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NEW ANTI-II LEGISLATIVE MEASURES EFFECTIVE

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THE NEW LEGISLATIVE MEASURES AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION INTRODUCED LAST NOVEMBER ARE HAVING THE DESIRED EFFECT, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1990 ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION, MR STRACHAN SAID THE MEASURES HAD RESULTED IN A DECREASE IN THE FLOW OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, REVERSING THE TREND IN 1990 WHEN THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS SHOT UP BY 76 PER CENT TO 28,000.

"THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR CAME TO 1,735, COMPARED WITH 2,734 IN MAY AND 3,430 IN JULY," HE SAID.

SINCE THE ENACTMENT OF THE NEW LEGISLATION ON NOVEMBER 9, 158 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ON CONSTRUCTION SITES, 166 HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AT OTHER PLACES OF WORK, EIGHT CASES HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR PROSECUTION ACTION AGAINST THE PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR, TWO CASES HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING TAKING PROSECUTION AGAINST CONSTRUCTION SUB-CONTRACTORS AND 45 PROSECUTION CASES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AGAINST OTHER EMPLOYERS.

"THE NEW LEGISLATION PROVIDES AN EMPLOYER WITH A DEFENCE AGAINST PROSECUTION IF HE CAN SHOW THAT HE HAD TAKEN ALL PRACTICABLE STEPS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PERSON WAS LAWFULLY EMPLOYABLE AND THAT IT WAS REASONABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT THE PERSON WAS LAWFULLY EMPLOYABLE," MR STRACHAN SAID.

HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND EMPLOYERS, AND THOSE IN CHARGE OF CONSTRUCTION SITES, OF THE MEASURES THEY SHOULD TAKE TO ENSURE THAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE NOT EMPLOYED ON THEIR PREMISES.

HE ADDED THAT WHILE HE COULD ADVISE ON GUIDELINES, WHAT AMOUNTED TO "ALL PRACTICABLE STEPS" IN THE EYES OF THE LAW WOULD BE FOR THE COURTS TO DECIDE IN EACH CASE.

MR STRACHAN REITERATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION WAS TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO EMPLOYERS THAT IT DID NOT PAY TO EMPLOY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, AND ALSO TO SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO PROSPECTIVE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS THAT THERE WAS NO POINT COMING TO HONG KONG BECAUSE THERE WAS NO WORK AVAILABLE FOR THEM HERE.

"THIS IS IN THE INTEREST NOT ONLY OF HONG KONG BUT OF THE IMMIGRANTS THEMSELVES, WHO DESERVE PROTECTION FROM EXPLOITATION BY THOSE WHO ORGANISE ILLEGAL ENTRY AND BY THE SMALL NUMBER OF UNSCRUPULOUS EMPLOYERS," HE ADDED.

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QUALITY AND RELIABILITY CENTRE SET UP TO ASSIST INDUSTRY

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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, TODAY (TUESDAY) OPENED A CENTRE SPECIALLY CREATED TO ASSIST HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND RELIABILITY OF ITS PRODUCTS.

THE CENTRE, CALLED THE QUALITY AND RELIABILITY CENTRE, HAS BEEN SET UP AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AS A CO-OPERATIVE VENTURE BETWEEN INDUSTRY, INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS, AND THE TERTIARY SECTOR REPRESENTED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE CENTRE'S OPENING, MR BARMA SAID THE GOVERNMENT APPLAUDED THE FORWARD THINKING THAT HAD BEEN SHOWN IN SETTING UP THE CENTRE AND FULLY SUPPORTED IT.

"INDEED, THE SUPPORT IS IN THE VERY TANGIBLE FORM OF A CONTRIBUTION OF $600,000 FROM FUNDS CONTROLLED BY THE DEPARTMENT TOWARDS THE FACILITIES OF THE CENTRE," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THERE HAD BEEN GREATER DEMANDS BY HONG KONG'S MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS FOR BETTER QUALITY PRODUCTS AND CUSTOMERS WERE BECOMING EVER MORE DISCERNING REGARDING THE QUALITY OF PRODUCTS THEY PURCHASED.

"IN SOME CASES, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO HEALTH AND SAFETY ASPECTS, MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS ARE BEING IMPOSED BEFORE PRODUCTS CAN GAIN ENTRY INTO MARKETS.

"THIS IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY EVIDENT IN EUROPE AS THE COMMUNITY MOVES TOWARDS HARMONISATION OF STANDARDS BY 1992," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ACUTELY AWARE OF INCREASING PROBLEMS FACING MANUFACTURERS, PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT OF THE QUALITY ISSUE.

QUALITY CONSULTANTS WERE COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1987 TO MAKE AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES AND TO PROPOSE A QUALITY STRATEGY FOR HONG KONG AIMED AT PROMOTING MAXIMUM COMPETITIVENESS FOR LOCAL PRODUCTS AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, ESPECIALLY IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS.

THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE CONSULTANTS' RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT WERE FRAMED INTO A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME IN SUPPORT OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

"EXISTING QUALITY SERVICES WOULD BE ENHANCED, AN AGENCY WOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO UNDERTAKE THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION OF COMPANIES UNDER A REGISTRATION SCHEME BASED ON THE INTERNATIONAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT STANDARD ISO 9000, AND A SUSTAINED QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WAS TO BE TARGETTED PRIMARILY AT THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

"TO ENHANCE QUALITY SERVICES THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS COMMITTED OVER $30 MILLION ON CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 1989 TO 1991.

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"AN INDEPENDENT COMPANY, THE HONG KONG QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY (HKQAA), HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, AND WILL BE COMMENCING THIRD-PARTY QUALITY AUDITS OF COMPANIES LATER IN THE YEAR," HE SAID.

MR BARma SAID THE QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED BY THE GOVERNOR IN MARCH 1990.

"IT HAS BEEN PLANNED AS AN ONGOING CAMPAIGN, EXTENDING OVER SEVERAL YEARS. ITS PURPOSE IS TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF QUALITY AWARENESS AND COMMITMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THIS PURSUIT OF QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN MANUFACTURING MIGHT WELL PROVE TO BE ONE OF THE MORE IMPORTANT - CERTAINLY MORE DEMANDING - CHALLENGES FOR HONG KONG'S ENTREPRENEURS IN THE 1990'S.

THE CENTRE, WITH ITS SPECIFIC AIMS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN QUALITY FOR INDUSTRY, WOULD HAVE A MOST IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY.

IT WOULD PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF COURSES AND FACILITIES TO ENABLE A DIVERSE RANGE OF NEEDS TO BE MET.

"THE CENTRE'S FACILITIES WILL PROVIDE MANAGERS AND THEIR STAFF WITH A FOCUS ON QUALITY AND FULLY COMPLEMENT OTHER ACTIVITIES BEING ORGANISED UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN," HE SAID.

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CONTINUED SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION FROM INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS URGED

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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, TODAY (TUESDAY) CALLED FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION FROM MAJOR INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE 1990'S.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, MR BARMA SAID THE RECENTLY-INTRODUCED GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY, WHICH WAS DEVELOPED FROM THE FEDERATION'S GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR HONG KONG DESIGN, WAS AN APPROPRIATE SYMBOL OF THE APPROACH HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE 1990'S.

"WE HAVE THE FEDERATION, THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT CO-OPERATING IN PURSUIT OF A SINGLE AIM.

"EACH ORGANISATION HAS ITS OWN AREA OF SPECIAL EXPERTISE, BUT ALL TOGETHER ARE ACHIEVING MORE THAN ANY ONE COULD ACHIEVE SEPARATELY," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THAT BESIDES THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS, HE ALSO EXPECTED THE 1990'S TO SEE INCREASING CONTACT BETWEEN MANUFACTURERS, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE TERTIARY SECTOR.

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"JUST THIS MORNING I OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF THE QUALITY AND RELIABILITY CENTRE. THIS IS A NOTEWORTHY EXAMPLE OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE CITY POLYTECHNIC, AND WAS SET UP IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.

"THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, FOR ITS PART, HAS PROVIDED SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THIS INITIATIVE.

"WE ARE ALSO HELPING THE POLYTECHNICS AND UNIVERSITIES TO WORK WITH MANUFACTURERS TO SOLVE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS FACED BY OUR INDUSTRIALISTS, THROUGH THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION SERVICE.

"THIS CO-OPERATIVE TREND WILL, I AM SURE, GO FURTHER," HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL POLICIES, MR BARMA SAID THEY WERE TO REMOVE, WHERE POSSIBLE, INFRASTRUCTURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL CONSTRAINTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, AND TO MAINTAIN THE FREEST POSSIBLE MARKET IN INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES AND THE FREEST POSSIBLE TRADING ENVIRONMENT.

AS FAR AS INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT WAS CONCERNED, MR BARMA SAID THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WAS NOW CONDUCTING A SURVEY TO SEEK COMMENTS FROM MANUFACTURERS ON THE TYPES OF LAND AND SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE THEY FORESAW THEY WOULD NEED IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

HE SAID THE ANSWERS WOULD HELP THE GOVERNMENT ENORMOUSLY IN DEVELOPING THE PADS AND METROPLAN PROPOSALS.

"IN THE SHORT TERM THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW PRESSING AHEAD WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AT TSEUNG KWAN O.

"THE EXISTING ESTATES AT TAI PO AND YUEN LONG ARE NEARLY FULL AND THIS THIRD ESTATE, WHICH WILL OPEN IN 1993, WILL PROVIDE A FURTHER 70 HECTARES OF LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

"WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT WAYS OF PROVIDING SITES FOR INDUSTRIES WHICH NEED WATERFRONT ACCESS.

"PADS WILL ENSURE THAT THE LONG-TERM REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH LAND ARE MET, BUT IN THE NEAR FUTURE A SITE IN TUEN MUN AREA 38 HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 55 HECTARES OF LAND WITH WATERFRONT ACCESS," HE SAID.

ON DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT, MR BARMA SAID A TECHNOLOGY CENTRE WOULD SOON BE ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT PRODUCT DESIGNERS AND ENABLE GOOD DESIGNS TO BE CARRIED THROUGH TO THE MANUFACTURING STAGE.

"THE ERA IN WHICH HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS PRODUCED MOSTLY TO OVERSEAS SPECIFICATIONS IS COMING TO AN END, AND I EXPECT HONG KONG TO BECOME KNOWN FOR ITS OWN CREATIVE DESIGNS IN THE 1990'S," HE SAID.

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PMG ON CIVIL SERVICE STANDING COMMISSION'S REVIEW

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE POINTS WHICH HE MADE TO THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE REGARDING THE SALARY SCALES AND HOURS OF WORK OF THE POSTAL OFFICER GRADE AND THE POSTMAN GRADE HAVE BEEN FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE STANDING COMMISSION'S OVERALL REVIEW OF CIVIL SERVICE GRADES.

"I AM PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME. THE REVISED AND IMPROVED SALARY SCALES OF THE POSTAL OFFICER GRADE AND THE POSTMAN GRADE CONTINUE TO REFLECT THE HISTORICALLY MORE FAVOURABLE RELATIVITY OF THESE TWO GRADES VIS-A-VIS COMPARABLE GRADES.

"FURTHERMORE, AN EXTRA PAY POINT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO THE POSTMAN GRADE TO RECOGNISE THE FACT THAT THEY WORK LONGER HOURS," MR WONG SAID.

AS REGARDS PROSPECTS OF PROMOTION, HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF WORK WHERE THE FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY JUSTIFIED THE CREATION OF MORE PROMOTION POSTS.

"IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT SINCE THE CREATION OF THE RANK OF SENIOR POSTMAN IN 1988, 165 SENIOR POSTMAN POSTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

"IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR I EXPECT OVER 100 SENIOR POSTMAN POSTS TO BE CREATED," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID CAPABLE STAFF IN THE POST OFFICE WHO DID NOT POSSESS THE REQUISITE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS WERE ALSO CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO MIDDLE MANAGEMENT GRADES ON THE BASIS OF EXPERIENCE AND ABILITY.

IN THE PAST THREE YEARS 85 POSTMEN AND SENIOR POSTMEN WERE APPOINTED TO THE POSTAL OFFICER GRADE, AND FOUR POSTAL OFFICERS AND SENIOR POSTAL OFFICERS WERE APPOINTED TO THE CONTROLLER OF POSTS GRADE.

"SUCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT WILL CONTINUE IN FUTURE," HE SAID.

"NOW THAT A FINAL DECISION ON THE SALARY STRUCTURE AND WORKING HOURS OF POST OFFICE GRADES HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDING COMMISSION, I HOPE THAT STAFF WILL ACCEPT THIS DECISION AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A LOYAL AND EFFICIENT SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC," MR WONG SAID.

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IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT DIRECT APPLICATIONS
FROM PHILIPPINES FOR EMPLOYMENT

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APPLICANTS IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR HONG KONG EMPLOYMENT VISAS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THEIR HONG KONG EMPLOYERS TO THE HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID FOR SECURITY REASONS, THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN MANILA HAS DECIDED TO RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF CALLERS AT THE EMBASSY.

"WE ARE AWARE THAT THE EMBASSY IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL BUT WITH CONTROLLED ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC AREAS," HE SAID.

EFFECTIVE TOMORROW, EMPLOYMENT VISA APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN THE FORM OF LETTERS BY POST DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THEIR HONG KONG SPONSORS TO THE ENTRY VISA SECTION OF HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ON 7TH FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

THE APPLICANTS SHOULD ALSO SUBMIT THREE PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS, COPIES OF THEIR PASSPORTS OR IDENTITY PAPERS, AND IN THE CASE OF DOMESTIC HELPERS AND WORKERS UNDER THE IMPORTATION OF LABOUR SCHEME, A COPY OF THE NOTARIZED CONTRACT AND DETAILED ADDRESS OF THEIR HONG KONG SPONSORS.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE GIVEN VISA PROMISSORY LETTERS FOR PRESENTATION UPON ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG.

"THOSE APPLICANTS WHO HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED THEIR VISA APPLICATIONS TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN MANILA WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROCESSED IN THE NORMAL WAY.

"THOSE WHOSE APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL IN THE NEAR FUTURE RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THE EMBASSY.

"THESE APPLICANTS MAY THEN TRAVEL TO HONG KONG AND PRESENT THE EMBASSY LETTER TO THE IMMIGRATION OFFICERS ON ARRIVAL. VISA WILL BE ENDORSED IN THEIR PASSPORTS IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID OTHER VISA AND CONSULAR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE EMBASSY WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN THE NORMAL WAY.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED THAT APPLICANTS SHOULD NOT EMBARK FOR HONG KONG UNTIL THEIR VISAS HAVE BEEN APPROVED.

"A PERSON SEEKING TO ENTER HONG KONG FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE VISA WILL BE REFUSED PERMISSION TO LAND," HE WARNED.

FOR ENQUIRIES, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY CALL THE INFORMATION OFFICE ON TEL. 824 6111 OR 829 3200 OF THE ENTRY VISA SECTION DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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ONE MORE AIDS CASE CONFIRMED

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ONE MORE CASE OF AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) HAS BEEN CONFIRMED, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIDS CASES IN HONG KONG TO 45.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID THE NEW AIDS PATIENT DIED SOON AFTER HE WAS FOUND TO BE INFECTED IN DECEMBER.

HIS DEATH BROUGHT TO 31 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS WHO HAD PASSED AWAY. THE OTHER 14 PATIENTS ARE EITHER UNDER COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT OR HAVE LEFT HONG KONG.

RELEASING THE STATISTICS ON THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER 1990, THE SPOKESMAN SAID FOUR OTHER PEOPLE WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST, BRINGING TO 161 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HIV CARRIERS WHO HAVE NOT YET DEVELOPED AIDS.

OF THESE, 55 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, 86 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY, FOUR WERE DRUG ABUSERS, THREE ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSION, AND THE INFORMATION FOR OTHER THE 13 WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

UNDER THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 181,193 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS VIRUS.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, 826,656 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND 14 WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing
病毒組 衛生署
Virus Unit, Department of Health

	Apr 85-Nov 90 檢驗次數	陽性次數	Dec 90		Total	
	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve
經由政府診所及醫院轉介 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics	12399	71	1860	3	14259	74
經由私家醫生及補助醫院轉介 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	2098	42	15	1	2113	43
前往社屬衛生科診所求診人次 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	156444	27	1946	0	158390	27
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	482	59	3	1	485	60
濫用靜脈注射毒品者 IV drug abusers	4831	1	85	0	4916	1
經由家庭計劃指導屬轉介 Referrals from Family Planning Association	216	0	2	0	218	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	806	0	6	0	812	0
總數 TOTAL	177276	200	3917	5	181193	205

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* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.

	Aug 85-Nov 90		Dec 90		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字屬輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood transfusion Service	813044	14	13612	0	826656	14

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$133M WORTH OF HEROIN SEIZED IN HK/US JOINT OPERATION

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ANTI-DRUG FIGHTERS IN HONG KONG AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE ARRESTED NINE MEN AND SEIZED ABOUT $133 MILLION WORTH OF SUSPECTED NO. 4 HEROIN IN A JOINT OPERATION WHICH WAS COMPLETED TODAY (TUESDAY).

MOUNTED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN BOTH PLACES SINCE YESTERDAY (MONDAY), POLICE BELIEVED THE OPERATION HAD NEUTRALISED A SUSPECTED SYNDICATE ALLEGEDLY SPECIALISED IN EXPORTING DRUGS TO THE AMERICAN MARKETS.

FOLLOWING TWO MONTHS OF INVESTIGATION AND CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE TWO FORCES, THE U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) OFFICERS YESTERDAY ARRESTED TWO HONG KONG MEN, AGED 28 AND 32, WHEN THEY WERE ABOUT TO DELIVER 17 KILOGRAMS OF SUSPECTED NO. 4 HEROIN TO DEA UNDERCOVER AGENTS POSED AS BUYERS INSIDE A HOTEL IN MANHATTAN.

ONE OF THE ARRESTED MEN WAS A 28-YEAR-OLD SAILOR ARRIVED FROM A CONTAINER VESSEL COMING FROM THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION.

DEA OFFICIALS LATER ALSO TOOK IN TWO MORE MEN, A HONG KONG CHINESE AND AN AMERICAN CHINESE AGED 29 AND 43 RESPECTIVELY, IN NEW YORK.

AT THE SAME TIME IN HONG KONG, OFFICERS FROM THE POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU (NB) RAIDED A HOTEL ROOM IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AND ARRESTED FIVE LOCAL MEN, AGED BETWEEN 38 AND 45.

DURING THE OPERATION, NB OFFICIERS INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE BUREAU'S FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION GROUP HAD UNCOVERED ABOUT $3 MILLION WORTH OF ALLEGED DRUG-RELATED ASSET.

POLICE INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONTINUING.

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ELECTORS REMINDED TO REPORT CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

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REGISTERED ELECTORS ARE REMINDED TO KEEP THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE INFORMED OF ANY CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, THE REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR K.T. LAI, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"OVER 30,000 ELECTORS HAD THEIR NAMES REMOVED FROM THE ELECTORAL REGISTER FOR LOSS OF CONTACT DURING 1990," HE SAID.

THESE ELECTORS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE MOVED OUT OF THEIR RECORDED ADDRESSES OR THEIR PREMISES HAD BECOME UNOCCUPIED OR DEMOLISHED DURING THE HOUSEHOLD VISITS CONDUCTED BETWEEN AUGUST AND OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

/ENQUIRY LETTERS .....

"ENQUIRY LETTERS ARE BEING SENT OUT TO THESE ELECTORS AND THEY ARE REQUESTED TO REPLY WITHIN A MONTH," MR LAI SAID.

"HOWEVER, IT IS LIKELY THAT MOST OF THESE LETTERS WILL BE UNDELIVERED. ELECTORS ARE THEREFORE URGED TO REPORT ON THEIR CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AS SOON AS IT OCCURS," HE ADDED.

REPORTS SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING GIVING THE ELECTOR'S IDENTITY CARD NUMBER, NAME, NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE AT HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ELECTORS MAY ALSO MAKE THEIR REPORT ON A REGISTRATION FORM, OBTAINABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES AND HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES.

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CENSUS EXHIBITIONS IN THE NT

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NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS NOW HAVE A CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING POPULATION CENSUS WITH THE TOURING OF THE 1991 POPULATION CENSUS EXHIBITION IN VARIOUS NEW TOWNS.

SINCE MID-DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THE MOBILE EXHIBITION HAD BEEN STAGED IN MAJOR MTR STATIONS AND SHOPPING ARCADES IN THE URBAN AREAS AND HAD RECEIVED FAVOURABLE RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC.

THE NEXT ROUND OF EXHIBITIONS, IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL COMMENCE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT YUEN LONG PLAZA. THE EXHIBITION IN YUEN LONG IS ALSO THE SEVENTH IN A SERIES OF 11 EXHIBITIONS ORGANISED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DESIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE MOBILE EXHIBITION AIMS TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE CENSUS TO BE CONDUCTED IN MARCH AND TO CALL FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION.

APART FROM SETTING OUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT, THE EXHIBITION ELUCIDATES THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHS AND GRAPHICS THE ENUMERATION METHODS TO BE USED IN THE CENSUS AND HOW THE DATA COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

"THE SELF-ENUMERATION METHOD, IN PARTICULAR, WILL BE USED IN HONG KONG FOR THE FIRST TIME," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE SAID SIX OUT OF SEVEN HOUSEHOLDS SELECTED FOR SELF-ENUMERATION WOULD RECEIVE A SIMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE MAILED TO THEM BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE CENSUS PERIOD.

"THE HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE ENUMERATED ON ONLY A FEW BASIC CHARACTERISTICS. THE SELF-COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE COLLECTED BY A CENSUS OFFICER PERSONALLY DURING THE CENSUS PERIOD.

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"THE OTHER ONE-SEVENTH HOUSEHOLDS WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONNAIRE BUT WILL BE ENUMERATED BY A CENSUS OFFICER. THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED AND WILL HAVE TO ANSWER MORE DETAILED QUESTIONS," HE SAID.

"IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO GAIN A FAIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIFFERENT METHODS THROUGH VISITING THE EXHIBITION," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 11 AM TO 7 PM DAILY ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

DATE	VENUE
JANUARY 30 TO FEBRUARY 1	ATRIUM, YUEN LONG PLAZA
FEBRUARY 8 TO 10	ATRIUM, TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA
FEBRUARY 22 TO 24	FOOTBRIDGE GALLERY, NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN
MARCH 1 TO 3	SHOPPING ARCADE, CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI
MARCH 8 TO 10	SHOPPING ARCADE, TAI WO ESTATE, TAI PO

THE 1991 POPULATION CENSUS WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM MARCH 15 TO 24.

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NEW YEAR POSTER TO SPREAD PITCH-IN MESSAGE

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AN ATTRACTIVE CHINESE NEW YEAR GREETING POSTER TO TIE IN WITH THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP OPERATION OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS STARTING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE POSTER ALSO SERVES TO HERALD THE YEAR OF THE RAM.

PRODUCED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, THE POSTER FEATURES A PAPER SCULPTURE SHOWING THE GOD OF WEALTH ACCOMPANIED BY FIVE KIDS AND THREE RAMS, SIGNIFYING "GOOD FORTUNE BESTOWS UPON EVERY HOUSEHOLD".

THE GOD OF WEALTH IS HOLDING A SCROLL WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE'S LOGO, CALLING ON EVERY FAMILY TO "PITCH-IN" AND KEEP THEIR HOMES CLEAN.

THE POSTER WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TSING YI DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF OPEN SPACES ON TSING YI.

THE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE A PARK, RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE FACILITIES IN THE VICINITY OF FUNG SHUE WO AND CHUNG MEI ROAD.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE TENNIS AND SOCCER/HANDBALL COURTS, PLAY AREAS, WALKWAYS, LIGHTING, SITTING AREAS, EXTENSIVE PLANTING, LANDSCAPE WORK AND A SERVICE BUILDING.

THE WORKS WILL START IN APRIL AND ARE SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN JUNE 1992.

MEANWHILE, THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF VILLAGE RESITE HOUSING UNITS IN FUNG SHUE WO.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES 22 THREE-STOREY STANDARD VILLAGE RESITE HOUSING UNITS, ONE PAI LAU AND EXTERNAL PAVING WORK.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND TAKES ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS FOR BOTH PROJECTS IS FEBRUARY 22.

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ACTION ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE CERTAIN UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN SHAM SHUI PO SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED AT FLAT A, SIXTH FLOOR, WING LUEN MANSION, 78-86 YEN CHOW STREET AND 177A-177C, FUK WA STREET.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 14 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (TUESDAY).

UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, A CLOSURE ORDER IS REQUIRED BEFORE DEMOLITION CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS GRANTED.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUSICIANS AND DANCERS

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LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS AND DANCERS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND FOR THE YEAR 1991-92.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS IS TO ENABLE EXCEPTIONALLY TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN POST-DIPLOMA STUDIES AT INSTITUTIONS OVERSEAS.

THE SCOPE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS IS NOT CONFINED TO STUDIES IN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC OR BALLET. IT ALSO COVERS RELATED STUDIES IN MUSIC OR DANCE, PRACTICAL OR ACADEMIC, SUCH AS MUSICOLOGY, CHOREOGRAPHY, AND DANCE NOTATION.

SUITABLE CANDIDATES FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE SELECTED BY AN AUDITION TO BE HELD IN APRIL OR MAY. ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS, INCLUDING THOSE CURRENTLY STUDYING ABROAD, ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE AUDITION IN PERSON.

OVERSEAS APPLICANTS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE AUDITION MAY ASK FOR EXEMPTION. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT CERTIFIED UNEDITED VIDEO OR AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES RECORDING THEIR PERFORMANCES TOGETHER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THEIR SCHOOL HEADS TO THE MUSIC FUND FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL COVER TUITION FEES, A TECHNICAL ALLOWANCE AND A RETURN PASSAGE TO THE INTENDED COUNTRY OF STUDY. A SUBSISTANCE ALLOWANCE MAY BE GRANTED ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO CHOOSE ONE-YEAR COURSES AS THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NORMALLY FOR ONLY A YEAR.

APPLICANTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUSIC RELATED STUDIES SHOULD PREFERABLY BE UNDER THE AGE OF 23 ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR WHILE THOSE APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DANCE OR DANCE RELATED STUDIES SHOULD PREFERABLY BE AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 23 ON THAT DATE.

THEY SHOULD HAVE STUDIED MUSIC OR DANCE UP TO THE LEVEL OF DIPLOMA GRANTED BY THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT, MUSIC OFFICE, 25TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS BY MARCH 1.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED ON TEL. 823 5343.

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