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DECEMBER 1991 SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STARTS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED TO CONDUCT THE DECEMBER 1991 ROUND OF THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN RESPECT OF THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1991.

THIS SURVEY IS CONDUCTED QUARTERLY AND THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG.

THIS ROUND OF THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 40,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS), THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS), AND THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES).

INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON DECEMBER 31, 1991 WILL BE SOUGHT FROM EACH SELECTED ESTABLISHMENT.

SOME 10,000 ESTABLISHMENTS ARE RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THIS SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1991.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982, ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON TEL. 582 5076.

AS FOR THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS KNOWN TO THIS DEPARTMENT DURING OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1991, THEY WILL ALSO BE ENUMERATED IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SURVEY RESULTS COMPLETE.

FIELD OFFICERS OF THIS DEPARTMENT, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL CALL ON THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, EXISTING VACANCIES, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NATURE OF BUSINESS AND DATE ON WHICH BUSINESS COMMENCED.

IN CASE OF ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THESE FIELD VISITS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON TEL. 582 4782.

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POLICE TO STEP UP PATROL DURING FESTIVE SEASON

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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA STRESSED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE POLICE WILL MAINTAIN A STRONG PRESENCE ON THE STREETS DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY SEASON WHICH IS USUALLY THE PEAK PERIOD FOR CRIME.

MR LI SAID THAT A DETERRENT POLICE PRESENCE WOULD REMAIN SIGNIFICANT THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY DURING THE COMING WEEKS.

BUT ALTHOUGH ADDITIONAL MANPOWER ARE DEPLOYED ON THE STREETS THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL PERIOD, THE PUBLIC CAN HELP KEEP CRIMINALS AWAY BY BEING SELF-VIGILANT AT ALL TIMES, A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ON PERSONAL SECURITY, HE WARNED CITIZENS AGAINST PICKPOCKETS AND SNATCHERS WHO ARE RAMPANT AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

"WHEN YOU GO YEAR-END SHOPPING, DON'T CARRY WITH YOU MORE CASH THAN REQUIRED, AND DON'T EXPOSE YOUR MONEY OR VALUABLES IN PUBLIC PLACES SINCE A SNATCHER MAY BE JUST BESIDE YOU.

"USE CHEQUES, CHARGE ACCOUNTS AND CREDIT CARDS TO MAKE PAYMENTS WHENEVER POSSIBLE," HE STRESSED.

"PEOPLE SHOULD ALWAYS MAKE SURE THEIR WALLETS AND PURSES ARE CARRIED SECURELY, ESPECIALLY IN CROWDED AREAS SUCH AS BUS, MTR AND KCR STATIONS.

"WHEN YOU NEED TO DRAW LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY FROM BANKS, PLEASE ARRANGE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FRIEND," HE ADDED.

TO MINIMISE LOSS, THE SPOKESMAN SUGGESTED THAT PEOPLE SHOULD KEEP CREDIT CARDS SEPARATE FROM CASH.

"FOR WOMEN, HANDBAGS WITH ZIPS ARE MORE ADVISABLE, AND VALUABLES SHOULD BE KEPT IN SEPARATE COMPARTMENTS IN YOUR BAG.

"IF YOU ARE CARRYING HOUSE AND CAR KEYS, DON'T CARRY OTHER ITEMS WHICH MAY LINK YOUR KEYS TO YOUR ADDRESS OR CAR," HE NOTED.

ON HOME SECURITY, HE ADVISED PEOPLE TO LOCK ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS BEFORE GOING OUT.

"LEAVE CURTAINS OPEN. DRAWN CURTAINS DURING DAYTIME SIGNAL THE OBVIOUS TO CRIMINALS.

"IF THERE IS SCAFFOLDING ERECTED AROUND YOUR PREMISES, THE CHANCE OF CRIMINALS BREAKING IN IS INCREASED AND DOUBLE PRECAUTIONS MUST BE TAKEN, BY, FOR INSTANCE, ASKING NEIGHBOURS TO KEEP AN EYE ON EACH OTHER'S FLATS.

"ALWAYS CHECK THE IDENTITY OF VISITORS BEFORE ADMITTING THEM INTO YOUR HOUSE. IN CASE OF SUSPICION, NOTIFY THE MANAGEMENT OF YOUR BUILDING OR CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY."

REGARDING COMMERCIAL PREMISES, HE URGED PROPRIETORS AND MANagements OF SHOPS AND FACTORIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE RUNNING HIGH RISK BUSINESSES, TO FORTIFY THEIR PRECAUTIONS.

"DON'T KEEP LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY IN YOUR PREMISES WHEN DEPOSIT FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT BANKS.

"YOU SHOULD ALWAYS CHECK THE LOCKS AND BOLTS AND OTHER SECURITY INSTALLATIONS IN YOUR PREMISES TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE IN GOOD CONDITION. FAULTY ITEMS SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REPLACED.

"IF YOU NOTICE SUSPICIOUS PERSONS LOITERING, CALL THE POLICE AT ONCE," HE SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT THEFT FROM VEHICLE WAS A COMMON CRIME, THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON MOTORISTS NOT TO PARK THEIR VEHICLES UNATTENDED FOR LONG PERIOD OF TIME BECAUSE THE THIEVES WERE OFTEN PATIENT ENOUGH TO NOTICE THIS.

"MAKE SURE YOUR CAR IS KEPT CLEAN AND IS MOVED FROM TIME TO TIME." HE SAID.

"PLEASE HAVE ALL WINDOWS WOUND UP AND DOORS SHUT BEFORE YOU ALIGHT FROM YOUR VEHICLE. DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES INSIDE THE CAR, IF YOU MUST LEAVE THEM INSIDE, LOCK THEM IN THE BOOT AS CRIMINALS MIGHT EVEN DAMAGE THE DOORS TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL.

"WHEREVER POSSIBLE, USE A STEERING-WHEEL LOCK, IMMOBILISER SWITCH OR AN ADDITIONAL SECURITY LOCK TO PREVENT YOUR VEHICLE FROM BEING STOLEN."

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BOOKLET ON BUILDING CONTROL FOR SALE

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A FULL COLOUR PUBLICATION PRESENTING AN OVERVIEW OF THE BUILDING CONTROL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE.

"BUILDING CONTROL IN HONG KONG", PREPARED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE (BOO) OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, EXPLAINS IN SIMPLE TERMS THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE GOVERNMENT, WITH STATUTORY, CONTRACTUAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENTS, OVER THE CONTROL OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT ON PRIVATE LAND.

IT GIVES A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE EXISTING BUILDING CONTROL SYSTEM, ENABLING THE READERS TO SEE, THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROCESS, ITS ROLE IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE.

JUXTAPOSED PICTURES SHOWING THE NOW-AND-THEN LOOKS OF URBAN HONG KONG IN THE 1950'S AND 1990'S EXPLAIN THE INCREASE IN ACTIVITIES OF THE BOO.

THE MOMENTUM OF CHANGES WILL ALSO REMIND THE READERS OF THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S DYNAMIC BUILDING DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO BE PROPERLY CONTROLLED.

THE THEME, WHICH IS ALSO THE GOAL OF THE BOO, IS ECHOED IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE PUBLICATION - "IN ORDER THAT BUILDING CONTROL CAN BECOME EFFECTIVE IN SERVING THE PUBLIC, THE BUILDING AUTHORITY ENDEAVOURS TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO SOCIAL NEEDS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO BUILDING SAFETY.

"TO MAKE HONG KONG A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE AND WORK, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING ITS EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS. OLD GROUNDS WILL BE RE-VISITED AND UNCHARTED WATERS CHARTED."

THE PUBLICATION ALSO OUTLINES THE ORGANISATION AND DUTIES OF DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE BOO AND ITS STAFF ESTABLISHMENT.

ON THE SERVICES ASPECT, THE BOOKLET COVERS REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, SPECIALISED USES OF EXISTING BUILDINGS, THE PROBLEM OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS, THE CONTROL OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AND THE EMERGENCY ORGANISATION.

OTHER ASPECTS RELATED TO THE BUILDING CONTROL SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY AGENTS, THE PROSECUTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, THE APPEALS AND LITIGATION AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW, ARE ALSO THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED.

SUPPLEMENTED WITH 34 PICTURES - 26 COLOUR AND EIGHT BLACK AND WHITE ONES - AND THREE CHARTS, THE BOOK IS AIMED AT PROVIDING THE PROFESSIONALS AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC AN OVERALL PICTURE OF THE BUILDING CONTROL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG AND THE ROLE OF THE BOO AS THE EXECUTOR OF THE SYSTEM.

WRITTEN IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IT CAN SERVE AS AN INFORMATIVE GUIDEBOOK AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.

THE PUBLICATIONS, AT \$40 PER COPY, CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICE

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EIGHT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN BETWEEN 9 AM TO 1 PM ON DECEMBER 25 AND 26, WHICH ARE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THEY ARE : THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; THE KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; THE LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER GENERAL OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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NO MAIL DELIVERY ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MAIL DELIVERY ON NEW YEAR'S DAY (JANUARY 1).

ALL POST OFFICES WOULD BE CLOSED ON THAT DAY, HE SAID.

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EMPLOYER FINED FOR UNDERPAYING IMPORTED WORKERS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS TO PAY FULL WAGES TO IMPORTED WORKERS ON THE DUE DATE.

THE HANG LEE GARMENT FACTORY IN KWUN TONG WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$4,000 EARLIER THIS MONTH FOR FAILING TO PAY FOUR IMPORTED SEWING WORKERS THE BALANCE OF WAGES TALLING \$7,429.70 WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD.

ACCORDING TO THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, AN EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO PAY HIS WORKERS THEIR FULL WAGES NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE WAGES HAVE BECOME DUE.

ANY EMPLOYER WHO UNDERPAYS HIS WORKERS MAY BE FINED UP TO \$20,000.

IN ANOTHER COURT CASE, THE LORD GRACE SERVICE SOCIETY LTD TRADING AS LORD GRACE SHUNG TAK HOME FOR THE AGED WAS FINED \$1,500 BY A EASTERN MAGISTRATE FOR PAYING MONEY TO TWO IMPORTED WORKERS INSTEAD OF GRANTING A STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

THE OFFENCE UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

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NEW MINIBUS ROUTE IN TSUEN WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 302 OPERATING BETWEEN HONG KONG GARDENS IN TSING LUNG TAU AND LAI KING NORTH WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM TUESDAY (DECEMBER 24).

ITS OPERATING HOURS WILL BE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY. THE FARE WILL BE \$5.50 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO HELP FIGHT CRIME

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RESIDENTS IN THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT WERE URGED TO ASSIST THE POLICE IN COMBATING CRIME.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LEW KAM-KI, AT THE EVENT'S OPENING CEREMONY ON MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR LEW CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE BY TAKING EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PREVENT CRIME.

HE SAID THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO PUBLICISE THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE AMONG RESIDENTS.

MR LEW NOTED THAT THE DFCC HAD IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS ORGANISED A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES FOR THIS PURPOSE.

"THESE INCLUDED AN ANTI-BURGLARY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION AND AN AWARD SCHEME FOR BUILDING CARETAKERS," HE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR NG MAN-KIM, APPEALED TO RESIDENTS TO REPORT CRIME AND TO HELP IDENTIFY SUSPECTS.

"REPORTING CRIME AND GIVING MUTUAL HELP TO FELLOW RESIDENTS WILL DETER BURGLARS AND OTHER CRIMINALS.

"RESIDENTS MAY REPORT CRIME IN PERSON, BY TELEPHONE OR BY USING THE CRIME INFORMATION FORMS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, CONVENIENCE STORES AND BANKS," MR NG ADDED.

MORE THAN 1,000 RESIDENTS ATTENDED THE CARNIVAL WHICH FEATURED STALL GAMES, AN EXHIBITION ON CRIME PREVENTION, A MAGIC SHOW AND PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND THE POLICE DOG UNIT.

THE CARNIVAL WAS ORGANISED BY THE DFCC WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD. IT ALSO MARKED THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CARNIVAL INCLUDED THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY WAI-SHEK; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; AND THE DFCC CHAIRMAN, MR FAN KAM-PING.

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