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GOVT STATEMENT ON BASIC LAW POLITICAL MODEL

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THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ON THE POLITICAL MODEL PROPOSED BY THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE:

EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS WITH THE TWIN OBJECTIVES OF SECURING A FASTER DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRACY AND CONTINUITY THROUGH 1997. THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAVE ENSURED THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN CLEARLY REPRESENTED TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

AMENDMENTS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE REPRESENT AN IMPROVEMENT ON EARLIER DRAFTS. IT IS NOW PROPOSED THAT THERE WILL BE 20 DIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS IN 1997 AND CONTINUING STEADY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TO 2003. A DECISION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE SAR LEGISLATURE BEFORE 2007 ON WHETHER IT WILL BE FULLY DIRECTLY ELECTED IN THAT YEAR.

WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO SEE MORE DIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS IN THE BASIC LAW FOR 1997. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, ONCE THEY HAVE SEEN THE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE INTRODUCED IN 1991 WORKING IN PRACTICE, THAT THIS WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

THE ARRANGEMENTS NOW BEING PUT IN PLACE WILL ALLOW FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION OF GOVERNMENT IN 1997. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL ESTABLISH A GRAND ELECTORAL COLLEGE IN 1995. PROCEDURES INVOLVED WILL BE CLEAR, SIMPLE AND SET DOWN IN LAW. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SEES THE "THROUGH TRAIN" PRINCIPLE AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN MAINTAINING CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG. SO TOO ARE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL ALLOW THOSE WHO ARE ELECTED TO THE 1995 LEGISLATURE TO RETAIN THEIR SEATS RIGHT THROUGH TO 1999.

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT NOW INTEND TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS IN THE 1991 LEGISLATURE TO 18 AND AT LEAST 20 IN 1995. THE 1991 FIGURE REPRESENTS A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE FROM THE 10 PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED IN 1988. IT IS BROADLY IN LINE WITH THE WISH OF HONG KONG PEOPLE FOR A FASTER PACE OF POLITICAL REFORM. THE GOVERNMENT WILL ANNOUNCE FULL DETAILS OF PLANS FOR 1991 IN DUE COURSE. THESE WILL INCLUDE CHANGES TO BE PROPOSED IN THE NUMBER OF APPOINTED, FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS, AS WELL AS CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES.

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MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE COMPANIES

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE COMPANIES TO SUPPORT THE TERRITORY'S MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

ADDRESSING PARTICIPANTS AT THE BERNE UNION GENERAL MEETING, WHICH WAS HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, MR CHAN SAID HONG KONG HAD BEEN SUPPORTED THROUGH PROVISION OF EXPORT FINANCE OR EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE FOR SUCH MAJOR PROJECTS AS THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM AND THE POWER STATION ON TSING YI.

"ALL THESE VENTURES HAVE PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL," HE SAID.

"WE OBVIOUSLY LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUAL SUPPORT IN THE FORTHCOMING YEARS, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO THE MANY INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS WE ARE UNDERTAKING."

HE TOLD THE AUDIENCE OF EXPORT CREDIT INSURERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD MASSIVE PLANS INVOLVING A TOTAL INVESTMENT OF OVER US\$16 BILLION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW AIRPORT, PORT AND OTHER LARGE-SCALE INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES.

MR CHAN SAID THESE PROJECTS WOULD IMPROVE HONG KONG'S TRADING AND INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT.

TO STRENGTHEN THE COMPETITIVE EDGE OF THE TERRITORY'S MANUFACTURED EXPORTS, PLANS WERE ALSO BEING FORMULATED TO ESTABLISH A TECHNOLOGY CENTRE TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AND SMALL-SCALE HIGH TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES.

MR CHAN SAID THESE EFFECTIVE TOOLS, TOGETHER WITH THE USUAL DYNAMISM AND ENTERPRISING SPIRIT OF HONG KONG PEOPLE, WOULD ENABLE THE TERRITORY TO FACE WITH CONFIDENCE SUCH PROBLEMS AS INCREASING COMPETITION FROM NEIGHBOURING AREAS AND RISING PROTECTIONIST PRESSURE FROM ITS TRADING PARTNERS.

ON THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT), MR CHAN SAID HONG KONG ENJOYED FULL AUTONOMY IN THE CONDUCT OF ITS EXTERNAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT TOOK A SERIOUS INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN MAJOR REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE ORGANISATIONS.

HONG KONG HAD BECOME A SEPARATE CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE GATT IN APRIL 1986 AND, ONE YEAR LATER, IT BECAME A SEPARATE CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL.

"WE BELIEVE THAT, GIVEN OUR TRADING POSITION, WE HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY AND A CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TOWARDS ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION NOT JUST IN THE REGION BUT ALSO IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT," MR CHAN SAID.

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HE ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG'S TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND THE ASIA-PACIFIC AREA, SAYING THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE 1990'S.

MR CHAN SAID CHINA HAD REPLACED THE UNITED STATES AS HONG KONG'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER SINCE JANUARY 1985, ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL TRADE.

DESPITE THE TEMPORARY SETBACK CAUSED BY THE EVENTS OF LAST JUNE, THE OUTWARD PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS THAT HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS HAD ESTABLISHED IN THE PEARL RIVER DELTA HAD NOT BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY AFFECTED AND THE TERRITORY'S TOTAL TRADE WITH CHINA HAD STILL SUSTAINED A GROWTH RATE OF 26 PER CENT IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1989 OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, MR CHAN SAID.

AS FOR THE TERRITORY'S TRADE WITH THE RAPIDLY EXPANDING ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, HE SAID THIS HAD GROWN BY ABOUT 30 PER CENT ANNUALLY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

"TRADE IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF HONG KONG. IN 1989, OUR TOTAL TRADE EXCEEDED US\$128 BILLION," HE SAID.

"WE ARE NOW THE WORLD'S 11TH LARGEST TRADING ECONOMY.

"HONG KONG IS ALSO RE-EMERGING AS AN IMPORTANT ENTREPOT, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO OUR TRADE WITH THE RAPIDLY EXPANDING ASIA-PACIFIC REGION."

MR CHAN SAID HE BELIEVED THIS ENCOURAGING TREND, TOGETHER WITH HONG KONG'S STRONG COMMITMENT TO FREE TRADE AND TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM EMBODIED IN THE GATT, AUGURED WELL FOR FURTHER GROWTH OF THE TERRITORY'S TRADE IN THE 1990'S.

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BILL TO CHANGE TIME LIMITS FOR STARTING NEGLIGENCE ACTIONS

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AMENDMENTS TO THE LIMITATION ORDINANCE ARE PROPOSED TO CHANGE THE TIME PERIODS WITHIN WHICH CERTAIN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS MUST BE COMMENCED IN RELATION TO CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES.

PROVISIONS ARE ALSO MADE TO BRING THE LAW UP TO DATE IN THIS AREA WHERE THERE HAS BEEN FRAUD OR DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT OF FACTS BY A PARTY TO AN ACTION.

PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE LIMITATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 PROPOSES AMENDMENTS TO:

- * EXTEND TIME LIMITS IN WHICH TO BRING AN ACTION AGAINST A DEFENDANT FOR NEGLIGENCE IN RESPECT OF DAMAGE WHICH MAY NOT COME TO LIGHT INSIDE THE NORMAL TIME LIMITS FOR STARTING A COURT ACTION;

- * REDUCE FROM 20 YEARS TO 12 YEARS, THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE TO BRING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TO RECOVER LAND AND OTHER INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY; AND
- * MODERNISE STATUTORY PROVISIONS WHICH DISAPPLY TIME LIMITS FOR STARTING AN ACTION WHERE THERE HAS BEEN FRAUD, DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT OR MISTAKE.

THE EXTENDED TIME LIMITS RELATE TO COMMENCING NEGLIGENCE ACTIONS INVOLVING LATENT DAMAGE. THEY ARE MODELLED ON SIMILAR PROVISIONS IN THE ENGLISH LATENT DAMAGE ACT 1986.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT A PLAINTIFF SHOULD HAVE THREE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF DISCOVERY OF DAMAGE TO START AN ACTION AGAINST A DEFENDANT EVEN IF THE NEGLIGENT ACT CAUSING THE DAMAGE OCCURRED OUTSIDE THE NORMAL SIX YEARS' TIME LIMIT FOR COMMENCING AN ACTION.

HOWEVER, NO ACTION MAY BE BROUGHT LATER THAN 15 YEARS AFTER THE ACT OR OMISSION WHICH IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED THE DAMAGE.

THE EXTENDED LIMITATION PERIOD WILL BENEFIT NOT MERELY THE PERSON WHO HAS THE ORIGINAL CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST A DEFENDANT, BUT ALSO ANY PERSON WHO ACQUIRES AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY AFFECTED BY LATENT DAMAGE.

THIS MEANS THAT THE PURCHASER OF A BUILDING WITH NEGLIGENTLY LAID FOUNDATIONS WILL BE ABLE TO SUE THE BUILDER FOR LATENT DAMAGE UP TO 15 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE DEFECTIVE WORK EVEN THOUGH THE PURCHASER WAS NOT THE FIRST OWNER.

THE REDUCTION FROM 20 YEARS TO 12 YEARS OF THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE TO BRING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TO RECOVER LAND AND OTHER INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY IS A CHANGE CONSEQUENTIAL TO THE CONVEYANCING AND PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1988, WHICH REDUCED FROM 25 YEARS TO 15 YEARS THE MINIMUM PERIOD FOR WHICH A VENDOR OF LAND IS REQUIRED TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS TO PROVE TITLE.

THE CHANGE IS NEEDED SO AS TO PROTECT A PURCHASER FROM CLAIMS WHICH PRE-DATE THE PERIOD OF GOOD TITLE WHICH A VENDOR MUST SHOW.

THE PROVISIONS WHICH DEAL WITH THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE LIMITATION PERIOD IN CASES OF FRAUD, CONCEALMENT AND MISTAKE ARE DERIVED FROM THE ENGLISH LIMITATION ACT 1980. THIS ACT REPRODUCES, IN STATUTORY FORM, THE DEVELOPMENT OF IMPORTANT CASE LAW IN THIS AREA.

CURRENTLY, THE LIMITATION ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR POSTPONEMENT OF LIMITATION PERIODS IN CASES INVOLVING FRAUD OR MISTAKE. IN OTHER WORDS, TIME DOES NOT BEGIN TO RUN AGAINST A PLAINTIFF IN SUCH CASES UNTIL THE PLAINTIFF HAS DISCOVERED THE FRAUD OR MISTAKE.

THE ENGLISH PROVISION HAS SINCE BEEN AMENDED TO INCLUDE CASES OF DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT OF FACTS IN RESPONSE TO A NUMBER OF JUDICIAL DECISIONS. A SIMILAR AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL PROVISION IS THEREFORE NECESSARY.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 28.

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INCREASED PENALTIES FOR OFFENCES UNDER COMPANIES ORDINANCE

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THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) ORDINANCE 1990 CAME INTO OPERATION TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDMENT INCREASED PENALTIES FOR OFFENCES UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, SUCH AS FAILURE TO KEEP PROPER BOOKS OF ACCOUNT OR FILE CERTAIN RELEVANT INFORMATION IN THE COMPANIES REGISTRY, BRINGING THEM BROADLY INTO LINE WITH THOSE UNDER THE UK COMPANIES ACT 1985, AND CONSOLIDATED OFFENCES AND PENALTIES IN A NEW EASY-TO-READ SCHEDULE.

A ONE-TIME FINE WAS ALSO INTRODUCED IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING DAILY FINE FOR CONTINUING OFFENCES.

THIS RECOGNISED THE TWO ASPECTS OF A CONTINUING OFFENCE, NAMELY, ITS INITIAL COMMISSION AND ITS CONTINUATION. BOTH FINES COULD BE IMPOSED ON FIRST CONVICTION.

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE WAS ALL ABOUT EFFICIENT COMPANY ADMINISTRATION AND THE DISCLOSURE OF CORPORATE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC IN RETURN FOR WHICH THE SHAREHOLDERS ENJOYED THE VERY CONSIDERABLE PRIVILEGE OF LIMITED LIABILITY IN THE CONDUCT OF THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS.

SOME COMPANY DIRECTORS, HOWEVER, SOUGHT TO ENJOY THE PRIVILEGE OF LIMITED LIABILITY WITHOUT ACCEPTING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE ORDINANCE. THIS HAD LED TO 211 CONVICTIONS FOR OFFENCES DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

MR GLEESON SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT ALL COMPANY DIRECTORS, BOTH IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND IN THEIR OWN, SHOULD FULLY UNDERSTAND AND DISCHARGE ALL OF THEIR DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE COMPANIES REGISTRY, 14TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, ON SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE COMPANIES REGISTRY.

FULL DETAILS OF THE NEW PENALTIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE COMPANIES REGISTRY ON REQUEST.

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REVISED FEES FOR REGISTRATION OF FIRE SERVICES
INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED REVISED FEES CHARGED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE REGISTRATION OF FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS.

THE FEE REVISION, EFFECTIVE FROM TODAY, IS PROVIDED FOR IN THE FIRE SERVICE (INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1990 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AS A RESULT OF INCREASES IN STAFF COSTS AND OTHER RELATED COSTS SUCH AS ACCOMMODATION AND EQUIPMENT COST, PREVIOUS CHARGES WERE NO LONGER SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED.

HE SAID THE FEE REVISION TOOK ACCOUNT OF THE INCREASE IN COSTS THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE FEES WERE FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1986.

DETAILS OF THE REVISION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	EXISTING FEES -----	NEW FEES -----
* REGISTRATION (INCLUDING PRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE AND INITIAL WORKSHOP INSPECTION) OF CLASS 1, CLASS 2 OR CLASSES 1 AND 2 CONTRACTORS	\$430	\$640
* WRITTEN EXAMINATION FOR CLASS 3 CONTRACTORS	\$230	\$370
* INTERVIEW OF CLASS 3 CONTRACTORS	\$290	\$390
* WORKSHOP INSPECTION OF CLASS 3 CONTRACTORS	\$170	\$310
* WORKSHOP RE-INSPECTION OF CLASS 1, CLASS 2, CLASSES 1 AND 2 OR CLASS 3 CONTRACTORS	\$170	\$310
* NEW WORKSHOP INSPECTION OF CLASS 1, CLASS 2, CLASSES 1 AND 2 OR CLASS 3 CONTRACTORS	\$170	\$310
* NEW WORKSHOP RE-INSPECTION OF CLASS 1, CLASS 2, CLASSES 1 AND 2 OR CLASS 3 CONTRACTORS	\$170	\$310

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* CHANGE OF REGISTERED NAME OF REGISTERED ADDRESS FOR CLASS 1, CLASS 2, CLASSES 1 AND 2 OR CLASS 3 CONTRACTORS	\$110	\$160
* CHANGE OF QUALIFIED PERSON FOR CLASS 1, CLASS 2, CLASSES 1 AND 2 CONTRACTORS	\$130	\$210

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6 HO MAN TIN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN APPROVED
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE APPROVED OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR HO MAN TIN AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN IS TO ESTABLISH A STATUTORY LAND USE FRAMEWORK WHEREBY THE VARIOUS USES OF LAND IN THE PLANNING AREA CAN BE DEVELOPED OR REDEVELOPED IN AN ORDERLY MANNER.

THE PLAN WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 24 LAST YEAR.

IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 208 HECTARES IN CENTRAL KOWLOON WHICH IS BOUNDED BY BOUNDARY STREET TO THE NORTH, THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD TO THE WEST, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH TO THE SOUTH, AND LOMOND ROAD, TIN KWONG ROAD, THE EASTERN SLOPES OF HO MAN TIN HILL AND SHUN YUNG STREET TO THE EAST.

THE PLANNING AREA HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY DEVELOPED AND FORMS PART OF THE EXISTING URBAN AREAS OF KOWLOON.

THE PREDOMINANT LAND USE IS RESIDENTIAL, CONSISTING OF BOTH PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

IN THE PLAN, 3.7 PER CENT (7.6 HECTARES) OF THE AREA IS ZONED FOR GREEN BELT WHICH COMPRISES MAINLY STEEP SLOPES UNSUITABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT; 36.9 PER CENT (76.9 HECTARES) IS ZONED FOR RESIDENTIAL USES, INCLUDING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES; 40.4 PER CENT (84.1 HECTARES) IS ZONED FOR GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY AND OPEN SPACE USES; 0.2 PER CENT (0.4 HECTARE) IS ZONED FOR OTHER SPECIFIED USES, INCLUDING PETROL FILLING STATIONS AND A KEROSENE STORE.

THE REST OF THE AREA (39.3 HECTARES) IS ZONED FOR ROADS.

THE PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; OR AT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE APPROVED PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND AT THE KOWLOON MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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NEW DRAFT OZP FOR STONECUTTERS ISLAND GAZETTED

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THE NEW DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR STONECUTTERS ISLAND, WHICH INCLUDES THE SITE FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL 8, WAS GAZETTED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW PLAN COVERS A TOTAL AREA OF 228 HECTARES, AND INCLUDES THE EXISTING STONECUTTERS ISLAND AND APPROXIMATELY 115 HECTARES OF NEW RECLAMATION TO THE NORTH AND WEST.

THIS NEW RECLAMATION WILL PROVIDE THE SITE FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL 8, THE NEXT STAGE OF HONG KONG'S PORT DEVELOPMENT.

FOLLOWING THIS DEVELOPMENT, STONECUTTERS ISLAND WILL BE LINKED TO MAINLAND KOWLOON BY RECLAMATION.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE PLAN IS TO ESTABLISH A BROAD LAND USE ZONING AND MAJOR ROAD NETWORK TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.

"THE INTENTION IS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER CONTAINER TERMINAL FACILITIES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MINIMISE THE IMPACTS UPON EXISTING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA," A TOWN PLANNING BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONTAINER TERMINAL ARE QUITE SPECIFIC, ALL OF THE PROPOSED NEW RECLAMATION IS ZONED "OTHER USES", WITH EITHER AN ANNOTATION FOR "CONTAINER TERMINAL" OR "CONTAINER RELATED USES".

USES WITHIN THE "CONTAINER TERMINAL" ZONE ARE LIMITED TO THE USUAL RANGE OF TERMINAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CONTAINER HANDLING, STORAGE AND REPAIR; CONTAINER TRACTOR/TRAILER PARKING AND REPAIR; CONTAINER FREIGHT STATIONS; CARGO HANDLING AREA; CAR AND LORRY PARKING.

THE "CONTAINER RELATED USES" ZONE MAKES SPECIAL PROVISION FOR USES IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION OF THE CONTAINER PORT.

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PERMITTED USES ARE VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE "CONTAINER TERMINAL" ZONE, AND INCLUDE CONTAINER STORAGE AND REPAIR, CONTAINER TRACTOR/TRAILER PARKING AND REPAIR, CONTAINER FREIGHT STATIONS, CARGO HANDLING AREA, CAR AND LORRY PARKING.

"THE PLAN HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO MAXIMISE THE SEPARATION OF THE CONTAINER TERMINAL FROM RESIDENTIAL USES AT MEI FOO SUN TSUEN.

"IN ADDITION TO THE LOCATION OF THE TERMINAL, THE ADJOINING LAI CHI KOK OUTLINE ZONING PLAN PROVIDES FOR AN EXTENSIVE OPEN SPACE BUFFER AREA IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF MEI FOO SUN TSUEN.

"AS PART OF THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONTAINER PORT, FURTHER PROPOSALS WILL BE MADE TO IMPLEMENT THE DETAILS IN THIS PLAN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PLAN ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE CONTINUATION OF USE OF STONECUTTERS ISLAND FOR MILITARY PURPOSES AND FOR A MAJOR SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITY ON AN EXISTING AREA OF RECLAMATION TO THE NORTHEAST OF THE ISLAND.

AN AREA OF FURTHER RECLAMATION IS SHOWN BETWEEN THE LAND AND THE PROPOSED WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION.

THE EXACT EXTENT OF THIS RECLAMATION AND THE ISLAND USES PROPOSED FOR IT ARE AT PRESENT NOT DECIDED. ONCE USES AND THE EXTENT OF THIS RECLAMATION ARE KNOWN, AMENDMENTS AS NECESSARY WILL BE PROPOSED TO THE PLAN.

THE CURRENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTAINER TERMINAL 8 AND ASSOCIATED BACK-UP FACILITIES IS FOR THE SITE TO BE TENDERED IN AUGUST THIS YEAR, WITH AN AWARD OF RIGHTS TO THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER IN EARLY 1991.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES WILL COMMENCE IN MID-1991 WITH THE FIRST BERTH OF THE NEW TERMINAL BEING COMPLETED IN MID-1993. COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED BY MID-1995.

THIS NEW DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FOR A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS AT:-

- THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;
- THE DISTRICT OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO) FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS, 37-39 TONKIN STREET, KOWLOON;
- THE DISTRICT OFFICE (KWAI TSING) 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES;
- PLANNING DEPARTMENT, TOWN PLANNING BOARD SECTION, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

COPIES OF THE PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND AT THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAFT PLAN SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BY APRIL 16.

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NEW DB MEMBER APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR YIM KWOK-ON AS A MEMBER OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (FRIDAY). THE APPOINTMENT WILL RUN UNTIL MARCH 31, 1991.

A NOTICE OF THE APPOINTMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

MR YIM, AGED 37 AND A SOCIAL WORKER BY PROFESSION, FILLS THE SEAT VACATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF MR CHAN LAI-SANG.

MR YIM IS A MEMBER OF MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE AREA COMMITTEE OF MONG KOK SOUTH, AND A CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

HE IS ALSO THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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CONTRIBUTIONS OF LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HAS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR LEO KWAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE COMMITTEE'S SPRING GATHERING, MR KWAN SAID MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEES HAD GIVEN VALUABLE OPINIONS AND REFLECTED LIVESTOCK FARMERS' VIEWS WHICH ENABLED THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED TO CARRY OUT THEIR WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRACTICAL SITUATION.

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NOTING THAT THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HAD BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR ONLY ABOUT 26 MONTHS, MR KWAN SAID THE COMMITTEE, TOGETHER WITH ITS SUB-COMMITTEES, HAD ALREADY HELD 43 MEETINGS AND CONDUCTED 16 VISITS TO THE PRIVATE FARMS PARTICIPATING IN THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT METHODS.

HE SAID THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT ON THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS WAS EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR CONSULTATION IN A FEW MONTHS AND CALLED ON THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN REFLECTING LIVESTOCK FARMERS' VIEWS.

IT WAS THROUGH SINCERE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND LIVESTOCK FARM OPERATORS THAT THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME COULD ACHIEVE ITS LONG-TERM TARGET OF PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT TO PROVIDE CLEAN AND DECENT LIVING CONDITIONS FOR RESIDENTS, MR KWAN CONCLUDED.

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DB EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER POOR DRAINAGE SITUATION

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THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF WONG TAI SIN, MR BRIAN LAU, THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING VISITED THE TAI HOM VILLAGE TO FIND WAYS TO IMPROVE THE POOR DRAINAGE THERE.

MR LAU WAS ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOUSING, URBAN SERVICES AND TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS THE TAI HOM VILLAGE KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

MR LAU SAID THE VISIT WAS PART OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S REGULAR FACT-FINDING PROGRAMME.

"THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S VISIT WAS TO LOOK AT THE DRAINAGE SITUATION IN THE VILLAGE TO SEE IF ANYTHING COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE IT.

"WITH THE APPROACH OF THE RAINY SEASON, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NULLAHS AND DRAINS ARE KEPT CLEAR TO AVOID FLOODING RESULTING FROM CHOKAGE," HE SAID.

MR LAU SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD MAKE JOINT EFFORTS WITH THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO IMPROVE THE DRAINAGE SITUATION.

"IN THIS RESPECT, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE SERVES AS A LINK BETWEEN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT," HE SAID.

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EXHIBITION ON STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO

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AN EXHIBITION ON THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO WILL BE HELD AT TAI PO TOWN LOT 18 SQUARE, TAI PO CENTRE ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 18).

THE EXHIBITION WILL PRESENT FINDINGS OF A PROJECT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO IN THE 1990'S CONDUCTED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PROJECT TOOK 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE AND MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT IN THE 1990'S.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO YUNG-SANG, AND THE ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MARY CHOW, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE EXHIBITION'S OPENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EXHIBITION ON THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO TO BE HELD AT THE TAI PO TOWN LOT 18 SQUARE, TAI PO CENTRE ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 18). IT WILL OPEN AT 11 AM.

THE CONVENOR OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO IN THE 1990'S, MR YAU CHUNG-WAN, WILL BE PRESENT TO EXPLAIN DETAILS OF THE PROJECT.

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HORTICULTURE EXHIBITION IN FANLING OPENS TOMORROW

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A TWO-DAY HORTICULTURE EXHIBITION FEATURING MORE THAN 300 FLORAL PLANTS AND BLOOMS WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL IN FANLING.

THE EXHIBITION HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION WITH SPONSORSHIP BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD.

EXHIBITS ARE DIVIDED INTO SIX CATEGORIES COMPRISING BONSAI, ORCHIDS, AFRICAN VIOLETS, POT FLOWERS, MINIATURE POT PLANTS AND FLORAL ARRANGEMENT.

THE DISPLAY COMPRISES WORKS BY STUDENTS AND TUTORS FROM A HORTICULTURE TRAINING CLASS ORGANISED BY THE ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

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OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM TOMORROW, AND FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 18). ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HORTICULTURE EXHIBITION TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING. THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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ANTI-TRIAD YOUTH CARNIVAL IN SHA TIN ON SUNDAY

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AN ANTI-TRIAD CARNIVAL TARGETTED AT YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE HELD AT THE AMPHITHEATRE IN CENTRAL PARK, SHA TIN, ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 18) AS A FINALE TO THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

FOURTEEN STUDENT FIGHT CRIME AMBASSADORS, WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED AND TRAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, WILL STAGE A PLAY TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AMONG YOUTH.

THEY WILL ALSO APPEAL TO THE YOUNGSTERS TO CO-OPERATE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TRIAD INFLUENCES.

THERE WILL BE A TAEKWONDO PERFORMANCE AND CHINESE DANCES BY JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS AND BY STUDENTS FROM THE PUI YING COLLEGE.

AN EXHIBITION INVOLVING POLICE CARS FROM VARIOUS UNITS AND INFORMATION ON CRIME PREVENTION WILL BE MOUNTED.

OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL WILL BE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR PETER HALLIDAY; AND CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBER, MR JUSTEIN WONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ANTI-TRIAD CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE AMPHITHEATRE AREA, CENTRAL PARK, SHA TIN, ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 18). THE PROGRAMME WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM.

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RETAILERS FINED FOR SELLING IMPROPERLY LABELLED FOOD

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THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED FOOD MANUFACTURERS, WHOLESALERS AND RETAILERS NOT TO SELL PREPACKAGED FOOD WHICH DID NOT BEAR THE PROPER LABELLING REQUIRED BY THE THIRD SCHEDULE OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS (COMPOSITION AND LABELLING) REGULATIONS.

THE PENALTY FOR CONTRAVENING THE REGULATIONS IS A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

THE REMINDER FOLLOWS THREE COURT CASES, HEARD RECENTLY IN THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY, IN WHICH THREE RETAILERS WERE FINED FROM \$1,000 TO \$2,000.

IN THE FIRST CASE, A GINSENG MEDICINE COMPANY IN WAN CHAI WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$1,000 FOR SELLING PREPACKAGED RED DATES WITH THE PLASTIC BAG NOT MARKED OR LABELLED WITH THE NAME OR DESIGNATION OF THE FOOD, AN INDICATION OF MINIMUM DURABILITY, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MANUFACTURER OR PACKER OF THE FOOD, AND THE NUMERICAL COUNT OF THE CONTENTS OR THE NET WEIGHT OF THE FOOD.

IN THE SECOND CASE, A PROVISION SHOP IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$1,000 FOR SELLING PREPACKAGED FROZEN PLAICE FILLET WITH THE CONTAINER NOT MARKED OR LABELLED WITH THE NAME OR DESIGNATION OF THE FOOD, LIST OF INGREDIENTS, AN INDICATION OF MINIMUM DURABILITY, STATEMENT OF SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS OR INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MANUFACTURER OR PACKER OF THE FOOD, AND THE NUMERICAL COUNT OF THE CONTENTS OR THE NET WEIGHT OF THE FOOD.

IN THE THIRD CASE, A SUPERMARKET IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$2,000 FOR SELLING PREPACKAGED MAYONNAISE WITH ITS BOTTLE ONLY MARKED IN JAPANESE, CONTRAVENING PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE THIRD SCHEDULE OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS (COMPOSITION AND LABELLING) REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRES THE MARKING OR LABELLING OF PREPACKAGED FOOD TO BE IN EITHER THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE OR THE CHINESE LANGUAGE OR IN BOTH.

THESE THREE RETAILERS WERE PROSECUTED UNDER REGULATION 5(1) OF THE ABOVE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 55 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE.

THEY WERE ALSO ORDERED TO PAY THE SAMPLE COSTS.

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TSUEN WAN AMBULANCE DEPOT OFFICIALLY OPENED

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THE SIXTH AMBULANCE DEPOT IN NEW TERRITORIES WEST -- THE TSUEN WAN AMBULANCE DEPOT -- WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR CHAU SAID THE OPENING OF THE DEPOT INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS KEEPING PACE WITH THE EVER-INCREASING DEMANDS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT.

HE NOTED THAT IN THE PAST, AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT HAD TO BE PROVIDED BY THE LEI MUK SHUE AND TSING YI AMBULANCE DEPOTS.

"I HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL EXPAND ITS EFFICIENT FLEET OF AMBULANCE AID MOTORCYCLES, STEP UP TRAINING FOR AMBULANCEMEN AND INTRODUCE SOPHISTICATED AMBULANCE-AID EQUIPMENT," HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD SPARED NO EFFORT IN PROVIDING AMBULANCE SERVICES AND THAT THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC COULD BE FURTHER ENSURED.

THE NEW DEPOT, LOCATED IN WAI TSUEN ROAD BEHIND LUK YEUNG SUN CHUEN, CURRENTLY HAS SIX AMBULANCES, ONE AMBULANCE AID MOTORCYCLE AND 62 AMBULANCE PERSONNEL.

SINCE ITS COMMISSION IN MAY LAST YEAR, THE DEPOT HAS RESPONDED TO NEARLY 12,000 CALLS INVOLVING MORE THAN 14,000 PATIENTS.

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REPROVISIONING OF KLN BAY PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA

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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO RECLAIM A STRIP OF LAND FROM THE SEAWALL ADJACENT TO HOI BUN ROAD FOR THE REPROVISIONING OF KOWLOON BAY PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA.

THE EXISTING PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA HAS TO BE RELOCATED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE KAI TAK AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

WORK WILL COMMENCE NEXT MONTH AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT MID 1991.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15 NEXT YEAR.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR FOUNTAIN INSTALLATION

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT AT A LOCAL OPEN SPACE IN WAI MAN ROAD, SITE ONE, SAI KUNG.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND TESTING OF THE WHOLE FOUNTAIN AND FILTRATION EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION FOR THE OPEN SPACE.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN APRIL AND WILL TAKE ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

OTHER FACILITIES AT THE 7,500-SQUARE-METRE SITE INCLUDE PAVILIONS, AN OPEN-AIR MINI-THEATRE, OUTDOOR FITNESS TRAINING EQUIPMENT, AND SITTING-OUT AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 9.

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NEW ROADS FOR TAI WO HAU ESTATE REDEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A ROUNDABOUT AND A NEW ROAD FOR THE FUTURE REDEVELOPED TAI WO HAU ESTATE IN KWAI CHUNG.

WHEN COMPLETED IN 1993 THE PROPOSED TAI WO HAU ESTATE REDEVELOPMENT PHASE 4 WILL PROVIDE 2,043 FLATS FOR A POPULATION OF ABOUT 9,000.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS REDEVELOPMENT, A SECTION OF SHEK TAU STREET ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF TAI WO HAU ESTATE BLOCK 20 WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED.

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TO FACILITATE VEHICULAR MOVEMENT ALONG THE EXISTING SHEK TAU STREET AFTER THE ROAD CLOSURE, A NEW ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE SOUTHWESTERN SIDE OF THE EXISTING TAI WO HAU ESTATE BLOCK 20.

THE PORTION OF SHEK TAU STREET AFFECTED BY THE ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

FURTHERMORE, TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE FUTURE REDEVELOPED ESTATE, A NEW ROAD WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ALONG ANOTHER SECTION OF THE EXISTING SHEK TAU STREET ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF TAI WO HAU ESTATE BLOCK 20.

THE AFFECTED PORTION OF SHEK TAU STREET WILL ALSO BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THIS NEW ROAD, BUT ACCESS TO THE EXISTING CARPARKS IN TAI WO HAU ESTATE WILL BE MAINTAINED.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH AND 11TH FLOORS, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN; AND
- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, KWAI CHUNG WEST SUB-OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, TAI WO HAU ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, TAI WO HAU ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN APRIL 17 THIS YEAR.

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ROADWORKS PROPOSED FOR TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT NEW ROADS, A LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT RESERVE, FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE TRACKS AS PART OF THE TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT.

THE CONSTRUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE TIN SHUI WAI LANDHOLDING.

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DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND A NOTICE CAN BE SEEN ON THE NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

THE PLANS AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NINTH TO 11TH FLOORS, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN APRIL 17.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR REPROVISIONING OF VILLAGE FACILITIES

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE REPROVISIONING OF THE SAN WAI VILLAGE OFFICE, YOUTH CENTRE AND TWO RAINSHelters AS PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD PROJECT.

A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD, STRETCHING FROM AU TAU TO FAN KAM ROAD, IS A 12 KILOMETRES LONG DUAL-TWO LANE HIGHWAY WITH PROVISION FOR FUTURE EXPANSION TO DUAL-THREE LANE.

IT IS BEING BUILT IN FOUR PHASES. PHASE 1 (PAK SHEK AU TO FAN KAM ROAD) AND PHASE 2 (MAI PO TO PAK SHEK AU) WERE OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN APRIL 1987 AND DECEMBER 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

PHASE 3 (FAIRVIEW PARK TO MAI PO) AND PHASE 4 (AU TAU TO FAIRVIEW PARK) ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY END 1990 AND MID 1991 RESPECTIVELY.

IN THE LAND RESUMPTION FOR THE PHASE 3 WORKS, IT IS NECESSARY TO DEMOLISH A YOUTH CENTRE, A VILLAGE OFFICE AND TWO RAINSHelters FOR THE ROADWORKS. THEREFORE, TENDERS ARE BEING CALLED FOR REPROVISIONING THESE FACILITIES.

WORKS COVERED BY THIS CONTRACT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-STOREYED VILLAGE OFFICE AND A TWO-STOREYED YOUTH CENTRE, EACH WITH A PLAN AREA OF 65 SQUARE METRES, AND TWO RAINSHELTERS.

WORK WILL START IN MAY THIS YEAR AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS.

BINNIE CONSULTANTS LIMITED HAS DESIGNED THE WORKS AND WILL SUPERVISE THEIR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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INTERCHANGE TO BE BUILT IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GRADE-SEPARATED INTERCHANGE AT THE JUNCTION OF ABERDEEN PRAYA ROAD AND TIN WAN PRAYA ROAD IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

WORKS ALSO INCLUDE A NEW FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM NEAR TIN WAN STREET, RECONSTRUCTION OF AN OPEN AIR CARPARK ADJACENT TO THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET AND A PUBLIC CARPARK NEAR YUE KO STREET, AND ASSOCIATED ROAD WIDENING AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN APRIL AND TAKE ABOUT 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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NEED FOR MORE CAREERS TRAINING STRESSED

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IT IS IMPORTANT FOR STUDENTS TO PLAN EARLY FOR THEIR FUTURE AND TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT THE WORLD OF WORK, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR KWOK MADE THE APPEAL TO SECONDARY STUDENTS AT THE OPENING OF THIS YEAR'S CAREERS DAYS ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC).

HE SAID THE ANNUAL EVENT WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS.

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"THE PROGRAMME, WHICH INCLUDES VISITS TO VTC TRAINING CENTRES AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, SPECIALIST TALKS AND A CAREERS EXHIBITION, IS CONSTANTLY UPDATED TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF STUDENTS," HE ADDED.

MR KWOK ALSO CALLED ON STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN OTHER CAREERS ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS THE WORK ORIENTATION PROGRAMME PRESENTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES IN ITS FOUR CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE VTC DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, MR NGAI SHIU-KIT, REMINDED STUDENTS THAT THEY SHOULD CONSIDER THEIR OWN ABILITY AND INTEREST WHEN FINDING EMPLOYMENT.

"IT IS ADVISABLE FOR THEM FIRST TO ACQUIRE RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS FROM THE COUNCIL'S TRAINING CENTRES OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WHICH OFFER PROFESSIONAL COURSES SUITABLE FOR ALL FORM 3 TO FORM 5 STUDENTS," HE SAID.

"WITH THESE QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS, THEY WILL THEN HAVE A DEFINITE ADVANTAGE OVER OTHERS IN THEIR FUTURE CAREERS DEVELOPMENT," MR NGAI SAID.

THE SCHEDULE OF THIS YEAR'S SIX CAREERS DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

VENUE -----	DATE -----
KWAI CHUNG TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX	FEBRUARY 16
CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	FEBRUARY 23
TUEN MUN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	FEBRUARY 26
SHA TIN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	FEBRUARY 28
KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX	MARCH 2
LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	MARCH 5

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FUN FOR 1,800 CHILDREN IN DEPARTMENTAL FAMILY DAY

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THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL FAMILY DAY FOR MORE THAN 1,800 CHILDREN OF ITS STAFF ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 18) AFTERNOON IN THE COMPOUND OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN OIL STREET, NORTH POINT.

THE FUNCTION WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT 1 PM WITH THE DOTTING OF A LION'S EYES BY THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, MR ROY KILVERT, FOLLOWED BY A LION DANCE PERFORMED BY MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES.

OTHER EVENTS WILL INCLUDE VARIOUS SIDE-SHOWS, GAME STALLS, FIRE ENGINE AND FIREARM DISPLAYS, KARAOKE FACILITIES FOR SINGING ENTHUSIASTS, CHINESE WORD PUZZLE COMPETITION AND SINGING PERFORMANCES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A POLICE DOG DEMONSTRATION, MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS AND A BEER DRINKING CONTEST.

MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES BAND AND THE TAI TAM GIRLS' PIPERS AND MARCHING TEAM.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND LUCKY DRAW WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF THE DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNUAL FAMILY DAY TO BE HELD FROM NOON TO 4.45 PM IN THE COMPOUND OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN 12 OIL STREET, NORTH POINT.

THERE WILL BE AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 1 PM WHEN THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, MR ROY KILVERT, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR TSING YI BRIDGE RE-OPENING

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 5.30 AM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 19), SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED UPON THE COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT TSING YI BRIDGE.

KWAI TSING ROAD BETWEEN KWAI TAI ROAD AND TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD ROUNDABOUT, INCLUDING ALL OF TSING YI BRIDGE, WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT, BETWEEN THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, WILL ALSO BE RE-OPENED.

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HOWEVER, TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD ROUNDABOUT, BETWEEN SOUTHBOUND TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND SOUTHBOUND TSING YI ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

VEHICLES ON TSUEN WAN ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR TSUEN WAN WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THE SLIP ROAD CONNECTING TSUEN WAN ROAD WESTBOUND AND TEXACO ROUNDABOUT.

VEHICLES ON TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT GOING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THE SLIP ROAD CONNECTING TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND TSUEN WAN ROAD WESTBOUND.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

BUSES ON KMB ROUTES 42, 43, 43A, 43C, 43D AND 43M AND GREEN MINIBUSES ON GMB ROUTES 88, 88B, 88C AND 88M WILL RESUME THEIR NORMAL ROUTINGS VIA TSING YI BRIDGE.

IN ADDITION, FOOTPATHS ON TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE RE-OPENED TO PEDESTRIANS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 18), THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN CENTRAL WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY FOR THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

THEY ARE:

- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEEN VICTORIA STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 33 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT 86 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF GILMAN STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, A SECTION OF THE EASTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN QUEEN VICTORIA STREET AND POTTINGER STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS BAN ZONE.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BAN ZONE 24 HOURS DAILY.

IN ADDITION, THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 5 AM INSTEAD OF 7 AM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 18) TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF THE RICKSHAW DERBY.

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