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Statement by the Foreign Secretary

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Following is a statement by the Foreign Secretary issued by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office at 0800 hours on Friday, December 20, 1996 (London time):

British policy on Hong Kong is governed by the Sino-British Joint Declaration on the Question of Hong Kong of 1984 (the JD). The JD is a binding treaty between Britain and China, registered at the United Nations.

The present electoral arrangements in Hong Kong are entirely consistent with the Joint Declaration. Independent legal experts confirmed this in evidence to the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee in 1994. Our proposals commanded strong public support in Hong Kong, as was shown by opinion polls and record levels of voter registration and turn-out.

Hong Kong's stability and prosperity have been enhanced, not damaged, by a legislature elected on an open and fair basis.

There is no justification for China to replace a legislature elected openly and fairly by more than one million Hong Kong people. This will be a serious set-back for the development of representative government in Hong Kong foreseen in the JD and China's Basic Law for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the BL). China should be prepared to trust Hong Kong people with the measure of democracy we have introduced.

There is no basis for a provisional legislature in the JD or the BL. Common sense suggests that a body chosen by a hand-picked 'electorate' of 400 is not, in any reasonable sense, a "legislature constituted by elections", as required by paragraph 49 of the JD.

We take an equally serious view of China's plan to have a provisional legislature start operating six months before the handover. All the tasks China apparently has in mind for a provisional legislature before the handover can and should be accomplished by others, notably the Chief Executive (designate) and his team. China has solemnly committed itself in the JD to cooperating with British administration of Hong Kong until the handover, in the interest of maintaining and preserving Hong Kong's prosperity and stability (JD30).

After the handover China will continue to be bound by its promise that the legislature of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will be constituted by elections. A provisional legislature composed on the basis proposed by China cannot meet this promise. China thus has a clear duty to return as soon as possible to unambiguous implementation of the JD and to minimise the damage which a provisional legislature may cause.

We are therefore calling on China, in the interests of Hong Kong,

- * first, in accordance with its JD commitment to cooperate with British administration of Hong Kong, strictly to honour the undertaking given me by the Chinese Foreign Minister, Vice Premier Qian Qichen, in April this year that "the PL will not assume its functions before 1 July 1997"; and
- * second, to ensure that the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region takes steps as soon as possible after the handover to replace the provisional legislature with a substantive legislature constituted by genuine elections in the sense in which any reasonable person would understand that term.

If China were seriously to argue that its action was consistent with its JD commitments, we would be willing to join China in submitting the question to independent legal settlement, for example to the International Court of Justice. We should also welcome the views of respected international independent legal institutions on the matter.

The British Government will also take steps to promote future implementation of the Joint Declaration :

- * first, we reaffirm that our commitment is to work with the constitutional legislature of Hong Kong. We will do nothing to undermine that;
- * second, the British Government will step up its monitoring of, and reporting on, developments in Hong Kong, before and after the handover. To this end we will report to Parliament on developments in Hong Kong at six-monthly intervals, starting with a report on the period January-June 1997. These reports will focus on the work of the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group, covering the implementation of the Joint Declaration, with special reference to the protection of human rights in Hong Kong. These reports will be available to the UN Treaty Monitoring Bodies in Geneva. These six-monthly reports will continue at least as long as the Joint Liaison Group exists, that is until 1 January 2000;

- * third, we will work closely with the United States, the European Union and other international partners in monitoring observance of the provisions of the JD in Hong Kong after the handover. The US Administration has already made clear its view that the provisional legislature is "unwise, unjustified, unnecessary". In Dublin the European Council underlined the European Union's full support for the specific status of the SAR and its citizens in all respects, including their right to representative democratic institutions as already established. Within the last week we have been again in contact with these and other major governments to urge them to make known again to the Chinese Government the concern which their plans for the legislature have aroused around the world.

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Statement by Hong Kong Government

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Following is a statement by the Hong Kong Government on the provisional legislature:

The Hong Kong Government fully supports the Foreign Secretary's statement on the provisional legislature issued in London earlier today (Friday).

The position of the British Government and the Hong Kong Government on this issue is well known. There is no basis for a provisional legislature in the Joint Declaration or the Basic Law. Its establishment will adversely affect a successful and smooth transition.

If a provisional legislature were to start operating before 1 July 1997, this would only make a bad situation worse. It would confuse the community and place the civil service in a very difficult position. It is also unnecessary : the bulk of any preparatory work for the establishment of the Special Administrative Region Government is for the Chief Executive (Designate) and his team.

Nor is it necessary for the provisional legislature to prepare legislation that may have to be in place on 1 July 1997. Indeed, if a provisional legislature were to involve itself in any legislative process before 1 July 1997, the validity of any legislation resulting from this could be in doubt and vulnerable to legal challenge. It can hardly be in the interest of the Special Administrative Region if its legislative institution and its laws were questioned from day one.

The Hong Kong Government very much regrets the developments which are taking place to establish a provisional legislature. We join the British Government in urging China to return as soon as possible to unambiguous implementation of the Joint Declaration, and to minimise the damage which a provisional legislature may cause. We call on the Chinese Government to honour the undertaking given by Vice Premier Qian Qichen to the Foreign Secretary in April that there will only be one legislative body operating prior to the handover and that any provisional legislature will not assume its functions before 1 July 1997.

Until 1 July 1997, Hong Kong's only constitutional legislature is the Legislative Council, elected openly and fairly by a record number of voters, and with a clear and legitimate mandate. We reaffirm our commitment to work with it. We will not do anything which will undermine its credibility or legitimacy.

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Governor's transcript

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Following is the transcript of the media session by the Governor, the Rt Hon Christopher Patten after attending the International Salon of Photographic Exhibition this (Friday) afternoon:

Question: Mr Patten, the provisional legislature will be formed tomorrow, what is your opinion?

Governor: The British Government has put out a statement in the name of the Foreign Secretary. And the Hong Kong Government has also issued a statement endorsing Mr Rifkind's remarks. I think that tomorrow will be a sad and bad day for Hong Kong. I very much agree with what Mr Rifkind has said. If Chinese officials are seriously arguing that this is in compliance with the Joint Declaration, then the British Government has proposed that we should both of us go jointly to the International Court of Justice to ask for them to give an independent arbitration if Chinese officials think that they have got right on their side, then they have got nothing to worry about. So I would very much hope that they would join us in going to the international court. The British Government has also made it plain that it now intends to start reporting every six months to Parliament on the implementation of the Joint Declaration in Hong Kong on the protection of our civil liberties and the development of democracy as promised in the Joint Declaration. And it would make those reports available to the UN Treaty Monitoring bodies in Geneva. We've also said that we intend to work with the international community to ensure that there continues to be a focus of interests on Hong Kong, to ensure that Hong Kong has the best possible chance of remaining a free, as well as a prosperous society.

Question: Governor, are you saying that you are reluctant ... the reality of the setting up of the provisional legislature?

Governor: The reality - are the promises that China, as well as Britain made in 1984, and if China thinks that by doing what's going to happen tomorrow, China is keeping those promises then our challenge is this, let's go to the international court and see what independent arbitration says about it. The fact of the matter is - and it's quite nice to be able to finish the answers to your very good questions. The fact of the matter is, there is no reference to a provisional legislature in the Joint Declaration or the Basic Law. There is one Legislative Council in Hong Kong. Mr Qian Qichan himself has said that there is only one legislature in Hong Kong before July 1, 1997, and I hope he will stand by his word.

Question: Do you think that Mr C H Tung's pledge to minimise the conflicts with the current Legco can be a good common ground to co-operate ... Hong Kong administration?

Governor: I think that there is one thing that you should all accept and that is the good faith of Mr Tung and myself in trying to find as much common ground as possible in the months ahead. Both of us know one and other's views on issues very well, because we debated these matters for four years in the Executive Council. I think we will both be working to minimise the disagreement rather to maximise the disagreement. I have no doubt at all that there will be our joint objective and one which I hope will be able to secure.

Question: Do you think that you will agree to disagree to what ... to cooperate on provisional legislature with Mr C H Tung ?

Governor: Mr Tung knows what the British Government's position is. He knows what the Hong Kong Government's position is. He knows that these decisions aren't taken. These very serious decisions aren't taken by governments lightly. So, he knows that these are not matters on which we are intending to change our mind or our point of view. I very much hope that despite that we will be able to cooperate on a broad range of issues. But I do have this worry. Frankly, the establishment of the provisional legislature is much more of a problem for the SAR government than it is for the government before the first of July 1997. Why ? Because it's going to raise substantial question marks in people's minds, in people's minds in Hong Kong and beyond about the survival of Hong Kong as a free and successful and prosperous and decent society. I think that is a very unfair inheritance for the SAR to start off with. The SAR will receive on the first of July as it were the keys to the government of one of the most successful places in the world. But that success has a question mark hanging over it because of tomorrow's unseemly events. I think it is a sad day for Hong Kong, but I hope that Chinese officials will get back in unquestionable compliance with the Joint Declaration as soon as possible. That's what we should all want to see. Everybody is now talking about the legal question marks over the provisional legislature, not just me that is talking about this, everybody including some who support the provisional legislature are talking about these legal doubts and uncertainties. So, this is not a good day for Hong Kong and not a good day for the SAR government. But I just to repeat that when Mr Tung and I meet at 4 o'clock on Monday for a discussion, I know that both of us will be wanting to search for common ground rather than magnify any differences between us. I do hope that while you've all got your job to do in the media, you'll recognise that I am sure be our objective. Thank you very much.

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HK/US Agreement for Surrender of Fugitive Offenders signed

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An agreement for the Surrender of Fugitive Offenders which will remain in force after 1997 was signed between Hong Kong and the United States today (Friday).

This is the sixth Agreement which Hong Kong has signed in this important area of cooperation against international crime. The other five were signed with the Netherlands (November 2, 1992), Canada (September 7, 1993), Australia (November 15, 1993), Malaysia (January 11, 1995), and the Philippines (January 30, 1995).

Signing the Agreement today on behalf of the Hong Kong Government was the Secretary for Security, Mr Peter Lai. The Consul General of the United States to Hong Kong, Mr Richard Boucher, signed on behalf of the US.

The Agreement sets out the conditions for the surrender of fugitive offenders between the two places, and contains the usual safeguards found in similar international agreements. These include :

- * the double criminality rule: the act in respect of which a fugitive's return is requested must constitute a crime in both jurisdictions;
- * the prima facie rule: there must be a prima facie case against a person whose return is requested by the US from HK;
- * the speciality rule: a returned fugitive shall not be tried for offences other than those for which he was surrendered, without the consent of the requested party;
- * the political offences rule: return may be refused if the offence in question is a political offence; and
- * protection against resurrender to a third jurisdiction, without the consent of the requested party.

"The Agreement is a major step forward in the cooperation between the United States and Hong Kong in law enforcement," Mr Lai said.

"It signifies our commitment to work even closer together in the fight against international crime in future," he added.

The negotiated agreement has been endorsed by the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group.

The agreement will come into force after the enactment in Hong Kong of a localised legislation on surrender of fugitive offenders which will provide the necessary legislative backing, and ratification by the President of the US with the advice and consent of the Congress.

The Fugitive Offenders Bill was introduced into the Legislative Council on November 6 this year, and is being examined by a Bills Committee.

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HK-Guangdong Environmental Protection Liaison Group meets

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The Hong Kong - Guangdong Environmental Protection Liaison Group (EPLG) successfully held its seventh meeting in Hong Kong this week. The meeting was co-chaired by the Secretary for Planning, Environment and Lands, Mr Bowen Leung, and the Director of Environmental Protection Bureau of Guangdong Province, Mr Wang Yinkun. Both sides agreed to further enhance their co-operation on environmental issues of mutual concern.

The EPLG noted and endorsed the report made by its Technical Sub-Group (TSG) on the work programme carried out in 1996, which includes:

- * the progress in the exchange of information on priority projects,
- * the workshop on thermal power station pollution control,
- * the Stage I Phase 1 report on the Mirs Bay study, and
- * progress of the Deep Bay Water Quality Regional Control Strategy study.

The meeting also discussed nine other topics of mutual interest concerning:

- * the Ramsar site in Hong Kong,
- * the marine parks and reserves,
- * Chinese White Dolphins,
- * transboundary shipment of waste,
- * Hong Kong's Territorial Development Strategy Review, and
- * environmental planning in Guangdong.

The EPLG endorsed the work programme for 1997 which includes:

- * a workshop on environmental impact assessment to be held in mid-1997 in Guangdong Province,
- * Stage 2 of the exchange of information on priority projects,
- * Stage I Phase 2 of the Mirs Bay study,
- * continuation of the Deep Bay Water Quality Regional Control Strategy Study,
- * further exchanges of air and water quality monitoring data in relation to the Deep Bay joint monitoring study carried out previously, and
- * the setting up of study groups under the Technical Sub-Group to study the conservation and protection of the Chinese White Dolphins and the air quality in the Pearl River Delta Region.

Both sides agreed to further exchange of experience in the areas of:

- * environmental protection legislation,
- * environmental monitoring quality control,
- * air pollution index,
- * construction noise control, and
- * conservation of potable water resources.

Before the meeting which was held on Thursday (December 19), the Guangdong delegation visited the Stonecutters Sewage Treatment Works site, the Air Pollution Indexing and Forecasting System of the Environmental Protection Department and the Black Point natural gas-fired power station.

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Implementation of the TRIPS Agreement

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A spokesman for the Trade and Industry Branch said today (Friday): "All the provisions of the Intellectual Property (World Trade Organization Amendments) Ordinance 1996 (the TRIPS Ordinance) have come into operation starting from today.

"It enables Hong Kong to fulfill its obligations under the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) some three years ahead of the deadline."

The spokesman said: "The early implementation of the TRIPS Agreement demonstrates Hong Kong's total and firm commitment to a high level of intellectual property protection. It shows that Hong Kong is living up to its international reputation as a staunch supporter of intellectual property protection, and is a responsible trading partner in the multilateral trading system."

Hong Kong is a founding member of the WTO. The TRIPS Agreement sets out the standards with which WTO Members are obliged to comply in respect of various types of intellectual property rights protection, including copyright, trade marks, patents, industrial designs and topographies of integrated circuits. It also sets out the requirement for enforcement of intellectual property rights.

The TRIPS Ordinance was enacted on May 3, 1996. Half of the provisions of the TRIPS Ordinance which required no subsidiary legislation commenced operation on May 10, 1996. These provisions include the new copyright piracy offence to tackle masterminds of cross-border copyright piracy activities and provisions to facilitate disclosure of information by the Hong Kong Customs to copyright owners for civil actions or to other Customs authorities for international cooperation.

The remaining provisions requiring subsidiary legislation come into operation today (Friday). The main features include-

- * New customs border measures to enable copyright and trademark owners to apply for court orders to detain suspected imports of pirated copyright or counterfeiting goods so as to facilitate their initiation of civil proceedings. This measure is in addition to the existing criminal enforcement by the Hong Kong Customs.
- * The definition of "trade mark" is widened to cover any sign that is visually perceptible and capable of being represented graphically. This will include the registration of shapes, provided they fulfill the criteria of the Trade Marks Ordinance for registration.
- * Owners of copyright in sound recordings and computer programmes will be able to prevent such products from being rented out commercially without their permission. The existing Performing Right Tribunal will be renamed as Copyright Tribunal with expanded jurisdictions to determine the reasonable level of royalties to the copyright owners for rental of their copyright works.
- * Performers will be granted the right to prevent their live performances from being recorded and distributed commercially or broadcast without their permission.

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MOU on meteorological science co-operation signed

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A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Royal Observatory Hong Kong and The China Meteorological Administration this Wednesday (December 18) on long-term scientific and technical co-operation on the fields of atmospheric sciences, including weather forecasting and warning services, meteorological telecommunications, data exchange, research and training.

In 1975, a direct meteorological telecommunications link was set up between Hong Kong and Beijing. This circuit was upgraded to a higher speed in 1990 to allow exchange of more meteorological information, including weather radar data and digital facsimile weather charts.

To enhance monitoring of tropical cyclones, a co-operative programme to establish automatic weather stations (AWS) on Chinese islands in the vicinity of the Pearl River Delta region commenced in the mid-1980s. The first AWS was set up in 1985 at Huangmaozhou, an island located about 40 kilometres south of Lantau Island. Two more AWSs were set up recently, one at Neilingding Island to the west, and one at Tuoning Islands to the east, of Hong Kong.

Since 1985, a seminar on hazardous weather in the Pearl River Delta region is held each year alternately in Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Macau. Commencing 1996, Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Macau exchange information on warnings issued on tropical cyclones and rainstorms affecting south China and its coastal areas. Experience has been exchanged through these activities, which play a positive role in improving the forecasting and warning of hazardous weather.

The Memorandum of Understanding will lay the ground for further co-operation in the future. Its implementation will further advance the meteorological services in Hong Kong and the mainland of China, enhance the standard of services, safeguard lives and property, and effect the socio-economic benefits that meteorological services can contribute to the economic prosperity and social stability of Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta region.

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Disability Discrimination Ordinance comes into full force

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The following supercedes press release GIS961220008 issued at 11 am today. Please note that the last paragraph should read:

"Also taking effect today are the provisions relating to building approvals. A public authority shall not approve building plans unless the authority is satisfied that access as is reasonable in the circumstances to the buildings in question will be provided for persons with a disability. The public authority may refer to the "Design Manual: Access for the Disabled 1984" drawn up by the Government, the spokesman noted."

The Disability Discrimination Ordinance (DDO), which was enacted on August 3 last year and has been brought into effect in phases since May this year, came into full force with the gazettal of the commencement notice today (Friday).

Provisions providing for the establishment of the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) and enabling the EOC to issue codes of practice have already come into force; those relating to education, provision of goods, facilities or services, disposal or management of premises, eligibility to vote for and to be elected or appointed to advisory bodies, and activities of clubs and of government have also commenced operation.

With the introduction of a Code of Practice on Employment by the EOC, the Government is now ready to bring the remaining outstanding provisions into effect.

A Government spokesman said: "It is now unlawful to discriminate against or harass a person in, among other things, the employment field on the ground of disability."

"Behaviours such as publishing discriminatory advertisements, engaging in serious vilification and aiding unlawful acts constitute criminal offences," he added.

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Sex Discrimination Ordinance in full effect from today

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The entire Sex Discrimination Ordinance (SDO) becomes effective today (Friday) with the commencement of the provisions prohibiting discrimination and sexual harassment in the employment field.

A spokesman for the Home Affairs Branch said that following the Legislative Council's approval of the Code of Practice on Employment under the SDO on December 18, the Government has brought into effect these remaining provisions of the Ordinance. A commencement notice to this effect was gazetted today.

"With the SDO in full force now, it is unlawful to discriminate against a person in specified areas of activity including employment, education, provision of goods, facilities and services, disposal and management of premises, eligibility to vote for and to be elected or appointed to advisory bodies, activities of clubs, and activities of Government. Sexual harassment in these areas of activity is also unlawful under the Ordinance," he pointed out.

On the Code of Practice on Employment under the SDO, the spokesman said it was prepared and issued by the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC).

"The Code provides practical guidelines to facilitate compliance by both employers and employees with the Ordinance. Non-compliance with the Code, although not unlawful by itself, is admissible as evidence in court," he said.

The spokesman said aggrieved persons may seek the assistance of the EOC which has started full operation since September 1996.

"The Commission will, as required under the SDO, handle complaints, conduct investigations and encourage conciliation between parties in dispute to effect a settlement as far as possible," he said, adding that the EOC may also provide legal or other forms of assistance to those aggrieved.

Meanwhile, a separate commencement notice which brings the Sex Discrimination (Proceedings by Equal Opportunities Commission) Regulation into immediate operation is also gazetted today. The Regulation was approved by the Legislative Council on December 18.

"The Regulation will enable the EOC to bring court proceedings in its own name when it appears to the Commission that the claim is well founded, and where the case raises a question of principle and it is in the interest of justice to do so," the spokesman said.

He noted that the Regulation will also enable the EOC in any such proceedings to seek a declaration by the court that the act, which is the subject of the proceedings, is an unlawful act or seek an injunction in respect of such act or both.

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Local workers urged to register for ACP jobs

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Local construction workers interested in airport-related jobs are urged to register as soon as possible at any of the nine Labour Department's Local Employment Service offices and the Special Placement Team (SPT) for the Airport Core Programme as well as the Airport Core Programme Job Centre in Mong Kok.

A spokesman for the Labour Department said today (Friday) that more than 2,900 airport-related job vacancies would need to be filled within the next three months under the Special Recruitment Campaign for the new airport and related projects.

The recruitment campaign running from December 16 to December 31, is being jointly organised by the Airport Authority, the Mass Transit Railway Corporation and the Government.

The purpose of this campaign is to enable contractors concerned to make an extensive trawl of the market for suitable local workers for those job vacancies which have to be filled within the next three months in order to meet the tight works schedule of the projects.

On the basis of the results of this recruitment campaign, the Government will give expeditious approval of applications for imported workers to fill any particular shortfall of labour established through the two-week recruitment exercise during this campaign.

Both the Local Employment Service and the SPT for the Airport Core Programme of the Labour Department have stepped up their efforts in helping local construction workers to fill vacancies in the new airport and related projects. Also, vacancy information has been sent to over 20 relevant trade unions, encouraging their members to apply for the jobs.

To strengthen the placement service to local workers, the SPT on second floor, Tsuen Wan Government Offices will extend its working hours on Saturdays from noon to 5.30 pm during the campaign.

Local workers are also welcome to approach the ACP Job Centre in Mong Kok which opens from 9 am to 8 pm on Mondays to Saturdays.

Interested workers can also call the "job hotline" 2492 2001 for more information of the vacancies.

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Emergency relief grants for victims in Kivu crisis

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The Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee has approved a grant of \$2 million for emergency relief assistance for victims in the Kivu crisis in Central Africa.

Announcing this today (Friday), a Government spokesman said the grant was made in response to an application from Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) to help scores of refugees returning from Zaire to Rwanda and the Zaireans displaced in their own country.

MSF's relief programme aims to meet the essential needs of the returning refugees through the provision of medical care and the supply of water and high protein biscuits.

"To ensure that the grant will be used for the designated purposes, MSF will be required to submit to the Committee evaluation report and an audited account on the use of the grant," the spokesman said.

The Committee is chaired by the Chief Secretary. Members are Dr Raymond Chien Kuo-fung, Mr James McGregor, Mr Lau Chin-shek, Mr Cheung Hon-chung, the Secretary for Health and Welfare and the Secretary for the Treasury.

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Review group for NLCDPs in old urban areas appointed

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The Government has appointed Professor Felice Lieh Mak as the Chairperson of the Review Group for the Pilot Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects (NLCDPs) in Old Urban Areas. Ten other members have also been appointed to serve on the Review Group.

Announcing this today (Friday), a Government spokesman said the review of the two pilot NLCDPs now serving the old urban areas of Mong Kok and Nam Cheong was decided upon by the Executive Council (ExCo) in December 1995 following consideration of requests to extend the service of NLCDPs.

"The principal task of the Review Group is to examine the effectiveness of these two existing pilot NLCDPs, and to make recommendations on the need for the continuation of the pilot scheme and whether NLCDP services should be extended to other old urban areas," he said.

Members of the Review Group are drawn from a wide cross-section of the community, the spokesman noted. In addition to professionals, academics and community leaders, members include two representatives of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and a team leader of a subvented agency. They are:

- * Mr Tung Chi-fat - Executive Director, The Neighbourhood Advice Action Council
- * Prof Wong Siu-lun - Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Hong Kong

- * Mrs Camille Tang Yeh - Executive Director, SBC Warburg in Asia; member of the Subventions and Lotteries Fund Advisory Committee
- * Prof Yeh Gar-on, Anthony - Assistant Director, Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management, University of Hong Kong; registered professional planner
- * Mr Wan Chi-keung, Aaron - Managing Director, Associated Surveyors & Auctioneers; Chairman of Yan Chai Hospital
- * Mr Hui Yung-chung - Teacher; official member of Aberdeen Kaifong Welfare Association Ltd.
- * Ms Lilian Law - Community Development Division Officer, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service
- * Mr Wong Kwok-kei - Vice Chairperson of Community Development Division, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service
- * Representative from the Home Affairs Branch
- * Representative from the Social Welfare Department

"We hope that the Review Group would be able to formulate its recommendations by March 1997," the spokesman said, adding that the Government's aim is to submit the findings of the Review Group to ExCo by May 1997.

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Value of manufacturers' orders-on-hand in October

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The value of manufacturers' orders-on-hand for local production in October 1996 decreased by 6% over a year earlier, according to the provisional results of a monthly survey released today (Friday) by the Census and Statistics Department.

Comparing October 1996 with October 1995, an increase in the value of orders was recorded in the fabricated metal products industry (+5%). The value of orders for the wearing apparel industry and textiles industry were both virtually unchanged.

On the other hand, decreases in the value of orders were recorded in the printing & publishing industry (-14%), the electronic products industry (-12%), the plastic products industry (-10%) and the electrical products industry (-3%).

Compared with September 1996, and bearing in mind that this comparison may be affected by seasonal factors, the value of manufacturers' orders-on-hand in October 1996 decreased by 4%.

The Monthly Survey of Orders-on-hand covers a sample of some 300 manufacturing firms engaging 50 or more workers.

Manufacturers' orders-on-hand refer to orders and parts of orders received earlier by manufacturers for local production which remain unfilled as at the end of the reference month. Orders received by traders not engaged in production are included if such orders are further placed to manufacturers for production locally. However, orders placed to manufacturing firms for production in China and other places outside Hong Kong are not included in this series of orders-on-hand statistics.

A spokesman of the Department pointed out that caution should be exercised in interpreting the manufacturers' orders-on-hand figures in a single month. Instead, the trend movement of the series as displayed over a wider span of time points should be looked at.

The survey report for October 1996, at \$7 a copy, is now available for sale at the Government Publications Centre, Queensway Government Offices, Low Block, ground floor, Queensway, and at the Census and Statistics Department Publications Unit, 19th floor, Wanchai Tower, 12 Harbour Road, Wan Chai. •

Enquiries about the survey results may be made to the Industrial Production Statistics Section of the Census and Statistics Department on 2805 6441.

The following table shows the year-on-year percentage changes in the value of orders-on-hand in different manufacturing industries.

Percentage changes in the value of orders-on-hand in

	Sept 1996 over Sept 1995 (Revised)	Oct 1996 over Oct 1995 (Provisional)
All industries covered in the survey	-11	-6
Wearing apparel	-3	*
Textiles	-3	*
Electronic products	-21	-12

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Electrical products	+1	-3
Fabricated metal products	+2	+5
Plastic products	-16	-10
Printing and publishing	-9	-14
* Changes within +/-0.5%		

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Deadline of BN(O) Registration Programme Phase X

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A Government spokesman today (Friday) reminded the public that the final date for Hong Kong British Dependent Territories citizens (BDTCs) born between 1992 and 1995 to apply for British National (Overseas) BN(O) passports will be December 31, 1996.

Hong Kong BDTCs (such as persons born, naturalised or registered in Hong Kong) must obtain a BN(O) passport if they wish to continue to travel on British passports beyond 1997.

As specified in the Second Schedule to the Hong Kong (British Nationality) Order 1986, applications for BN(O) passports must be submitted on or before the final dates relevant to their age groups.

Parents or legal guardians of eligible children born between 1992 and 1995 must submit their applications on or before December 31, 1996. They should apply for a Hong Kong permanent identity card on behalf of the children at the same time.

Further publicity will be made in respect of BDTCs born in other years (i.e. between 1996 and June 30, 1997) so that they may submit their applications by phases according to their age groups. They are of course free to submit their applications now.

Persons who do not comply with the relevant cut-off dates will not be able to travel on British passports beyond 1997. An application made after the final date will only be accepted if the applicant can show that there are special circumstances which justify his late application.

A BN(O) Late Registration Appeals Advisory Committee has been established to advise the Governor on those late applications which have been rejected by the Immigration Department.

The spokesman emphasised that those who already had a BN(O) passport, either the conventional hard-cover type or the burgundy red machine readable type, need not apply again.

Applications for BN(O) passports may be submitted to the Immigration Department either by post or in person. Applicants may also deposit their applications into the drop-in boxes installed at the Immigration Headquarters or at any Immigration Branch Offices throughout the territory. Application forms are available at all Immigration Offices and District Offices.

Hong Kong BDTs living, working or studying abroad, are also required to observe the cut-off dates if they want to apply for a BN(O) passport. However, they are not required to return to Hong Kong for their applications. They should submit their applications to the nearest British passport issuing office either by post or in person. The required overseas application forms can be obtained at those offices or the Hong Kong Immigration Department.

Further information can be obtained by telephoning 2824 1177 (English) or 2824 1717 (Chinese).

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New booklet on countryside walks

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A new guidebook "Enjoy Countryside Walks", which introduces a number of new trails and promotes safety in hill walking, will be available free to members of the public from next week.

The pocket-size booklet is published by the Agriculture and Fisheries Department (AFD) with its printing cost sponsored by Hong Kong Telecom.

An AFD country parks management officer, Dr Yeung Ka-ming, said the 16-page colour booklet, printed in Chinese, contained information and maps of 12 country trails, the newly-built Twisk Nature Trail, Ho Pui Reservoir Family Walk, as well as the Hiking Practice Trail at Tai Mo Shan Country Park.

"Information about location, length, level of difficulty and special features of each of these trails is included with the aim of making hill walking in the countryside safer and more interesting," said Dr Yeung.

"By studying the information provided in the guidebook, visitors can have better planning before starting off their trips."

Dr Yeung said that the 12 country trails were footpaths originally maintained by AFD, but now named with more maps and signs being set up.

These country trails are situated in a number of country parks in the territory. They are: South Lantau Country Trail, Wong Lung Hang Country Trail, Hok Tau Country Trail, Lau Shui Heung Country Trail, Tung Ping Chau Country Trail, High Junk Peak Country Trail, Lung Ha Wan Country Trail, Ma On Shan Country Trail, Tai Tam Country Trail, Pak Tam Country Trail, Cheung Sheung Country Trail and Luk Wu Country Trail.

"We hope that visitors can have safe and enjoyable walks in countryside by following the trails introduced in the guidebook."

Dr Yeung also advised that the guidebook should be used together with the hiking safety booklet and the itinerary planner published by AFD earlier this year.

Other trails in country parks, namely tree walks, family walks, jogging trails, fitness trails, nature trails and long-distance hiking trails are also listed in the guidebook for easy reference.

Copies of the "Enjoy Countryside Walks" booklet will be distributed to participants of a seminar on hiking safety to be held at the Hong Kong Scout Association's (HKSA) Oi Kwan Road Office at 2.30 pm tomorrow (Saturday).

These booklet will be obtainable from AFD-managed country parks visitor centres from Monday (December 23) onwards. These visitor centres are at country parks in Aberdeen, Plover Cove, Tai Mo Shan, Clear Water Bay and Shing Mun as well as the Lions Nature Education Centre in Sai Kung.

They may also be available at the HKSA's offices at Oi Kwan Road, Wan Chai and Austin Road, Tsim Sha Tsui next week.

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Two lots of land for auction

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Two pieces of government land will be put up for auction at 2.30 pm on January 15 (Wednesday) at the Concert Hall of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon.

Both lots are earmarked for private residential developments.

The first lot, adjoining No. 12 South Bay Road, Repulse Bay, has an area of about 2,008 square metres.

The developer has to complete a gross floor area of not less than 700 square metres on or before March 31, 2000.

Covering an area of about 5,080 square metres, the second lot is located in Area 48, So Kwun Wat, Tuen Mun.

The developer has to complete a gross floor area of not less than 3,965 square metres on or before March 31, 2000.

Details of the land auction are contained in a notice published in the Government Gazette today (Friday).

Full particulars and conditions of sale can be obtained from the Lands Department, 14th floor, Murray Building, Garden Road, Hong Kong; and the District Lands Offices of Kowloon, Yau Ma Tei Car Park Building, 10th floor, 250 Shanghai Street, Kowloon.

Conditions of sale will also be available at the District Lands Offices of Sha Tin, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan, Sai Kung, Kwai Tsing, Tai Po, North and Islands.

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Kowloon Bay lot for sale by tender

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The Lands Department is inviting tenders for the sale of a piece of government land at the junction of Cheung Yip Street and Lam Chak Street in Kowloon Bay.

The lot has an area of about 6,541 square metres and is intended for industrial or godown purposes excluding offensive trades.

The closing date for submission of tenders is noon on Friday, January 17, 1997.

Tender forms, tender notices and conditions can be obtained from the Lands Department, 14th floor, Murray Building, Garden Road, Hong Kong, and the District Lands Offices/Kowloon, 10th floor, Yau Ma Tei Car Park Building, 250 Shanghai Street, Kowloon.

Tender documents will also be available at the District Lands Offices of Sha Tin, Tai Po, North, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing, Tuen Mun, Sai Kung and Islands.

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Clinic service during Christmas holiday

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The Department of Health announced today (Friday) that eight general out-patient clinics would be open from 9 am to 1 pm on December 25 (Wednesday) and 26 (Thursday), which are public holidays.

The eight clinics are Violet Peel Health Centre and Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club Clinic on Hong Kong Island; Kwun Tong Jockey Club Health Centre, Robert Black Health Centre, and Yau Ma Tei Jockey Club Clinic in Kowloon; and Lady Trench Polyclinic, Shek Wu Hui Jockey Club Clinic and Yuen Long Jockey Club Health Centre in the New Territories.

Further details on the opening of these clinics during the Christmas holiday are available by calling the Department of Health's Central Health Education Unit hotline 2833 0111.

Maps indicating the locations and ways of getting to the eight government clinics will be on display at those public hospitals with Accident and Emergency Unit to facilitate members of the public to visit the clinics.

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Tenders invited to manage Govt multi-storey car parks

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The Transport Department today (Friday) invites tenders for the management and operation of Government multi-storey car parks, abandoned vehicle surrender centres and the design, production and distribution of tickets for Government tunnels and Tsing Ma Control Area.

Two packages of contracts comprising three agreements are available :

(a) Contract for Agreement A which involves the management and operation of the following seven Government multi-storey car parks and two abandoned vehicle surrender centres:

- * Star Ferry, City Hall, Murray Road, Aberdeen, Middle Road, Kwai Fong and Tsuen Wan Transport Complex multi-storey car parks; and
- * To Kwa Wan and Sha Tin Abandoned Vehicle Surrender Centres.

(b) Contract for both

- * agreement B which involves the management and operation of the seven Government multi-storey car parks at Garden Road, Rumsey Street, Shau Kei Wan, Tin Hau, Yau Ma Tei, Sheung Fung Street and Tsuen Wan MTR Station; and
- * agreement C which involves the design, production and distribution of toll tickets for Government tunnels and Tsing Ma Control Area.

Commencing on May 1, 1997 or a date within six months after, these three agreements would be for a period of four years with an option for extension by the Government for a further period of up to six months, a spokesman for Transport Department said.

"Interested parties including joint ventures may tender for one or both of the packages. However, under no circumstances will a single tenderer be awarded both contract packages. The Government shall have the absolute discretion to determine whether two tenderers, because of any form of partnership, should be treated as one tenderer.

"As a pledge of bona fides, each tenderer is required to make a tender deposit of \$100,000 with the Hong Kong Government for each package of contract," he added.

Interested parties may obtain the tender documents by producing a company letter indicating their interest during office hours from Transport Department Headquarters on 41st floor, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Details of tender invitation to the two contract packages were published in the Government Gazette today.

Completed tender documents must be sealed, clearly marked with tender reference number and addressed to the Chairman of the Central Tender Board. They should be placed in the Government Secretariat Tender Box in the lift lobby on lower ground floor of the East Wing of Central Government Offices, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong by noon on January 24, 1997.

"Late submission will not be accepted," the spokesman said.

Enquiries can be made to Mr P K Cheung of Transport Department on 2829 5484.

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Proposal of permanent closure of Sau Mau Path

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The Government proposes to close permanently Sau Mau Path in September 1997 to facilitate the redevelopment of Sau Mau Ping Estate Phase 7.

The area to be closed will be partly turned into landscaped open space and partly for constructing an integrated commercial centre with market, bus terminus and community facilities.

Details of the proposed closure were published in the Government Gazette today (Friday).

The plan and scheme of the proposal may be inspected during office hours at :

- * Public Enquiry Service Centre, Central and Western District Office, ground floor, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central;

- * Kowloon East District Lands Office, 10th floor, Yau Ma Tei Carpark Building, 250 Shanghai Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon; and
- * Sau Mau Ping (Central) sub-office, Kwun Tong District Office, Estate Community Centre, Sau Mau Ping Estate, Sau Ming Road, Kowloon.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address his objection in writing to the Secretary for Transport, second floor, East Wing, Central Government Offices, Lower Albert Road, Central, Hong Kong not later than February 18, 1997.

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TPB to review Kwai Chung OZP

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The Governor-in-Council has recently referred the approved Kwai Chung Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) to the Town Planning Board for consideration and amendment to incorporate the latest land use proposals, a spokesman for the Board announced today (Friday).

The Kwai Chung OZP (No. S/KC/11) was last approved by the Governor-in-Council on January 30, 1996.

"The plan, after revision by the Board to incorporate the latest amendments, will be exhibited for public inspection in due course under the provision of the Town Planning Ordinance," the spokesman added.

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Draft Ting Kok Outline Zoning Plan amended

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The Town Planning Board today (Friday) announced amendments to the draft Ting Kok Outline Zoning Plan (OZP).

The first amendment is to rezone an area of 16.97 hectares to the west of Ting Kok Road at Shuen Wan from "Agriculture" to "Conservation Area" to conserve its ecological value as a feeding ground for birds from the nearby Shuen Wan Egretty.

The other amendment is the rezoning of an area of 6.05 hectares to the east of Wong Yue Tan from "Agriculture" to "Green Belt" to preserve the natural state of the area.

The amendment plan (No. S/NE-TK/3) is available for public inspection until January 10, 1997 during normal office hours at :

- * Planning Department
16th floor, Murray Building
Garden Road
Central
Hong Kong;
- * Sha Tin, Tai Po and North District Planning Office
Ground floor
Sha Tin Government Office
6 Tung Lo Wan Hill Road
Sha Tin
New Territories; and
- * Tai Po District Office
Tai Po Government Offices Building
Ting Kok Road
Tai Po,
New Territories.

Any person affected by the amendments may submit written objections to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board, c/o Planning Department, 13th floor, Murray Building, Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong before January 10, 1997.

Copies of the draft plan are on sale at the Survey and Mapping Office, Lands Department, 14th floor, Murray Building, Garden Road, Hong Kong and the Kowloon Map Sales Office, ground floor, 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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Draft South West Kowloon OZP approved

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The Governor-in-Council has approved the draft South West Kowloon Outline Zoning Plan (OZP), a spokesman for the Town Planning Board said today (Friday).

The approved OZP will establish a statutory land use framework to guide development within the South West Kowloon Area.

The OZP covers about 323 hectares of land which will accommodate a population of about 102,000 upon full development.

On the plan, about 30.92 hectares of land has been zoned "Comprehensive Development Area" for the Airport Railway Tai Kok Tsui and West Kowloon Stations, and the associated residential and commercial developments as well as supporting facilities such as transport interchange.

About 18.35 hectares of the land has been zoned "Industrial" for general industrial uses. The provision will also facilitate the relocation of existing industries to areas closer to the new port and airport facilities.

About 8.41 hectares and 28.62 hectares of land have been zoned "Commercial" for office, retail and hotel uses, and "Residential (Group A)" for public and private housing development respectively.

Another 25.11 hectares of land has been zoned "Government/Institution/Community" ("G/IC") to serve the need of the local residents and the wider district. It also helps to redress shortfalls of some of the public facilities in the hinterland in West Kowloon.

About 46.16 hectares of land has been zoned "Open Space" to cater for both active and passive recreational uses which include a regional park and a promenade to the south of the Western Harbour Crossing (WHC) Toll Plaza.

About 43.72 hectares of land has been zoned "Other Specified Uses" for uses including the Western Wholesale Market, industrial-office developments, bus depot, piers, petrol filling station, the WHC Toll Plaza, cargo working areas and airport railway stations.

In addition, an area of 70.7 hectares water area has been designated as Typhoon Shelter which will replace the former Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter.

The approved OZP (No. S/K20/3) is available for public inspection during normal office hours at :

- * Planning Department
16th floor, Murray Building
Garden Road
Central
Hong Kong;
- * Kowloon District Planning Office
11th floor, Leighton Centre
77 Leighton Road
Causeway Bay
Hong Kong;
- * Yau Tsim Mong District Office
Ground floor, Mong Kok Government Offices
30 Luen Wan Street
Mong Kok
Kowloon; and
- * Sham Shui Po District Office
Sixth floor
290 Un Chau Street
Sham Shui Po
Kowloon.

Copies of the approved OZP are on sale at the Survey and Mapping Office, Lands Department, 14th floor, Murray Building, Garden Road, Hong Kong and the Kowloon Map Sales Office, ground floor, 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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Improvements to roads and drains on Cheung Chau

The Territory Development Department is inviting tenders for improvements to existing roads and drains in Cheung Chau old town.

Works will involve reconstruction of the existing Tung Wan Road and Cheung Chau Hospital Road to emergency vehicular access standard, and construction of an emergency vehicle access along the coast of Tung Wan linking the reconstructed road to the helipad.

Foul water and storm water drainage systems, two foul water pumping stations and local open space will be built. The Tung Wan children's playground will also be reconstructed.

Construction will commence in April next year for completion in 24 months.

Forms of tender and further particulars may be obtained from the office of the consulting engineers, Messrs Ho Tin & Associates Consulting Engineers Limited, Room 1704, Leighton Centre, 77 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

Tenders must be clearly marked and addressed to the Chairman of the Central Tender Board. They must be placed in the Government Secretariat Tender Box at the lift lobby on the lower ground floor, Central Government Offices (East Wing), Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong before noon on Friday, January 17, 1997.

Late tenders will not be accepted.

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Tenders invited for slope upgrading works

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The Civil Engineering Department is inviting tenders for upgrading 35 slopes and retaining walls throughout the territory under its Accelerated Landslip Preventive Measures (LPM) Programme.

The works are expected to be completed in 18 months' time.

Of these 35 slopes and retaining walls, 12 are under the maintenance of Highways Department, 12 with Architectural Services Department, three with Housing Department, three with Water Supplies Department, two with Urban Services Department and three are on unallocated government land.

The contract will be the eleventh to be offered under the Accelerated LPM Programme which commenced in April last year.

Under the Accelerated LPM Programme, upgrading works to government-owned man-made slopes in the 1977 Slope Catalogue will be speeded up.

Only contractors on the List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works in the Category of "Landslip Preventive/Remedial Works to Slopes/Retaining Walls" are invited to tender.

Tender forms and further particulars can be obtained from Halcrow Asia Partnership Limited, Room 3201, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Hong Kong.

Tender offers for the project will close at noon on Friday, January 31, 1997.

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Tenders invited for two secondary schools

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The Architectural Services Department is inviting tenders for the construction of two secondary schools in the New Territories.

The two schools, to be located in Area 3, Tai Po and Area 40, Fanling, will be built under two separate contracts.

On completion, each school will comprise 26 classrooms, 14 special rooms, three remedial teaching rooms, an assembly hall and ancillary facilities, two basketball courts, covered playground and car park.

In addition, there will be a guidance activity room, two interview rooms, a staff common room, a student activity centre, playground area and facilities for the disabled.

Both projects will start in March next year for completion in July 1998.

Tender forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Architectural Services Department, 34th floor, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong.

Tender offers for both projects will close at noon on Friday, January 17, 1997.

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Refuse transfer station proposed in Tuen Mun

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The Government proposes to construct the North West New Territories Refuse Transfer Station in Tuen Mun.

A Government spokesman said today (Friday) that the station, which was an integral part of the Waste Disposal Strategy, would provide adequate capacity to transfer waste arising from the northwest New Territories to the West New Territories Landfill.

"The handling and transfer of solid waste will be improved and carried out in compliance with stringent environmental performance requirements.

"An initial Environmental Impact Assessment of the project has concluded that by specifying performance requirements on noise, air quality, odour, water quality and including appropriate mitigation measures and controls in the contract documents, the Director of Environmental Protection will keep the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the station within established standards and guidelines to minimise any adverse impact on local residents," the spokesman said.

On environmental nuisance from refuse collection vehicles, the spokesman said the station would be equipped with a vehicle washing system through which all refuse collection vehicles must pass before leaving the station.

"The Regional Services Department will also wash Shun Tat Street every day and the contractor for the station will be required, under the contract, to supply a street washing vehicle and to wash the access road as necessary," he said.

Construction of the station will commence in mid-1997 for completion in 16 months.

To enable the works to be carried out, a notice was published in the Government Gazette today announcing government's plans to resume five private lots with a total area of 4,017.2 square metres.

This comprises 3,895.7 square metres of agricultural land and 121.5 square metres of building land.

Details of the lots affected are contained in the Gazette notice.

Plans of the affected area can be seen at the Tuen Mun District Lands Office, 6th floor, Tuen Mun Government Offices, No. 1 Tuen Hi Road, Tuen Mun, New Territories.

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New footbridge in Tuen Mun

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The Highways Department proposes to construct a covered footbridge alongside the existing Choy Yee Bridge in Tuen Mun.

Aimed to provide additional pedestrian path and to improve capacity, the project will include:

- * construction of a covered footbridge across the nullah;
- * construction of a footpath at each end of the covered footbridge;
- * widening and reconstruction of a portion of an existing footbridge to link the proposed
- * footpath and covered footbridge, and
- * construction of the associated drainage and landscaping works.

Details of the proposed works were published in the Government Gazette today (Friday).

The plan and scheme of the proposed works can be seen during office hours at :

- (a) Public Enquiry Services Centre, Central and Western District, ground floor, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central;
- (b) Tuen Mun District Lands Office, , sixth & seventh floor, Tuen Mun Government Offices, 1 Tuen Hi Road, Tuen Mun, New Territories; or
- (c) Tuen Mun District Office, second floor, Tuen Mun Government Offices, 1 Tuen Hi Road, Tuen Mun, New Territories.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address his objection in writing to the Secretary for Transport, second floor, East Wing, Central Government Offices, Lower Albert Road, Central, Hong Kong on or before February 18, 1997.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority Interbank Liquidity

Aggregate balance of settlement time accounts

Opening aggregate balance	410 mn	0930 hr	10,481 mn
Closing aggregate balance	561 mn	1000 hr	12,105 mn
Change attributable to :		1100 hr	16,803 mn
Money market activity	-396 mn	1200 hr	22,678 mn
LAF reversal	+8,383 mn	1500 hr	30,904 mn
LAF today	-7,836 mn	1600 hr	37,820 mn

LAF rate 4.00% BID/6.00% offer TWI 125.1 *+0.1* 20.12.96

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

EF bills		EF notes/MTRC notes				
Terms	Yield	Terms	Issue	Coupon	Price	Yield
1 week	4.25	2 years	2811	5.72	100.22	5.67
1 month	4.32	3 years	3910	6.28	100.72	6.08
3 months	4.57	5 years	5112	6.57	99.67	6.76
6 months	4.80	7 years	7311	6.80	99.25	7.06
12 months	5.09	10 years	1610	7.37	101.31	7.31
		5 years	M503	7.35	101.74	7.02

Total turnover of ef bills and notes - \$8,751 mn

Closed December 20, 1996

End