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LETTERS PATENT AND CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS EXPLAINED

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, TODAY (TUESDAY) EXPLAINED THE LETTERS PATENT AND THE PROVISIONS OF CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY CIVIL SERVANTS.

IN A STATEMENT RESPONDING TO PRESS ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE MEETING TODAY BETWEEN CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH OFFICIALS AND FIVE CIVIL SERVICE UNIONS, MR WIGGHAM SAID AS IN THE CASE OF MANAGEMENT OF ALL LARGE ORGANISATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, WHICH HAS AN ESTABLISHMENT OF ABOUT 190,000 STAFF IN 440 DIFFERENT GRADES.

CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS WERE DRAWN UP FOR THIS PURPOSE AND THE LETTERS PATENT PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR WITH THE AUTHORITY, THROUGH THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, TO DRAW UP AND ENFORCE SUCH REGULATIONS.

MR WIGGHAM ADDED THAT IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DEPARTMENT HEADS TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THEIR STAFF FROM TIME TO TIME TO THESE RULES OR REGULATIONS.

FOR EXAMPLE, ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO PROVISIONS IN THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADVANTAGE REGULATIONS IN ADVANCE OF FESTIVE SEASONS. IN THE CASE OF NON-PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES, THE ATTENTION OF THE STAFF WAS DRAWN TO POSSIBLE SANCTIONS.

MR WIGGHAM SAID CIVIL SERVANTS OBVIOUSLY HAD A DUTY TO THE PUBLIC AND, AS EMPLOYEES, THEY HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES.

THERE ARE AMPLE AVENUES FOR AIRING GRIEVANCES AND ANY SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF SERVICE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WITH THEIR HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

"ALL REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT SUCCUMB TO THREATS OF INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY CIVIL SERVANTS IN PRESSING FOR THEIR DEMANDS," MR WIGGHAM EMPHASISED.

COMMENTING ON THE DEMANDS BY POSTAL WORKERS, MR WIGGHAM CALLED ON THEM TO EXERCISE PATIENCE.

HE SAID THEIR PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, AS WELL AS THOSE OF 214 OTHER GRADES, WERE CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED BY THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

"IT WOULD NOT BE FAIR IF THE POSTAL WORKERS' CASE WAS SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY THREATENED INDUSTRIAL ACTION," HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THREATENING TO DISRUPT THE DELIVERY OF CHRISTMAN MAIL WAS TANTAMOUNT TO BLACKMAIL AND, IF CARRIED OUT, WOULD BE A GREAT DISSERVICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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TEA RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF ROYAL VISITOR

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SIX HUNDRED POLICE AND CIVILIAN GUESTS REPRESENTING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE FORCE ATTENDED A TEA RECEPTION HELD TODAY (TUESDAY) IN THE POLICE SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB, BOUNDARY STREET, IN HONOUR OF THEIR HONORARY COMMANDANT GENERAL, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA.

OVER 170 OF THOSE INVITED TO ATTEND WERE PRESENTED TO THE ROYAL VISITOR.

THE 14 GROUPS REPRESENTED THE SOCIAL AMENITIES, SPORTS AND ARTS COUNCILS OF THE FORCE, THE POLICE ASSOCIATIONS, THE FOUR REGIONS AND THE OPERATIONS, TRAINING AND CRIME WINGS OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

ON ARRIVAL PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WAS GREETED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, WHO PRESENTED THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, MR KEITH LOMAS, THE CHIEF FORCE WELFARE OFFICER, MR DAVID LOW, AND THE CLUB'S GENERAL MANAGER, MRS HANNY YEUNG.

SHE WAS THEN ESCORTED INTO THE MULTI-PURPOSE HALL BY TWO FORCE PIPERS AND SPENT ABOUT 90 MINUTES MINGLING WITH GUESTS.

BEFORE LEAVING THE CLUB HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WAS INVITED TO SIGN THE VISITORS' BOOK AFTER WHICH SHE WAS PRESENTED WITH A BOUQUET BY SIX-YEAR-OLD TIFFANY HO, DAUGHTER OF THE ASSISTANT MANAGER, MR ERIC HO.

THIS EVENING PRINCESS ALEXANDRA CONCLUDES HER VISITS TO THE FORCE BY ATTENDING A FORMAL MESS DINNER IN THE GAZETTED OFFICERS' MESS AT CAINE HOUSE.

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GROWTH IN OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

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OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES GREW BY \$3.6 BILLION (OR 14 PER CENT) LAST YEAR TO OVER \$29.7 BILLION, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY).

ANNOUNCING THE SURVEY FINDINGS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID THE FIGURE WAS NEARLY THREE TIMES THE 1984 TOTAL OF \$11.4 BILLION WHEN THE FIRST SUCH SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED.

THE 1990 SURVEY OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF SURVEYS CARRIED OUT BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S DATA AND SERVICES DIVISION.

/THE OBJECTIVES

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE 1990 SURVEY WERE TO ASCERTAIN THE VALUE OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AT THE END OF 1989, ITS SOURCE COUNTRIES AND DISTRIBUTION AMONG THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES; TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF MANUFACTURING COMPANIES WITH OVERSEAS INTERESTS; AND TO SEEK THESE COMPANIES' VIEWS ON THE MERITS OF HONG KONG AS A MANUFACTURING BASE AND THE PROSPECTS FOR BUSINESS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

IN THIS SURVEY, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED FROM JUNE TO SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, 589 COMPANIES REPORTED AN OVERSEAS INVESTMENT INTEREST.

MR BARMA SAID THE RELATIVE POSITION OF THE BIG FOUR INVESTORS HAD NOT CHANGED, WITH THE UNITED STATES REMAINING THE LARGEST INVESTOR (WITH 31 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY JAPAN (WITH 29 PER CENT), CHINA (WITH 11 PER CENT) AND THE UK (WITH SEVEN PER CENT).

"ALTHOUGH JAPAN REMAINED IN SECOND PLACE, IT ACCOUNTED FOR NEARLY HALF (47 PER CENT) OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENT MADE IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN 1989," MR BARMA SAID.

AS REGARDS INDIVIDUAL MANUFACTURING SECTORS, NEARLY 60 PER CENT OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENT WAS IN THE ELECTRONICS, ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS, TEXTILES AND CLOTHING AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

MR BARMA SAID THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE QUALITY OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT.

"WE BELIEVE THAT HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS MUST UPGRADE THEIR PRODUCTIVITY AND THE QUALITY OF THEIR PRODUCTS TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE.

"THE AIM OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME IS TO ENCOURAGE OVERSEAS INVESTORS TO INTRODUCE TO HONG KONG, THROUGH THEIR INVESTMENTS, NEW OR IMPROVED PRODUCTS, TECHNOLOGY, DESIGNS AND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES," HE SAID.

IN THIS RESPECT, HE SAID, ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF COMPANIES WITH AN OVERSEAS INTEREST WERE JOINT VENTURES WITH LOCAL PARTNERS, A FORM OF COOPERATION WHICH PROVIDED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

"IN ABOUT THE SAME PROPORTION OF COMPANIES, STAFF HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED FROM THE OVERSEAS PARENT COMPANIES TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE OR ASSISTANCE IN AREAS SUCH AS COMPANY MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS, AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID 337 COMPANIES (57 PER CENT) REPORTED THAT THEY EITHER HAD LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE OVERSEAS PARENT COMPANY, OR HAD RECEIVED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR HELP IN ACQUIRING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FROM THEM.

MOREOVER, 104 COMPANIES (18 PER CENT), PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, REPORTED THAT OVERSEAS INVESTORS HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFER OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.

"IT IS CLEAR THAT OVERSEAS INVESTMENT PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ASSISTING THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING SECTOR TO UPGRADE ITS PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES," MR BARMA SAID.

IN THE SURVEY, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ALSO GAVE EACH COMPANY A LIST OF 20 BUSINESS FACTORS TO SEEK THE VIEWS OF OVERSEAS INVESTORS ON THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF HONG KONG AS A MANUFACTURING BASE.

"OUT OF THESE 20 FACTORS, 14 WERE CONSIDERED BY MORE THAN HALF THE RESPONDENTS TO BE FAVOURABLE.

"BANKING AND FINANCIAL FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, BUSINESS LAWS AND REGULATIONS, AND GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC POLICY WERE THE KEY FACTORS SEEN AS MOST FAVOURABLE," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THE SURVEY ALSO CONFIRMED SEVERAL COMMONLY RECOGNISED UNFAVOURABLE FACTORS, SUCH AS HONG KONG'S POLITICAL FUTURE, LABOUR COST AND COST OF FACTORY SPACE.

"WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE OVERALL MANUFACTURING ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG, IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT 389 COMPANIES (67 PER CENT) CONSIDERED IT FAVOURABLE," HE SAID.

"A TOTAL OF 217 COMPANIES (37 PER CENT) ALSO HAD PLANS FOR EXPANSION IN HONG KONG. OF THESE, 171 (29 PER CENT) PLANNED TO EXPAND THE PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF THEIR EXISTING PRODUCTS, 57 (10 PER CENT) PLANNED TO INTRODUCE NEW PRODUCTION PROCESSES AND 91 (16 PER CENT) WERE DEVELOPING NEW PRODUCTS," HE ADDED.

ON BUSINESS PROSPECTS, MR BARMA SAID 364 COMPANIES (62 PER CENT) EXPECTED BUSINESS IN 1990 TO BE GOOD TO SATISFACTORY, WHILE 267 COMPANIES (45 PER CENT) FELT THE SAME ABOUT BUSINESS PROSPECTS IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

MR BARMA SAID THE RESULTS OF THE LATEST SURVEY WERE VERY POSITIVE.

"NOT ONLY DO THEY INDICATE THAT THE PROCESS OF ENRICHING OUR LOCAL MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES CONTINUES INTO THE 1990'S, THROUGH TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, BUT THEY ALSO DEMONSTRATE THAT HONG KONG REMAINS A VERY ATTRACTIVE LOCATION FOR INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING FOR OVERSEAS INVESTORS.

"WE IN THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WERE ALSO ENCOURAGED BY THE RESULTS BECAUSE WE PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO ATTRACTING OVERSEAS INVESTMENT," HE SAID.

COPIES OF THE SURVEY REPORT ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL DATA SECTION OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1415, OCEAN CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

PLANS AFOOT FOR BETTER ENVIRONMENT

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PLANS ARE AFOOT TO MEET THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES OF THE FORTHCOMING DECADE AND TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT FOR THE FUTURE HONG KONG, THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR MIAO CHI, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE BUILDING SERVICES ASIA '90, MR MIAO LISTED THE DEPLETION OF THE OZONE LAYER AND ENERGY CONSERVATION AS ITEMS HIGH ON THE LIST OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES TO BUILDING INDUSTRY.

"IN KEEPING WITH STRONG INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL PRESSURES TO SAFEGUARD THE ENVIRONMENT AND WITH THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL AND THE LONDON PROTOCOL, THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG HAS TAKEN A LEAD IN USING ALTERNATIVES TO THOSE ENVIRONMENTALLY DAMAGING CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (CFCS) AND BROMOTRIFLUOROMETHANE (BTM) FOR NEW AIR-CONDITIONING AND FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS IN ITS BUILDINGS," MR MIAO SAID.

"TO CONTINUE THIS INTO THE FUTURE, BUILDING SERVICES WILL NEED TO BE RE-DESIGNED AND NEW EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED," HE ADDED.

ACCORDING TO MR MIAO, A DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED TO MONITOR THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND TO ADVISE WHETHER ADDITIONAL MEASURES ON THE CFC ISSUE WERE WARRANTED.

TURNING TO ENERGY CONSERVATION, MR MIAO SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD COMMISSIONED A CONSULTANCY STUDY TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD TO LOWER THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY WASTED FROM BUILDINGS.

THIS COULD BE THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF CODES OF PRACTICE ON THE REQUIREMENT OF THE OVERALL THERMAL TRANSFER VALUE FOR THE BUILDING FIBRES, HE SUGGESTED.

OTHER MEASURES, INCLUDING WORKING OUT INCENTIVES TO DISCOURAGE WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY BY CONSUMERS, WERE ALSO BEING CONSIDERED.

ON THE POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARDS ARISING FROM BUILDING SERVICES INSTALLATIONS, MR MIAO SAID A WORKING PARTY AND VARIOUS STANDING GROUPS TO LOOK INTO THE ISSUE OF LEGIONNAIRE'S DISEASE AND SICK BUILDING SYNDROME HAD BEEN SET UP RESPECTIVELY.

"I HOPE, IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO SAY HONG KONG HAS THE FINEST BUILDING STOCK, AND OUR BUILDINGS ARE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT IN OPERATION, UPHOLDING OUR REPUTATION AS ONE OF THE LEADERS IN THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN THE REGION," HE ADDED.

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ELECTION OF LAB EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES

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FIFTEEN CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNIONS WILL BE COMPETING FOR FIVE SEATS FOR EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES ON THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD (LAB) ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 10).

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD FOR TWO YEARS STARTING FROM JANUARY 1991.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID 268 EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNIONS HAD REGISTERED AS ELECTORS IN THE LAB ELECTION TO BE HELD AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, MONG KOK.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT AUTHORISED UNION REPRESENTATIVES WERE REQUIRED TO ARRIVE AT THE SCHOOL BEFORE 2.30 PM ON THE ELECTION DAY.

"THEY MUST PRODUCE THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS FOR INSPECTION BEFORE BEING ADMITTED TO THE ELECTION HALL," HE STRESSED.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER AND REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS WILL BE PRESENT TO SUPERVISE THE COUNTING OF VOTES, WHILE AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR MAK SAI-YIU, WILL ACT AS THE RETURNING OFFICER.

THE LAB COMPRISES 12 MEMBERS, FIVE ELECTED BY REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNIONS, FIVE NOMINATED BY MAJOR EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND TWO APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO REPRESENT EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS RESPECTIVELY.

THE BOARD ADVISES THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON VARIOUS LABOUR MATTERS SUCH AS LABOUR LEGISLATION AND INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAB ELECTION ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 10).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL IN MONG KOK AT 2.30 PM SHARP. INFORMATION OFFICERS FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ABLE TO COVER THE OPENING SESSION OF THE ELECTION AND THE INITIAL CHECKING OF BALLOT PAPERS AT THE END OF VOTING FROM THE BALCONY OF THE ELECTION HALL. ARRANGEMENTS WILL ALSO BE MADE FOR THEM TO COVER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELECTION RESULTS AND TO INTERVIEW SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE ELECTION HALL AND ITS BALCONY WHILE VOTING AND COUNTING OF VOTES ARE IN PROGRESS.

IT MAY BE DESIRABLE FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS TO USE TELEPHOTO LENSES WHILE FILMING CREWS SHOULD BRING THEIR OWN POWER SUPPLY.

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TEACHERS' CENTRE ON THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE

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THE 63-MEMBER ADVISORY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (AMC) OF THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE, FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, IS ACTIVELY EXPLORING AND ASSESSING VARIOUS POSSIBLE MODES OF INDEPENDENCE.

THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO EXAMINING ITS CONSTITUTION IN ANTICIPATION OF NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO ENABLE IT TO BE INDEPENDENT, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WERE TOLD TODAY (TUESDAY) DURING A VISIT TO THE CENTRE IN NORTH POINT.

OF THE 63 MEMBERS, 34 ARE NOMINATED BY TEACHERS' OR TEACHING-RELATED ORGANISATIONS; 26 NOMINATED BY AND ELECTED FROM TEACHERS; AND THREE APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

"THE PLAN IS FOR THE AMC TO GRADUALLY ASSUME AUTONOMY AND BECOME EVENTUALLY A STATUTORY BOARD OF MANAGEMENT," ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR WONG SEK-WAH, TOLD THE VISITORS.

THE CENTRE, MR WONG SAID, SHOULD BE ONE NOT ONLY FOR TEACHERS BUT SHOULD ALSO BE RUN BY TEACHERS.

"THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH IT HAS A SKELETON STAFF PROVIDED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR ITS DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT, TEACHERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING, ORGANISATION AND CONDUCT OF ITS VARIOUS ACTIVITIES," HE SAID.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE CENTRE INCLUDE PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS TO MEET AND EXCHANGE IDEAS AND SHARE EXPERIENCES; PROMOTING IN-SERVICE EDUCATION; PROMOTING CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT; DEVELOPING AND TRYING OUT NEW TEACHING AIDS AND APPROACHES; AND PROVIDING COUNSELLING AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION SERVICES.

MORE THAN 500 MEETINGS, TALKS, SEMINARS, EXHIBITIONS AND COURSE SESSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE, WITH A TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF ABOUT 38,000, SINCE ITS OPENING IN JUNE LAST YEAR.

THE CENTRE IS ON THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOOR OF A FORMER PRIMARY SCHOOL IN PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, AND ITS FACILITIES INCLUDE ROOMS FOR SEMINARS, LECTURES AND READING, OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AND AMENITIES AREAS.

IT IS ALSO EQUIPPED WITH AUDIO-VISUAL AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WHO VISITED THE CENTRE WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR TIMOTHY HA, AND BOARD MEMBERS, DR JOHN CHEN, PROF B.L. COOKE, AND THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR PETER PELHAM.

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TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL TO OPEN TO TRAFFIC

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ADVISED MOTORISTS THAT THE TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 9) WITH DAILY OPERATING HOURS FROM 6.30 AM TO 10.30 PM.

THE NEW TUNNEL, WHICH FORMS PART OF ROUTE 4, WILL PROVIDE THE PRINCIPAL ACCESS BETWEEN TSEUNG KWAN O AND KOWLOON AND AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO THE EXISTING PO LAM ROAD.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW TUNNEL, MOTORISTS FROM CLEAR WATER BAY PENINSULA AND TSEUNG KWAN O CAN GAIN ACCESS FROM PO LAM ROAD NORTH AND THE LOCAL ROADS CONNECTING TO TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL ROAD.

FOR MOTORISTS FROM KOWLOON, THEY CAN APPROACH THE TUNNEL VIA JUNK BAY ROAD BUT ACCESS TO AND FROM THE TUNNEL IS NOT POSSIBLE FROM SAU MAU PING ROAD.

WHEN THE TUNNEL IS CLOSED, MOTORISTS SHOULD USE PO LAM ROAD AND PO LAM ROAD NORTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID A LEAFLET WITH MAPS SHOWING THE ROUTES TO BOTH ENDS OF THE TUNNEL HAD BEEN PRODUCED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

INFORMATION ON TRAFFIC ROUTEINGS, OPENING HOURS, TOLL, TUNNEL PERMIT AND REMOVAL FEE ARE ALSO CONTAINED IN THE LEAFLET, HE ADDED.

MOTORISTS CAN OBTAIN FREE COPIES OF THE LEAFLET FROM THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S DISTRICT OFFICES AS WELL AS TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW TUNNEL, CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTE 690 SERVING BETWEEN HONG SING GARDEN AND THE MACAU FERRY PIER IN CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA THE TUNNEL FROM FRIDAY.

THERE ARE PLANS TO INTRODUCE A GREEN MINIBUS CIRCULAR ROUTE BETWEEN TSEUNG KWAN O VILLAGE AND LAM TIN VIA THE NEW TUNNEL, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL OPENING

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 8), A SERIES OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN TSEUNG KWAN O AND KWUN TONG TO FACILITATE THE OPENING OF TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL.

TWO 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAYS WILL BE DESIGNATED ON THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS:

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- * ROAD D1 BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD L11 AND APPROXIMATELY 30 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD L1 EXCLUDING THE LAY-BYS ALONG THIS SECTION OF ROAD; AND
- * ROAD L11 BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D1 AND APPROXIMATELY 35 METRES NORTH OF THIS JUNCTION.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE EASTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF JUNK BAY ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO SAU MAU PING ROAD.

DANGEROUS GOODS VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER ROAD D1 AT ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD L11, AND THE EASTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF JUNK BAY ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO SAU MAU PING ROAD.

LEARNER DRIVERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER ROAD D1 FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD L1 TO ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD L11, AND THE EASTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF JUNK BAY ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO SAU MAU PING ROAD.

PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLISTS ARE BANNED FROM ROAD D1 AT ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD L11, AND THE EASTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF JUNK BAY ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO SAU MAU PING ROAD.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT FROM 6.30 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 9), TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6.30 AM TO 10.30 PM DAILY. A SERIES OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN TSEUNG KWAN O FROM THAT DAY.

MOTORISTS FROM CLEAR WATER BAY PENINSULA AND TSEUNG KWAN O CAN GAIN ACCESS FROM PO LAM ROAD NORTH AND LOCAL ROADS CONNECTING TO TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL ROAD.

MOTORISTS FROM KOWLOON CAN APPROACH THE TUNNEL VIA JUNK BAY ROAD BUT ACCESS TO AND FROM THE TUNNEL IS NOT POSSIBLE FROM SAU MAU PING ROAD.

WHEN THE TUNNEL IS CLOSED, MOTORISTS SHOULD USE PO LAM ROAD AND PO LAM ROAD NORTH.

THE CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE 690 WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL AND THE TERMINAL POINTS WILL BE RELOCATED FROM PO LAM TO CENTRAL (MACAU FERRY) TO HONG SING GARDEN - CENTRAL (MACAU FERRY).

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SURVEY ON BEDSPACE-APARTMENT LODGERS

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A SURVEY ON ALL BEDSPACE-APARTMENT LODGERS IS BEING CONDUCTED THIS MONTH (NOVEMBER) BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID THIS IS THE SECOND PHASE OF A SURVEY UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT ON THIS TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION.

THE FIRST PHASE, WHICH WAS COMPLETED IN MAY THIS YEAR, COVERED THE WHEREABOUTS AND THE HOLDING CAPACITY OF BEDSPACE APARTMENTS IN THE TERRITORY.

"THE SECOND PHASE WILL FOCUS ON THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE LODGERS.

"THE INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED WILL INCLUDE THE AGE, OCCUPATION, PLACE OF WORK, MONTHLY INCOME, MARITAL STATUS, AND THE TIME AND REASONS FOR RENTING A BEDSPACE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE APPEALED TO ALL BEDSPACE-APARTMENT OPERATORS AND TENANTS TO CO-OPERATE WITH DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF CONDUCTING THE SURVEY.

"THEIR FULL CO-OPERATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR US TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY INFORMATION AND TO DESIGN MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THESE APARTMENTS," HE STRESSED.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE SURVEY WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF JANUARY NEXT YEAR, HE ADDED.

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CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE

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A CARNIVAL TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO KEEP THEIR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN WILL BE HELD AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND IN SHAM SHUI PO ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 11).

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION, POP SINGING AND STALL GAMES.

THE DRAWING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD FROM 1 PM TO 2 PM WHILE THE OTHER EVENTS WILL START AT 2 PM.

/APPLICATION FORMS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1990

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APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE DRAWING COMPETITION AND COUPONS FOR STALL GAMES CAN NOW BE OBTAINED FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 37 TONKIN STREET AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES (KOWLOON), MR LAI MAN-CHI.

THE CARNIVAL IS PART OF THE WORKING GROUP'S YEAR LONG EFFORT IN DRIVING HOME "KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN" MESSAGES. THE WORKING GROUP HAS ALSO ORGANISED OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS DESIGN COMPETITIONS, VARIETY SHOWS AND BUS PARADES IN CONJUNCTION WITH EACH OF THE DISTRICT'S 10 AREA COMMITTEES.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KEEP SHAM SHUI PO CLEAN CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 11) BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

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