAUMATOLOGY OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, IS WELL RESPECTED IN HIS PROFESSION FOR HIS INTEREST AND CONTRIBUTIONS ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE.

"PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE IS ONE OF THE KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL. DR LEUNG WILL BE THE SECOND MEMBER FROM THE MEDICAL PROFESSION TO ADVISE AND GUIDE THE COUNCIL IN THIS AREA OF WORK," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE URBAN COUNCIL PAID TRIBUTE TO THE FIVE COUNCILLORS WHO WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE APPOINTMENT LIST. THEY ARE THE COUNCIL'S CHAIRMAN, MR GERRY FORSGATE, DR PHILLIP KWOK, MR TONG KAM-BIU, MR JOHN FAN AND MISS VICTORIA CHAN YING.

THE SPOKESMAN EXTENDED THE COUNCIL'S DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO THEM FOR THEIR VALUABLE SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGHOUT THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE.

"ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL, WE WOULD LIKE IN PARTICULAR TO THANK MR FORSGATE FOR HIS 26 YEARS' DEVOTED SERVICE WITH THE COUNCIL AND HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, FIRST AS VICE-CHAIRMAN AND THEN AS CHAIRMAN SINCE 1986.

"UNDER HIS CHAIRMANSHIP AND WITH THE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER SITTING COUNCILLORS, THE COUNCIL ACHIEVED A LONG LIST OF BREAKTHROUGHS IN ITS SERVICES TO THE URBAN COMMUNITY. AMONG THESE ARE THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, THE KOWLOON PARK AND THE SOON-TO-BE OPENED SCIENCE MUSUEM AND HONG KONG PARK," HE SAID.

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SUPPLY VOLTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HOLDS ITS FIRST MEETING TODAY

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THE SUPPLY VOLTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ESTABLISHED TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UPGRADING OF ELECTRICITY VOLTAGE FROM 200/346V TO 220/380V, HELD ITS FIRST MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND COMPRISES 17 MEMBERS, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSUMERS, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS, THE SUPPLY COMPANIES, TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

"THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXERCISE IS PLANNED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THREE PHASES," THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, PROFESSOR POON CHUNG-KWONG, SAID.

"THE FIRST PHASE DEALS WITH THE EXISTING INSTALLATIONS INSIDE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS. WORK ON THIS PHASE SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN ABOUT ONE TO ONE-AND-A-HALF YEARS," HE SAID.

"THE SECOND PHASE, WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE, WILL COVER EXISTING INSTALLATIONS IN HOUSING AUTHORITY'S BUILDINGS.

"THE THIRD PHASE WILL COVER REMAINING INSTALLATIONS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR BUILDINGS AND THIS PHASE WILL TAKE ABOUT THREE YEARS," HE SAID.

AT THE FIRST MEETING, THE COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED INITIAL REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND HAS GENERALLY DISCUSSED ITS WORK SCHEDULE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET REGULARLY TO MONITOR PROGRESS OF THE EXERCISE AND TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT WHAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE EXERCISE WILL BE CARRIED OUT SMOOTHLY.

"IT WILL ALSO REVIEW, IN LIGHT OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE, THE PACE OF THE EXERCISE," PROF POON SAID.

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DB'S TO ASSUME MORE IMPORTANT ROLE IN 90'S

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AS HONG KONG PROGRESSES INTO THE 90S AND BECOMES EVEN MORE COMPLICATED, THE ADVISORY ROLE OF DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BECOME MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER BEFORE, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE PO LEUNG KUK BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MR TSAO SAID IN SUCH A HIGHLY COMPACT COMMUNITY, THE DIFFERENT NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICTS MUST BE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES.

"THE VITAL ROLE OF DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE THREE-TIER REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE IS BEST REFLECTED HERE.

"TOGETHER WITH THE AREA COMMITTEES AND THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME," HE STRESSED.

THE PRIME OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME, HE ADDED, WAS TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL RESIDENTS.

"THE PUBLIC ARE ENCOURAGED AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN LOCAL AFFAIRS TO ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE AND RESPONSIVE ADMINISTRATION AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL."

HE POINTED OUT THAT DISTRICT BOARDS, AS STATUTORY ADVISORY BODIES IN THE DISTRICTS, ARE CONSULTED ON A BROAD RANGE OF MATTERS AFFECTING THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE LIVING AND WORKING IN THE DISTRICTS, IN PARTICULAR, THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR LOCAL MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS.

IT IS ALSO A COMMON PRACTICE FOR THE DISTRICT BOARDS TO BE CONSULTED ON MAJOR TERRITORY-WIDE ISSUES.

"RECENT EXAMPLES INCLUDED THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE, THE PROPOSAL TO SELL PUBLIC RENTAL FLATS TO SITTING TENANTS, AND THE EDUCATION COMMISSION NO. 4 REPORT.

"ASIDE FROM A CENTRAL BRIEFING SESSION WHERE ALL THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS HAD BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND, THE RESPONSIBLE POLICY BRANCH HAD ALSO SENT HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHEN THE ISSUE WAS ON THE AGENDA ITEM."

REFUTING ALLEGATIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS ATTACHING LESS WEIGHT TO THE VIEWS OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR TSAO CITED TWO EXAMPLES TO ILLUSTRATE THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE DISCUSSION OF TERRITORY-WIDE ISSUES.

THE FIRST IS THE "MARK SIX LOTTERY TICKET" ISSUE.

"IF WE DID NOT LISTEN TO THE VIEWS OF DISTRICT BOARDS, PERHAPS YOU WOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN ABLE TO BUY MARK SIX TICKETS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD CONVENIENCE STORES," HE SAID.

THE SECOND ONE CONCERNS THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

LAST NOVEMBER MR TSAO PERSONALLY CHAIRED A SEMINAR ON PADS WHICH WERE ALSO ATTENDED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY AND FOUR OTHER POLICY SECRETARIES.

"ALL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WERE INVITED TO THE SEMINAR, AND WERE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO RAISE QUESTIONS AND EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THE PROJECT.

"INDEED, A COMMITMENT HAS BEEN MADE THAT DISTRICT BOARDS DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE PADS WILL BE BRIEFED AND CONSULTED AND RELEVANT INFORMATION RELATED TO THE PROJECTS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE DBS CONCERNED. SUBJECT OFFICERS FROM CONCERNED BRANCHES AND DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO ATTEND BRIEFINGS TO EXPLAIN THE PROPOSALS TO DB MEMBERS," HE SAID.

HE SAID CRITICS COULD ALWAYS CITE ONE OR TWO ISOLATED CASES WITH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF DISTRICT BOARDS.

HOWEVER, ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO WEIGH THE DIFFERENT VIEWS EXPRESSED TO CHOOSE THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION AND HENCE IT WAS PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE THAT SOMETIMES THE ADVICE OF DISTRICT BOARDS COULD NOT BE ADHERED TO.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN WE LOOK FROM A WIDER PERSPECTIVE AND LOOK AT OTHER MORE LOCALISED ISSUES SUCH AS THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, THE ADVICE OF DISTRICT BOARDS ARE OFTEN ADHERED TO BY THE GOVERNMENT," HE SAID.

ON THE REDUCTION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS, MR TSAO STRESSED ONCE AGAIN THAT THIS MEASURE HAD BEEN PROMPTED SOLELY BY THE NEED TO CONTROL GOVERNMENT'S RECURRENT EXPENDITURE AND THAT THE AUSTERITY PROGRAMME APPLIED NOT JUST TO THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION BUT ALSO TO A NUMBER OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

HE REVEALED THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE TAKING PLACE WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS WITH A VIEW TO DEVISING A NEW PROGRAMME WHICH WOULD LESSEN ANY ADVERSE IMPACT OF DIMINISHED ALLOCATION IN FUNDS.

"OUR AIM IS TO RESTORE, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AND AT LEAST IN PART, THE ALLOCATIONS FOR MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. DETAILS WILL BE DISCLOSED TO THE PUBLIC LATER," HE SAID.

MR TSAO SAW THE OPERATION OF DISTRICT BOARDS, AFTER THREE TERMS OF HARD WORK, AS BEING MORE MATURE AND THEIR ROLE MORE WIDELY RECOGNISED BY THE PUBLIC THAN EVER BEFORE.

HE DISCLOSED THAT IN A RECENT TERRITORY-WIDE SURVEY BY THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIC EDUCATION, 85 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS RECOGNISED THE FACT THAT ONCE REGISTERED, THEY COULD VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THIS SHOWED THAT THE PUBLIC KNEW THE DISTRICT BOARDS BEST AMONG THE THREE TIERS OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

FINALLY, MR TSAO REITERATED THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRMEST COMMITMENT TO THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND TO MAKE THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS A SUCCESS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT A MASSIVE PUBLICITY PROGRAMME HAD BEEN GOING ON IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO VOTE ON MARCH 3.

"HOWEVER, MERE GOVERNMENT EFFORTS ARE SURELY NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE THIS ELECTION A SUCCESS. WHAT MATTERS MORE IS THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC," HE STRESSED.

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BUS TOUR TO PROMOTE DB ELECTIONS
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A COLOURFULLY DECORATED BUS TO PROMOTE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL TOUR AROUND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE BUS TOUR IS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE TO REMIND VOTERS TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION DAY ON SUNDAY.

INFORMATION LEAFLETS AND SOUVENIRS BEARING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION MESSAGE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE RESIDENTS.

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD, WILL OFFICIATE AT A LAUNCHING CEREMONY BEFORE THE BUS TOUR.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BUS TOUR TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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DRAFT PLANS FOR MONG KOK AND SHEUNG WAN REDEVELOPMENTS

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED TWO LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LDC) SCHEME PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT SCHEMES IN MONG KOK AND SHEUNG WAN DISTRICTS.

A TOWN PLANNING BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE TWO SCHEME PLANS PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORKS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHEME AREAS BY RESTRUCTURING THE EXISTING LAND USE PATTERN AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT."

THE MONG KOK SCHEME PLAN, LOCATED AT ARGYLE STREET/SHANGHAI STREET AREA, WILL PROVIDE A MIXTURE OF OFFICE, RETAIL AND HOTEL DEVELOPMENTS WITH PART OF NELSON STREET CLOSED FOR PEDESTRIANISATION.

THE EXISTING PET-BIRD AND ASSOCIATED GOODS STALLS WILL BE RELOCATED TO ANOTHER LOCATION IN MONGKOK.

THE SHEUNG WAN SCHEME PLAN IS LOCATED AT QUEEN STREET AREA. THE SCHEME WILL INCORPORATE A MIXTURE OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY USES.

A SOCIAL WELFARE COMPLEX WITH VARIOUS FACILITIES INCLUDING A CARE AND ATTENTION HOME AND A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE PROVIDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "PUBLIC OPEN SPACE OF APPROPRIATE SIZE WILL BE DESIGNATED WITHIN EACH SCHEME IN ORDER TO SERVE LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ENHANCE THE EXISTING AMENITIES OF THE SCHEME AREAS.

"LDC WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A MASTER LAYOUT PLAN FOR THE RESPECTIVE SCHEME AREAS TO TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION," HE ADDED.

THE DRAFT SCHEME PLANS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FOR TWO MONTHS AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

- A. CENTRAL AND WESTERN ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET HONG KONG;
- B. TOWN PLANNING BOARD SECTION, PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- C. DISTRICT OFFICE (MONG KOK), 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON. (FOR THE MONG KOK SCHEME PLAN ONLY).
- D. DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL. (FOR THE SHEUNG WAN SCHEME PLAN ONLY).

COPIES OF THE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING AND KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 405 NATHAN ROAD AT \$10 EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$60 EACH COLOURED.

ANY OBJECTION TO THE TWO LDC SCHEME PLANS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD BY MAY 1.

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PROPOSED DREDGING AT KAP SHUI MUN

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DREDGE WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 156 HECTARES OF SEABED AT KAP SHUI MUN TO PROVIDE MATERIALS FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION AND FUTURE RECLAMATIONS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE 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 APRIL 30 THIS YEAR.

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

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER); THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN; THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE, KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG; AND THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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MAINLAYING WORKS ON LANTAU

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE MAINLAYING WORKS ALONG TUNG CHUNG ROAD, FROM CHEUNG SHA TO PAK KUNG AU, ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE CONTRACT INCLUDES THE LAYING OF 1,600 METRES OF PIPES WITH DIAMETERS RANGING FROM 300 TO 400 MILLIMETRES. A TENDER NOTICE IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN MAY AND TAKE ABOUT 11 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS IS THE SECOND OF SIX CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED UNDER THE TEMPORARY WATER SUPPLY TO NORTH LANTAU PROJECT.

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"THE WHOLE PROJECT COMPRISES A PUMPING STATION AT CHEUNG SHA, A TREATMENT WORKS NEAR PAK KUNG AU, A SERVICE RESERVOIR AT THE FOTHILL OF TAI TUNG SHAN, AND 7.3 KILOMETRES OF WATER MAINS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO TUNG CHUNG AREAS UP TO TAI PO," HE SAID.

TENDER FOR THE FIRST MAINLAYING CONTRACT WAS GAZETTED IN JANUARY AND THE LAST CONTRACT IS SCHEDULED FOR TENDER IN AUGUST.

THE ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD WILL LAST FROM NEXT MONTH TO JUNE 1993.

WHILE THE TRAFFIC VOLUME IN TUNG CHUNG ROAD IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATERWORKS INSTALLATIONS, THE EXISTING ONE-LANE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.

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LAND RESUMPTION IN SHA TAU KOK
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME LAND IN SHA TAU KOK FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

A LANDSCAPED OPEN SPACE WILL BE BUILT IN TSOI YUEN KOK WITH THE RESUMPTION OF 32 WHOLE AND PORTIONS OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS MEASURING SOME 12,880 SQUARE METRES.

THE LOTS WILL REVERT TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE EXPIRY OF THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF POSTING OF NOTICES ON THEM.

DETAILS OF THE RESUMPTION WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TYPHOON SHELTER
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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TYPHOON SHELTER IN TO KWA WAN. A TENDER NOTICE IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE WORKS COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 900 METRES OF BREAKWATER, MOORING DOLPHINS AND OTHER MARINE FACILITIES TO FORM A TYPHOON SHELTER WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 18 HECTARES.

THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN MAY AND WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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THE TYPHOON SHELTER WILL REPROVISION PART OF THE EXISTING KWUN TONG TYPHOON SHELTER AFFECTED BY THE KAI TAK AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 22.

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TAI PO LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME ENDS TODAY

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME ENDED THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT THE TAI PO CENTRAL TOWN SQUARE.

THE SHOW, WHICH ATTRACTED HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, FEATURED PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS, MISS MAN PUI-LING, MISS WONG MAN-YEE AND MISS FONG YEE-KEI.

DECORATIVE LANTERNS, TOGETHER WITH A LANTERN PUZZLE, WERE ALSO PUT UP AT THE SQUARE TO CELEBRATE THE CHINESE VALENTINE'S DAY (THE 15TH DAY OF THE THE FIRST MONTH IN THE CHINESE CALENDAR).

AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR HAIDER BARMA, ALSO PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR SCROLL WRITING AND CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITIONS.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS YIU, AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG.

ABOUT 18 RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WERE HELD SINCE THE STARTING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME ON JANUARY 11.

THE PROGRAMME WAS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT LUNAR NEW YEAR ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND SEVEN LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE TAI PO DISTRICT LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME IS AN ANNUAL EVENT SINCE 1981 TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING AND CUMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

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ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS FACILITATES CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKING

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THE ENHANCEMENT OF POLICE NOMINAL INDEX COMPUTER SYSTEM (PONICS) AND THE COMMAND AND CONTROL COMPUTER SYSTEM (ECACCS) IS MAKING THE INVESTIGATION OF CASES AND THE CHECKING OF CRIMINAL RECORDS QUICKER AND MORE EFFICIENT.

THE MAN ON THE BEAT WITH HIS RADIO AND THE OFFICER MAKING ENQUIRIES BY TELEPHONE WILL RECEIVE MORE SPEEDY AND MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF WANTED SUSPECTS AND KNOWN CRIMINALS.

MR DAVE MADOC-JONES, STAFF OFFICER, CRIME, IN THE CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU, DESCRIBES HIS JOB AS "LIKE WORKING IN A FLOWER SHOP AND NOT KEEPING A GARDEN".

IT IS AN APT COMPARISON AS HE SURVEYS THE INFINITE VARIETIES OF "FLOWERS" IN HIS BUREAU GARDEN - BEING TENDED WITH LOVING CARE AND ALWAYS READY TO BE PLUCKED AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE BY CUSTOMERS FORCE-WIDE.

THE GROWTH OF ECACCS, ALREADY OPERATIONAL IN KOWLOON AND DUE TO GO LIVE SOON ON HONG KONG ISLAND, WILL ALLOW MORE ACCESS TO CRIMINAL RECORDS AND ALSO MORE DETAILED SEARCHES.

"THE ENHANCED PONICS IS STATE OF THE ART COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY," SAID MR MADOC-JONES. "IT CAN HOLD FULL CRIMINAL RECORDS, NOT JUST ACT AS A SIGNPOST TO MORE DETAILED INVESTIGATIONS.

"IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A SEXUAL OFFENDER OPERATING IN WONG TAI SIN IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS, THE NEW SYSTEM WILL FIND IT, DOWN TO A SUSPECT'S SCARS, TATTOOS, AGE AND VOCAL ACCENT.

"THERE WILL BE A FULL INTERFACE BETWEEN ECACCS AND THE ENHANCED PONICS SYSTEMS AND MORE AVAILABILITY OF PONICS TO OFFICERS. THERE WILL BE 400 TERMINALS THROUGHOUT THE FORCE.

"WE CAN DUPLICATE PONICS INTO THE ENHANCED SYSTEM AND CONVERT THE PAPER RECORDS TO DISC AND TAPE.

"WE INTEND TO PUT ALL OUR DATA INTO THE SYSTEM."

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STUDENTS URGED TO STRIVE AND PERSEVERE

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON STUDENTS TO STRIVE AND TO PERSEVERE SO AS TO REACH THEIR OWN TARGET OF ACHIEVEMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1990-91 SING TAO MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS AWARD AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, MR LI SAID THE AWARD INDICATED TO TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS HOW THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES HAVE LEARNT AND PROGRESSED.

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THE AWARD, HE ADDED, WAS A SIMPLE ILLUSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED ATTAINMENT TARGETS AND TARGET-RELATED ASSESSMENTS WHICH THE EDUCATION COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED IN ITS FOURTH REPORT.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR EDWARD HUNG, GROUP GENERAL MANAGER OF THE SING TAO CHINESE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING GROUP, SAID NURTURING THE YOUTH OF HONG KONG AND HELPING THEM DEVELOP INTO UPSTANDING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, WAS A MATTER OF CONCERN FOR PARENTS, EDUCATIONALISTS, EMPLOYERS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

HE SAID EDUCATION IS A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT, AND A "BLUE CHIP" ONE AT THAT.

A TOTAL OF 573 STUDENTS FROM 297 SECONDARY SCHOOLS, INCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS, RECEIVED THE AWARD TODAY.

AWARD OF \$300 ARE OFFERED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE BEST ALL-ROUND IMPROVEMENT IN PERFORMANCE ON COMPLETION OF SECONDARY 2 OR SECONDARY 3 OVER THE PAST SCHOOL YEAR.

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CONFERENCES ON WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH RELATING TO STUDENT GUIDANCE

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A SERIES OF CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS LATER THIS MONTH TO INTRODUCE AND PROMOTE WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH IN RELATION WITH STUDENT GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE MASTERS OR MISTRESSES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM MARCH 21 TO 23 AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GASCOIGNE ROAD, IN KOWLOON.

THE CONFERENCE THEME IS "A WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH TO SCHOOL DISCIPLINE - DEVELOPING PRACTICE AT SCHOOL, CLASSROOM, AND INDIVIDUAL LEVELS" WHILE THAT FOR THE WORKSHOPS IS "SCHOOL DISCIPLINE AND THE GUIDANCE TEAM".

TWO EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS FROM BRITAIN, MR CHRIS WATKINS AND MISS PATSY WAGNER, HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TALK ON THE TOPICS.

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