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SCS PLEDGES MORE SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

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THE SERVING THE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS IS IN LINE WITH THE SELF-IMPROVING TRADITION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID.

ALTHOUGH MANY WOULD BE SCEPTICAL, HE NOTED, THE TRACK RECORD OF THE CIVIL SERVICE PROVES THAT IT CAN INITIATE CHANGE AND IMPROVE EFFICIENCY.

"AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO," HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE RETAIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION NINTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING, MR WIGGHAM SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS INTRODUCED A NUMBER OF REFORMS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE MACHINERY.

"WE FEEL WE CAN NOW TAKE THE REFORM FURTHER BY PUSHING IT DOWN TO THE INDIVIDUAL CIVIL SERVANT, AND PUSHING IT OUT TO THE POINTS OF INTERFACE WITH OUR CUSTOMERS," HE SAID.

"THE OBJECTIVE IS TO IMPROVE THE SERVICES WE DELIVER TO OUR CUSTOMERS, BY MEASURES SUCH AS PUBLICISING INTERNAL MANAGEMENT STANDARDS THAT DEPARTMENTS SET TO MONITOR THEIR ' OUTPUT; AND INTRODUCING MORE TRANSPARENT MEANS FOR THE PUBLIC TO MONITOR PERFORMANCE.

"THIS, I KNOW, IS AN AMBITIOUS TASK, GIVEN THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS SUCH A HUGE ORGANISATION. WE SHALL THEREFORE ADOPT A STEADY PACE AND IMPLEMENT THE EXERCISE IN PHASES."

BUT MR WIGGHAM TOLD THE GATHERING THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICES HAD BEEN UNDER CONSTANT CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS.

HE QUOTED A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AS SAYING THAT SINCE HIS LAST VISIT TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICE THREE YEARS AGO, IT HAD "IMPROVED FROM A NIGHTMARE PLACE TO A COMPETENT OFFICE".

MR WIGGHAM ALSO SAID THE AVERAGE PROCESSING TIME FOR HONG KONG RESIDENTS AT THE AIRPORT WAS REDUCED FROM ONE MINUTE TO 34 SECONDS FOLLOWING THE COMPUTERISATION OF THE CONTROL POINTS AND A NEW IDENTITY CARD FIVE YEARS AGO.

THE PROCESSING TIME WILL BE FURTHER REDUCED BY AROUND FIVE SECONDS WHEN THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTS ITS INFORMATION SYSTEM STRATEGY.

"THE REDUCTION OF FIVE SECONDS MAY NOT SOUND MUCH, BUT IT IS SIGNIFICANT WHEN YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT MILLIONS OF CUSTOMERS.

"I CAN'T HELP FEELING THAT HAD WE CHOSEN TO PUBLISH OUR SERVICE STANDARDS SOME YEARS AGO, MANY OF OUR IMPROVEMENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN THAT MUCH MORE APPARENT, EVEN DRAMATIC," HE SAID.

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BEING THE LARGEST SERVICE-PROVIDER IN HONG KONG IN TERMS OF THE RANGE OF ITS PRODUCTS AND THE SIZE OF ITS CLIENTELE, MR WIGGHAM SAID, THE CIVIL SERVICE HAS BEEN SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND HAS BEEN PRO-ACTIVE IN MEETING THOSE NEEDS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS MAY IN PART DUE TO THE UNIQUE GOVERNMENT SYSTEM IN HONG KONG.

MR WIGGHAM SAID: "UNLIKE MANY PLACES, WHERE GOVERNMENT POLICIES ARE MADE BY POLITICIANS, OUR CIVIL SERVICE HAS A DUAL ACCOUNTABILITY, BOTH THAT OF THE SERVICE-PROVIDER, AND THAT OF THE POLICY FORMULATOR.

"THE CIVIL SERVICE'S CREDIBILITY, AND THE EXTENT OF ITS SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY, DEPENDS ON ITS ABILITY TO SATISFY ITS CUSTOMERS.

"THIS AWARENESS HAS SPURRED US ON, AND I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT IN THE PROCESS, THE CIVIL SERVICE HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE SUCCESS STORY OF HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

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#### GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT FOR SECOND QUARTER

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HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) GREW IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR BY 4.7% IN REAL TERMS OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AMONG THE MAIN DOMESTIC COMPONENTS OF THE GDP ESTIMATES, GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION GREW SIGNIFICANTLY BY 10.9% IN REAL TERMS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1992 OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1991.

WITHIN THIS COMPONENT, INVESTMENT EXPENDITURE ON MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, IN PARTICULAR, SHOWED A REMARKABLE INCREASE OF 22.6%.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS FOR PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE WAS 8.0%, WHILE THAT FOR GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE WAS 11.8%.

REGARDING EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS, THE GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1992 WAS 3.0% FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND 30.4% FOR RE-EXPORTS. THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATE FOR IMPORTS OF GOODS WAS 23.9%.

AS REGARDS EXPORTS OF SERVICES, THE GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS WAS 16.7%. THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATE FOR IMPORTS OF SERVICES WAS 10.3%.

THE IMPLICIT PRICE DEFLATOR OF GDP, AS A BROAD MEASURE OF OVERALL INFLATION IN THE ECONOMY, ROSE BY 10.7% IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1992 OVER A YEAR EARLIER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 12.4% IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

THE GROWTH RATE OF OVERALL GDP FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1992 WAS COMPARATIVELY LOWER THAN THE GROWTH RATES RECORDED FOR THE VARIOUS FINAL DEMAND COMPONENTS, INCLUDING PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE, GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION AND TOTAL EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

THIS IS BECAUSE THE INCREASES FOR THE VARIOUS FINAL DEMAND COMPONENTS WERE SUPPORTED TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT BY A LARGE INCREASE IN IMPORTS, APART FROM THE INCREASE IN LOCAL PRODUCTION.

GDP REFLECTS HOW MUCH THE LOCAL ECONOMY HAS PRODUCED AND IS ACTUALLY THE SUM OF ALL FINAL DEMAND COMPONENTS NET OF THEIR CORRESPONDING IMPORT CONTENTS.

ALSO RELEASED TODAY ARE THE REVISED GDP ESTIMATES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992. HAVING INCORPORATED LATEST DATA AVAILABLE FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, THE REVISED (NOVEMBER 92) ESTIMATES SHOW THAT THE GROWTH RATE OF GDP IN REAL TERMS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 REMAINED AT 4.7%.

BASED ON THE LATEST GDP ESTIMATES FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS OF 1992, THE GDP GREW BY 4.7% IN REAL TERMS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1992 OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE LATEST ESTIMATES OF QUARTERLY GDP FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 TO THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1992 ARE PUBLISHED IN A REPORT ENTITLED "QUARTERLY ESTIMATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, 2ND QUARTER 1992".

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT \$2 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, HONG KONG; AND AT THE PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY CALLING 582 5077.

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Expenditure-based GDP Estimates  
first quarter of 1990 to second quarter of 1992

<u>Year/quarter</u>	<u>GDP at Current Market Prices</u>		<u>GDP at Constant (1980) Market Prices</u>	
	<u>HK\$ Mn</u>	<u>% Change over same period of the preceding year</u>	<u>HK\$ Mn</u>	<u>% Change over same period of the preceding year</u>
1990	559,623	12.1	262,603	3.2
1991	643,728	15.0	273,547	4.2
1990 Q1	122,894	11.5	59,127	0.8
Q2	132,574	11.7	61,943	3.6
Q3	150,011	12.5	70,579	4.2
Q4	154,144	12.6	70,954	4.0
1991 Q1	139,937	13.9	61,753	4.4
Q2	152,117	14.7	64,318	3.8
Q3	172,268	14.8	73,199	3.7
Q4	179,406	16.4	74,277	4.7
1992 Q1	164,654	17.7	64,659	4.7
Q2	176,344	15.9	67,330	4.7

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BUSY SCHEDULE FOR THE PRINCE

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THE PRINCE OF WALES BEGAN HIS SECOND DAY OF VISIT IN HONG KONG BY PRESENTING PRIZES TO THE WINNERS OF THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS SCHEME 1992 AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS MORNING (FRIDAY).

THE PRINCE PRESENTED AWARDS TO 18 STUDENTS FROM THREE SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS, WHO WON IN THE AWARDS SCHEME JOINTLY ORGANISED BY ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

AFTER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, HE THEN WENT TO HMS TAMAR TO INAUGURATE THE NAVY DAYS.

THE EVENT, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL TOMORROW, WILL BE THE LAST TO BE HELD AT HMS TAMAR BEFORE THE NAVY MOVES TO STONECUTTERS ISLAND NEXT YEAR. VARIOUS ATTRACTIONS ARE OFFERED.

AFTER DOTTING THE EYES AND MOUTH OF A LION AND DECLARING THE OPENING OF THE NAVY DAYS, THE PRINCE THEN TOURED VARIOUS STALLS ON DISPLAY AND MET SOME SAILORS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

HE ALSO VIEWED PARACHUTE JUMP BY THE FLYING DRAGONS AND FLYPAST OF HELICOPTERS BY 28 SQUADRON AND 660 SQUADRON.

IN THE AFTERNOON, HE WENT TO THE LI PO CHUN UNITED WORLD COLLEGE IN SHA TIN.

IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGE, THE PRINCE UNVEILED THE PLAQUE COMMEMORATING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE COLLEGE.

THE COLLEGE IS MAINLY FUNDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE LI PO CHUN CHARITABLE TRUST FUND. IT ACCEPTED ITS FIRST STUDENTS AT THE START OF THE PRESENT ACADEMIC YEAR AND IS THE EIGHTH AND NEWEST OF THE COLLEGES PROVIDING A TWO-YEAR RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME.

THE PRINCE ENDED HIS VISIT WITH A TOUR OF THE COLLEGE.

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TRADING FUNDS BILL

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A BILL SEEKING TO ENABLE THE SETTING UP OF TRADING FUNDS TO FINANCE THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENT SERVICES WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EFFICIENCY UNIT SAID UNDER THE BILL, TRADING FUNDS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN CERTAIN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHICH PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC ON A SELF-FINANCING BASIS.

THESE DEPARTMENTS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OPERATE MORE LIKE BUSINESSES AND TO PROVIDE A GOOD STANDARD OF SERVICES, WHILE AIMING TO BREAK EVEN WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME.

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BUT FEES AND CHARGES AFFECTING THE PUBLIC FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER A TRADING FUND WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO THE USUAL APPROVAL PROCEDURES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID DEPARTMENTS UNDER TRADING FUNDS WOULD REMAIN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THEIR STAFF WOULD REMAIN CIVIL SERVANTS AND THEIR ASSETS WOULD REMAIN GOVERNMENT ASSETS.

UNDER THE TRADING FUND OPERATIONS, DEPARTMENTS WOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THEIR FEE-PAYING CLIENTS MORE PROMPTLY, TO THE BENEFIT OF THESE CLIENTS.

"FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN DEMAND FOR SERVICES INCREASE, REVENUE FROM FEES WOULD ALSO INCREASE AND, UNDER THE TRADING FUND, THE INCREASED REVENUE CAN BE USED TO ACQUIRE THE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE STANDARD OF SERVICE, SUCH AS BY TAKING ON MORE FRONT-LINE STAFF OR TO ACQUIRE MORE EQUIPMENT," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL NO LONGER BE CONSTRAINED BY THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS VOTED IN THE ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, WHICH CANNOT BE PROMPTLY ADJUSTED IN RESPONSE TO RAPIDLY CHANGING DEMAND.

THE TRADING FUNDS BILL WOULD PUT IN PLACE A NEW SET OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS FINANCED BY TRADING FUNDS.

UNDER THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, A CHIEF EXECUTIVE WOULD BE APPOINTED TO CONTROL AND MANAGE EACH TRADING FUND.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE AN ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN WHICH WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SET OUT THE STANDARD OF SERVICE HIS DEPARTMENT WOULD BE AIMING TO ACHIEVE, THE STAFFING AND INVESTMENT PROPOSALS, AND FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS.

"THE BUSINESS PLAN HAS TO BE AGREED WITH THE RELEVANT POLICY SECRETARY AND WOULD PROVIDE THE BASIS AGAINST WHICH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S AND THE DEPARTMENT'S PERFORMANCE IN THE COMING YEAR ARE TO BE JUDGED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS IS TO ENABLE THE POLICY SECRETARY TO SATISFY HIMSELF THAT A GOOD STANDARD OF SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED AT A REASONABLE COST."

THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF A TRADING FUND WILL BE AUDITED BY THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT, AND THE ANNUAL STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS WOULD BE TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE BILL WOULD BE AN ENABLING LEGISLATION. THE ACTUAL SETTING UP OF A TRADING FUND IN A DEPARTMENT WOULD BE BY RESOLUTIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

EACH TRADING FUND WILL NEED A SEPARATE RESOLUTION SETTING OUT THE TERMS, WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE PREPARED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS APPROPRIATE TO THE OPERATION CONCERNED.

SUBJECT TO THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO INTRODUCE TRADING FUNDS INTO THE COMPANIES REGISTRY AND THE LAND REGISTRY OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT BY JULY 1, 1993.

A PROGRAMME FOR THE SETTING UP OF TRADING FUNDS FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

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BILL TO FACILITATE REORGANISATION OF  
REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO REORGANISE THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT (RGD) WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING GREATER EFFICIENCY IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE REGISTRAR GENERAL (ESTABLISHMENT) (TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AND REPEAL) BILL, THE REMAINING STATUTORY FUNCTIONS OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE LAND REGISTRAR, THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES AND THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS, AND TO THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS IN RESPECT OF CHINESE CUSTOMARY RIGHTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES LAND MATTERS.

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID: "THE BILL ALSO KEEPS INTACT THE RIGHTS OF OFFICERS TRANSFERRED FROM THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

"THESE INCLUDE THE RIGHT OF AUDIENCE IN THE COURTS, VOTING RIGHTS IN THE LEGAL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY AND ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE DISTRICT COURT AND HIGH COURT BENCHES."

MR GLEESON SAID: "IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE LEGAL ADVISORY AND CONVEYANCING SECTION OF RGD'S LAND DIVISION WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ON DECEMBER 1, 1992.

"IT IS INTENDED THAT THE REMAINING DIVISIONS OF RGD WILL BE SET UP AS THE LAND REGISTRY AND COMPANIES REGISTRY IN APRIL 1993.

"THESE CHANGES WILL NOT INVOLVE ADDITIONAL COST.

"AS THE OPERATIONS OF THE TWO REGISTRIES ARE ESSENTIALLY DEMAND-LED, IT IS INTENDED THAT THE TWO REGISTRIES WILL OPERATE ON A TRADING FUNDED BASIS COMMENCING JULY 1993," HE ADDED.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRADING FUNDS IS COVERED BY THE TRADING FUNDS BILL WHICH IS ALSO GAZETTED TODAY.

THE REORGANISATION OF RGD ALSO INVOLVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE IN JUNE 1990, THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT IN JULY 1990 AND THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE IN JUNE 1992.

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICIALS TRUSTEE, JUDICIAL TRUSTEE AND OFFICIAL SOLICITOR WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT IN APRIL 1991.

ON COMPLETION OF THE REORGANISATION, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE DISESTABLISHED.

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LAW TO IMPROVE SITE SAFETY

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THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING TO INTRODUCE IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS SOME STANDARD FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS SPECIFYING THAT CONTRACTORS SHOULD PROVIDE FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES ON MAJOR CONSTRUCTION SITES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION'S SITE SAFETY WEEK TODAY (FRIDAY), THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR JAMES BLAKE, SAID IF IT WAS PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL, LEGISLATION WOULD BE DRAFTED TO APPLY THESE REQUIREMENTS ON ALL CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENTS.

"ELECTRICITY SAFETY ON SITE IS ANOTHER AREA OF MAJOR CONCERN," MR BLAKE SAID.

STARTING FROM JUNE 1 THIS YEAR THE ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS HAVE COME INTO FORCE REQUIRING ELECTRICAL WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT BY REGISTERED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR/WORKERS.

"A CODE OF PRACTICE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND ON SALE GIVING GUIDELINES TO CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS ON SAFE WORKING PRACTICES.

"IN PARTICULAR, A SECTION HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE CODE OF PRACTICE ON TEMPORARY ELECTRICAL WORKS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES."

MR BLAKE HOPED THAT THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LEGISLATION WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE ELECTRICAL SAFETY.

"WE ARE THEREFORE DEVISING WAYS OF MEASURING SAFETY COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE AND HAVE EVERY INTENTION OF MAKING SURE THAT THE CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS ARE FOLLOWED BY SUITABLY EMPOWERING OUR SITE STAFF AND REFLECTING POOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE IN CONTRACTORS' STATUS ON OUR LISTS."

MR BLAKE EXPECTED THAT THESE MANDATORY SAFETY PROCEDURES WOULD RESULT IN THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF ALL ON SITE, SO THAT THEY WERE WELL INFORMED, APPRECIATED THE HAZARDS AND ACCEPTED THE PRECAUTIONS THAT NEEDED TO BE TAKEN.

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TRADE DEPARTMENT MAKES PERFORMANCE PLEDGES TO THE PUBLIC

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CUSTOMERS OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ARE GIVEN A PERFORMANCE PLEDGE TODAY (FRIDAY) ON WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT, WHAT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS HAVE BEEN SET, WHETHER SUCH STANDARD HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED AND WHAT TO DO WHEN THEY ARE NOT.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DEPARTMENTAL STAFF DINNER, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR DONALD TSANG, SAID HIS DEPARTMENT WAS EXCITED IN TAKING ON THE GOVERNOR'S CALL FOR "OPENNESS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOOD STANDARDS OF SERVICE".

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IS ONE OF THE FEW GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHICH ARE SELECTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO COME UNDER PHASE I OF THE "SERVING THE COMMUNITY" SCHEME.

"THE GOVERNOR ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS EXERCISE. WE ARE PROUD TO BE IN IT AT THE OUTSET. IT SIGNIFIES TRADE DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUOUS COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING ITS SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

"MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE ALWAYS CONSCIOUS OF THE EVER-INCREASING DEMAND FOR BETTER SERVICE FROM THE PUBLIC, AND THE NEED TO UPGRADE OUR PERFORMANCE TO MEET SUCH DEMAND," MR TSANG SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL PUBLISH, BY MEANS OF TRADE CIRCULARS, PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS AND POSTERS, ITS PERFORMANCE PLEDGES TO THE PUBLIC.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR COLLEAGUES WILL MEET THE GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE," HE SAID.

FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL POST PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND TARGETS AT EACH OF ITS POINTS OF SERVICE. A PAMPHLET EXPLAINING THE NEW STANDARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE ENQUIRY COUNTER.

FOR SERVICES PROVIDED IMMEDIATELY AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION, THE TARGET WAITING TIME, WHICH INCLUDES QUEUING AND PROCESSING TIME, IS 30 MINUTES.

FOR OTHER SERVICES, THE TARGETS ARE EXPRESSED AS TURNROUND TIME IN CLEAR WORKING DAYS.

SHOULD CUSTOMERS HAVE TO WAIT FOR LONGER THAN THE TARGET ITEMS, THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO A FULL AND PROMPT EXPLANATION.

"IF A CUSTOMER WANTS SUCH AN EXPLANATION OR FEELS THAT AN APPLICATION HAS NOT BEEN DEALT WITH ADEQUATELY, HE OR SHE IS AUTHORISED TO NOTIFY THE CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER IN THE LICENSING BRANCH CONCERNED.

"ALTERNATIVELY, A COMPLAINT MAY BE LODGED TO THE DEPARTMENTAL CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER," MR TSANG EXPLAINED.

HE ASSURED CUSTOMERS THAT ALL STRAIGHT-FORWARD ORAL COMPLAINTS WOULD BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY, WHILE THE DEPARTMENT WOULD GIVE A REPLY IN RESPONSE TO ANY WRITTEN COMPLAINT WITHIN 10 DAYS.

"IF A CUSTOMER STILL FEELS THAT A CASE HAS NOT BEEN DEALT WITH ADEQUATELY AFTER ALL THE EXPLANATION GIVEN, HE OR SHE SHOULD COME TO ME," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR TSANG REMINDED USERS OF TRADE DEPARTMENT'S SERVICES THAT THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED MORE THAN SIX MILLION LICENCES EVERY YEAR.

"WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ACHIEVE OUR TARGETS. BUT THERE WILL BE OCCASIONS WHEN CUSTOMERS MAY HAVE TO WAIT FOR LONGER THAN THE TARGET ITEMS," HE SAID.

"QUEUING TIME IS NORMALLY LONGER DURING PEAK HOURS (11 AM TO 12.30 PM AND 3.30 PM TO 4.30 PM) AND ON DAYS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE AND AFTER A LONG HOLIDAY," MR TSANG ADDED.

UNDER THE PROGRAMME, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE WILL PUBLISH EVERY YEAR PERFORMANCE RESULTS AGAINST TARGETS.

THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD AND TRADE ADVISORY BOARD WILL HELP MONITOR MATTERS COVERED BY THE PERFORMANCE PLEDGE.

A SERVICE STANDARDS COMMITTEE IN THE DEPARTMENT, CHAIRED BY A DIRECTORATE OFFICER, HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO SERVICE THE TWO ADVISORY BODIES ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE PERFORMANCE PLEDGE EXERCISE.

FURTHERMORE, A DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP, HEADED BY ANOTHER DIRECTORATE OFFICER, HAS BEEN SET UP TO PLAN AND CO-ORDINATE RELATED EFFORTS IN DEVELOPING A CLIENT-BASED CULTURE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

"THIS IS AN IMPORTANT EXERCISE FOR ALL OF US. ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT AT ALL LEVELS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE KEY TO ITS SUCCESS," HE SAID.

ON THE SAME OCCASION, MR TSANG ANNOUNCED THAT THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WOULD ADOPT A NEW LOGO WHICH COULD HELP REINFORCE THE CORPORATE IMAGE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

"OUR LOGO IS DEVELOPED FROM THE CHINESE CHARACTER THAT MEANS MUTUAL AND SYMBOLISES THE MUTUAL BENEFIT DERIVED FROM THE DYNAMIC INTERACTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE," MR TSANG EXPLAINED.

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KOWLOON WALLED CITY DEMOLITION CONTRACT AWARDED

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED A \$42 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY, THE LARGEST SINGLE DEMOLITION PROJECT OF ITS KIND IN THE TERRITORY.

THE DEMOLITION, TO BE CARRIED OUT BY MECHANICAL MEANS, WILL PRODUCE 140,000 CUBIC METRES OF DEBRIS AND MAKE AVAILABLE A 2.7-HECTARE LAND LOT.

HEAVY SPECIALISED DEMOLITION PLANT, INCLUDING RIGS WITH EXTENDED ARMS THAT CAN REACH MORE THAN 30 METRES HIGH AND EQUIPPED WITH CONCRETE CRUSHERS AND GRAPPLES, WILL DISMANTLE THE STRUCTURES IN 18 MONTHS.

THE DEBRIS WILL BE RECYCLED, WITH A MAJOR PORTION USED AS FILL MATERIAL IN RECLAMATION PROJECTS.

THE HISTORICAL 'YAMEN' BUILDINGS AT THE CENTRE OF THE WALLED CITY WILL BE PRESERVED IN SITU DURING THE DEMOLITION AND REMAIN AS THE CENTRE THEME OF A PUBLIC PARK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID ALTHOUGH THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES WAS ALLOWED IN THE PROJECT, DEMOLITION BY CONVENTIONAL MEANS WAS FOUND TO BE MORE COST-EFFECTIVE.

THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN EXPRESS BUILDERS COMPANY LIMITED AND CLEVELAND WRECKING COMPANY.

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BILL TO ALLOW DISABLED FREE PARKING  
AND ABATE TRAFFIC NOISE GAZETTED

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A BILL THAT SEEKS TO EXEMPT DISABLED PERSONS FROM PAYING PARKING FEES AT METERED PARKING SPACES AND TO IMPLEMENT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PURPOSES WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FIRST PART OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1992 ENABLES THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TO MAKE REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUE OF DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING PERMITS AND TO EXEMPT THE HOLDERS OF SUCH PERMITS FROM PAYMENT OF METER FEES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS EXEMPTION RELEASED DISABLED DRIVERS WITH WALKING DIFFICULTY FROM THE BURDEN OF HAVING TO RETURN TO THEIR CARS AT REGULAR INTERVALS TO PAY FEES.

THE PERMITS WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING PRIVILEGED PARKING LABELS ISSUED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE ISSUE OF SUCH LABELS HAD BEEN AN ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE SINCE 1972 UNDER AN AGREEMENT AMONG THE POLICE, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

AS AT SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, 595 DISABLED PERSONS WERE ISSUED WITH PRIVILEGED PARKING LABELS.

THE SECOND PART OF THE BILL SEEKS TO AMEND THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO EXPRESSIVELY EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO REGULATE THE USE OF ROADS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT IT HAD BEEN THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO IMPLEMENT THE TSING YI TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TRIAL SCHEME TO DIVERT HEAVY VEHICLES FROM CENTRAL/WESTERN/NORTHERN ROADS TO SOUTHERN ROADS ON THE ISLAND DURING NIGHT HOURS.

"THE SCHEME, WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON A TRIAL BASIS FOR THREE MONTHS, WILL BRING RELIEF TO THE MAJORITY OF TSING YI RESIDENTS FROM NIGHT-TIME TRAFFIC NOISE DISTURBANCES CAUSED BY HEAVY VEHICLES," HE SAID.

THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN CONSULTED ON THE RESPECTIVE PARTS OF THE PROPOSAL AND HAVE SUPPORTED IT.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD WAS ALSO CONSULTED ON THE TRIAL SCHEME IN MARCH 1991 AND MEMBERS GENERALLY SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL.

THE BOARD WILL BE FURTHER CONSULTED BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRIAL SCHEME.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS ON NOVEMBER 18.

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CONTRACT SIGNED FOR AU TAU WATER TREATMENT WORKS

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED A \$260 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE STAGE II EXTENSION OF THE AU TAU WATER TREATMENT WORKS.

THE EXTENSION, AIMED AT HELPING TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR POTABLE WATER IN YUEN LONG, TIN SHUI WAI AND TUEN MUN AREAS, WILL HAVE A DAILY CAPACITY OF 220,000 CUBIC METRES AND A TOTAL ULTIMATE DAILY CAPACITY OF 330,000 CUBIC METRES ON COMPLETION.

THE CONTRACT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX CLARIFIERS, 14 RAPID GRAVITY FILTERS AND A SLUDGE THICKENING TANK.

WORKS ARE ALSO REQUIRED FOR THE EXTENSION OF CONTACT TANK, TREATED WATER AND PRIMARY SERVICE RESERVOIRS, PIPELINES, SLUDGE DEWATERING FACILITIES AND THE SUPPLY AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL PLANT.

WORKS ON THIS CONTRACT WILL START THIS MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, THE CIVIL AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL WORKS ARE COMBINED TO ALLOW THE RESOURCES AND EXPERTISE OF BOTH CONTRACTORS TO BE SHARED.

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THIS WOULD LEAD TO A MORE COST-EFFECTIVE PLANT DESIGN AND MINIMISE POTENTIAL DELAYS BY ELIMINATING INTERFACE PROBLEMS NORMALLY EXPERIENCED IN THE CONVENTIONAL, SEPARATE CONTRACTS.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR HU MAN-SHIU, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN GUANGDONG WATER CONSERVANCY AND HYDROPOWER ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED AND PWT (HK) LIMITED.

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APPLICATIONS FOR OPERATING NEW MINIBUS ROUTES INVITED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF 19 NEW GREEN MINIBUS (GMB) ROUTES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY.

DETAILS OF THE ROUTES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES ARE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE 19 ROUTES WERE GROUPED INTO 12 PACKAGES AND INCLUDED A 24-HOUR SERVICE BETWEEN WAH KWAI ESTATE AND TIN WAN ON HONG KONG ISLAND, AND AN ALL-NIGHT SERVICE BETWEEN MONG KOK AND KAM YING COURT.

"AN APPLICANT MAY SUBMIT ONE APPLICATION ONLY. IF A POTENTIAL APPLICANT CANNOT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT IN RESPECT OF THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES FOR ANY PARTICULAR PACKAGE, HE SHOULD NOT APPLY FOR IT," HE SAID.

PRESCRIBED APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM:

- \* TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 41ST FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER II, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI;
- \* KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL OFFICES, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, 7TH FLOOR, MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 30 LUEN WAN ROAD, KOWLOON;
- \* HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 2 MURRAY ROAD, CENTRAL;
- \* KWUN TONG LICENSING OFFICE, FIFTH FLOOR, KOWLOON EAST GOVERNMENT OFFICE, 12 LEI YUE MUN ROAD, KWUN TONG; AND
- \* SHA TIN LICENSING OFFICE, FIFTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, SHA TIN.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 4 THIS YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT APPLICATIONS BY ANY OTHER MEANS OR LATE SUBMISSIONS WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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FACE-LIFT FOR WAN ON STREET  
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO GIVE A FACE-LIFT TO WAN ON STREET IN HUNG HOM.

THE AFFECTED STREET FALLS WITHIN KOWLOON MARINE LOT NO. 52 AND ITS EXTENSION.

UNDER THE PLAN, THE EXISTING CARRIAGEWAY AND FOOTWAY WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED WHILE IMPROVEMENT WILL ALSO BE MADE TO THE ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE AND UNDERGROUND SERVICES.

AT PRESENT, WAN ON STREET IS NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND MANAGED BECAUSE IT IS UNDER MULTIPLE SUBDIVIDED OWNERSHIP.

THE POOR CONDITION RESULTED IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND ACCESS PROBLEMS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY, IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, TO RESUME THIS PRIVATE STREET TO ENSURE ITS PROPER MAINTENANCE AND USE.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN AUGUST 1994 AND WILL TAKE ABOUT FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE, HE ADDED.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROJECT CAN BE SEEN IN THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE/KOWLOON WEST, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, YAU MA TEI; AND
- \* KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, KOWLOON CITY.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE JANUARY 5 NEXT YEAR.

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TA KWU LING LOTS TO BE RESUMED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME FIVE PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS IN TA KWU LING, NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LANDFILL AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF WELLS AND PIPELINES FOR SUPPLYING IRRIGATION WATER.

TWO OF THE LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 1,601 SQUARE METRES WILL BE RESUMED IN KONG YIU FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL PHASE II.

THE OTHER THREE LOTS ARE IN HA HEUNG YUEN AND COVER A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 412 SQUARE METRES.

THEY ARE REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SERIES OF DEEP WELLS AND PIPELINES FOR SUPPLYING IRRIGATION WATER TO THE AREA WHERE SUPPLY IS EXPECTED TO BE AFFECTED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LANDFILL.

THESE LOTS WILL BE REVERTED TO THE GOVERNMENT ON EXPIRY OF THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF POSTING OF NOTICES ON THE LOTS.

DETAILS OF THE RESUMPTION HAVE BEEN GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

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CARNIVAL FOR RESIDENTS IN SOUTHERN

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A LARGE-SCALE CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD IN ABERDEEN PROMENADE IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8), BEGINNING AT 1 PM.

THE CARNIVAL IS BELIEVED TO BE THE LARGEST EVER IN THE DISTRICT.

THE FOUR-HOUR CARNIVAL IS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS WILL INCLUDE A HUGE AIR-FILLED LABYRINTH AND A PHOTOGRAPH CORNER WHERE RESIDENTS CAN TAKE FREE INSTANT PICTURES OF THEMSELVES AGAINST A LARGE CARICATURE BACKDROP WHICH DEPICTS THE MANY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE MORE THAN 20 GAME STALLS AND HANDICRAFT STANDS.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION ON THE HISTORY AND TRANSFORMATION OF THE DISTRICT, FEATURING HISTORIC PICTURES DATING BACK TO THE 19TH CENTURY AS WELL AS THE MORE CURRENT ONES.

TWO VENUES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR A VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES, RANGING FROM CHINESE AND WESTERN DANCES, SINGING, INSTRUMENT PERFORMANCES TO DRAMAS, KUNGFU DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACROBATIC SHOWS.

A 10-MEMBER BAGPIPE BAND WILL ALSO CONDUCT DRILLS TO ADD TO THE FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (SDFOC) SAID THE CARNIVAL WAS MADE POSSIBLE WITH POOLED RESOURCES FROM THE DISTRICT'S SEVEN AREA COMMITTEES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART, HE ADDED.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS ROSANNA URE; THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; SDFOC'S CHAIRPERSON, MRS SO CHAU YIM-PING; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF ITS WORKING GROUP ON THE CARNIVAL, MR KO TAM-KAN.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8) IN ABERDEEN PROMENADE.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 1.45 PM.

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LOCKHART ROAD CARNIVAL

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TROUPES OF DANCERS, MUSICIANS AND JUGGLERS WILL TAKE TO THE STREETS ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8) FOR THE LOCKHART ROAD CARNIVAL.

BILLED AS THE BIGGEST EVENT OF THE ONGOING WAN CHAI FESTIVAL, THE STREET CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE SOUTH AMERICAN DANCES, CHINESE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AND WESTERN BAND PERFORMANCES.

TEN PERFORMING GROUPS, INCLUDING THE FRINGE CLUB AND THE GUANGZHOU LIWAN "SHAONIAN GONG", WILL PRESENT SHOWS FROM NOON TO 7 PM AT THE SECTION BETWEEN LUARD ROAD AND FLEMING ROAD.

HIGHLIGHTS WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY THE "SHAONIAN GONG" OR YOUNG ARTISTS' GROUP WHICH COMPRISES 30 YOUNGSTERS AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 13.

THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE 47 FOOD STALLS AND HANDICRAFTS STANDS ON THE PAVEMENTS, WILL ENSURE AN ENTERTAINING AFTERNOON.

REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL WONG; WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR LEE MING-KWAI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 12.15 PM.

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THE EVENT IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE WAN CHAI FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE WAN CHAI TENANTS ASSOCIATION AND TWO AREA COMMITTEES, WITH HELP FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND PRIVATE SECTOR SPONSORSHIPS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LOCKHART ROAD CARNIVAL FROM NOON TO 7 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8) AT THE SECTION BETWEEN LUARD ROAD AND FLEMING ROAD. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 12.15 PM.

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NEW DISTRICT OFFICER FOR SHAM SHUI PO

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MISS LINDA LAI WAI-MING WILL TAKE UP THE POST OF THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHAM SHUI PO TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

MISS LAI, AGED 30, JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1984 AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

SHE HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS POLICY BRANCHES, INCLUDING CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH, ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH, SECURITY BRANCH AND FINANCE BRANCH.

HER LAST POSTING WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE FINANCE BRANCH.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF COMMENDED FOR LONG SERVICE

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED CERTIFICATES TO 163 STAFF MEMBERS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR LONG AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

THEY INCLUDED DOCTORS, NURSES AND OTHER SUPPORTING STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

AT A CEREMONY HELD THIS AFTERNOON, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S H LEE, PRESENTED THE CERTIFICATES TO THEM WHO HAD SERVED THE GOVERNMENT FOR 20 OR 30 YEARS.

UNDER THE LONG AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATE AWARD SCHEME, CERTIFICATES ARE AWARDED TO CIVILIAN STAFF WHO HAVE SERVED THE GOVERNMENT FOR 20 OR 30 YEARS AND WHO HAVE RECEIVED GOOD REPORTS IN THE PAST 10 YEARS.

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IN HIS ADDRESS, DR LEE THANKED THE RECIPIENTS FOR THEIR HARD WORK, DEDICATION AND CO-OPERATION WHICH HAD CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE TERRITORY'S MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

DR LEE POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAD RECENTLY BEEN CHOSEN TOGETHER WITH SIX OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO LAUNCH THE PHASE I OF THE PERFORMANCE PLEDGES SCHEME.

THE SCHEME MARKED THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

HE APPEALED TO ALL STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR FULL SUPPORT, CO-OPERATION AND PARTICIPATION.

"YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL HELP EXTEND OUR CARING ATTITUDE TO EVERY RESIDENT AND PATIENT," DR LEE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE DIRECTOR SAID THE GENERALLY GOOD LEVEL OF HEALTH OF HONG KONG PEOPLE WAS WELL REFLECTED IN THE ENCOURAGING HEALTH INDICES AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS MADE IN HEALTH SERVICES AND THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT THREE YEARS AGO, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAS BEEN WORKING TO IMPROVE ITS SERVICES AND TO DEVELOP INTO A "CARING DEPARTMENT", DR LEE ADDED.

"I FIRMLY ASSURE ALL COLLEAGUES THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR MORE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STAFF --- A VALUABLE RESOURCES FOR US," HE SAID.

THESE WILL INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS IN WORKING ENVIRONMENT, PARTNERSHIP IN HEALTH, ENHANCEMENT OF THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STAFF AND MANAGEMENT, AND MORE TRAINING PROSPECTS FOR STAFF.

THE DIRECTOR LOOKED FORWARD TO ALL COLLEAGUES GIVING CONTINUED SUPPORT AND EXERCISING THEIR PROFESSIONAL SPIRIT TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY AND EFFICIENT SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

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POSTMAN AWARDED IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR M PAGLIARI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT SENIOR POSTMAN MR LEUNG YUN-KAN HAD BEEN AWARDED THE IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL BY THE QUEEN ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER SERVING IN THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE FOR OVER 39 YEARS.

MR LEUNG, AGED 60, JOINED THE POST OFFICE IN 1953 AND WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SENIOR POSTMAN IN 1989.

DURING HIS LONG CAREER, HE HAS SPENT A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF MAIL TRAINS FROM CHINA.

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HE IS THEREFORE ONE OF THE FEW HONG KONG POSTMEN TO HAVE DIRECT, PERSONAL CONTACT WITH HIS CHINESE COUNTERPARTS WITH WHOM HE HAS MAINTAINED SMOOTH WORKING RELATIONS OVER THE YEARS.

MR PAGLIARI DESCRIBED MR LEUNG AS AN OUTSTANDING SENIOR POSTMAN WHO DEMONSTRATED INITIATIVE AND ENTHUSIASM.

"MR LEUNG HAS SET A WORTHY EXAMPLE FOR COLLEAGUES WITH HIS WHOLEHEARTED DEVOTION TO DUTY," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG RECEIVED WARM CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL AND HIS COLLEAGUES ON THE HONOUR.

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FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT TO PROMOTE HEALTHY ACTIVITIES IN MONG KOK  
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A SEVEN-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AIMED AT ENCOURAGING YOUNGSTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTHY ACTIVITIES AND TO STAY AWAY FROM CRIME WILL BE HELD AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND IN MONG KOK THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8).

THE TOURNAMENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

A KICK-OFF CEREMONY WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO THE MATCHES.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER (MONG KOK), MR C J GLOVER; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR CHAN KWOK-MING; ASSISTANT MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VINCENT TANG AND MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MRS TAM CHEUNG KIT-YING.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TOURNAMENT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8) AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND, SAI YEE STREET, MONG KOK.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION -----
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	+2,500
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	4,000

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 112.5 \*+0.1\* 6.11.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS			HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS			
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.66 PCT	13 MONTHS	2311	6.25	102.38	3.90
1 MONTH	2.79 PCT	16 MONTHS	2402	5.50	101.48	4.33
3 MONTHS	3.17 PCT	19 MONTHS	2405	5.502	101.48	4.54
6 MONTHS	3.33 PCT	22 MONTHS	2408	4.375	99.50	4.72
12 MONTHS	3.92 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 18,220 MN

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