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14TH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP
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FOLLOWING IS THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP:

THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP HELD ITS FOURTEENTH MEETING IN HONG KONG FROM 5 TO 8 DECEMBER 1989.

THE GROUP HAD A FRANK AND IN-DEPTH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ISSUES RELATING TO THE SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

A NUMBER OF MEETINGS BETWEEN EXPERTS TOOK PLACE DURING THE SESSION.

THE GROUP HAD A USEFUL DISCUSSION ON CERTAIN QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE LOCALISATION OF LAWS, INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER ITEMS. THE GROUP REACHED A COMMON VIEW ON CERTAIN MATTERS RELATED TO THE LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION ON MERCHANT SHIPPING. THE GROUP NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE AGREEMENT REACHED ON THE TEXT OF MEMORANDA ON TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HONG KONG SEAMAN'S TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP DECIDED THAT ITS NEXT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN BEIJING FROM 24 TO 27 APRIL 1990.

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PUBLIC VIEWS SOUGHT FOR WELFARE SERVICES WHITE PAPER
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THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO HELP FORMULATE A WHITE PAPER ON WELFARE SERVICES INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND.

A POST BOX, NO. 7333 HAS BEEN SET UP IN THE HONG KONG GENERAL POST OFFICE TO RECEIVE VIEWS BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO VOICE THEIR VIEWS ON THE FOLLOWING SOCIAL SERVICES: SOCIAL SECURITY; CHILDREN AND YOUTH; ELDERLY; FAMILY, INCLUDING CHILD-CARE; SUPPORT SERVICE, INCLUDING TRAINING, RESEARCH AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

HOWEVER, REHABILITATION SERVICES, EDUCATION, PROVIDENT FUNDS AND RETIREMENT SCHEMES WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED REVIEW.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TRY TO KEEP THEIR WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS BRIEF OR OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY.

"THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PUBLISH VIEWS IN FULL OR IN PART.

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"COPIES OF A REVELANT BACKGROUND PAPER AND INVITATION LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL SOCIAL WELFARE DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION," HE SAID.

ACADEMIC BODIES, INSTITUTIONS, CONCERNED GROUPS, DISTRICT BOARDS AS WELL AS TRADE AND INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS AND SO ON ARE ALSO INVITED TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.

A SPECIAL DUTIES UNIT, HEADED BY A PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WORK OFFICER, HAS BEEN SET UP IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TO SERVICE A WORKING PARTY THAT IS TO BE FORMED.

IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF THE 1989-90 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT IT WAS NOW TIME TO TAKE STOCK OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE DEVELOPING SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE 1979 WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE HAS ASKED THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE TO CHAIR A WORKING PARTY TO LAUNCH A REVIEW OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SUBVENTED SECTOR TO MAKE SURE THE POLICIES AND STANDARDS CONTINUE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND.

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PRIVATE DEVELOPERS ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN ROCK CAVERN PROJECTS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL ENCOURAGE PRIVATE DEVELOPERS TO TAKE PART IN THE ROCK CAVERN PROJECTS WHICH ARE OF PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN HIS ADDRESS TO A SEMINAR ON ROCK CAVERNS ORGANISED BY THE INSTITUTION OF MINING AND METALLURGY, MR BARNES SAID THE PROJECTS COULD ALSO BE LOOKED UPON AS A NEW SOLUTION TO OUR OLDEST AND MOST FAMILIAR PROBLEM, THE LAND SHORTAGE IN METROPOLITAN HONG KONG.

"WE CAN ALL SEE THAT MUCH OF THE AREA AROUND THE HARBOUR IS HEAVILY CONGESTED. DISTRICTS WITH EXCESSIVE BUILDING DENSITY, DILAPIDATED LIVING CONDITIONS AND LACK OF ESSENTIAL AMENITIES ARE COMMONPLACE," HE SAID.

"MANY INDUSTRIAL AREAS ARE HIGHLY CONGESTED AND SOME CREATE UNPLEASANT NUISANCES FOR RESIDENTS OF NEARBY AREAS. THE ROOT CAUSE IS A SHORTAGE OF LAND.

"TRADITIONALLY IN HONG KONG WE HAVE ALWAYS MADE UP FOR LAND SHORTAGE BY BUILDING HIGHER AND RECLAIMING FROM THE SEA. BUT IN PARTS OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA WE CANNOT BUILD HIGHER AND WE CANNOT RECLAIM.

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"THE FINAL OPTION IS TO DEVELOP DOWNWARDS, IN ROCK CAVERNS," HE SAID.

IN JUNE LAST YEAR, UNDER THE IMPETUS OF THE METROPLAN, THE GOVERNMENT STARTED ANOTHER EXPLORATORY STUDY FOR CAVERN SITES.

MR BARNES VIEWED THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY ON THE POTENTIAL USE OF UNDERGROUND SPACE (SPUN) WITH CONSIDERABLE OPTIMISM. THEY SHOWED PROMISING RESULTS FOR THE WAREHOUSE, REFUSE TRANSFER STATION AND THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT SCHEMES.

"ALL SCHEMES WILL RELEASE VALUABLE LAND FOR OTHER USES," HE SAID. "ALL THREE CAVERNS INCUR SIMILAR CAPITAL COSTS AS SURFACE ALTERNATIVES. THE SEWAGE TREATMENT AND REFUSE TRANSFER CAVERNS SHOW MARKED ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS."

MR BARNES SAID THE CAVERN OPTION FOR OIL AND GAS STORAGE SAVED VALUABLE WATERFRONT LAND WHICH COULD BE RELEASED FOR OTHER USES AND THAT ACCORDING TO THE HAZARD EXPERTS, IT ALSO REDUCED POTENTIAL HAZARD.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT ALSO LOOKED AT PROVIDING CONTAINER PORT BACK-UP FACILITIES IN CAVERNS.

"HERE AGAIN CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR A CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION ARE COMPARABLE WITH THE ABOVE GROUND ALTERNATIVE, AND, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF LAND LEADS TO A REDUCTION OF ROAD TRAFFIC."

THE TRIAL COMMERCIAL/GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY (GIC) FACILITY SCHEME BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AT QUARRY BAY CONSISTED OF A HOTEL AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE ABOVE GROUND, LINKED TO A 200,000 SQUARE METRE SHOPPING AND LEISURE COMPLEX BELOW GROUND.

"SUCH A PROJECT IS LIKELY TO BE ATTRACTIVE TO THE PRIVATE DEVELOPER ONLY AS PART OF A MIXED DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING, SAY, RESIDENTIAL OR OFFICE SPACE," MR BARNES SAID.

"IT IS ALSO FOUND THAT THE TIME TAKEN TO FORM THE CAVERN IS CRUCIAL TO PROJECT VIABILITY.

"SMALL SCHEMES ARE MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN LARGE ONES, AND OUR CONSULTANTS THINK AS A RESULT SEPARATE PROVISION OF GIC FACILITIES MAY BE MORE APPROPRIATE."

HE SAID THE DEVELOPER WOULD FIND THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S DOOR WAS OPEN AND THAT REGULATORY DEPARTMENTS WERE READY TO TALK IN DETAIL.

"THE TECHNICAL REPORTS OF OUR SPUN STUDY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED PARTIES BY THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE.

"MOREOVER WE INTEND IN 1990 TO PRODUCE AND PUBLISH A DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE WHICH WILL GIVE GUIDANCE ON ALL REGULATORY ASPECTS OF CAVERN DEVELOPMENT," MR BARNES SAID.

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CALL FOR CLOSE COLLABORATION BETWEEN PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS

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EFFECTIVE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND THEIR TEACHING STAFF, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR ON "TOWARDS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS" ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR HEADS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

MR LI SAID THE SUBJECT HAD ALWAYS BEEN A MAJOR CONCERN OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

"IN FACT, MOST AIDED SCHOOLS, WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S DIRECT ENCOURAGEMENT SINCE 1979, HAVE ORGANISED CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS BETWEEN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES," HE SAID.

"A RECENT SURVEY BETWEEN TEACHING STAFF AND SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES SHOWS THAT THE EXISTING CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES ARE GENERALLY USEFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

"NEVERTHELESS, AS FAR AS THE DAY-TO-DAY WORK OF SCHOOLS IS CONCERNED, CLOSER AND MORE FREQUENT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS IS STILL REQUIRED IN MANY CASES."

MR LI TOLD THE GATHERING THAT IN REVIEWING THE PROGRESS TOWARDS ENCOURAGING SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP MORE TEACHER PARTICIPATION IN RESPECT OF PROFESSIONAL MATTERS AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, IT WAS NECESSARY TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF GROWING OPPORTUNITIES FOR A MORE AUTONOMOUS SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

"SUCCESS IN COMING TO GRIPS WITH NEW CHALLENGING DEVELOPMENTS THEREFORE DEPENDS ON A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS, AND BOTH PARTIES NEED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S ROLE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AN IMPROVED SCHOOL MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE," HE SAID.

IN HIS VIEW, THE FIRST AND FOREMOST TASKS OF THE PRINCIPAL WERE TO MOTIVATE HIS TEACHERS' PRODUCTIVITY, MAINTAIN THEIR WELL-BEING AND HELP THEM TO SUSTAIN THEIR ENTHUSIASM FOR THEIR COMMUNITY OF PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN CLOSE COLLABORATION.

HE MUST RESPECT THE PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY OF HIS STAFF, SHOW APPRECIATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS, TRY TO UNDERSTAND THEIR PROBLEMS AND RENDER TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE SHOULD APPROACH SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WITH AN OPEN MIND; AND EXERCISE CAREFUL JUDGEMENT, MR LI SAID.

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"IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT HE RECOGNISES THE VALUE OF FULL CONSULTATION WITH HIS TEACHERS REGARDING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES AND TAPS THE ENORMOUS COLLECTIVE POTENTIAL THAT IS AVAILABLE TO HIM BY ENCOURAGING TEACHERS TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, IN THE ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE, IN THE PLANNING OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND IN THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE RELATIONS WITH PARENTS," HE SAID.

GUEST SPEAKERS INVITED TO ADDRESS THE SEMINAR TODAY INCLUDED THE DIRECTOR OF BOOKSEND LABORATORIES IN EUGENE, OREGON, PROFESSOR BRUCE JOYCE; SENIOR LECTURER OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, DR CHAN YEUK-MAN; AND THE PRINCIPAL OF LOK SIN TONG KU CHU MAN SECONDARY SCHOOL, MR FUNG CHI-WAH.

THEY SPOKE RESPECTIVELY ON THE PRINCIPAL'S ROLE IN THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHERS, THE AREAS OF CONFLICT TEACHERS MAY EXPERIENCE AND SOME POSSIBLE WAYS OF RESOLVING THEM, AND TEAM MANAGEMENT IN SCHOOLS.

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MONG KOK BECOMES A THRIVING COMMERCIAL CENTRE

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MONG KOK HAS BECOME A DIVERSIFIED, THRIVING COMMERCIAL CENTRE, WHICH IS AN ACHIEVEMENT THAT LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE PROUD OF, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND, MR LAN SAID THIS ACHIEVEMENT OWED MUCH TO THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

"SINCE THE DISTRICT BOARD CAME INTO BEING, MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY PUTTING FORWARDS THEIR VIEWS ON IMPROVEMENT TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

"TO DATE, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS ARE GOING ON AT A RAPID PACE IN MONG KOK, WHICH HAS BECOME THE HEART OF KOWLOON, ACCESSIBLE FROM ALL DIRECTIONS," HE SAID.

THE COMPREHENSIVE URBAN RENEWAL SCHEMES TO BE INITIATED IN MONG KOK BY THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WOULD REDUCE THE DENSITY, AND EASE THE SHORTAGE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, HE NOTED.

MR LAN SAID THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL - "BUILDING MONG KOK AND SHARING PROSPERITY AND PEACE" - REFLECTED THE WISH OF LOCAL RESIDENTS TO DEVELOP THE DISTRICT INTO A BETTER COMMUNITY.

"IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY IS ONE OF THE OBJECTS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME," HE POINTED OUT.

ON THE FESTIVAL PROGRAMME, MR LAN SAID THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAD PUT A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT INTO THIS WITH A VIEW TO CATERING TO ALL RESIDENTS, YOUNG AND OLD.

"APART FROM ENTERTAINING ITEMS, THE PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES SERVICE ACTIVITIES, WHICH WILL NOT ONLY ENABLE RESIDENTS TO SHARE THE FUN OF THE FESTIVAL, BUT ALSO SERVE THE COMMUNITY, ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY BUILDING AND FOSTER THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT THE FESTIVAL WOULD COST MORE THAN \$540,000 AND THAT THE EXPENSES FOR THE DISTRICT'S CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR LIGHTING DECORATIONS AMOUNTED TO \$640,000, MR LAN SAID THESE MAJOR ACTIVITIES WERE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE SUPPORT OF RESIDENTS, DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS AND SHOP OWNERS, WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD ALSO PLAYING A LEADING ROLE.

EARLIER, MR LAN CEREMONIALLY SWITCHED ON THE DISTRICT'S FESTIVAL LIGHTING DECORATIONS.

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COST OF BUILDING AND MAINTAINING ROADS UP 40%
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WOULD SPEND \$2.7 BILLION IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR ON CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE WORKS, AN INCREASE OF 40 PER CENT OVER LAST YEAR'S EXPENDITURE.

THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR KWEI SEE-KAN, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT A YEAR-END MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION.

THE TOTAL ROAD SPACE HAD ALSO INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, HE SAID.

MR KWEI SAID THIS YEAR THE DEPARTMENT HAD COMPLETED SUCH MAJOR PROJECTS AS THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR STAGE III FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO CHAI WAN, THE NEW PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER AND THE HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER.

"IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT 70 PER CENT OF OUR CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET IS BEING SPENT ON NINE MAJOR PROJECTS OUT OF 50 WHICH ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

"THESE INCLUDE KWUN TONG BYPASS PHASES II AND III AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD INTERCHANGE WHICH WOULD CONNECT EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING WITH TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL," HE SAID.

CONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 5 BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MARCH NEXT YEAR.

ON THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD, MR KWEI SAID PHASE II BETWEEN PAK SHEK AU AND MAI PO WAS NEARING COMPLETION.

PHASES III AND IV BETWEEN MAI PO AND AU TAU WOULD BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1991 AND THE LAST PHASE OF THE WIDENING OF THE SECTION BETWEEN FAN KAM ROAD AND MAI PO WOULD BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1992.

THE EAST BRIDGE OF THE LOK MA CHAU CROSSING WOULD BE READY FOR OPENING AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE UPGRADING AND DUALLING OF CONNAUGHT ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND WOULD BE COMPLETED IN MARCH NEXT YEAR, WHILE THE KING'S ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WAS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN MID-1992.

ON THE TWO PRIVATISED ROAD TUNNEL PROJECTS, MR KWEI SAID THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING WAS OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN SEPTEMBER AND GOOD PROGRESS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED ON THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL WITH THE TUNNEL BREAKTHROUGH TAKING PLACE ALSO IN SEPTEMBER.

HE SAID SEVERAL MAJOR PROJECTS WERE IN AN ADVANCED STAGE OF PLANNING AND WERE SCHEDULED FOR A START IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

THESE INCLUDED THE YUEN LONG BYPASS, AND THE TUEN MUN-YUEN LONG EASTERN CORRIDOR, BOTH DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAYS WHICH WOULD BE COMPLETED BY EARLY 1993 TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES.

THE HILLSIDE ESCALATOR PROJECT ON HONG KONG ISLAND, A COVERED WALKWAY WITH ESCALATORS LINKING CENTRAL AND CONDUIT ROAD IN THE MID-LEVELS WAS PLANNED FOR COMPLETION BY MID-1992.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON THE SECTION OF KENNEDY ROAD BETWEEN MONMOUTH TERRACE AND ITS JUNCTION WITH MACDONNELL ROAD WOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1993.

MR KWEI ADDED THAT A NUMBER OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN KOWLOON WERE ALSO BEING PLANNED.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS PROCEEDING WITH DETAILED STUDIES ON VARIOUS MAJOR PROJECTS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK AND PORT FACILITIES IN EAST LANTAU.

THE SECOND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY ALSO IDENTIFIED THE NEED TO UPGRADE EAST-WEST ROUTES IN KOWLOON, HE SAID.

PLANNING HAD STARTED ON THE UPGRADING OF CHING CHEUNG ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BOUNDARY STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

"THIS HAS BECOME MORE IMPORTANT WITH THE DECISION TO RELOCATE THE AIRPORT," MR KWEI SAID.

TURNING TO ROAD MAINTENANCE, MR KWEI SAID THE DEPARTMENT MAINTAINED SOME 3,500 LANE KILOMETRES OF ROADS INCLUDING ROAD TUNNELS, FLYOVERS AND BRIDGES.

"THE MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE IN 1988-89 WAS \$370 MILLION AND THE ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE THIS YEAR IS \$430 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 16 PER CENT," HE SAID.

THE MAINTENANCE WORKS RANGED FROM THE REPAIR OF POTHOLES, REPLACEMENT OF STREET FURNITURE AND ROAD MARKINGS, TO PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES FOR RESURFACING AND REHABILITATION OF ROAD PAVEMENT.

MR KWEI SAID DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS, THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO PUT MUCH EMPHASIS ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO IMPROVE HIGHWAY DESIGN, AND THE STANDARDS AND PLANNING OF OUR MAINTENANCE WORKS.

BASED ON THE STUDIES CARRIED OUT, A COMPUTERISED MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED AIMING AT COST EFFECTIVE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE.

ONE OF THE RESULTS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RESEARCH WAS A SPECIALLY DESIGNED LAYER OF ASPHALT MATERIAL WHICH HELPED TO REDUCE NOISE.

"THIS HAS BEEN PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND WILL BE APPLIED TO 14 SECTIONS OF FLYOVERS AND HIGHWAYS PHASED OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD.

"CURRENT RESEARCH IS CENTRED ON EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THIS OVERLAY," HE SAID.

FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL TRIALS OF THE EXISTING WEIGHBRIDGE ON TOLO HIGHWAY WHERE VERY USEFUL DATA WERE COLLECTED ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, IT WAS PROPOSED TO INSTALL FOUR MORE SIMILAR WEIGHBRIDGES AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS OF THE LOCAL ROAD NETWORK, MR KWEI SAID.

THE DATA COLLECTED WOULD BE USED FOR UPGRADING DESIGN PARAMETERS FOR ROAD PAVEMENT.

ON ROAD OPENINGS, MR KWEI SAID IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN CO-ORDINATION WITH THE UTILITIES, A THREE-TIER COMMITTEE STRUCTURE HAD BEEN SET UP.

THIS INVOLVED A POLICY GROUP AT TOP MANAGEMENT LEVEL TO FORMULATE POLICIES; A TECHNICAL LIAISON COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE THE USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY AND BETTER CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS; AND THE ROAD OPENING CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE AT THE WORKING LEVEL, HE EXPLAINED.

"EARLIER THIS YEAR WE INTRODUCED A REVISED SET OF CONDITIONS OF PERMIT WHICH STIPULATE IMPROVED STANDARDS ON ROAD OPENING WORKS SUCH AS GUARDING AND LIGHTING, SITE CLEANLINESS, SPOIL REMOVAL, MAINTAINING WALKWAYS FOR PEDESTRIANS, AND PUBLICITY BOARDS WITH TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR COMPLAINTS," HE SAID.

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LOK MA CHAU CROSSING TO OPEN ON DECEMBER 29

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THE NEW BORDER CROSSING AT LOK MA CHAU WILL OPEN TO TRAFFIC ON DECEMBER 29, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

INITIALLY, THE LOK MA CHAU CROSSING WILL BE OPENED FOR USE BY GOODS VEHICLES ONLY. THE OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM DAILY.

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS ARE INVITED TO OBTAIN A CLOSED ROAD PERMIT FOR THIS CROSSING. EXISTING PERMITS FOR MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK CROSSINGS ARE NOT VALID FOR LOK MA CHAU.

OPERATORS MAY SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 11) TO THE CROSS BORDER PERMIT OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ON THE SECOND FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

THE OPERATORS SHOULD APPLY FOR THE CLOSED ROAD PERMITS WELL IN ADVANCE SO THAT THEY CAN USE THE LOK MA CHAU CONTROL POINT UPON ITS OPENING.

THE PERMITS ARE VALID FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 3-733111.

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URUGUAY ROUND OFFERS TIMELY EXAMINATION OF GATT

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THE URUGUAY ROUND MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS OFFERS A TIMELY EXAMINATION OF THE GATT (GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE) TO SEE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO REVITALISE THE GATT, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A TRADE SEMINAR JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BANKERS, MR SZE NOTED THAT SOME CRITICS HAD SAID THE GATT WAS DEAD.

"TO ME IT IS DEFINITELY ALIVE THOUGH NOT ALL THAT WELL," HE SAID.

MR SZE SAID THE GATT MIGHT HAVE ENTERED A MID-LIFE CRISIS AND THE URUGUAY ROUND THEREFORE OFFERED A TIMELY EXAMINATION OF IT.

HE SAID THE URUGUAY ROUND WAS THE EIGHTH ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE GATT IN 1947, BUT THE CURRENT ROUND WAS THE BIGGEST AND THE MOST AMBITIOUS OF ALL.

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THERE WERE 15 NEGOTIATING GROUPS IN THE CURRENT ROUND, WHICH COULD BE GROUPED UNDER THREE BROAD HEADINGS: MARKET OPENING, STRENGTHENING OF GATT RULES AND DISCIPLINES, AND NEW ISSUES, HE NOTED.

MR SZE SAID HONG KONG'S ASPIRATIONS IN THE AREA OF MARKET OPENING WAS THAT NATURALLY HONG KONG WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PHASING OUT OF MFA (MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT) RESTRICTIONS AND LIBERALISATION OF WORLD TEXTILE TRADE IN AN ORDERLY BUT NOT TOO LENGTHY FASHION.

"WE WOULD ALSO WANT FURTHER REDUCTION IN TARIFFS FOR ITEMS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO US," HE SAID.

IN THE AREAS OF GATT RULES AND DISCIPLINES, MR SZE SAID IT WAS ONE OF HONG KONG'S TOP PRIORITIES TO PRESERVE THE NON-DISCRIMINATION AND MOST FAVOURED NATION PRINCIPLES IN THE APPLICATION OF TRADE MEASURES, AND TO SEE THE ELIMINATION OF TRADE MEASURES WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN OUTSIDE THE GATT INCLUDING THE SO-CALLED GREY AREA MEASURES.

"MOREOVER, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON IMPROVING THE GATT ANTI-DUMPING REGULATIONS AND SEEK TO DRAW UP MULTILATERAL DISCIPLINES ON RULES OF ORIGIN."

IN THE NEW AREAS, HE SAID, HONG KONG HAD RECENTLY FORWARDED PROPOSALS ON THE TERRITORY'S VIEWS ON THE VARIOUS STANDARDS GOVERNING DIFFERENT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE PROTECTED.

TURNING TO TRADE IN SERVICES, MR SZE SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF THE URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATIONS ON SERVICES WAS AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK OF PRINCIPLES AND REGULATIONS CONFERRING RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS ON PARTICIPANTS IN CONDUCTING TRADE IN SERVICES.

MR SZE SAID HONG KONG'S POSITION IN RESPECT OF SERVICES TRADE WAS NO DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF MANY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

"IN 1987, THE SERVICES SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR GDP (GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT) WAS 65 PER CENT WHICH WAS HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES. IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, IT ACCOUNTED FOR SOME 58 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S WORKING POPULATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

"ACCORDING TO THE LATEST REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE GATT, HONG KONG RANKED 18TH IN THE WORLD LEAGUE OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES EXPORTERS IN 1987, AND WAS THE 20TH LARGEST IMPORTER OF SUCH SERVICES IN THE SAME YEAR.

"ALL THESE FIGURES POINT TO THE FACT THAT WE CAN ONLY BENEFIT FROM A MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH PROMOTES AND EXPANDS WORLD TRADE IN SERVICES," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT HONG KONG THEREFORE FULLY SUPPORTED A MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK ON SERVICES INCORPORATING THE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES OF NON-DISCRIMINATION, TRANSPARENCY, NATIONAL TREATMENT AND PROGRESSIVE LIBERALISATION OF MARKET ACCESS WHICH WOULD HELP TO REMOVE OBSTACLES TO TRADE.

MR SZE ALSO CALLED ON BUSINESSMEN IN THE SERVICES INDUSTRIES TO GIVE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE TO HONG KONG'S NEGOTIATORS IN THE URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATIONS.

"YOUR EXPERTISE WILL EVEN BE COUNTED ON MORE HEAVILY AT A LATER STAGE AS THE NEGOTIATIONS MOVE ON TO DISCUSS THE ARRANGEMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL SERVICE SECTORS," HE SAID.

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THE WORLD HAS A STAKE IN HK'S VIABILITY, PROSPERITY

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THE MINISTER FOR HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., MR PETER LO, SAID YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE WORLD HAD A STAKE IN THE CONTINUED VIABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG.

ADDRESSING THE WASHINGTON COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THE WASHINGTON STATE CHINA RELATIONS COUNCIL IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON STATE, MR LO SAID HIS AUDIENCE SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT HONG KONG HAD BECOME A KEY ELEMENT IN THE WORLD ECONOMY.

"HAVING BEEN A SIGNIFICANT MANUFACTURING CENTRE IN ITS OWN RIGHT, AND STILL REMAINING AS SUCH, IT HAS NOW ALSO BECOME A SUBSTANTIAL SOURCE OF INVESTMENT FOR MANUFACTURING ELSEWHERE, CONTROLLING A DIVERSE NETWORK OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS AROUND THE GLOBE."

HE SAID HONG KONG HAD ALSO BECOME A MAJOR SERVICES CENTRE AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CROSSROADS FOR TRANSPORTATION, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, FINANCE, INSURANCE, TOURISM AND A HOST OF OTHER ACTIVITIES OPERATING BOTH REGIONALLY AND GLOBALLY.

"IF HONG KONG SUFFERS, THE EFFECTS ARE FELT IN LONDON, NEW YORK, PARIS AND TOKYO," HE SAID.

"IF IT WERE TO COME TO A COMPLETE STOP THE WORLD WOULD LOSE A MAJOR ECONOMIC ARTERY, THE WORLD'S 11TH LARGEST TRADING ECONOMY AND AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL, TRADING AND INVESTMENT SYSTEM."

DESPITE RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA, MR LO SAID HONG KONG WAS STILL THE SAME HUSTLING, BUSTLING BUSINESS CAPITAL.

HE THEN CITED EXAMPLES TO ILLUSTRATE HOW FAR SIGHTED, PRUDENT BUSINESSMEN STILL RECOGNISED HONG KONG'S POTENTIAL.

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INCLUDED AMONG THESE WERE THE SALE BY TENDER OF THE LARGEST REMAINING SITE IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, THE SECURING OF A US\$135 BILLION LOAN BY HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW CONTAINER TERMINALS, THE GRANTING OF A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE TO A CONSORTIUM OF U.S., BELGIAN AND HONG KONG INTERESTS AND THE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF JAPANESE INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG SINCE JUNE 4.

ON THE BRAIN DRAIN ISSUE, MR LO SAID THAT AS A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE, HONG KONG WOULD NEVER STOP THOSE WHO WISHED TO LEAVE.

"WHEN THERE ARE THOSE THAT LEAVE, WE HOPE THAT AS MANY AS POSSIBLE WILL REALISE WHAT AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE HONG KONG IS, SO THAT THEY RETURN TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ECONOMIC SUCCESS."

HE ADDED THAT WHERE THERE WERE GAPS IN THE SKILLS AND TALENTS HONG KONG NEEDED, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO REPLACE THEM.

IN THIS RESPECT, THE GOVERNOR HAD RECENTLY ANNOUNCED AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME FOR THE EXPANSION OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, IN WHICH THE NUMBER OF FIRST DEGREE PLACES WOULD BE MORE THAN DOUBLED OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS, HE SAID.

MR LO TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT DESPITE THE EVENTS OF JUNE 4, HONG KONG HAD MANAGED TO PULL THROUGH AND EMERGE THE STRONGER FOR IT.

"I HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HONG KONG WILL COME OUT OF RECENT EVENTS FITTER AND MORE VIGOROUS THAN BEFORE," HE CONCLUDED.

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FARMING INDUSTRY MAINTAINS STEADY GROWTH

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THE LOCAL FARMING INDUSTRY IS ABLE TO MAINTAIN A STEADY GROWTH WITH THE ADVANCE IN MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND THE CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT IN PRODUCTION METHODS, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE JOINT FEDERATION OF HONG KONG AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND MARKETING SOCIETIES AND THE FIRST "FARMERS' DAY", MRS CHAN PRAISED HONG KONG'S FARMERS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT.

"THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE THREE MAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, NAMELY PIGS, CHICKENS AND VEGETABLES PRODUCED IS ESTIMATED TO EXCEED \$1.2 BILLION.

"WE CAN BE JUSTLY PROUD OF OUR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WHICH HAS BEEN ABLE TO ATTAIN SUCH SATISFACTORY RESULTS IN THE FACE OF NUMEROUS RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS," SHE SAID.

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MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE JOINT FEDERATION LAST YEAR, CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE FEDERATION OF PIG RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES OF HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE NEW TERRITORIES CHICKEN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION AND THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES HAD BEEN GREATLY STRENGTHENED.

UNDER THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN KWOK-WAI, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, RESOURCES AND EXPERIENCE OF THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY TOGETHER WITH THE GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS COULD BE EFFECTIVELY POOLED AND UTILISED, SHE ADDED.

"SERVICES OFFERED TO ITS MEMBERS BY THE JOINT FEDERATION ARE MANIFOLD, WHICH INCLUDE PROMOTING THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S AGRICULTURE, REFLECTING THE VIEWS OF MEMBERS TO THE GOVERNMENT COLLECTIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY, LIAISING WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND OVERSEAS BODIES, AND PUBLISHING THE MAGAZINE 'AGRICULTURE AND FISHERY TECHNOLOGY'.

"THE JOINT FEDERATION ALSO ENCOURAGES AND ASSISTS ITS MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR SERVICES TO THEIR OWN MEMBERS," SHE SAID.

EXAMPLES INCLUDED THE INTRODUCTION OF IMPROVED BREEDS OF PIGS AND CHICKENS FROM OVERSEAS, THE BULK PURCHASE OF FEED, VACCINE, FARM MACHINES AND PESTICIDES, WHOLESALING OF PIGS, CHICKENS AND VEGETABLES ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS AND THE ORGANISATION OF SEMINARS ON FARMING METHODS AND STUDY TOURS.

"FURTHERMORE, THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES ALSO LEADS ITS MEMBER SOCIETIES IN CO-OPERATING WITH THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION TO BUILD AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE FIELDS AND IRRIGATION WORKS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE VARIOUS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES," SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN NOTED THAT DURING LAST YEAR ALONE, SMALL PROJECTS WORTH ABOUT \$1 MILLION HAD BEEN COMPLETED OR WERE IN PROGRESS.

"THESE HAVE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL AGRICULTURE AND THE SUPPLY OF HIGH-QUALITY FRESH FOODSTUFFS TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AT REASONABLE PRICES.

"HERE I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION OF THE EFFORTS BY THE JOINT FEDERATION IN PROMOTING AGRICULTURE IN THE PAST YEAR," SHE SAID.

ON THE FARMERS' DAY ORGANISED BY THE JOINT FEDERATION, MRS CHAN SAID THIS OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR HARD-WORKING FARMERS TO GATHER TOGETHER TO EXCHANGE THEIR EXPERIENCE ON PRODUCTION AND MARKETING TECHNIQUES AND TO ENJOY ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES.

BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS BEING TACKLED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED WITH THE MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS, AND IS ENDEAVOURING TO TACKLE THEM ON VARIOUS FRONTS, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

HE WAS OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF A "TEN OUTSTANDING OWNERS CORPORATIONS" CONTEST ORGANISED BY THE PROGRESSIVE HONG KONG SOCIETY.

MR LAN NOTED THAT IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR THE GOVERNMENT HAD SET UP THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT WITH A VIEW TO ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT WORK.

"THE COMMITTEE HAS PUT FORWARD TO THE GOVERNMENT PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, SUCH AS AMENDMENTS TO THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATION) ORDINANCE TO FACILITATE THE FORMATION OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, THE COMMITTEE IS CAREFULLY CONSIDERING PUBLIC VIEWS ON PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT, AND HAS SET UP A WORKING GROUP TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE ISSUE.

"FOLLOWING 14 LENGTHY MEETINGS, THE WORKING GROUP WILL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE IN THE COMING WEEK," HE SAID.

SINCE 1985, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAD BEEN SETTING UP BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAMS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS TO ASSIST LOCAL RESIDENTS TO IMPROVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, AND TO CO-ORDINATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT WORK BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, MR LAN SAID.

SO FAR, 10 TEAMS HAD BEEN FORMED, AND 250 BUILDINGS HAD BEEN TARGETTED BY THE TEAMS FOR FURTHER ACTION.

MR LAN ALSO SAID THAT IN ORDER TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE OF GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT HAD CLASSIFIED BUILDING MANAGEMENT AS A MAJOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IN 1990-91, AND WOULD DEVOTE MORE RESOURCES FOR PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES.

"THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE PLANNING A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS LARGE-SCALE SEMINARS AND EXHIBITIONS. THESE WILL BE BACKED UP BY PUBLICITY IN THE MASS MEDIA, POSTERS AND PUBLICATIONS," HE ADDED.

MR LAN STRESSED THAT IMPROVEMENT IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT DEPENDED ON RESIDENTS' ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, WITH THE GOVERNMENT MOTIVATING, EDUCATING AND ASSISTING THE PUBLIC.

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PREVIEW OF HONG KONG HERITAGE PAINTINGS

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ABOUT ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE, AMONG THEM MANY ART LOVERS, WERE TREATED TO A PREVIEW OF AN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

A SERIES OF 50 PAINTINGS WERE COMMISSIONED FOR THE EXHIBITION BY THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE CURRENT EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN ON HONG KONG HERITAGE.

THESE PAINTINGS FEATURE LANDMARK HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS SET ABOUT PRESERVING IN THE INTERESTS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS.

THE PREVIEW WAS HOSTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MRS IRENE YAU, AT THE FRENCH MISSION BUILDING IN CENTRAL.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, SAID THE BUILDINGS WERE NOT JUST FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE FEW COGNOSCENTI TRAINED TO RECOGNISE THEIR MERIT AND COMPREHEND THE TRADITIONS THEY EXPRESSED.

"THEY ARE THERE FOR THE POPULACE AT LARGE," HE STRESSED.

"AND HAND IN HAND WITH OUR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THEM, WE MUST PURSUE A CONCERTED CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC - AND PARTICULARLY OUR YOUTH - TO THE DISCOVERIES THEY CAN YIELD."

HE ADDED THAT THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD HAD TAKEN THIS TASK VERY MUCH TO HEART AND HAD APPOINTED A PUBLICITY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE SPECIFICALLY TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE.

MR CHUI POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG'S HERITAGE WAS MORE THAN ONE OF ARCHITECTURAL RELICS, ANTIQUITIES AND MUSEUMS.

"IT IS ENSHRINED IN OUR VERY HISTORY, IN OUR LANGUAGE, OUR ARTS AND THE CUSTOMS TO WHICH WE CLING."

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD, MR EDWARD HO, SAID EDUCATION WAS A HIGH PRIORITY AND IN MEETING THIS OBJECTIVE THE BOARD WOULD BE COUNTING ON THE INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS.

"WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS THE INCLUSION, PERHAPS WITHIN THE SOCIAL STUDIES SYLLABUS, OF A PROGRAMME ON HONG KONG'S HERITAGE,"

SO FAR, THE BOARD HAS FORMALLY DECLARED 38 BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS FOR PERMANENT PROTECTION, WHILE MORE THAN 100 HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

AS PART OF THE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN ON CULTURAL HERITAGE, THE PAINTINGS, BY HONG KONG ARTIST MR BRIAN TILBROOK, ARE INCORPORATED IN A NEW BOOK PUBLISHED BY THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION, THEY WILL ALSO BE FEATURED IN A SERIES OF 10 WALL CHARTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS TO SERVE AS TEACHING AIDS.

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AFTER THE PREVIEW, THE PAINTINGS WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY AT FOUR REGIONAL COUNCIL TOWN HALLS FOR PUBLIC VIEWING.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE VENUES AND DATES OF THE MOBILE EXHIBITION:

VENUE -----	EXHIBITION DATE -----
TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL	DECEMBER 12 - 17
TUEN MUN TOWN HALL	DECEMBER 19 - 27
TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE	DECEMBER 29 - JANUARY 3
NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL	JANUARY 11 - 16

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'PITCH-IN' ACTIVITY ON SUNDAY
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FROLICS '89. A LARGE-SCALE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT TO CALL FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, WILL BE HELD IN KOWLOON PARK ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10).

ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE AS A MAJOR "PITCH-IN" ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR, THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DAY AT DIFFERENT VENUES IN THE PARK.

THEY INCLUDE A WASTE SCULPTURE EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN THE INDOOR GAMES HALL, AND PAINTING OF A MURAL AND A CARNIVAL TO BE HELD IN THE PIAZZA.

THE EXHIBITION WILL INCLUDE ALL THE WINNING ENTRIES IN A WASTE SCULPTURE COMPETITION ORGANISED EARLIER BY THE COMMITTEE. ALSO ON DISPLAY WILL BE THREE "NEWSPAPER CHILDREN" BY AMERICAN WASTE SCULPTOR, MR DAVID FINN.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF FROLICS '89 AT 11.30 AM IN THE BANYAN COURT OF THE PARK.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, 29 TEAMS FROM DISTRICT BOARDS, TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS WILL PLEDGE THEIR SUPPORT FOR A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT THROUGH PAINTING A MURAL AT THE PIAZZA.

THE MURAL IS THREE-DIMENSIONAL AND IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED IN THE FORM OF A MAZE SO THAT PEOPLE WILL GAIN DIFFERENT IMPRESSIONS WHEN VIEWING IT FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES.

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS WILL START PAINTING THE MURAL FROM 3 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

A CEREMONY TO MARK ITS COMPLETION WILL BE HELD AT NOON ON SUNDAY WHEN THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE MURAL.

TO CALL FOR WIDER SUPPORT FROM THE PUBLIC, A CARNIVAL WITH DIFFERENT FORMS OF ARTS PERFORMANCES AND GAME BOOTHS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 12.30 PM TO 5 PM.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE MIME, MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS, DANCE, STREET THEATRE AND HANDICRAFT STALLS TO HELP PROMOTE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGES. ADMISSION IS FREE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF FROLICS '89 WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, DR PANG HOK-TUEN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF FROLICS '89 TO BE HELD AT 11.30 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10) IN THE BANYAN COURT OF KOWLOON PARK.

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CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR ON DEMOCRACY FOR TEACHERS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR ON JANUARY 11 FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATING CIVIC EDUCATION.

ORGANISED BY THE CIVIC EDUCATION SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, THE ONE-DAY SEMINAR, ENTITLED "EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY : CONCEPTS AND IMPLEMENTATION", WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

IT AIMS TO ACQUAINT PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS WITH THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS ON HOW TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE INCULCATION OF PUPILS' DEMOCRATIC AWARENESS.

THE SEMINAR WILL ALSO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND SHARE EXPERIENCES.

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THERE WILL BE TALKS ON THE CONCEPTS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, THE PLANNING OF LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING MATERIALS TO PROMOTE PUPILS' DEMOCRATIC AWARENESS, AND ON ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE PUPILS' DEMOCRATIC AWARENESS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS INCLUDING THE ORGANISATION OF CLASS CLUB AND ELECTION ACTIVITIES.

AN EXHIBITION DISPLAYING WORKS ON THE ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE PUPILS' DEMOCRATIC AWARENESS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL ALSO BE MOUNTED AT THE VENUE OF THE SEMINAR.

PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO THE PRIMARY CIVIC EDUCATION SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE DECEMBER 18.

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AMENDMENT TO DRAFT KWUN TONG OZP

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT KWUN TONG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THAT THE AMENDMENT WAS TO INCLUDE "BROADCASTING, TELEVISION AND/OR FILM STUDIO" USE INTO COLUMN 2 OF THE NOTES OF THE "COMMERCIAL" ZONE IN THE PLAN.

"THIS WILL PERMIT THE SUBMISSION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH USES WITHIN THE 'COMMERCIAL' ZONE," HE EXPLAINED.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, KWUN TONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD C/O BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 29 THIS YEAR.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP SALES COUNTER, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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POULTRY RETAILER FINED \$5,000 FOR INACCURATE WEIGHING

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAS REMINDED RETAILERS OF PRODUCE TO ENSURE THAT THEY USE ACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS.

THIS FOLLOWED A CASE IN THE NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY TODAY (FRIDAY) IN WHICH A POULTRY RETAILER IN SHAM SHUI PO WAS FINED \$5,000 FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS. HE PLEADED GUILTY.

THE RETAILER WAS PROSECUTED BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE COURT HEARD THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AFTER COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED FROM CUSTOMERS.

ON JUNE 6, OFFICERS OF THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU INSPECTED THE RETAILER'S SHOP ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF 74 PEI HO STREET.

A PRELIMINARY CHECK OF A CHINESE STEELYARD USED IN THE SELLING OF POULTRY REVEALED THAT IT WAS INACCURATE.

THE STEELYARD WAS LATER SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION AND TEST RESULTS SHOWED THAT THE HIGHEST ERROR OF THE WEIGHING INSTRUMENT WAS 21.88 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHT.

ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, MR ANDREW WONG, THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 87 COMPLAINTS ABOUT WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DURING THE FIRST 11 MONTHS THE ORDINANCE HAD BEEN IN EFFECT.

"OF THESE COMPLAINTS, 40 ARE NOT SUBSTANTIATED, 30 ARE SUBSTANTIATED AND 17 OTHERS ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

"AS FOR THE COMPLAINTS WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIATED, WRITTEN WARNINGS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO 19 TRADERS, SIX TRADERS HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED AND FIVE OTHER CASES ARE EXPECTED TO BE BROUGHT TO COURT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

"THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT," MR WONG SAID.

PERSONS WHO WISH TO MAKE A COMPLAINT ABOUT MALPRACTICES IN RESPECT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES MAY CONTACT THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT (TEL. 3-7146146) OR THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

COMPLAINTS MAY ALSO BE MADE TO THE DUTY OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON 5-8523185 AFTER NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

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CARNIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN
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A SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACTIVITY FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10) AFTERNOON.

THE FUN FAIR FOR THE AGED, TO BE HELD BETWEEN 1.30 PM AND 4.30 PM, AIMS TO ENHANCE ELDERLY PEOPLE'S AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTARY WORK.

THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION AND ACTIVITY STALLS. TWO STALLS WILL PROVIDE SIMPLE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS FOR THE ELDERLY, AND SIX OTHERS WILL PROVIDE GAMES WITH HYGIENE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AS THE THEMES.

THE FUN FAIR IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CHUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG RED CROSS WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING AT ITS OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MONICA CHEN; THE CHUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAM YIN-MING; AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG RED CROSS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUN FAIR FOR THE AGED WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 1.30 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM.

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HANG HAU CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY
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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD IN HANG HAU VILLAGE, SAI KUNG, ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10) TO ENABLE VILLAGERS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK OF THE AREA COMMITTEE THROUGH GAMES AND AN EXHIBITION.

ORGANISED BY THE HANG HAU AREA COMMITTEE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD. THE CARNIVAL WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AT THE HANG HAU VILLAGE CARPARK.

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OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL'S OPENING WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN; DIVISIONAL COMMANDER OF THE SAI KUNG POLICE STATION, MR FILIPE DE OLIVEIRA; CHAIRMAN OF THE HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEE, MR SING HON-KEUNG; AND PRESIDENT OF THE HANG HAU '89 CARNIVAL, MR ALEX BLUM.

THERE WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HANG HAU '89 CARNIVAL AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10) AT HANG HAU VILLAGE CARPARK, HANG HAU, SAI KUNG.

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT YOUTH DAY

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A FULL-DAY PROGRAMME HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR YOUTHS IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT IN A "DISTRICT YOUTH DAY" WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10) IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE YOUTH FESTIVAL.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE OMELCO MEMBER MRS ROSANNA TAM, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN MR AMBROSE LAU, DISTRICT OFFICER MR STEPHEN FISHER, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER MR CHANG YAU-HUNG, AND URBAN COUNCILLORS MR CHAN TAK-CHOR AND MR CHOW WAI-KEUNG.

THE FIRST EVENT OF THE YOUTH DAY - AN EXHIBITION ON CHINA'S DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG - WILL START AT 1.30 PM AT THE EXHIBITION HALL ON THE SIXTH FLOOR. IT WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY AN AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM, A YOUTH CONFERENCE ON "OUR HONG KONG IN THE 1990'S" WILL BE HELD AT THE LECTURE HALL ON THE FIFTH FLOOR.

THE CONVENOR OF THE PROGRAMME WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH FESTIVAL, DR CHOI YUEN-WAN, AND THE EXTERNAL VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS UNION, MR NG KWOK-WAH, WILL GIVE TALKS ON "HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT IN THE 90'S" AND "THE ROLE OF THE HONG KONG YOUTHS IN THE NEXT DECADE".

AFTER THE TALKS, GROUP DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD ON VARIOUS TOPICS SUCH AS CHINA-HONG KONG RELATIONSHIP, THE TERRITORY'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, THE EMIGRATION PROBLEM AND THE POLICIES ON YOUTH IN THE TERRITORY.

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TWO MOVIES DESCRIBING THE PERSONAL STRUGGLES FOR ONE'S IDEALS AND THE FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, WILL BE SCREENED AT THE THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR, BEGINNING AT 4 PM, 7 PM AND 9.15 PM.

FROM 7 PM TO 9.30 PM, A "DISCO NITE" WILL BE HELD AT THE SHEUNG WAN COMPLEX INDOOR GAMES HALL ON THE 12TH FLOOR.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE FILM SHOWS AND THE "DISCO NITE" ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S THREE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES AT HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) AND IN BELCHER'S STREET, AS WELL AS AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE IN WESTERN STREET.

THE "DISTRICT YOUTH DAY" HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WITH SUPPORT FROM 10 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT YOUTH DAY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 1.30 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10) AT THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM AT THE CENTRE'S EXHIBITION HALL ON THE SIXTH FLOOR.

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WONG TAI SIN EXHIBITION ON YOUTH INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS

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AN EXHIBITION ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS FOR YOUTH WILL BE HELD IN WONG TAI SIN ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10).

THE VENUE IS THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE.

THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE ACTIVITY WORKING GROUP OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE ENTRIES IN THE "COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE YOUTH" COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE ACTIVITY WORKING GROUP IN OCTOBER IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT HONG KONG YOUTH FESTIVAL.

THE PROJECTS WILL BE ILLUSTRATED BY PHOTOGRAPHS.

ALL PROJECTS CARRY THE MAIN THEME OF THE YOUTH FESTIVAL, WHICH IS "WE ARE HONG KONG - ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS".

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM, BEFORE THE EXHIBITION BEGINS.

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OFFICIATING AT THE PRESENTATION WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, DR MICHAEL LEE; CONVENER OF THE PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MR KWOK KA-MING; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR NG NGOK-SHING; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM KWAN; DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER FOR WONG TAI SIN AND SAI KUNG, MISS OPHELIA CHAN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTIVITY WORKING GROUP, MR CHAN CHUN-FAT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND THE EXHIBITION ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS FOR YOUTH TO BE HELD IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE IN WONG TAI SIN ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10).

THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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BANKING LICENCE REVOKED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE BANKING LICENCE OF THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMPANY.

FOLLOWING A GROUP RE-ORGANISATION, THE COMPANY HAS CEASED BANKING BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

AFTER THE REVOCATION, THE NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG TOTALS 166, OF WHICH 134 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

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DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN TUEN MUN

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR WIDENING A SECTION OF THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND LAYING A TRUNK SEWER AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE ROAD WIDENING WORK, WHICH COVERS THE PORTION FROM SAM SHING ESTATE TO SO KWUN WAT, WILL EXPAND CASTLE PEAK ROAD BY THREE METRES.

TO IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY IN SO KWUN WAT AND COASTAL AREAS ALONG THIS SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD, A TRUNK SEWER AS WELL AS A STORMWATER BOX CULVERT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO DIVERT EXISTING DRAINS AWAY FROM CASTLE PEAK BEACH.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START NEXT MARCH AND ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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

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PRIVATE LOTS TO BE RESUMED FOR DEVELOPMENT
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FOUR PRIVATE LOTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE RESUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT.

ONE PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOT OF 116 SQUARE METRES IS LOCATED AT TAI HANG IN TAI PO. RESUMPTION OF THIS LAND IS REQUIRED FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS WHICH WILL START THREE MONTHS' AFTER THE RESUMPTION NOTICE HAS EXPIRED.

IN SAI KUNG, THREE LOTS NEAR FUI YIU HA WILL BE RESUMED. THEY INCLUDE A 102 SQUARE METRE PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOT AND TWO BUILDING LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 383 SQUARE METRES.

RESUMPTION OF THE LAND IS REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICULAR ACCESS AND THE PROVISION OF LAND FOR A VILLAGE RESITE AREA, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPED OPEN SPACE. THE WORKS ARE PROGRAMMED TO START IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

RESUMPTION NOTICES WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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FOOTBRIDGE TO BE BUILT IN SHEK WU HUI
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, IS PLANNING TO BUILD A FOOTBRIDGE NEAR THE FUNG KAI SCHOOLS IN SHEK WU HUI TO PROVIDE SAFE ROAD CROSSING FACILITIES FOR PEDESTRIANS IN THE AREA.

THE PROPOSED WORKS ALSO INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED ACCESS RAMPS AND FOOTPATHS.

RESUMPTION OF SOME AGRICULTURAL LAND NEAR SHEUNG PAK TSUEN IS REQUIRED.

TEMPORARY RIGHT OF OCCUPATION WILL BE CREATED FOR THE WORKS AREA EXTENDING ONTO THE PRIVATE LAND OF THE FUNG KAI SCHOOLS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LIMITED, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, ON BEHALF OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

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- CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- NORTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, FANLING.

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 JANUARY 30 NEXT YEAR.

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PREQUALIFICATION FOR GOVT BUILDING PROJECT

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING CONTRACTORS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE CONCERNING THE SUPERSTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE TSUEN WAN CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES COMPLEX.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 24-STOREY OFFICE TOWER, AND A FOUR-STOREY LIBRARY BLOCK FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON TOP OF A COMMON FOUR-STOREY PODIUM.

THE 3,320 SQUARE METRE SITE WILL PROVIDE 18,000 SQUARE METRES OF NET FLOOR AREA OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AND 3,000 SQUARE METRES OF NET FLOOR AREA FOR THE LIBRARY.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE AN ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY TO LINK UP WITH THE ADJACENT BUILDINGS.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD WILL BE 24 MONTHS.

ONLY CONTRACTORS ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING CIVIL ENGINEERING AND WATER WORKS LIST I GROUP "C" FOR "BUILDING" OR LIST II FOR BUILDING MAY APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION.

CONTRACTORS SEEKING PREQUALIFICATION MUST SUBMIT WITH THEIR APPLICATION DETAILS TO THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, (ATTN: CHIEF ARCHITECT/1), 41ST FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG, BY DECEMBER 27.

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EXTENSION OF KMB BUS ROUTES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO IMPROVE FEEDER SERVICES TO AND FROM THE CHINA HONG KONG FERRY TERMINAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI, KMB ROUTES 3C, 12 AND 14 WILL BE EXTENDED FROM JORDAN ROAD FERRY PIER TO TERMINATE AT THE CHINA HONG KONG FERRY TERMINAL FROM SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10).

ON EXTENSION, THE THREE BUS ROUTES WILL OPERATE VIA CANTON ROAD TO AND FROM CHINA HONG KONG FERRY TERMINAL. CONCURRENTLY, THESE ROUTES WILL OMIT THE BUS STOP AT JORDAN ROAD FERRY PIER.

FOR JOURNEYS TOWARDS CHINA HONG KONG FERRY TERMINAL, ADDITIONAL BUS STOPS WILL BE DESIGNATED ON JORDAN ROAD WESTBOUND OUTSIDE NO. 52 AND CANTON ROAD SOUTHBOUND OPPOSITE THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES FOR USE BY THE THREE ROUTES.

ON JOURNEYS FROM CHINA HONG KONG FERRY TERMINAL, BUSES WILL OBSERVE THE EXISTING STOP ON CANTON ROAD OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

IN ADDITION, ROUTE 3C WILL ALSO OBSERVE THE BUS STOP AT JORDAN ROAD EASTBOUND OUTSIDE NO. 37.

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