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ACTING GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR LONDON

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, LEFT FOR LONDON THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING TO BRING THE NEW GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, UP TO DATE WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS WHEN HE HAD BEEN ACTING GOVERNOR.

SIR DAVID TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT THAT HE WOULD BRIEF SIR DAVID WILSON ON EVENTS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, THE SUBJECTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO DEAL WITH IN HONG KONG, AND THE PROGRESS OF THE PREPARATION OF THE GREEN PAPER AND GOVERNMENT'S THOUGHTS ON THE PAPER.

HE SAID THAT WHILE IN ENGLAND, HE ALSO HOPED TO MEET WITH SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE IN LONDON AT THE TIME.

+I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SEE SIR GEOFFREY HOWE AND HAVE A TALK WITH HIM,+ HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DELAY IN THE RELEASE OF THE GREEN PAPER.

+THE PRECISE DATE OF WHEN THE GREEN PAPER WOULD BE ISSUED HASN'T BEEN ANNOUNCED, BUT IT WILL BE IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR.+

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD DISCUSS HIS FUTURE ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE NEW GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID SAID: +NATURALLY I WILL BE TALKING TO HIM ABOUT THAT.+

ON WHETHER HE WOULD KEEP LADY YOUDE INFORMED ABOUT THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND, SIR DAVID SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WOULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO MEET WITH LADY YOUDE, BUT HE WOULD CERTAINLY TALK TO HER ON THE PHONE.

WHEN ASKED TO CONFIRM REPORTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING TO RELOCATE THE HMS TAMAR HEADQUARTERS IN QUEENSWAY, HE SAID: +NO THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME. IT'S A LONG WAY AHEAD AND THE REPORTS ARE PURELY SPECULATIVE.+

SIR DAVID WAS SEEN OFF BY THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S. Y. CHUNG, AND THE ACTING SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR S. L. CHEN.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER RELEASED
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STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH SHOWED AN ACCELERATION IN THE GROWTH RATE OF HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS IN DECEMBER. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ALSO RECORDED RAPID GROWTH.

HONG KONG DOLLAR M1 (THE NARROWEST DEFINITION OF MONEY SUPPLY) INCREASED RAPIDLY IN DECEMBER. HONG KONG DOLLAR M2 AND M3 ALSO GREW FASTER THAN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTHS.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW FASTER IN DECEMBER. LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE INCREASED AFTER THE FALL IN NOVEMBER. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG REGISTERED A HIGHER GROWTH RATE THAN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

TABLE 1 SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1986 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS. TABLE 2 SETS OUT FIGURES FROM THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR.

DEPOSITS

IN DECEMBER, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS INCREASED RAPIDLY, BY 8.5 PER CENT, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 2.4 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER; A CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR, BUT PROBABLY ONLY TO A MODEST EXTENT, WAS THE OVER-SUBSCRIPTION TO A SHARE ISSUE TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH.

SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS ALSO INCREASED FASTER THAN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH, BY 3.7 PER CENT AND 1.7 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 3.3 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 2.2 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND 1.2 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER. OVER THE CALENDAR YEAR 1986, THESE DEPOSITS GREW BY 15.5 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ALSO GREW FASTER IN DECEMBER, BY 2.8 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 2.7 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND 1.4 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE DEPOSITS GREW BY 34.0 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS DECREASED BY 1.2 PER CENT IN DECEMBER. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 2.9 PER CENT IN DECEMBER AND BY 15.6 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR; ADJUSTED FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW BY 3.2 PER CENT IN DECEMBER AND BY 36.1 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 3.5 PER CENT IN DECEMBER WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 0.3 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, THE FORMER GREW BY 33.8 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER FELL BY 12.9 PER CENT.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY M1 GREW AT A RAPID PACE IN DECEMBER, BY 6.2 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 2.0 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER. HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 ALSO GREW MORE RAPIDLY THAN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH, BY 4.2 PER CENT AND 3.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, HK\$M1 GREW BY 23.4 PER CENT, HK\$M2 BY 22.2 PER CENT AND HK\$M3 BY 16.0 PER CENT.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY M1 INCREASED BY 5.0 PER CENT IN DECEMBER, AFTER HAVING INCREASED BY 2.6 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER. TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 GREW BY 3.5 PER CENT AND 3.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1 INCREASED BY 23.9 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 32.8 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 24.8 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED AT A FASTER PACE IN DECEMBER, BY 1.2 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF ONLY 0.1 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER. OVER THE YEAR, THEY GREW BY 13.8 PER CENT.

LOANS DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 1.4 PER CENT IN DECEMBER WHILE LOANS DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES INCREASED BY 1.1 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, THE FORMER GREW BY 12.2 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER GREW BY 15.4 PER CENT.

WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS TO FINANCE THE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG INCREASED BY 1.8 PER CENT AFTER A FALL OF 0.8 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER; OVER THE YEAR THEY GREW BY 15.1 PER CENT. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG INCREASED BY 1.8 PER CENT IN DECEMBER AFTER AN INCREASE OF 0.7 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER; OVER THE YEAR, THEY GREW BY 15.2 PER CENT.

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY
SECTOR

IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986, LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ROSE BY 5.8 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 6.6 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 27.4 PER CENT. LOANS TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES FELL BY 3.0 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A RAPID INCREASE OF 9.9 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 13.9 PER CENT.

LOANS TO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR FELL BY 8.1 PER CENT AFTER A RISE OF 3.2 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS FELL BY 13.7 PER CENT.

LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (OTHER THAN FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME) CONTINUED TO INCREASE, BY 7.7 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 8.6 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND 11.6 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER, REFLECTING THE CONTINUED GROWTH IN ACTIVITY IN THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MARKET. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 36.1 PER CENT.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS, LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED, AT 148, 38 AND 254 RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 1 : MONETARY STATISTICS - DECEMBER 1986

Money Supply	Dec 1986	Earlier months (% change to December 1986)			(HK\$mn)
		Nov 1986	Sep 1986	Dec 1985	
M1 - HK\$	51,600	48,581 (6.2 %)	45,603 (13.2 %)	41,806 (23.4 %)	
Foreign currency	4,494	4,821 (-6.8 %)	4,293 (4.7 %)	3,460 (29.9 %)	
Total	56,094	53,403 (5.0 %)	49,896 (12.4 %)	45,266 (23.9 %)	
M2 - HK\$	237,776	228,167 (4.2 %)	218,419 (8.9 %)	194,641 (22.2 %)	
Foreign currency	280,355	272,526 (2.9 %)	259,447 (8.1 %)	195,597 (43.3 %)	
Total	518,131	500,693 (3.5 %)	477,866 (8.4 %)	390,239 (32.8 %)	
M3 - HK\$	270,517	261,551 (3.4 %)	253,152 (6.9 %)	233,230 (16.0 %)	
Foreign currency	323,569	314,902 (2.8 %)	301,587 (7.3 %)	242,730 (33.3 %)	
Total	594,085	576,453 (3.1 %)	554,739 (7.1 %)	475,960 (24.8 %)	
Deposits					
Demand deposits	36,799	34,590 (6.4 %)	31,445 (17.0 %)	28,409 (29.5 %)	
Savings deposits	125,476	120,926 (3.8 %)	113,219 (10.8 %)	98,765 (27.0 %)	
Time deposits with banks	329,078	319,369 (3.0 %)	307,873 (6.9 %)	240,050 (37.1 %)	
Time deposits with dtcs	71,176	70,992 (0.3 %)	72,989 (-2.5 %)	81,744 (-12.9 %)	
All HK\$ deposits	245,103	237,184 (3.3 %)	229,292 (6.9 %)	212,132 (15.5 %)	
All foreign currency deposits	317,426	308,693 (2.8 %)	296,235 (7.2 %)	236,837 (34.0 %)	
Total	562,529	545,877 (3.1 %)	525,527 (7.0 %)	448,968 (25.3 %)	
Loans and advances					
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	35,502	34,864 (1.8 %)	34,400 (3.2 %)	30,855 (15.1 %)	
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	4,595	3,978 (15.5 %)	6,857 (-33.0 %)	3,738 (22.9 %)	
Other loans for use in H.K.	270,729	265,894 (1.8 %)	262,058 (3.3 %)	234,943 (15.2 %)	
Other loans for use outside H.K.	160,694	160,084 (0.4 %)	163,608 (-1.8 %)	146,319 (9.8 %)	
Other loans where the place of use is not known	29,077	29,665 (-2.0 %)	29,192 (-0.4 %)	24,109 (20.6 %)	
All loans in HK\$	250,226	246,805 (1.4 %)	239,165 (4.6 %)	222,929 (12.2 %)	
All loans in foreign currencies	250,371	247,680 (1.1 %)	256,949 (-2.6 %)	217,035 (15.4 %)	
Total	500,596	494,485 (1.2 %)	496,114 (0.9 %)	439,964 (13.8 %)	

/TABLE 2 : QUARTERLY

TABLE 2 : QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR - DECEMBER 1986

(HK\$mn)

	Dec 1986 -----	Earlier quarters (% change to December 1986)		
		Sep 1986 -----	Jun 1986 -----	Dec 1985 -----
Manufacturing	25,140	23,773 (5.8 %)	22,294 (12.8 %)	19,726 (27.4 %)
Transport and transport equipment	18,060	19,428 (-7.0 %)	19,988 (-9.6 %)	19,744 (-8.5 %)
Building, construction and property development	34,603	37,635 (-8.1 %)	36,466 (-5.1 %)	40,080 (-13.7 %)
Wholesale and retail trade	33,650	34,708 (-3.0 %)	31,577 (6.6 %)	29,540 (13.9 %)
Financial concerns*	23,064	22,424 (2.9 %)	21,113 (9.2 %)	19,532 (18.1 %)
Individuals:				
to purchase flats in the Home Ownership Scheme and Private Sector Participation Scheme	6,280	6,309 (-0.8 %)	6,030 (3.8 %)	5,708 (9.7 %)
to purchase other residential property	42,902	39,835 (7.7 %)	35,699 (20.2 %)	31,522 (36.1 %)
other purposes	29,410	26,194 (12.3 %)	24,489 (20.1 %)	22,989 (27.9 %)
Others	57,640	51,752 (11.4 %)	49,380 (16.7 %)	46,102 (25.0 %)
Total	270,729	262,058 (3.3 %)	247,037 (9.6 %)	234,943 (15.2 %)

* This excludes funds advanced to banks and deposit-taking companies

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CNTA CENTRES PROVIDE EFFECTIVE CHANNEL
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THE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICES CENTRES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) HAVE PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE CHANNELS FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

+A LARGE VOLUME OF COPIES OF GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENTS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE PESC'S LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE 19 DISTRICTS,+ A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE PUBLIC IS SHOWING AN INCREASING INTEREST IN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND IN THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENTS ON THE MEDICAL SERVICES IN HOSPITALS EXECUTIVE REVIEW, REVIEW OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (JSEA) SYSTEM, PUBLIC HOUSING SUBSIDIES AND RENT DOMESTIC POLICY AS WELL AS PROPOSALS ON THE SYSTEMS FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES AND WAYS TO COUNTER THE TRIAD PROBLEMS HAD AROUSED MUCH PUBLIC INTEREST WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF BETWEEN 20 000 AND 30 000 COPIES EACH OF THE SUBJECT PUBLICATIONS LAST YEAR,+ HE ADDED.

AMONG ABOUT 16 700 ENQUIRIES THE PESC'S HANDLED DAILY LAST YEAR, A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER CONCERNED GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

+TO UPDATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND TO ENSURE EFFICIENT SERVICES, PESC STAFF ATTEND REGULAR BRIEFING SESSIONS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS OF PUBLIC CONCERN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THROUGH THESE CENTRES, PEOPLE ALSO AIRD COMPLAINTS ABOUT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND WERE GIVEN ADVICE ON LEGAL AND RENTAL PROBLEMS UNDER THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME AND THE RENT OFFICER SCHEME.

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FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS FOR SOUTHERN RESIDENTS
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR IN A NUMBER OF CARNIVALS AND VARIETY SHOWS BEING HELD IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE DISTRICT OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, THE LUNAR NEW YEAR GATHERINGS WILL BE HELD IN TIN WAN, AP LEI CHAU, WAH FU, POK FU LAM AND SHEK O.

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A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WILL HELP PROMOTE NEIGHBOURLINESS, ENHANCE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND BOOST CO-OPERATION AMONG VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS.

THE DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF THE ACTIVITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

AREA ----	DATE-TIME -----	VENUE -----
AP LEI CHAU	FEBRUARY 8 (SUNDAY) 9 AM - 7 PM	AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL AND OPPOSITE OPEN SPACE
STANLEY AND SHEK O	FEBRUARY 8 (SUNDAY) 6 PM - 10 PM	SHEK O CARPARK
WAH FU	FEBRUARY 8 (SUNDAY) 2 PM - 10.30 PM	WAH HONG SQUARE, WAH FU ESTATE
TIN WAN	FEBRUARY 15 (SUNDAY) 2 PM - 10.30 PM	TIN WAN ESTATE BLOCK 6 SOCCER PITCH
POK FU LAM	FEBRUARY 15 (SUNDAY) 2 PM - 6 PM	CHI FU FA YUEN SKATING RINK

THE ACTIVITIES ARE BEING ORGANISED BY AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS, LOCAL BODIES AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE PROGRAMMES INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY PROFESSIONAL ARTISTES AND LOCAL GROUPS, ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOWS, STALL GAMES, LANTERN DESIGN CONTEST, LANTERN QUIZZES AS WELL AS EXHIBITIONS.

CIVIC EDUCATION WILL BE THE THEME OF THE CARNIVAL IN SHEK O WHICH WILL INCLUDE A SESSION FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH RESIDENTS ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

TIN WAN AND AP LEI CHAU, ON THE OTHER HAND, WILL STAGE EXHIBITIONS ON CIVIC EDUCATION AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

IN ADDITION, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL JOINTLY PRESENT A CANTONESE OPERA AT 8 PM ON FEBRUARY 3 (TUESDAY) IN THE WAH FU COMMUNITY HALL. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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SAI KUNG FESTIVAL STARTS TOMORROW
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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL BE MARKED BY A SERIES OF SPORTS EVENTS TOMORROW (MONDAY) BEFORE THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

A NEW YEAR MARATHON WILL BE HELD AT 9 AM WITH SOME 300 RESIDENTS TAKING PART.

PARTICIPANTS WILL RUN ALONG A 10-KILOMETRE SCENIC ROUTE STARTING FROM THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE AND TO THE SPORTS GROUND.

AFTER THE RACE, A CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL MATCH WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM BETWEEN THE TOP TWO TEAMS THAT PLAYED IN A SERIES OF MATCHES EARLIER THIS MONTH.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT 12.30 PM.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WAN-HEI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

APART FROM SPORT EVENTS FOR THE FESTIVAL, MANY OTHER PROGRAMMES WILL ALSO BE HELD IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS. THESE PROGRAMMES INCLUDE A VARIETY SHOW, A DISCO NIGHT, CONCERTS, CARNIVALS, CANTONESE OPERA, SPORTS DAY AND FILM SHOWS.

ADMISSIONS TO THE PROGRAMMES, EXCEPT THE DISCO NIGHT, WILL BE FREE. TICKETS AND PAMPHLETS CONCERNING THE FESTIVAL ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES, RENNIE'S MILL SERVICE CENTRE AND ALL THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OFFICES.

THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WHICH COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, RURAL COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FOOTBALL MATCH FINAL AND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL TOMORROW AT TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, SAI KUNG TOWN. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO USE TRANSPORT TO COVER THE START OF THE MARATHON AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE VILLAGE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, NEXT TO STAR FERRY, BY 8 AM.

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NEW YEAR CARNIVAL FOR MONG KOK
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A NEW YEAR CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD FOR RESIDENTS OF MONG KOK AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND NEXT SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 8).

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL INCLUDE A LION DANCE, MAGIC SHOW, CHINESE DANCING AND SINGING.

THE FUNCTION IS ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND THE TRUSTEES OF THE HONG KONG BANK FOUNDATION.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD; TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE, 85 IVY STREET; AND LIM POR YEN CENTRE, 110 BEECH STREET.

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RECREATION CENTRE FOR TSUEN WAN PARK
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WORK ON BUILDING A SEVEN-STOREY RECREATION AND SPORTS CENTRE AT TSO KUNG TAM PARK IN TSUEN WAN WILL START SHORTLY.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS JUST AWARDED A \$41.3 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK.

THE BUILDING IS THE STAGE 1 WORK OF THE 5.7-HECTARE PARK WHICH IS OFF ROUTE TWISK TO THE NORTH OF TSUEN WAN.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE BUILDING WILL INCLUDE A MULTI-PURPOSE GAMES HALL, THREE SQUASH COURTS AND VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AREAS.

AN OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL, A DORMITORY WING FOR ORGANISED RESIDENTIAL COURSES AND CAMPING FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

THE BUILDING IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN JULY 1988.

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SITTING-OUT AREA FOR SHAM SHUI PO
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WORK ON BUILDING A SITTING-OUT AREA AT SHAM SHUI PO WILL START SOON FOLLOWING THE AWARD RECENTLY OF AN \$864 000 CONTRACT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IT WILL OCCUPY A 1 000-SQUARE-METRE SITE BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND TAI NAM STREET, AND INCLUDE PAVILIONS, WOODEN ARBOURS, COVERED WALKWAYS AND PLANTERS.

ALSO INCLUDED WILL BE A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA WITH PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE SIX MONTHS.

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CENTRAL GOODS VEHICLES RESTRICTION EXTENDED
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FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 4), THE EXISTING PEAK-HOUR (7 - 10 AM AND 4 - 7 PM) DAILY GOODS VEHICLE RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE EXTENDED TO OPERATE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THE RESTRICTED ZONE RUNS FROM A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES WEST OF THE ROAD'S JUNCTION WITH PEDDER STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH DOUGLAS STREET.

THE MEASURE, LASTING FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS, WILL FACILITATE WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPGRADED CONNAUGHT ROAD PROJECT.

NO GOODS VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING ACTIVITIES.

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