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GOVERNOR PRESENTS INSIGNIA TO 79

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INSIGNIA FOR 79 PEOPLE WERE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AT A CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

SIXTY-NINE RECIPIENTS WERE DECORATED OR COMMENDED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, WHILE 10 WERE AWARDED THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF INSIGNIA RECIPIENTS:

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THE HON HO SAI-CHU

DR JOHN LO SIEW-KIONG

THE HON MRS ROSANNA TAM

HON OBE

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MR LAM SHAN-MUK

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MR DARWIN CHEN

MBE

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MR LEON CHOI

MR CHUN SIK-BIU

MR MICHAEL JOHN JAMES HANSON

MR HO YU-HO

MR LEUNG SHUI-FAT

MR TAI TUNG-NGOK

MR WU MAN-KONG

/HON MBE .....

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SISTER MARY GABRIEL O'MAHONY

MBE (MILITARY DIVISION)

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MAJOR JOHN WILLIAM MCNALLY

BEM

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MR CHAN KWAI-CHEONG

MR CHAN WAI-CHUNG

MR CHEUNG KAM-TO

MR HUI SHIU-HUNG

MR KAM HING-PONG

MRS NANCY KHOO

MR LAU SIU-KEUNG

MR LAW YEN-PIN

MR LEE TSE-ON

MR LEUNG CHEUNG

MR LI WING-WA

MR ROGER PENNELS

MRS TING LEE YOU-DIT

MRS WONG CHENG YI-PAT

MISS YU MEI-YING

BEM (MILITARY DIVISION)

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SERGEANT HEMCHANDRA RAI

LANCE CORPORAL DHANKUMAR DEWAN

QPM

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MR JOHN CHARLES CLEMENCE

MR CHING KWOK-HOO

QFSM

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MR LI KWOK-CHOI

CPM

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MR MICHAEL ROGER CAFFEREY

MR KENNETH GEORGE WALLIS

MR ALEXANDER DUNCAN SOMMERVILLE

MR HUI YUE-KWAN

MR CHENG PUI-KEUNG

MR KEITH RATCLIFFE

MR CHAN CHI-KEUNG

MR TAM MAN-KEI

MR TSUI WAI-CHUN

MR WONG WAI-CHI

MR WONG YUK-KEI

MR LIU CHEUK-FAI

MRS LAM LAU LAI-HA

MR LEE TUNG-SHIN

MR LEUNG KIM-LIN

MRS WONG CHAN KWAI-HING

MR DOONG HWA

MR TSANG MA-SHING

MR YUEN WING-KEE

MR CHEUNG KAM-TONG

BADGE OF HONOUR

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MR CHAN CHEONG-LAP  
MRS CHAU SO YUEN-YEE  
MR CHOI WAI-CHIU  
MR CHUE CHEE-YUN  
MISS HONG FUNG-KIT  
MR NG SZE-FUK  
MR NG YEE-LAM  
MR NGAI WAI-MING  
MR TAM WAH-CHING  
MR TANG KWOK-YUNG  
MR WONG TAK-WAI  
MR YEUNG SIU-WAI  
MR YU KAM-KEE

QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

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MR WONG CHI-HUNG  
MR KAM MAN-WAI

GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION

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MR LOK KIM-MAN  
MR TAM KWOK-FAI  
MR LUI KAM-TONG  
MR KWOK WING-FAI  
MR LEUNG CHI-KIN  
MR KUO KWOK-TUNG  
MR LAM HIN-KWAN  
MR AU CHUN-HUNG  
MR LAU TING-LEUNG  
MR ANTHONY ALAN GODFREY

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CS STARTS BUSY WEST COAST PROGRAMME

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, YESTERDAY (MONDAY) BEGAN THE WEEK IN SAN FRANCISCO WITH A FULL DAY OF OFFICIAL CALLS.

HE STARTED THE MORNING WITH AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING AT THE BAY AREA'S LEADING DAILY PAPER, THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, AND LATER IN THE DAY BRIEFED MEMBERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS.

SIR DAVID MET A NUMBER OF LEADING BUSINESSMEN OVER A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS FORUM. WIDE-RANGING TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDED HONG KONG'S POSITION AS A GATEWAY TO CHINA.

HE ALSO ASSURED THE FORUM THAT STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO AMELIORATE THE EFFECTS OF THE BRAIN DRAIN AND ENSURE HONG KONG'S ONGOING SUCCESS AS A REGIONAL CENTRE THROUGH CONTINUITY UP TO AND BEYOND 1997 IN INSTITUTIONAL, LEGAL AND BUSINESS FIELDS.

DURING THE AFTERNOON, SIR DAVID MET HONG KONG STUDENTS ATTENDING SIX BAY AREA UNIVERSITIES - UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY; STANFORD UNIVERSITY; UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO; SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY; ACADEMY OF ART COLLEGE; AND SAN FRANCISCO ART INSTITUTE -- AND REITERATED THAT HONG KONG RELIED ON ITS OVERSEAS STUDENTS TO RETURN TO THE TERRITORY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A MEETING WITH THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF BECHTEL, MR CORDELL HULL, AND OTHER EXECUTIVES, REGARDING BECHTEL'S ROLE AS PROJECT MANAGER IN HONG KONG'S PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT.

THE DAY CONCLUDED WITH A RECEPTION AND DINNER IN SIR DAVID'S HONOUR WITH BAY AREA CIVIC AND BUSINESS LEADERS.

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INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR SECOND QUARTER

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THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990, AT 121, WAS 2 POINTS OR 1.6 PER CENT LOWER THAN THAT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS COMPARES WITH THE YEAR-ON-YEAR DECLINE OF 3.7 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990. THE AVERAGE GROWTH RATE FOR 1989 OVER 1988 WAS 0.8 PER CENT.

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COMPARED WITH THE 1ST QUARTER OF 1990, THE INDEX SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 16 POINTS OR 15.2 PER CENT. THIS SIGNIFICANT INCREASE WAS A SEASONAL PHENOMENON DUE MAINLY TO THE LARGER NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OVER THE FIRST QUARTER WHEN MOST OF THE MANUFACTURING WORKERS HAD THEIR LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

AMONG THE EIGHT BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS, THREE RECORDED INCREASES IN PRODUCTION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1989. THEY WERE: FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO (+11.9 PER CENT); PAPER PRODUCTS AND PRINTING (+10.3 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT AND OPTICAL GOODS (+2.1 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE OTHER BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS SHOWED DECREASES IN PRODUCTION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1989, WITH THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE DECREASES RECORDED IN THE FOLLOWING GROUPS: BASIC METALS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (-9.7 PER CENT); AND CHEMICALS, RUBBER, PLASTIC AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (-8.2 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 WITH THAT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER, BUT BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS MUCH AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, ALL EIGHT BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS SHOWED INCREASES IN PRODUCTION.

THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN PRODUCTION WERE RECORDED IN THE FOLLOWING BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS: TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING) (+33.7 PER CENT); PAPER PRODUCTS AND PRINTING (+21.3 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT AND OPTICAL GOODS (+17.9 PER CENT).

IN RELEASING THESE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO REFLECT THE CHANGES OVER TIME OF LOCAL MANUFACTURING OUTPUT IN REAL TERMS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VOLUME OF LOCAL PRODUCTION IS MEASURED AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, SECOND QUARTER 1990", WHICH IS ON SALE AT \$3 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 839 3238.

THE FOLLOWING IS A TABLE SHOWING CHANGES IN THE INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN GREATER DETAIL:

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INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION BY  
BROAD INDUSTRY GROUP AND SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUP

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(1986 = 100)

BROAD INDUSTRY GROUP/ SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUP	INDEXES FOR 2ND QTR. 1990	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER	
		2ND QTR. 1989	1ST QTR. 1990
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	132	+11.9	+4.8
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT KNITWEAR AND FOOTWEAR	105	-2.8	+10.5
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING)	115	-1.7	+33.7
PAPER PRODUCTS AND PRINTING	182	+10.3	+21.3
CHEMICALS, RUBBER, PLASTIC AND NON- METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	89	-8.2	+11.3
-- PLASTIC PRODUCTS	(77)	(-14.4)	(+13.2)
BASIC METALS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	130	-9.7	+11.1
-- FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	(111)	(-11.2)	(+7.8)
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT AND OPTICAL GOODS	145	+2.1	+17.9
-- CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	(132)	(-0.8)	(+12.8)
-- ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND MACHINERY	(164)	(+2.5)	(+17.1)
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	109	-5.2	+4.8
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	121	-1.6	+15.2

NOTE : BEFORE 1990, PRODUCTION INDEXES FOR 21 INDUSTRY GROUPS AND "ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES" WERE PUBLISHED. AS FROM 1990, ONLY THE INDEXES FOR 8 BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS AND "ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES" ARE PUBLISHED WHILE THOSE FOR THE 21 INDUSTRY GROUPS, EXCEPT 4 WHICH CARRY LARGER WEIGHTS AND ARE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE RESPECTIVE BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS, ARE NOT PUBLISHED. FOR EASY READING, FIGURES FOR THE 4 SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS ARE SHOWN IN BRACKETS.

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SEPARATE TAXATION SYSTEM FURTHER EXPLAINED  
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IN RESPONSE TO THE CURRENT CONCERN EXPRESSED BY SOME MARRIED WOMEN AT THE HIGHER THAN EXPECTED AMOUNT OF THEIR 1989/90 SALARIES TAX TO BE PAID, AN INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THIS WAS DUE, IN MANY CASES, TO THE FACT THAT THEY HAD NO PROVISIONAL SALARIES TAX FOR SET-OFF IN THEIR ASSESSMENTS.

WHERE A MARRIED WOMAN HAD NOT ELECTED, UNDER THE PREVIOUS SYSTEM OF ASSESSING THE INCOMES OF HUSBANDS AND WIVES TOGETHER, TO RECEIVE A SEPARATE NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE TAX PAYABLE ON HER OWN INCOME, THE ASSESSMENT WAS ISSUED TO THE HUSBAND AND HE WAS REQUIRED TO PAY IT.

THE PROVISIONAL TAX THUS PAID IS CREDITED TO THE HUSBAND. ACCORDINGLY, FOR THIS YEAR, HIS TAX WILL BE SOMEWHAT LESS THAN WOULD USUALLY BE THE CASE.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT NO HUSBAND AND WIFE WOULD, IN TOTAL, PAY MORE TAX UNDER SEPARATE TAXATION THAN WOULD HAVE BEEN PAID UNDER THE PREVIOUS SYSTEM.

HE EXPLAINED THAT ONCE A HUSBAND AND WIFE HAD BOTH RECEIVED THEIR DEMAND NOTES THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPARE THE TOTAL TAX PAYABLE BY THEM AS INDIVIDUALS WITH THAT PAYABLE HAD ALL OF THEIR INCOME BEEN TAXED IN THE NAME OF THE HUSBAND. MANY COUPLES WILL HAVE A REDUCED TAX LIABILITY.

FOR THESE COUPLES WHO WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO PAY MORE TAX, BECAUSE EITHER ONE OF THEM COULD NOT FULLY UTILISE HIS OR HER PERSONAL ALLOWANCES OR BECAUSE THEY HAD VERY SMALL INCOMES, THE LAW PERMITS THEM TO ELECT TO BE ASSESSED, AS PREVIOUSLY, ON THEIR JOINT INCOME.

THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES THAT THIS YEAR IT WILL BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF SOME 70,000 MARRIED COUPLES TO ELECT TO BE ASSESSED JOINTLY RATHER THAN SEPARATELY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD DEVELOPED COMPLEX COMPUTER PROGRAMMES TO IDENTIFY AND NOTIFY ALL MARRIED COUPLES WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM SUCH AN ELECTION.

THESE PROGRAMMES HAVE TAKEN SOME TIME TO DEVELOP AND TEST, AND ARE ABOUT TO BECOME FULLY OPERATIONAL. TO DATE, MORE THAN 20,000 ADVICES OF THE ADVANTAGE OF A JOINT ASSESSMENT ELECTION HAVE BEEN ISSUED.

THIS YEAR THE DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED A RECORD HIGH OF 1.4 MILLION RETURNS TO TAXPAYERS - A 40 PER CENT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR.

A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE INCREASE IN RETURNS ISSUED THIS YEAR IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE INTRODUCTION OF SEPARATE TAXATION BECAUSE MARRIED WOMEN ARE REQUIRED, FOR THE FIRST TIME, TO COMPLETE AND LODGE THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL RETURNS.

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TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF A MARRIED COUPLE TO BE JOINTLY ASSESSED, IT IS FIRST NECESSARY TO FINALISE THE ASSESSMENTS OF BOTH THE HUSBAND AND THE WIFE.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT BOTH THE HUSBAND'S AND THE WIFE'S RETURNS COULD BE ASSESSED AT THE SAME TIME. HE DID, HOWEVER, CONFIRM THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS TAKING EVERY POSSIBLE ACTION TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING OF ALL TAXPAYERS' RETURNS WITH A VIEW TO ISSUING ALL JOINT ASSESSMENT ELECTION NOTIFICATIONS TO TAXPAYERS PRIOR TO THE DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF THEIR SPOUSES' FIRST TAX INSTALMENT.

TO ALLOW THE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO BE DIRECTED TOWARDS THE FINALISATION OF ASSESSMENTS, THE SPOKESMAN REQUESTED TAXPAYERS NOT TO TELEPHONE THEIR ASSESSORS AT THIS STAGE.

HE ALSO ASKED HUSBANDS AND WIVES WHO HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE ADVANTAGE OF JOINT ASSESSMENTS TO SEND BACK THE COMPLETED ELECTION FORMS AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, THUS ALLOWING THEM TO BE PROCESSED WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF ANY TAX.

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#### CHALLENGES IN A CIVIL SERVICE CAREER

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, TODAY (TUESDAY) CALLED ON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO CONSIDER JOINING THE CIVIL SERVICE UPON THEIR GRADUATION.

HE WAS OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE "BUSINESS INFORMATION DAY" ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

"IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR CHALLENGES IN YOUR JOB, I CAN PROMISE YOU THAT THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE CAN OFFER YOU PLENTY," HE TOLD THE STUDENTS.

"ONE OF THESE LIES IN MEETING THE NEEDS AND SATISFYING THE WISHES OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE DESPITE ALL THE CONSTRAINTS AND RESTRICTIONS INHERENT IN A BUREAUCRATIC SYSTEM.

"FURTHERMORE WE ARE CONSTANTLY UPDATING OURSELVES ON PROCEDURAL OPERATIONS WITH A VIEW TO DELETING UNESSENTIAL AND OUTDATED RULES OR REGULATIONS, AS WELL AS SIMPLIFYING ALL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS," HE SAID.

FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION, HE SAID, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD ON THE ONE HAND TO ATTEND TO THE PRESENT DAY NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND ON THE OTHER TO PLAN AND LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR AN EVEN MORE PROSPEROUS TOMORROW.

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"WE ARE ALSO EXPERIENCING A PERIOD OF UNPRECEDENTED POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES. THESE CHANGES HAVE TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY WILL NOT ENDANGER OUR STABILITY.

"WE AIM TO DEVELOP A NEW POLITICAL SYSTEM THAT WILL WORK BEST FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE, BUT THIS HAS TO BE BUILT UPON INSTITUTIONS AND TRADITIONS WHICH HAVE SERVED US WELL, AND IN WHICH OUR COMMUNITY HAS CONFIDENCE.

"THIS IS A TALL ORDER TO FULFIL AND THE CIVIL SERVANTS IN HONG KONG HAVE A KEY ROLE TO PLAY IN THE PROCESS," MR LAN SAID.

"THEY ALSO HAVE TO BE CONSTANTLY ADJUSTING AND ADAPTING TO THE CHANGES THAT THEY THEMSELVES HAVE EFFECTED, AND TO RESOLVE THE COMPETING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS MADE UPON THE GOVERNMENT BY DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

HE ADMITTED THAT THE WORK INVOLVED WOULD BE DEMANDING AND TAXING AND AT TIMES STRESSFUL BUT IT WAS ALSO INTERESTING AND REWARDING.

"IT IS MEANINGFUL AND SATISFYING WORK AS WELL BECAUSE ONE WOULD BE POSITIVELY PARTICIPATING IN MAPPING OUT THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, AND PERSONALLY WITNESSING HISTORICAL CHANGES TAKING PLACE," HE ADDED.

HE FURTHER NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT, AS A GOOD EMPLOYER, PROVIDED FAIR AND STEADY PROMOTION PROSPECTS.

CITING THE EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE GRADES AS EXAMPLES, HE SAID THAT IN RECENT YEARS THE PROMOTION PROSPECTS HAD BEEN EVEN BETTER, PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LOCALISATION POLICY AND EXPANSION, AND PARTLY BECAUSE THE CIVIL SERVICE, LIKE OTHER SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, WAS SUFFERING FROM BRAIN DRAIN.

"HOWEVER, THE GREATER REWARD IN A CIVIL SERVICE CAREER DOES NOT LIE IN SALARY INCREASE AND MATERIALISTIC GAINS. THOSE WHO LOOK FOR WEALTH SHOULD JOIN THE PRIVATE RATHER THAN THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

"A CIVIL SERVICE JOB OFFERS JOB SATISFACTION, SECURITY, A REASONABLY GOOD STANDARD OF LIVING, AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, THE OPPORTUNITY OF SERVING ONE'S COMMUNITY AND CONTRIBUTING TO ITS STABILITY AND PROSPERITY," HE CONCLUDED.

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STATEMENT ON '111 VBP'  
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THE 111 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE DETAINED YESTERDAY AFTER THE COURT RULING ON THEIR HABEAS CORPUS ACTION WILL BE RELEASED TODAY ON THEIR OWN RECOGNISANCE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING APPEALING AGAINST THE COURT RULING, AND WOULD MAKE A DECISION AFTER READING THE WRITTEN JUDGEMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT FOLLOWING THE GROUP'S RELEASE BY THE COURT FROM DETENTION UNDER SECTION 13(D)(I) OF THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, THE 111 HAD BEEN DETAINED TO ENABLE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THEIR STATUS.

"THIS IS NORMAL PROCEDURE WHERE AN IMMIGRANT WITHOUT DOCUMENTS OR PERMISSION TO LAND IS FOUND IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN EXAMINED BY IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND EVEN IF REFUSED PERMISSION TO LAND, THEY CAN STILL BE RELEASED AT THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION'S DISCRETION.

"IN THIS CASE, THE EXAMINATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AT VICTORIA IMMIGRATION CENTRE AND THEY ARE BEING OFFERED RELEASE ON THEIR OWN RECOGNISANCE."

"IF THE COURT RULING IS NOT OVER-TURNED," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, "THEN AT SOME STAGE ACTION MAY BE TAKEN TO REMOVE ALL 111 FROM HONG KONG."

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT JAPAN, THE COUNTRY TO WHICH THE GROUP OF 111 WISHED TO TRAVEL, HAD ALREADY INDICATED THAT IT WOULD NOT ACCEPT THEM.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, THE TREATMENT OF THIS GROUP HAD AT ALL STAGES BEEN IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF HONG KONG LAW.

UPON THEIR RELEASE, THE GROUP WILL BE PUT IN THE CARE OF THE OFFICE OF THE UNHCR, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

PENDING THE APPEAL, THE GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION TO THE 111 IN KAI TAK TRANSIT CENTRE.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 17), BEGINNING AT 10 AM AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

EM1138	AA128	EE8	EK3228
EL120	HK1737	EL109	EM272
EM908	ED1	EK889	HK1776
HK55	EL881	EM817	EM1100
EL369	DF90	747	EK1928
EL6088	CA986	EL988	EL615
171	EM29	EL220	EL9996
EL314	EL911	EL1838	EL6023
EM1328	EK8133	EM102	EL3278
EL633	AA162	EE66	EK9332

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 157TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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CONCERT TO SPREAD 'PREVENT AIDS' MESSAGE  
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THE PREVENT AIDS MESSAGE WILL BE DISSEMINATED THROUGH SONGS IN A CONCERT TO BE PRESENTED BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AIDS AT THE VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY ON DECEMBER 8.

POPULAR SINGERS INCLUDING MISS SALLY YEH, MR DANNY CHAN AND MISS SANDY LAM WILL PERFORM IN THE CONCERT TO BE PRODUCED BY COMMERCIAL RADIO ONE.

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FREE ADMISSION TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND COMMERCIAL RADIO IN BROADCAST DRIVE.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP ON AIDS, MR HO SAI-CHU, SAID OF THE PEOPLE INFECTED BY THE AIDS VIRUS IN HONG KONG, 47 PER CENT WERE AGED UNDER 30.

"YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE EXCITEMENT AND OFTEN TAKE RISK WITHOUT THINKING OF THE CONSEQUENCES. IF THEY UNFORTUNATELY CONTRACTED AIDS, THEIR BRIGHT FUTURE WILL COME TO AN END.

"THROUGH THIS CONCERT, IT IS HOPED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WILL NOT ONLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION BUT WILL ALSO SHOW MORE CARE AND CONCERN TOWARDS AIDS PATIENTS," HE SAID.

MR HO POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THE AIDS PROBLEM WAS NOT CONSIDERED TOO SERIOUS IN HONG KONG, EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY WORK HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT SINCE 1985 TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DEADLY DISEASE.

"WORK ON EDUCATING YOUNGSTERS IS CONTINUING. IN ADDITION TO ORGANISING THIS CONCERT, WE ARE PRODUCING A COMIC BOOK TO DISSEMINATE THE PREVENT AIDS MESSAGE," HE ADDED.

THE CONCERT ON AIDS WILL BE HELD FROM 3 TO 5 PM ON DECEMBER 8 (SATURDAY) AT THE VICTORIA PARK FOOTBALL PITCHES NOS. 4 TO 6. IT WILL BE RECORDED FOR BROADCAST ON COMMERCIAL RADIO ONE ON DECEMBER 10 (MONDAY).

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SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ON MEAT CONSUMPTION

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THE JULY 1990 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ON MEAT CONSUMPTION IN HONG KONG.

THE CONSUMPTION OF MEAT IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN INCREASING STEADILY IN RECENT YEARS. IN 1989, HONG KONG PEOPLE CONSUMED OVER 279 MILLION KILOGRAMS OF MEAT, THE TWO MAJOR TYPES BEING PORK AND BEEF.

THE SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE DESCRIBES PART OF A STUDY ON THE MEAT CONSUMPTION PATTERN IN HONG KONG FROM 1980 TO 1988 CONDUCTED BY THE RESEARCH AND STATISTICS CENTRE OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR TO ASSIST IN THE PRIVATISATION OF ABATTOIRS.

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IN THE ARTICLE, THE CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF LIVE ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED, THE CONSUMPTION PATTERN OF PORK AND BEEF, AND THE COMPARISON BETWEEN FRESH MEAT AND FROZEN MEAT CONSUMPTION ARE PRESENTED TO THROW LIGHT ON CONSUMPTION TRENDS, IMPACT OF FROZEN MEAT ON FRESH MEAT, AND SUBSTITUTION BETWEEN PORK AND BEEF IN HONG KONG.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$40 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PIER AT PO TOI  
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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC PIER AT PO TOI ISLAND TO IMPROVE LANDING FACILITIES FOR THE PUBLIC.

THE CONTRACT COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 34-METRE-LONG SOLID CONCRETE PIER AND A 25-METRE-LONG CATWALK.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT JANUARY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PORT WORKS DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, 68 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 30.

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KAIFONG ASSN PRAISED FOR BOOSTING CIVIC AWARENESS

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, TODAY (TUESDAY) PRAISED THE KENNEDY TOWN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS ZEALOUS SUPPORT TO THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE DURING A COURTESY VISIT TO THE ASSOCIATION.

"THE ASSOCIATION'S ASSISTANCE IN URGING THE DISTRICT'S SENIOR RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP HAD ENHANCED CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG THEM AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN," HE SAID.

MR LAN POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALL ALONG BEEN GIVING SUPPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS BECAUSE THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SPIRIT WHICH THEY FOSTERED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY WAS THE BASIS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

HE ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE ASSOCIATION'S SUSTAINED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS, PARTICULARLY THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

"AS THE ELDERLY POPULATION IN KENNEDY TOWN IS ON THE RISE, THE ASSOCIATION WILL PLAY A MORE CRUCIAL ROLE IN EASING THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR SERVICES TO THEM," HE ADDED.

MR LAN MET THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR CHOW YIN-SUM, AND ABOUT 100 ELDERLY RESIDENTS FROM THE DISTRICT DURING HIS VISIT.

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