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OPENING STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD,
AT THE FAC PUBLIC HEARING TODAY (FRIDAY)

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CHAIRMAN,

I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO THE COMMITTEE IF I SAID A FEW WORDS ABOUT HOW HONG KONG AND ITS FUTURE LOOK FROM THE CHAIR OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY. I AM SURE YOU WILL NOT BE SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT I FIND THE IMAGE OF HONG KONG AS A SHIP DRIFTING RUDDERLESS ONTO THE ROCKS SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO SQUARE WITH THE REALITY OF OUR SITUATION.

I WILL NOT DWELL ON OUR ECONOMIC SUCCESS, IT IS THERE FOR ALL TO SEE, BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO EMPHASISE THAT THE ECONOMIC STRENGTH OF HONG KONG HAS ENABLED US TO FUND, FROM PUBLIC REVENUE, A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF SOCIAL PROGRAMMES ON A HEAVILY SUBSIDISED BASIS FOR EVERYONE IN HONG KONG. THIS IN TURN HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A MEASURE OF STABILITY TO THE COMMUNITY WHICH HAS PROVIDED A VERY FIRM BASIS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS.

AS TO THE FUTURE, WE ARE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO PUSHING AHEAD ALL OUR PLANS, OUR HORIZON IS NOT IN ANY WAY LIMITED BY THE YEAR 1997 AND IF YOU WERE TO LOOK AT OUR PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, OUR MASSIVE HOUSING PROGRAMME, AS WELL AS OUR PLANNING FOR A THIRD HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE PROSPECT OF A NEW AIRPORT AND PORT, I DO NOT THINK THAT ANYONE COULD DOUBT OUR COMMITMENT NOR OUR ENTHUSIASM TO BUILD FOR THE FUTURE IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD.

CHAIRMAN, THE CHIEF SECRETARY DOES NOT SPEND HIS TIME LOOKING OVER HIS SHOULDER TOWARDS CHINA OR INDEED THE UNITED KINGDOM. WE HAVE LIVED WITH THE GEOGRAPHICAL REALITY OF CHINA FOR MANY DECADES, AND IT IS SOMETIMES NECESSARY TO BE AWARE OF ITS PRESENCE WHEN TAKING DECISIONS ABOUT HONG KONG BUT IT IS NO MORE THAN THAT AND I CERTAINLY DO NOT FEEL THAT THIS GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INHIBITED IN TAKING DECISIONS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. WE DO HAVE ARGUMENTS WITH CHINA, WE HAVE ARGUMENTS WITH THE UK GOVERNMENT TOO BUT THESE ARGUMENTS DO NOT IMPINGE UPON THE EXCEPTIONAL DEGREE OF AUTONOMY WE HAVE NOW AND WE CONFIDENTLY EXPECT WE WILL HAVE IN THE FUTURE.

WE ARE QUITE CLEAR AS AN ADMINISTRATION THAT IT IS TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE AND IT IS THEIR INTERESTS WHICH MUST BE PARAMOUNT IN THE WAY WE GOVERN THIS PLACE.

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AS TO THE POLITICAL FUTURE THERE CAN BE FEW TERRITORIES IN THE WORLD WHICH HAVE SUCH A GUARANTEE OF THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AS IS ENSHRINED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION. OUR COMMITMENT IS TO DEVELOPING A MORE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG WHICH COMMANDS THE BROADEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY. AS YOU WILL HAVE GATHERED IN THE COURSE OF YOUR VISIT THAT IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO ACHIEVE IN HONG KONG. THE PROCESS HAS QUICKENED SINCE 1984. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WERE MADE IN 1985 AND MORE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES WILL BE PUT IN PLACE IN 1991 AND INDEED IN 1995. THE ADMINISTRATION IS DETERMINED TO ESTABLISH A MODEL OF GOVERNMENT IN 1995 WHICH WILL ENDURE THE TRANSITION WITH THE LEAST POSSIBLE DISRUPTION. IN OUR JUDGMENT CONTINUITY OVER THE PERIOD OF THE CHANGE OF SOVEREIGNTY IS A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE. CONTINUITY IN THE LEGISLATURE (OVER WHICH WE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE) CONTINUITY IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONTINUITY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE. IT SEEMS TO US ESSENTIAL BOTH IN TERMS OF LOCAL AND OVERSEAS CONFIDENCE THAT THE TRANSITION IS AS SEEMLESS AS IT CAN BE. WITHIN THIS BROAD FRAMEWORK WE WILL CHANGE AND IMPROVE OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

FOR ALL THIS WE NEED A FIRST RATE PUBLIC SERVICE - A PUBLIC SERVICE WHOSE MEMBERS CAN BE RELIED UPON TO SERVE THE PEOPLE EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY NOT ONLY UNDER THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, BUT ALSO THE FUTURE SAR GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE A STRONG CORPS OF DEDICATED AND RESILIENT OFFICERS. IT IS CRUCIAL THAT THEIR HIGH MORALE AND ALLEGIANCE TO HONG KONG BE SUSTAINED, AMONG BOTH LOCAL AND EXPATRIATE OFFICERS, DESPITE THE CHANGE OF SOVEREIGNTY.

CHAIRMAN, IN LOOKING TO THE FUTURE WE DO NOT PRETEND TO MINIMIZE THE PROBLEMS WE FACE AND THE REAL UNCERTAINTY THAT RESTS IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE HERE. INDEED AS MEMBERS MUST BE ACUTELY AWARE, HONG KONG PEOPLE ARE NOT SLOW IN COMING FORWARD TO EXPRESS THEIR WORRIES ABOUT THEIR FUTURE. BUT WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE CHANGES WHICH WILL COME ABOUT IN 1997 OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY AS WELL AS A CHALLENGE. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HONG KONG TO CONTRIBUTE IN A MAJOR WAY TO THE MODERNISATION OF CHINA THROUGH THE STRENGTH OF ITS INSTITUTIONS, ITS INTERNATIONAL FLAVOUR AND THE HUGE RESERVOIR OF SKILL AND TALENT WHICH HAS BEEN BUILT UP OVER THE YEARS. AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP FURTHER AS A FINANCIAL AND SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE REGION AS A WHOLE.

I DO SOMETIMES WORRY THAT WE WILL TALK OURSELVES INTO A DEPRESSION BUT WHEN I STEP OUTSIDE THE HOT-HOUSE OF POLITICAL DISCUSSION AND INTO THE REAL HEART OF HONG KONG AND SEE THE STABLE AND INTENSELY HARDWORKING COMMUNITY OF NEARLY SIX MILLION PEOPLE, THE VAST MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THIS PLACE. I AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF CONFIDENCE ABOUT THE FUTURE.

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SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY
ON THE NATIONALITY ISSUE

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YOU HAVE HEARD MUCH ABOUT NATIONALITY DURING YOUR STAY IN HONG KONG. I AM SURE YOU CAN BE LEFT IN NO DOUBT ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF THE FEELINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ON IT. THE CASE HAS BEEN PUT FORCEFULLY AND ELOQUENTLY THAT HONG KONG IS IN A UNIQUE POSITION UNMATCHED BY ANY OTHER BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORY. UNLIKE OTHER DEPENDENT TERRITORIES, INDEPENDENCE WAS NEVER AN OPTION FOR HONG KONG AND AS A RESULT OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, HONG KONG IS BEING TRANSFORMED FROM A BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORY TO A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA UNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THAT COUNTRY.

I THINK MANY HONG KONG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT MANY MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMITTEE HAVE RECOGNISED THAT THE HONG KONG SITUATION IS INDEED UNIQUE. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THEREFORE THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE FEEL THEY MERIT SOME SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THEY, THROUGH NO CHOICE OF THEIR OWN, FIND THEMSELVES. THEY HAVE SEEN SUCH SPECIAL CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THE RESIDENTS OF GIBRALTAR AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

MUCH PLAY HAS BEEN MADE ON THE POTENTIAL THREE MILLION IMMIGRANTS FROM HONG KONG THAT COULD FLOW FROM A CHANGE OF THE UK IMMIGRATION RULES. YOU HAVE HEARD THE ARGUMENT PUT THAT THE NUMBER OF HONG KONG PEOPLE EVER LIKELY TO TAKE UP THE RIGHT OF ABODE IS A FRACTION OF THAT NUMBER. IN HARD POLITICAL TERMS YOU HAVE MADE THE POINT THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF ALL THREE MILLION MOVING IS A POTENTIAL RISK.

BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT PORTUGAL HAS TAKEN A DIFFERENT VIEW OF THE CITIZENS IN ITS DEPENDENT TERRITORIES, HAS TAKEN THE RISK IF YOU LIKE, AND HAS GIVEN THEM THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN PORTUGAL AND THUS EVENTUALLY FREE ACCESS TO COUNTRIES IN THE EEC INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE IRONY OF THIS SITUATION HAS NOT ESCAPED THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

CHAIRMAN, I AM SURE THAT THERE CAN BE FEW PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WHO ARE LEFT IN ANY DOUBT AS TO THE VIEWS OF THE UK GOVERNMENT ON THE QUESTION OF THE RIGHT OF ABODE FOR BDTC'S. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, AND LORD GLENARTHUR HAVE RECENTLY MADE THE POSITION VERY CLEAR. BUT GIVEN THE INTENSE PUBLIC FEELING ON THIS ISSUE IT IS VERY UNDERSTANDABLE THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE WOULD STILL WISH TO PUT THEIR VIEWS ON THE RECORD AND INDEED TO CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT PERHAPS SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE THE POLITICAL MOOD IN THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THIS SUBJECT COULD CHANGE. I HAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT IF THIS WERE ACHIEVABLE IT WOULD HAVE A MARKED IMPACT ON CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG.

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BUT ALL THAT SAID, WE ARE PRAGMATIC AND PRACTICAL PEOPLE AND IF WE CANNOT ACHIEVE ALL THAT WE WOULD WISH FOR AT THIS STAGE, WE ARE PREPARED TO PUT FORWARD OTHER SUGGESTIONS. AS THE GOVERNOR SAID WHEN HE APPEARED BEFORE YOU IN LONDON, WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE MORE FLEXIBILITY INTRODUCED INTO THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE BNA AND IMMIGRATION RULES. IN THIS RESPECT, WE HOPE YOU WILL LOOK POSITIVELY AT THE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS MADE BY MEMBERS OF OMELCO. FOR EXAMPLE, TREATING PERIODS OF STUDY IN THE U.K. AS SUFFICIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SATISFYING THE RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENT WOULD BE MUCH WELCOMED.

THERE IS ALSO A CASE FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE. THE SENSE OF UNCERTAINTY THAT PERVADES THE COMMUNITY INEVITABLY AFFECTS THE CIVIL SERVICE TOO. INDEED MANY OF THEM FEEL THAT THEY ARE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE TO PRESSURE OF ALL KINDS. I CANNOT OVER-STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR PIVOTAL POSITION IN ENSURING A SMOOTH TRANSITION IN 1997 AND THE SUCCESS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION. I BELIEVE IT WOULD SEND A VERY ENCOURAGING MESSAGE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE IF THE HOME SECRETARY COULD EXERCISE MORE FLEXIBLY HIS DISCRETION UNDER SECTION 4(5) OF THE NATIONALITY ACT.

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GRANTING OF UK PASSPORT ADDS CONFIDENCE IN HK: CS

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THE GRANTING OF BRITISH PASSPORTS TO HONG KONG PEOPLE IS A MATTER FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE, BUT IF THERE SHOULD BE A POLITICAL CHANGE IN THE CURRENT POLICY IT WOULD ADD GREATLY TO CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEARINGS, SIR DAVID ADDED: "I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, THAT IT WOULD BE QUITE WRONG OF ME, AS CHIEF SECRETARY, TO RAISE THE EXPECTATIONS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF SOMETHING WHICH WE HAVE BEEN CLEARLY TOLD IS NOT POSSIBLE.

"AND THEREFORE, WE HAVE PUT FORWARD ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS IN LINE WITH MANY OF THE SUGGESTIONS OF THE OMELCO FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE."

"IF THE MESSAGE IS COMING TO US LOUD AND CLEAR 'NO, THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THE MOMENT' THEN I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE, AS A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, SHOULD SIMPLY SAY 'WELL THAT'S THE END OF THE MATTER'.

"WE MUST LOOK FOR WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN HELP INCREASE CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG. WELL, THAT'S WHAT WE'VE DONE BY PUTTING FORWARD SOME ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS," THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

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SIR DAVID SAID HE EXPLAINED TO THE FAC THAT THE FEELINGS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE ON THIS SUBJECT WERE VERY CLEAR.

"THAT IS, THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE REASSURANCE OF RIGHT OF ABODE GIVEN TO 3.2 MILLION HONG KONG PEOPLE. I ALSO MADE THE POINT THAT WE CAN HAVE VERY LITTLE DOUBT IN HONG KONG THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT POINT OF VIEW AT THE MOMENT IS TO SAY THAT THAT IS NOT A PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY," HE ADDED.

"NEVERTHELESS, HONG KONG PEOPLE PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS. THEY PUT FORWARD THEM ON THE BASIS THAT THEY WOULD BE THERE FOR THE RECORD.

"THAT IT'S SOMETHING THAT THEY FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT AND THAT IF THE POLITICAL CHANGE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM CAME ABOUT WHICH ENABLED THE GRANTING OF PASSPORTS TO HONG KONG PEOPLE, THEY WOULD BE WELL PLEASED," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID ALL THOSE WHO HAD FOLLOWED THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FAC HAD BEEN MOST IMPRESSED BY THE WAY IN WHICH HONG KONG PEOPLE HAD PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS SO FORCIBLY, SO STRONGLY, AND WITH GREAT CONVICTION.

"EVERYBODY'S WORKED VERY HARD ON THEIR DETAILED SUBMISSIONS, AND IT'S BEEN A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON SUCH A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS.

"THE COMMITTEE THEMSELVES HAVE SHOWN GREAT INTEREST AND INDEED HAVE BEEN CLEARLY GETTING VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN HONG KONG AND LEARNING SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY IT WORKS," THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

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MERCHANDISE TRADE BY AIR IN 1988

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE BY AIR WAS VALUED AT \$208,786 MILLION IN 1988, 28 PER CENT HIGHER THAN 1987, ACCORDING TO THE SUMMARY STATISTICS ON AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE IN 1988 RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IN 1988, AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT, 33 PER CENT AND 40 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE OVER 1987. THEIR SHARES IN TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS WERE 28 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 16 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, AS COMPARED TO THE CORRESPONDING SHARES OF 27 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 18 PER CENT IN 1987.

IN TERMS OF WEIGHT, AIRBORNE IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO 286,135 TONNES OR 0.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL IMPORT TONNAGE, WHILE TOTAL AIRBORNE EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) AMOUNTED TO 407,929 TONNES OR 1.3 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL EXPORT TONNAGE.

/AIRBORNE DOMESTIC

AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS IN 1988 OVER 1987, PARTICULARLY TAIWAN (+76 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+74 PER CENT), AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+36 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TOP THREE MARKETS, THE U.S.A., JAPAN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT AND 12 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$2,980 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,155 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,332 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$942 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$333 MILLION OR 84 PER CENT); AND SANITARY, PLUMBING, HEATING AND LIGHTING FIXTURES AND FITTINGS (BY \$32 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT).

FURTHER ANALYSIS BY COUNTRY WITHIN COMMODITY SHOWED INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$1,222 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AND TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$255 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$720 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT) AND TO SINGAPORE (BY \$719 MILLION OR 113 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$425 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS TO JAPAN (BY \$454 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$186 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT) AND TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY \$79 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT); SANITARY, PLUMBING, HEATING AND LIGHTING FIXTURES AND FITTINGS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$30 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$551 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

IMPORTS CARRIED BY AIR FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE IN 1988 OVER 1987.

/SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH

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SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM WEST MALAYSIA (+73 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+41 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+40 PER CENT), JAPAN (+40 PER CENT) AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+40 PER CENT),

AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. AND SWITZERLAND, THE SECOND AND THE THIRD LARGEST SUPPLIERS FOLLOWING JAPAN, ALSO INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT AND 29 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$8,669 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$4,256 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$3,448 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,224 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$635 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT); RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$326 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); AND ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$70 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

ANALYSED BY COUNTRY WITHIN COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM JAPAN (BY \$2,355 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT) AND FROM THE U.S.A. (BY \$2,084 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS FROM JAPAN (BY \$2,014 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT) AND FROM SWITZERLAND (BY \$1,066 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES FROM INDIA (BY \$1,088 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FROM THE U.S.A. (BY \$940 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES, FROM THE U.S.A. (BY \$893 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT) AND FROM BAHRAIN (BY \$15 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT); RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY \$155 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT); AND ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES, FROM JAPAN (BY \$28 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE DEPICTED IN TABLE 3.

HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE IN 1988 OVER 1987.

THE GROWTH WAS PARTICULARLY STRONG IN BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG (+75 PER CENT), JAPAN (+67 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+61 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+52 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+50 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+49 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO THE TOP TWO MARKETS, THE U.S.A. AND TAIWAN, ALSO INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT AND 37 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE. HOWEVER, A DECLINE OF 1 PER CENT WAS RECORDED IN AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$5,119 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$1,752 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$1,018 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT); AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1,003 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$75 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT); MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS (BY \$45 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT); AND ORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$19 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

ANALYSED BY COUNTRY WITHIN COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO TAIWAN (BY \$1,258 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT) AND TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$939 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$522 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT) AND TO JAPAN (BY \$465 MILLION OR 72 PER CENT); CLOTHING TO JAPAN (BY \$350 MILLION OR 127 PER CENT); AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO JAPAN (BY \$316 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN NON-FERROUS METALS TO CHINA (BY \$22 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT) AND TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$20 MILLION OR 92 PER CENT); MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS TO JAPAN (BY \$46 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT); AND ORGANIC CHEMICALS TO JAPAN (BY \$12 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, DECEMBER 1988" NOW AVAILABLE AT GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$17.50 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TEL. NO.: 5-8234915.

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TABLE 1 : AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
U.S.A.	27,242	25,174	+ 2,069	+ 8
JAPAN	6,281	5,725	+ 556	+ 10
F.R. OF GERMANY	5,427	4,865	+ 563	+ 12
U.K.	3,794	2,783	+ 1,011	+ 36
SINGAPORE	2,510	1,440	+ 1,070	+ 74
CANADA	1,818	1,536	+ 282	+ 18
SWITZERLAND	1,581	1,388	+ 194	+ 14
FRANCE	1,356	1,207	+ 149	+ 12
NETHERLANDS	1,340	1,238	+ 102	+ 8
TAIWAN	1,320	750	+ 570	+ 76

TABLE 2 : AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
JAPAN	23,071	16,443	+ 6,628	+ 40
U.S.A.	18,093	14,274	+ 3,819	+ 27
SWITZERLAND	6,814	5,273	+ 1,541	+ 29
SINGAPORE	4,668	3,300	+ 1,368	+ 41
TAIWAN	4,605	3,280	+ 1,325	+ 40
U. K.	4,480	4,049	+ 431	+ 11
ITALY	3,773	2,888	+ 885	+ 31
MALAYSIA, WEST	3,758	2,166	+ 1,592	+ 73
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	3,719	2,660	+ 1,059	+ 40
F.R. OF GERMANY	3,671	2,970	+ 701	+ 24

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TABLE 3 : AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-DEC 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 1987 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
U.S.A.	9,651	7,292	+ 2,359	+ 32
TAIWAN	6,947	5,068	+ 1,878	+ 37
JAPAN	4,776	2,854	+ 1,923	+ 67
SINGAPORE	3,659	2,453	+ 1,206	+ 49
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	3,476	2,314	+ 1,162	+ 50
CHINA	2,927	2,952	- 25	- 1
F. R. OF GERMANY	1,636	1,149	+ 487	+ 42
U. K.	1,371	904	+ 467	+ 52
BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG	1,093	626	+ 467	+ 75
AUSTRALIA	1,020	633	+ 386	+ 61

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BROADCASTING AUTHORITY COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE
RECEIVES MORE SUBMISSIONS

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THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY, THE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH TELEVISION VIEWERS WHO ARE DISSATISFIED WITH WHAT THEY SEE ON TELEVISION MAY AIR THEIR GRIEVANCES TO THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY, HAS DEALT WITH 439 SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC DURING THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1988 TO MARCH 1989.

THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 93.4 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS SIX-MONTH PERIOD.

OF THE 439 SUBMISSIONS, 210 CASES WERE COMPLAINTS AND WERE HANDLED BY THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY ORDINANCE 1987.

OUT OF THESE 210 COMPLAINTS, 76 WERE IN RESPECT OF THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF TELEVISION PROGRAMMES, 31 IN RESPECT OF THE STANDARDS OF TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENTS, AND 103 IN RESPECT OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND THE QUALITY OF TELEVISION RECEPTION.

/IN CONSIDERING

IN CONSIDERING THESE COMPLAINTS, THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE GAVE THE LICENSEES AND THE SUBJECTS OF THE COMPLAINTS REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS, WHICH THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER WITH OTHER RELEVANT EVIDENCE BEFORE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE COMPLAINTS TO THE AUTHORITY.

DURING THE PERIOD, ON THE BASIS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE, THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY DECIDED TO IMPOSE A FINE IN ONE CASE OF CONTRAVENTION OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE ON PROGRAMME STANDARDS UNDER SECTION 37 OF THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE, AND ISSUED EIGHT WARNINGS TO THE STATIONS WITH REGARD TO BREACHES OF STANDARDS MAINLY ON VIOLENCE, LANGUAGE AND REQUIREMENTS OF FAMILY VIEWING HOURS.

THE AUTHORITY ALSO GAVE ADVICE CONCERNING THE COMPLAINTS TO THE STATIONS FROM TIME TO TIME.

OF THE OTHER 229 SUBMISSIONS, 55 WERE FOUND TO BE FRIVOLOUS/TRIVIAL COMPLAINTS UPON INVESTIGATION AND 174 WERE EITHER IN RESPECT OF MATTERS OUTSIDE THE PURVIEW OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY OR PERSONAL OPINIONS.

THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY MR LO KING-MAN, URBAN COUNCILLOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

ITS MEMBERS ARE MISS LEUNG WAI-TUNG, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; MR IRA D. KAYE, BUSINESSMAN; MRS PAMELA CHAN WONG SHUI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL; MRS MABEL CHOW, BUSINESSWOMAN; MR PETER C.H. CHAN, MEMBER OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION; MR LAM KWOK-WAI, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION, HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE; MR CLEMENT K.L. TAO, MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER; AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION.

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TWO BANKS GRANTED LICENCES

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JUROKU BANK AND OGAKI KYORITSU BANK HAVE BEEN GRANTED BANKING LICENCES TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

BOTH BANKS ARE JAPANESE REGIONAL BANKS BASED IN GIFU PREFECTURE.

JUROKU BANK IS THE 48TH LARGEST BANK IN JAPAN. IT HAS OPERATED A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN HONG KONG SINCE 1987.

OGAKI KYORITSU BANK IS THE 60TH LARGEST BANK IN JAPAN. ITS REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE HAS BEEN IN HONG KONG SINCE 1986.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF FOREIGN BANKS IN ENTERING THE LOCAL MARKET REFLECTED HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG'S BILATERAL TRADE WITH JAPAN, IT IS MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR JAPAN TO HAVE AN APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION IN THE BANKING SECTOR.

THE GRANTING OF THE LICENCES BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS TO 164, OF WHICH 129 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG. A TOTAL OF FOUR BANKING LICENCES HAVE BEEN GRANTED THIS YEAR.

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RESULTS OF PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION

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MISS SHA MI-CHING WAS ELECTED TO THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD IN THE PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

SHE WAS RETURNED WITH 1,746 VOTES.

THE OTHER CANDIDATE, MR LUI PAK-YIU, OBTAINED 694 VOTES.

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WILD ORCHIDS ARE PROTECTED SPECIES

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ADVISED FLOWER TRADERS TO REFRAIN FROM TRADING IN WILD ORCHIDS OBTAINED FROM DOUBTFUL SOURCES OR WITHOUT DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF THEIR ORIGINS AND VALID POSSESSION LICENCES ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SUCH WILD ORCHIDS WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FROM ILLEGAL SOURCES WITHOUT PRIOR GOVERNMENT AUTHORISATION. THE PUBLIC SHOULD REFRAIN FROM BUYING OR POSSESSING THEM OR THEY WOULD FACE PROSECUTION AND HEAVY FINES.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER, MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID: "WILD ORCHIDS ARE ENDANGERED PLANT SPECIES PROTECTED BY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND IN HONG KONG UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE.

"ANYONE FOUND ILLEGALLY IMPORTING, EXPORTING OR POSSESSING SUCH WILD ORCHID PLANTS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 PLUS FORFEITURE OF THESE ITEMS."

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THE ADVICE FOLLOWED A COURT CASE AT THE SHA TIN MAGISTRACY YESTERDAY IN WHICH A MAN WAS FINED \$3,000 FOR POSSESSING 6,697 WILD CHINESE SLIPPER ORCHIDS WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE ISSUED UNDER THE LAW.

IN ADDITION, ALL WILD ORCHIDS IN HIS POSSESSION WERE CONFISCATED. THE LOCAL MARKET VALUE OF THESE RARE PLANTS WAS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$66,000 BUT THEY WOULD FETCH AS MUCH AS \$343,000 IF SOLD OVERSEAS.

THE CASE WAS UNCOVERED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR UPON NOTIFICATION BY ULRICH CITES (CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA) MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY IN FRANKFURT THAT WILD CHINESE ORCHIDS SUPPLIED BY A HONG KONG TRADER WERE BEING OFFERED FOR SALE THROUGH ADVERTISEMENTS IN WEST GERMANY.

MR CHEUNG SAID: "AS THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AS A SIGNATORY OF CITES, HAS PROHIBITED THE EXPORT OF WILD ORCHIDS FOR TRADE PURPOSE WITHOUT PROPER DOCUMENTATION, WE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THESE PLANTS MUST HAVE COME FROM ILLEGAL SOURCES.

"INVESTIGATION INTO THE CASE SUBSEQUENTLY LED TO THE PROSECUTION OF A MAN AND THE SEIZURE OF 6,697 WILD CHINESE ORCHIDS WHICH WERE IDENTIFIED BY AN EXPERIENCED HORTICULTURIST AS RARE SPECIES OF THE ORCHIDACEAE FAMILY."

COMMENTING ON THE COURT CASE, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF CITES, MR EUGENE LAPOINTE, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN HONG KONG FOR A BRIEF VISIT, SAID: "THIS IS A MAJOR ISSUE AND THE MOST IMPORTANT CASE WE EVER HAD IN COUNTERING THE ILLEGAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED WILD PLANTS.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG IS TO BE CONGRATULATED FOR THE EFFORTS IT MADE IN THIS DIRECTION."

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ROADS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM FOR TIN SHUI WAI

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ROADWAYS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINS AND SEWERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TIN SHUI WAI NEW TOWN.

THE TIN SHUI WAI/YUEN LONG DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR BUILDING ABOUT FOUR KILOMETRES OF ROADS ALONG WITH THE SEWERAGE NETWORK UNDERNEATH.

THESE WILL SURROUND TWO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES - TIN YIU ESTATE AND TIN SHUI ESTATE - AND THE AREA'S FIRST TWO PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY THIS YEAR AND SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN MID-1992.

THE CONTRACT ALSO CALLS FOR THE FORMATION OF PART OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT RESERVE FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE TIN SHUI WAI ROUTE.

/THE RESERVE

THE RESERVE WILL BE COMPLETED FOR HANDLING OVER TO THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION TO LAY TRACKS STARTING IN MID-1990. THIS FIRST PHASE OF THE LRT SERVICE WILL BE COMMISSIONED IN THE EARLY 1990'S.

RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO START MOVING INTO TIN SHUI WAI BY THE END OF 1991, WHICH IS EARLIER THAN THE SCHEDULED COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT WORKS.

THE ESSENTIAL ROADS TO SERVE THE FIRST RESIDENTS WILL BE COMPLETED EARLIER THAN THE REST TO ENSURE GOOD ACCESS FROM DAY ONE.

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MAY 12.

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EXTENSION TO KOWLOON PERMANENT PIER NO. 6 AUTHORISED
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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO GRANT AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 350 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AS AN EXTENSION TO KOWLOON PERMANENT PIER NO. 6 AND EXTENSION.

THE GRANT WILL BE MADE BY PRIVATE TREATY TO THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY LIMITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CANTILEVERED OVERHANGS AT THE ROOF AND PRAYA LEVEL OF THE PROPOSED MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS COMPLEX TO BE ERECTED ON THE PIER.

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

THE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN, CAN BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, 490-492 NATHAN ROAD, HOP FAT COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE UNDERTAKING MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE APRIL 20, 1990.

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LAND IN YUEN LONG TO BE RESUMED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME LAND IN YUEN LONG FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF A SEWERAGE SYSTEM TO SERVE THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN TIN SHUI WAI AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

THE LAND TO BE RESUMED COMPRISES 21 PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS AND TWO MIXED BUILDING/AGRICULTURAL LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 3,826.1 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 130 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND.

RESUMPTION OF LAND IS REQUIRED NOW TO ALLOW WORKS TO BEGIN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR AFTER THE THREE MONTHS' RESUMPTION NOTICE HAS EXPIRED.

DETAILS OF THE RESUMPTION WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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'ROBOTCOP' TO MAKE DEBUT AT TUEN MUN CARNIVAL

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A REMOTE-CONTROL ROBOT WILL MAKE ITS DEBUT AT A FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL IN TUEN MUN ON SUNDAY (APRIL 23) TO HELP PUT THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE ACROSS TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE "ROBOTCOP", PROGRAMMED TO SPEAK AND SCREEN VIDEO TAPES ON THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE, WILL BE THE STAR ATTRACTION AT THE CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE SHAN KING ESTATE SOCCER PITCH.

FUNDED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, THE CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHAN KING ESTATE ACTIVITIES ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE.

THERE WILL BE A PAINTING COMPETITION, STALL GAMES AS WELL AS SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES.

STATIC DISPLAYS ON AND CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE PUT UP AT THE VENUE.

AN OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM. OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR KINGSLEY SIT; AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR YIM TIN-SANG AND MR LEE YIU-HUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHAN KING FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 23) AT THE SHAN KING ESTATE SOCCER PITCH, TUEN MUN.

THOSE WISHING TO TAKE GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 1 PM.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN MAY

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 23 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE -----	TIME -----
MAY 1 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 2 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 3 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 4 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 5 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 6 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 8 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 9 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 10 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 11 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 12 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 16 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 17 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 18 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
MAY 19 (FRIDAY)	MID NIGHT - 5 PM
MAY 22 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 23 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 24 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
MAY 25 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 26 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 27 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 29 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MAY 30 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR EVENING COURSES
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THE EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL OFFER 129 EVENING COURSES IN SEPTEMBER TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

WORKING PEOPLE ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR THESE EVENING PROGRAMMES AT POST-SECONDARY THREE AND POST-SECONDARY FIVE LEVELS.

THE COURSES COVER THE ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES OR INDUSTRIAL SECTORS OF CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, PRINTING, TEXTILE, CLOTHING, MARINE ENGINEERING AND FABRICATION, MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE.

THE COURSES FOR THE COMMERCE AND SERVICE FIELDS INCLUDE HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, GENERAL STUDIES, DESIGN AND COMPUTING STUDIES.

EVENING COURSE STUDENTS ARE NORMALLY REQUIRED TO ATTEND CLASS MEETINGS ONE TO FOUR EVENINGS A WEEK. THE DURATION OF THE COURSES RANGE FROM ONE TO THREE YEARS.

DETAILS OF ALL THE COURSES WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE NEWSPAPERS TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDES TO APPLICANTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS SATURDAY, MAY 6. SECONDARY FIVE STUDENTS SITTING FOR THE 1989 H.K.C.E. EXAMINATION MAY ALSO APPLY.

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MUSIC OFFICE RECRUITS PROFESSIONAL STAFF
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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS RECRUITING FULL TIME PROFESSIONAL STAFF IN AURAL, THEORY AND CHORAL, CELLO, VIOLA AND VIOLIN TRAINING, AND IN MUSIC PROMOTION.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL ENTER AS ASSISTANT MUSIC OFFICER II WITH A PAY SCALE BETWEEN \$6,805 AND \$11,085 PER MONTH.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE GRADUATES OF EITHER THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC OR THE ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS OR THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, OR HAVE A DEGREE IN MUSIC FROM A RECOGNISED UNIVERSITY, OR POSSESS OTHER EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE ON GOVERNMENT FORM 340 AND FORWARDED TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER (PERSONNEL AND GENERAL), MUSIC OFFICE, MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, 25TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, NOT LATER THAN MAY 1.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8235340.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE CLOSED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AT SUNG KIT STREET, KOWLOON, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED AT FLAT C, 15TH AND 16TH FLOORS, SHUNG KIM HOUSE, 81 SUNG KIT STREET.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE THE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN JUNE 1987 AND APRIL 1988 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THESE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JUNE 21 WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE OBTAINED.

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SHA TIN SITE FOR SALE BY TENDER
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING A PIECE OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN SHA TIN FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 3,951 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT AREA 100 OF MA ON SHAN TOWN CENTRE, SHA TIN.

IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES (EXCLUDING GODOWN AND CINEMA) UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME.

THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JUNE 16, 1989.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

- * THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

THE TENDER DOCUMENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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