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BETTER DEAL FOR JUNIOR STAFF AND WOMAN OFFICERS
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED A NEW PAY SCALE FOR JUNIOR CIVIL SERVANTS ON MODEL SCALE 1 WHICH PROVIDES LARGER INCREMENTS. ONE EFFECT IS THAT EMPLOYEES AT THE BOTTOM OF THAT SCALE WILL RECEIVE INCREMENTS ANNUALLY INSTEAD OF ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS AS AT PRESENT.

THE RECOMMENDATION IS ONE OF A NUMBER CONTAINED IN THE FIFTH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, PUBLISHED TODAY. THE REPORT CONTAINS A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING A LARGE NUMBER OF CIVIL SERVANTS. IT DEALS MAINLY WITH GRADES WHOSE REVIEWS WERE OUTSTANDING FROM THE STANDING COMMISSION'S SECOND REPORT.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT, EXCEPT FOR THOSE CONCERNING FRINGE BENEFITS FOR MARRIED FEMALE STAFF.

IN ITS LATEST REVIEW OF MODEL SCALE 1 STAFF, THE STANDING COMMISSION CONSIDERED THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PAY AND CONDITIONS OF STAFF ON THIS SCALE AND THOSE ON THE MASTER PAY SCALE. IT CONCLUDED THAT MODEL SCALE 1 EMPLOYEES SHOULD REMAIN AS A SEPARATE GROUP WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT THAT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE.

ANOTHER MAJOR GROUP REVIEWED IN THE REPORT IS THE EDUCATION GRADES.

THE STANDING COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT THERE IS A CONTINUING NEED FOR FOUR SEPARATE STREAMS WITHIN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THAT IS TO SAY, FOR TEACHING, LECTURING, INSPECTING AND ADMINISTERING, BUT THAT THERE SHOULD BE A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PAY SCALES OF STAFF IN THE FOUR STREAMS. THE COMMISSION'S DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDE IMPROVED PAY SCALES AND A MORE UNIFORM STRUCTURE FOR MOST OF THE GRADES.

AS REGARDS MARRIED WOMEN EMPLOYED IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED THE STANDING COMMISSION'S VIEW THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO IMPROVE THEIR FRINGE BENEFITS, BUT DID NOT FEEL ABLE TO ACCEPT IN FULL THE IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION, BECAUSE TO HAVE DONE SO WOULD HAVE MOVED TOO FAR AHEAD OF PRIVATE SECTOR PRACTICE.

THE STANDING COMMISSION HAD RECOMMENDED THAT MARRIED FEMALE STAFF SHOULD HAVE THE SAME FRINGE BENEFITS AS THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS, SUBJECT TO SUITABLE SAFEGUARDS TO PREVENT THE DOUBLE PROVISION OF BENEFITS. THE RECOMMENDATION WOULD MEAN THAT A FEMALE CIVIL SERVANT WOULD DERIVE BENEFITS FOR HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN AS WELL AS HERSELF.

AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, THE GOVERNMENT CONCLUDED THAT IN FUTURE MALE AND FEMALE STAFF SHOULD BE EQUAL IN TERMS OF THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR FRINGE BENEFITS SO FAR AS THEY THEMSELVES ARE CONCERNED, AND THAT THIS SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY PROVIDING MARRIED FEMALE STAFF THE SAME BENEFITS AS A SINGLE WOMAN, INCLUDING CERTAIN HOUSING BENEFITS.

THE NEW PROVISIONS ARE SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS BEING DEvised TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF DOUBLE BENEFITS.

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AT THE MOMENT MARRIED WOMEN DO NOT RECEIVE HOUSING BENEFITS. IN FUTURE, THE PRINCIPLE WILL BE THAT SENIOR MARRIED FEMALE OFFICERS SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR A PRIVATE TENANCY ALLOWANCE AT THE RATE APPROPRIATE FOR SINGLE WOMEN, IF THE MARRIED WOMAN AND HER HUSBAND ARE RENTING ACCOMMODATION.

IN ADDITION, MARRIED WOMEN WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS, INCLUDING DENTAL TREATMENT WHEN FACILITIES PERMIT, FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

IN ITS REPORT, THE STANDING COMMISSION HAS ALSO MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SALARY SCALES AND STRUCTURE OF NEW GRADES AND RANKS CREATED OR PROPOSED SINCE ITS SECOND REPORT, ON THE PAY AND STRUCTURE OF INDIVIDUAL GRADES WHERE NEW EVIDENCE HAS BEEN PRODUCED TO THE COMMISSION, AND ON THE PAY SCALES OF SPECIALIST CIVILIAN POSTS IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE.

THE WIDE RANGE OF PROPOSALS IN THE REPORT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON VARIOUS DATES. THOSE RELATING TO SOME GRADES WHICH WERE NOT DEALT WITH IN THE STANDING COMMISSION'S REVIEW OF OCTOBER 1979 WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM THAT DATE- OTHERS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM OCTOBER 1980 OR A FUTURE DATE.

A CHANGE WHICH WILL BENEFIT MANY CIVIL SERVANTS IS THAT REVISED +CONVERSION RULES+ ARE INTRODUCED, WHEREBY WHEN THE MINIMUM OF A PAY SCALE IS RAISED, AN ADDITIONAL INCREMENT WILL NORMALLY BE PAID ON +CONVERSION+ OF STAFF FROM AN OLD SCALE TO A NEW SCALE.

COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED TO STAFF ASSOCIATIONS AND DEPARTMENTS. COPIES ARE ALSO ON SALE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG. THE REPORT IS AVAILABLE IN EITHER ENGLISH OR CHINESE, AND COSTS \$25 A COPY.

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MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER * * * * *

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG ROSE FASTER IN OCTOBER THAN IN SEPTEMBER, BUT AN OUTFLOW OF FUNDS FROM HONG KONG CAUSED THE MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS TO INCREASE BY MUCH LESS THAT MONTH THAN IN SEPTEMBER.

THERE WAS A FURTHER GROWTH IN DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES IN THE MONTH. DEPOSITS WITH BANKS WERE ALMOST UNCHANGED- A FURTHER SHARP RISE IN LENDING BY BANKS WAS FINANCED BY THEIR INCREASED BORROWING FROM DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

DETAILED MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 1980 PUBLISHED TODAY, AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS, ARE SET OUT IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

MONEY AND

MONEY AND BANKING FIGURES - END OF OCTOBER 1980 (IN \$MILLION)

	FIGURES FOR EARLIER MONTHS (% CHANGE)			
	OCT 1980	SEPT 1980	JULY 1980	OCT 1979
M1	25 575	25 586 (=)	23 345 (+9.6%)	19 692 (+29.9%)*
M2	95 636	95 577 (+0.1%)	90 622 (+5.5%)	70 844 (+35.0%)*
M3	131 311	128 457 (+2.2%)	120 481 (+9.0%)	93 596 (+40.3%)*
<u>BANKS -</u>				
DEPOSITS	87 407	87 396 (=)	82 847 (+5.5%)	64 085 (+36.4%)*
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	85 278	80 485 (+6.0%)	73 722 (+15.7%)	57 773 (+47.6%)*
LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO	97.6%	92.1%	89.0%	90.2%
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO	46.8%	47.8%	49.3%	50.1%
<u>DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES -</u>				
DEPOSITS	35 675	32 880 (+8.5%)	29 859 (+19.5%)	22 752 (+56.8%)
LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	27 149	26 021 (+4.3%)	23 987 (+13.2%)	12 281 (+121.1%)
LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO	76.1%	79.1%	80.3%	54.0%
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO \approx	47.9%	47.5%	46.2%	\approx
<u>BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES:</u>				
TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG	112 427	106 506 (+5.6%)	97 709 (+15.1%)	70 054 (+60.5%)

/# THESE FIGURES

- * THESE FIGURES ARE RECALCULATED TO EXCLUDE BANKS' LIABILITIES TO, AND CLAIMS ON, DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.
- THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT FOR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO OBSERVE A MINIMUM LIQUID ASSETS RATIO CAME INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1980.

MONEY SUPPLY

THE MONEY SUPPLY ON THE NARROWEST DEFINITION, M1 (NOTES AND COINS WITH THE PUBLIC, PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, WITH LICENSED BANKS) WAS VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED IN OCTOBER AT \$25 575 MILLION, AFTER RISING BY 6.3 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

M2 (M1 PLUS SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, WITH LICENSED BANKS) ROSE BY ONLY 0.1 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 2.8 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

M3 (M2 PLUS DEPOSITS FROM THE PUBLIC WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) ROSE BY 2.2 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, WELL DOWN FROM ITS 3.4 PER CENT RISE IN SEPTEMBER.

IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS M1 ROSE BY 9.6 PER CENT AND M2 BY 5.5 PER CENT, VERY SHARPLY REDUCED FROM THE INCREASES OF 16.5 PER CENT AND 17.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS M3 ROSE BY 9.0 PER CENT, AS COMPARED WITH A RISE OF 11.6 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

LOANS IN HONG KONG

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG GREW BY 5.6 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, AFTER RISING BY 4.9 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 15.1 PER CENT, WELL UP FROM A 9.0 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

BANK LOANS IN HONG KONG INCREASED BY 6.0 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, UP FROM A 4.8 PER CENT RISE IN SEPTEMBER. LOANS IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES EXPANDED BY 4.3 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, LESS THAN AN INCREASE OF 5.0 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, BANK LOANS IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 15.7 PER CENT AND LOANS IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BY 13.2 PER CENT, AGAINST THE INCREASE OF 2.4 PER CENT AND 36.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE PRECEDING THREE MONTHS. THESE MOVEMENTS PARTLY REFLECTED RISING MONEY MARKET RATES FROM THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST.

FOREIGN ASSETS

THE NET IDENTIFIABLE FOREIGN ASSETS OF ALL BANKS FELL IN OCTOBER BY \$722 MILLION, AND THOSE OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY \$1 060 MILLION, INDICATING AN OUTFLOW OF \$1 782 MILLION FROM THE HONG KONG MONETARY SECTOR (BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) DURING THE MONTH, AFTER AN OUTFLOW OF \$792 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER.

BALANCE SHEET RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL BANKS IN HONG KONG FELL IN OCTOBER TO 46.8 PER CENT FROM 47.8 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. THE LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO, HOWEVER, ROSE FURTHER TO 97.6 PER CENT AT THE END OF OCTOBER, FROM 92.1 PER CENT AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, REFLECTING THE RAPID EXPANSION IN BANK LOANS DURING THE MONTH.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE IN OCTOBER TO 47.9 PER CENT FROM 47.5 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. THE LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIO HOWEVER DECLINED TO 76.1 PER CENT AT THE END OF OCTOBER FROM 79.1 PER CENT AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, AS DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED SHARPLY DURING THE MONTH.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING BANKS WAS UNCHANGED IN OCTOBER AT 113. ONE MORE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY BEGAN TO REPORT DURING THE MONTH, BRINGING THEIR TOTAL TO 298.

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TEXTILE AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRIA

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THE CURRENT TEXTILE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND HONG KONG IS DUE TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31, 1981. IT PROVIDES FOR EXPORT RESTRAINT ON THREE ITEMS OF CLOTHING.

FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND HONG KONG, AN AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON NOVEMBER 29 WHICH PROVIDES FOR CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT, WITH CERTAIN CHANGES.

IN THE NEW AGREEMENT, TWO ITEMS CURRENTLY UNDER EXPORT AUTHORISATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO QUOTA RESTRAINT FOR A 14-MONTH PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 1980. THEY ARE KNITTED DRESSES OF SYNTHETIC FIBRES, AND WOVEN DRESSES OF COTTON OR MAN-MADE FIBRES, SKIRTS OF COTTON.

RESTRAINT WILL CONTINUE TO BE EXERCISED IN RESPECT OF THE THREE ITEMS PRESENTLY UNDER EXPORT RESTRAINT, NAMELY, WOVEN SHIRTS, WOVEN BLOUSES AND WOVEN TROUSERS. THE RESTRAINT WILL BE FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS COMMENCING FEBRUARY 1, 1981.

THE TEXTILE ADVISORY BOARD HAS BEEN CONSULTED AND HAS ADVISED THAT HONG KONG SHOULD ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT. DETAILS AND THE RULES FOR IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION APPOINTED

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FOLLOWING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR COLVYN HAYE AS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT MR MICHAEL LEUNG WOULD BE POSTED TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WITH EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 8.

MR LEUNG, 42 YEARS OF AGE, ENTERED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1961 AS A CERTIFICATED MASTER AFTER GRADUATING FROM NORTHCOTE TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE. HE LEFT HIS TEACHING JOB IN 1962 TO STUDY HISTORY IN HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

IN 1965 MR LEUNG WAS APPOINTED AS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND STARTED HIS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN FINANCE BRANCH. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF POSTINGS TO NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND OTHER BRANCHES IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, PUNCTUATED BY A DEVELOPMENT TRAINING COURSE IN OXFORD UNIVERSITY IN 1966.

MR LEUNG WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN APRIL THIS YEAR AND IS CURRENTLY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES.

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TAI PO HAWKER CLEARANCE AND RE-ORDERING EXERCISE

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD SMOOTHLY CARRIED OUT A HAWKER CLEARANCE AND RE-ORDERING EXERCISE AT PO YICK STREET, TAI PO TODAY TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA AND TO COINCIDE WITH A PROPOSED TRAFFIC RE-ARRANGEMENT SCHEME FOR THE TOWN.

TO FREE PO YICK STREET FROM HAWKER OBSTRUCTION, ALL ELIGIBLE HAWKERS ARE NOW RESITED AT LUK HEUNG LANE NEARBY WHICH IS NOT OPEN TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, TO CONTINUE THEIR BUSINESS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

ALL ELIGIBLE HAWKERS WHO FORMERLY CONDUCTED THEIR TRADES ON PO YICK STREET AND WHO HAD BEEN SURVEYED ARE INVOLVED IN THE EXERCISE.

NEW LICENCES HAD BEEN ISSUED TO THE ELIGIBLE HAWKERS TO ENABLE THEM TO TRADE LEGALLY ON THE NEW SITES, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

+IN ORDER TO FACILITATE FUTURE CLEANSING OF LUK HEUNG LANE, HAWKERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PUT UP FIXED STRUCTURES,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE HAWKERS WOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED TO RUN THEIR BUSINESS WITHIN SPECIFIED HOURS UNDER THE TERMS OF THEIR LICENCE.

+THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE IN KEEPING WITH THEIR PREVIOUS TRADING PATTERN AT PO YICK STREET,+ HE SAID.

/MEANWHILE

MEANWHILE, A SMALL FENCED-OFF AREA AT THE FOOT OF THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE AT THE JUNCTION OF KWONG FUK ROAD AND PO YICK STREET HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR LOCAL FARMER HAWKERS TO RETAIL THEIR OWN FARM PRODUCE WITHIN SPECIFIED TRADING HOURS IN THE EARLY MORNING.

+ONLY SMALL QUANTITIES OF FARMING PRODUCE SUCH AS VEGETABLES, EGGS AND LIVE POULTRY WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE PUT ON SALE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+NO STRUCTURES WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE PUT UP IN THIS AREA,+ HE STRESSED.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION IS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT TO STOP ON-STREET HAWKERS FROM ESTABLISHING IN PO YICK STREET AGAIN AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL DUTIES TEAM ARE PUT ON PATROL IN THE AREA TO ENSURE THAT THE STREET IS FREE OF THEM.

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FIGHTING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY WITH
CARE AND UNDERSTANDING

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PARENTS AND TEACHERS WERE TODAY URGED TO JOIN IN THE BATTLE AGAINST JUVENILE DELINQUENCY - WITH CARE AND UNDERSTANDING.

ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO, MADE THE APPEAL WHEN OPENING THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN AT PAK TAI PLAYGROUND, CHEUNG CHAU.

QUOTING POLICE RECORDS, MR LO SAID THERE HAD BEEN 45 PER CENT MORE CRIMINAL CASES IN ISLANDS DISTRICT SO FAR THIS YEAR THAN IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES, COMPARED WITH 1978, HAD INCREASED THREE-AND-A-HALF TIMES.

+THESE ALARMING FIGURES TELL US THAT SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE,+ MR LO SAID.

+I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT PARENTS COULD SPEND MORE TIME WITH THEIR CHILDREN, AND PROVIDE THEM WITH CARE AND UNDERSTANDING AS WELL AS FOOD AND CLOTHING.

+TIME IS VALUABLE FOR WE BUSY PEOPLE NOWADAYS, BUT IT PAYS TO GIVE SOME TO OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, TO UNDERSTAND THEIR THINKING, CARE FOR THEIR FEELINGS, AND KNOW WHO THEIR FRIENDS ARE.

+IT CAN OFTEN HELP PUT RIGHT MISTAKES AND MISBEHAVIOUR BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.+

TEACHERS, BY PAYING MORE ATTENTION TO STUDENTS' CONDUCT AND MORAL DEVELOPMENT BESIDES TRANSMITTING ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE, COULD ALSO HELP TO STOP PROBLEMS AT THE GRASS-ROOT LEVEL, MR LO SAID.

HE ALSO REMINDED LOCAL PEOPLE OF TWO EFFECTIVE WAYS TO FIGHT CRIME AT HOME: MUTUAL AID AMONG NEIGHBOURS AND REPORTING OFFENCES PROMPTLY TO THE POLICE.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN, WHICH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL NEXT MARCH, IS TO PROVIDE LOCAL PEOPLE WITH CRIME-PREVENTION KNOWLEDGE AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE PART IN FIGHT CRIME ACTION. AMONG THE ACTIVITIES WILL BE SCHOOL SEMINARS, VISITS TO THE POLICE CRIME PREVENTION UNIT AND POLICE STATION OPEN-DAYS.

MR LO SAID AFTER A FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN HAD BEEN HELD AT TAI O LAST YEAR CRIME FIGURES HAD DROPPED DRAMATICALLY.

+ I HOPE LOCAL PEOPLE WILL MAKE THE BEST OF THE ACTIVITIES, AND MAKE THE ISLANDS PEACEFUL PLACES WHERE PEOPLE ARE HAPPY TO LIVE, + MR LO SAID.

JOINING MR LO AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WERE THE DIVISIONAL POLICE SUPERINTENDENT, MR MARK PELLY, THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR FUNG PAK-TAI, AND CHAIRMEN OF THE DISTRICT'S RURAL COMMITTEES.

PERFORMANCES BY THE POLICE DOG UNIT AND LOCAL SCHOOLS WERE STAGED AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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COUNTRY PARK BADGES AND T-SHIRTS ON SALE
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SPECIALLY DESIGNED SOUVENIR BADGES FOR COUNTRYSIDE LOVERS ARE NOW ON SALE.

THE BADGES, DESIGNED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY, ARE FOR THE PLOVER COVE, LANTAU AND SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARKS, AND THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL, A FAVOURITE HIKING ROUTE.

THE BADGES, MADE OF CLOTH, ARE SOLD AT \$1.50 EACH AT THE REFRESHMENT KIOSKS INSIDE THE TAI MEI TUK COUNTRY PARK AND THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK, AND ALSO AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE.

THEY WILL BE A SMART ADORNMENT FOR CASUAL WEAR SUCH AS DENIM GEAR, AND CAN BE SEWN ON KNAPSACKS.

THE PLOVER COVE BADGE FEATURES THE WATERFALL AT BRIDE'S POOL. THE ONE FOR SAI KUNG DEPICTS THE NOW FAMILIAR DOLOSSE COFFERDAM AT HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR.

A PHOENIX IS EMBROIDERED ON THE BADGE FOR THE LANTAU COUNTRY PARK SINCE IT IS FROM THE LANTAU PEAK (ITS CHINESE NAME MEANS PHOENIX MOUNTAIN) THAT MANY AN EARLY HIKER WATCHES SUNRISE.

THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL BADGE SHOWS THE SILHOUETTE OF A HIKER ON A SUMMIT.

SPECIAL T-SHIRTS FOR COUNTRY PARKS ARE ALSO ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AND THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK KIOSK. THEY ARE PRICED AT \$9 EACH.

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CARTOON COMPETITION TO PROMOTE CONSUMER RIGHTS

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A CARTOON COMPETITION IS BEING ORGANISED TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO BECOME MORE AWARE OF CONSUMER RIGHTS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CONSUMER COUNCIL AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE EVENT IS OPEN TO STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY 4 TO FORM 6.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO A JUNIOR SECTION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND A SENIOR SECTION FOR THOSE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE SUBJECT OF THE ENTRIES, WHICH MAY BE ON THE RIGHT OF THE CONSUMER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION, THE RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED AGAINST SALE OF GOODS WHICH ARE DANGEROUS TO HEALTH, THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE AMONG DIFFERENT BRANDS, AND THE RIGHT TO VOICE LEGITIMATE GRIEVANCES AND TO HAVE COMPLAINTS REDRESSED.

A DESIGN MAY BE IN THE FORM OF A SINGLE CARTOON OR A SERIES OF CARTOONS DRAWN ON DRAWING PAPER MEASURING 297 MM BY 420 MM.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FORM OF BOOK AND STATIONERY TOKENS RANGING FROM \$250 TO \$50. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A SOUVENIR.

ENTRIES MUST REACH THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUBS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY DECEMBER 31. THE ADDRESS IS CAROLINE MANSION, 4TH FLOOR, 8 YUN PING ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

AN EXHIBITION OF THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE HELD AT A LATER DATE, AND THE ORGANISERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND USE ANY OF THE ENTRIES.

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HONG KONG'S RAPID GROWTH REFLECTED IN
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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EXPANSION OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS REFLECTS THE GROWTH OF HONG KONG ITSELF OVER THAT PERIOD AND ITS PRESENT WORK LOAD REFLECTS THE EXCITING DIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TODAY, UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MISS LYDIA DUNN TOLD A NEW BATCH OF ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THEIR PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT PARADE GROUND, MISS DUNN NOTED THAT THE SERVICE HAD EXPANDED VERY RAPIDLY FROM 200 MEMBERS IN 1961 TO NEARLY 2 900 TODAY WORKING IN NO FEWER THAN 37 OFFICES SPREAD OVER MOST OF HONG KONG.

THIS YEAR THE SERVICE WILL DEAL WITH WELL OVER 20 MILLION TRAVELLERS INCLUDING SEVEN MILLION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

IT WILL ISSUE MORE THAN ONE MILLION TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS AND HANDLE ONE-AND-A-HALF MILLION ENQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLIC.

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUING OVER HALF A MILLION IDENTITY CARDS BESIDES PERFORMING 50 000 MARRIAGES AND REGISTERING 80 000 BIRTHS, MISS DUNN SAID.

SHE SAID THE WORK LOAD ALSO REFLECTED THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE SERVICE IN CONTAINING THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION: 80 000 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE ARRESTED IN THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, WITH ANOTHER 70 000 EVADING ARREST AND STAYING IN HONG KONG.

ABANDONMENT OF THE +REACHED BASE+ POLICY IS PLACING A FURTHER HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY ON THE SERVICE, AND WHILE EARLY INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE NEW POLICY IS WORKING, +YOU MUST ASSUME THAT WE ARE ONLY AT THE BEGINNING OF A LONG HAUL,+ MISS DUNN TOLD THE IMMIGRATION OFFICERS.

+TOGETHER WITH THE SECURITY FORCES, I AM CONFIDENT YOU WILL MEET THIS CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY WITH FIRMNESS, COURTESY AND KINDNESS FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL, AND EVEN POLITICAL, STABILITY OF HONG KONG ITSELF IS AT STAKE,+ SHE SAID.

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OPENING OF NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD
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THE SECTION OF NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD LEADING FROM THE OLD ROAD, NEAR THE JUNCTION WITH ANDERSON ROAD, TO SHUN LEE TSUEN ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP AND NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS WILL COME INTO OPERATION AT THE JUNCTION OF OLD/NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD NEAR ANDERSON ROAD AND AT THE JUNCTION OF NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WITH LEE ON ROAD.

OPENING OF THIS ROAD SECTION WILL PROVIDE A NEW LINK FROM SAI KUNG VIA SHUN LEE TSUEN TO KWUN TONG. AT THE SAME TIME, MOTORISTS WILL BE ABLE TO USE NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD IN ADDITION TO THE OLD ROAD.

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NEW MAXICAB SERVICE AT AP LEI CHAU

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A SUPPLEMENTARY MAXICAB FEEDER SERVICE WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM SUNDAY (DECEMBER 7) BETWEEN AP LEI CHAU (MAIN STREET) AND ABERDEEN.

THE NEW ROUTE NO. 27, WHICH WILL BE RUN ON A TRIAL BASIS FOR THREE MONTHS, WILL TEMPORARILY TERMINATE AT AP LEI CHAU ESTATE PENDING COMPLETION OF THE NEW ACCESS ROAD CONNECTING AP LEI CHAU MAIN STREET.

THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE FROM 5.55 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY AT A BASIC 10-MINUTE FREQUENCY DURING PEAK HOURS.

A FLAT FARE OF 60 CENTS WILL BE CHARGED.

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ILLEGAL GRAVES IN TUEN MUN TO BE EXHUMED

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THIRTY ILLEGAL GRAVES IN THE KWONG SHAN AREA IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT WILL BE CLEARED BY GOVERNMENT STAFF AFTER DECEMBER 14 (SUNDAY).

+WHERE RELATIVES CAN BE TRACED BEFORE EXHUMATION OF THESE GRAVES, THEY WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE THE GRAVES THEMSELVES,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

NOTICES HAVE BEEN POSTED TO GRAVE OWNERS ASKING THEM TO REMOVE THE GRAVES THEMSELVES. THESE NOTICES EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 14.

+IN THE EVENT RELATIVES CANNOT BE TRACED, THE GRAVES WILL BE EXHUMED AND THE REMAINS OF THE BURIALS WILL BE RE-INTERRED AT SANDY RIDGE CEMETERY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER SECTION 118 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, BURIALS OUTSIDE AUTHORISED CEMETERIES ARE NOT PERMITTED AS THE PRACTICE RUNS COUNTER TO THE PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AND COULD CONSTITUTE A HEALTH HAZARD.

+ILLEGAL BURIALS IN THE KWONG SHAN AREA CAN ALSO CAUSE DANGER TO GRAVE WORSHIPPERS WHEN FIRING PRACTICE IS TAKING PLACE ON THE CASTLE PEAK RANGE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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