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SHIPPING REGISTER WILL BE RESPECTED WORLDWIDE - GOVERNOR  
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THE NEW HONG KONG REGISTER OF SHIPPING WILL BE ATTRACTIVE TO REPUTABLE SHIPOWNERS AND RESPECTED WORLDWIDE, AND IT WILL ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER ASPECTS OF HONG KONG'S SHIPPING INDUSTRY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 1986 SEATRADE HONG KONG CONFERENCE, SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG COULD NOT CONTINUE TO BE A PORT OF BRITISH REGISTRY AND ITS REGISTER COULD NOT FORM PART OF THE REGISTER OF BRITISH SHIPS AFTER 1997.

HE SAID A SEPARATE AND AUTONOMOUS REGISTER HAD TO BE ESTABLISHED SO THAT THERE WOULD BE CONTINUITY DURING THE TRANSITION IN 1997 AND AS LITTLE CHANGE AS POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHOSE SHIPS WERE REGISTERED IN HONG KONG.

+WITH THE NEW REGISTER THERE WILL BE VERY CLOSE LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND ITS SHIPS, DRAWN LARGELY THROUGH THE CONCEPT OF MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF VESSELS FROM HONG KONG.

+THE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON MAINTAINING A HIGH STANDARD OF SAFETY ON THE SHIPS ON THE REGISTER,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE PORT OF HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID LAST YEAR THERE WERE ALMOST 190 000 VESSEL MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT AND A RECORD 13 000 OCEAN-GOING SHIPS CALLED AT HONG KONG TO LOAD OR DISCHARGE CARGO.

HE ADDED THAT MORE THAN 53 MILLION TONNES OF CARGO, NEARLY HALF OF WHICH WAS CONTAINERISED, WERE HANDLED IN THE PORT LAST YEAR.

+THIS IS A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE ON THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND REFLECTS BOTH THE RESURGENCE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND THE INCREASING USE OF HONG KONG AS A SHIPPING CENTRE BOTH FOR SOUTH CHINA AND THE REGION AS A WHOLE,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD NOTED THAT THE ABILITY OF HONG KONG TO HANDLE BOTH DOMESTIC AND OTHER CARGO +IS SECOND TO NONE IN ASIA AND POSSIBLY IN THE WORLD+.

TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S PORT FACILITIES CONTINUED TO MATCH THE BURDENS PUT UPON THEM, A PORT DEVELOPMENT STUDY WHICH PROJECTED TOTAL TRADE DEMANDS UP TO THE END OF THE CENTURY AND IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL AREAS OF SHORTFALL IN PORT FACILITIES HAD BEEN CONCLUDED RECENTLY.

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THIS STUDY TOOK ACCOUNT OF PORT DEVELOPMENTS IN NEARBY AREAS OF CHINA AND CONCLUDED THAT THESE WERE MORE LIKELY TO BE COMPLEMENTARY TO HONG KONG RATHER THAN COMPETITIVE.

SIR EDWARD SAID THEY SHOULD INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF CHINA TO TRANSPORT ITS EXPORTS AND IMPORTS TO AND FROM HONG KONG AND THUS STRENGTHEN FURTHER HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL BASE.

IN THE SAME WAY, PROJECTS TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE CHINESE RAILWAY SYSTEM WOULD INEVITABLY INCREASE HONG KONG'S IMPORTANCE AS A LINK BETWEEN CHINA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD, HE ADDED.

SIR EDWARD ALSO NOTED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO EXPAND THE CONTAINER PORT AT KWAI CHUNG.

HE SAID THE CONTAINER PORT HANDLED WELL OVER TWO MILLION 20-FOOT EQUIVALENT UNITS LAST YEAR AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO HANDLE TWO OR THREE TIMES THAT NUMBER BY THE TURN OF THE CENTURY.

SIR EDWARD CONCLUDED THAT WHAT HE HAD SAID +HAS DEMONSTRATED OUR DETERMINATION TO KEEP HONG KONG IN THE FOREFRONT OF WORLD MARITIME AFFAIRS AS A MAJOR PORT, AS A CENTRE FOR THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY AND AS A PORT OF REGISTRY+.

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DECISIONS ON SSPA MODIFICATIONS ANNOUNCED  
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FOLLOWING RECENT PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE SSPA SYSTEM, DETAILS OF WHICH WERE CIRCULARISED TO SCHOOLS IN JULY, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS, AS ENDORSED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

- \* THE NEW METHOD OF ALLOCATION BASED ON 25 GRADE POINTS WOULD BE DEFERRED TO PERMIT RECONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUE IN THE LIGHT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE REVIEW ON THE CURRICULUM AND BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS NOW BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION RELATING TO THE NINE YEARS OF FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

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- \* THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE FEEDER AND NOMINATED SCHOOL SCHEMES WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF A FRESH REVIEW BY 1991 OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. IN THE MEANTIME, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WOULD BE ADOPTED:
  - (I) THE FEEDER SCHOOL SCHEME WOULD NOT BE REOPENED;
  - (II) THE NOMINATED SCHOOL SCHEMES WOULD ALSO NOT BE GENERALLY REOPENED;
  - (III) THE QUOTA OF RESERVED PLACES UNDER THE NOMINATED SCHOOL SCHEMES WOULD REMAIN AT 25 PER CENT OF THE FORM I PLACES OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS CONCERNED AND WOULD NOT BE INCREASED TO 50 PER CENT;
  - (IV) HOWEVER, WHERE JUSTIFICATION COULD BE DEMONSTRATED, NEW LINKS WOULD BE PERMITTED IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES SUBJECT TO THE LIMIT OF 25 PER CENT RESERVED PLACES; AND
  - (V) THE ELIGIBILITY LIMIT FOR BOTH THE FEEDER AND NOMINATED SCHOOL SCHEMES WOULD BE LOWERED TO INCLUDE BAND 3 PUPILS.
  
- \* THE SCHOOL NETTING SYSTEM WOULD BE REVISED TO REDUCE THE EXISTING 25 SCHOOL NETS TO 19 IN LINE WITH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BOUNDARIES AS EARLIER ANNOUNCED.
  
- \* A SINGLE SSPA ADVISORY COMMITTEE WOULD BE SET UP AS EARLIER ANNOUNCED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING DISTRICT COUNCILS AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
  
- \* THE MODIFIED SYSTEM OF PROCESSING DISCRETIONARY PLACES AND REPEATERS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS ORGINALLY ANNOUNCED, SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN THE LIGHT OF OPERATING EXPERIENCE.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT IN REACHING THESE DECISIONS THE DEPARTMENT HAD SOUGHT THE ADVICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR PETER C. WONG, SAID THAT THE BOARD'S ENDORSEMENT OF TODAY'S DECISIONS HAD TAKEN FULL ACCOUNT OF THE DIFFERING VIEWS AND DETAILED COMMENTS MADE SINCE JULY BY VARIOUS GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS ON THE ORIGINAL SSPA MODIFICATIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WOULD ANNOUNCE FULL DETAILS OF ITS DECISIONS IN A SCHOOL CIRCULAR TO BE ISSUED SHORTLY.

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+NO ASSISTANCE+ FOR OVERSEAS CONTRACTORS  
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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID THIS (MONDAY) EVENING HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT SOME GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES HAD TENDED TO ASSIST OVERSEAS CONTRACTORS.

SPEAKING AT THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY (CITA), MR BARNES SAID THE LOCAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HAD RECENTLY EXPRESSED VERY GENUINELY-FELT FEARS THAT ITS FUTURE WAS THREATENED BY OVERSEAS COMPETITORS ENJOYING FINANCIAL ADVANTAGES NOT ENJOYED BY THE LOCAL INDUSTRY.

+I HAVE HAD VERY SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRY ABOUT THIS,+ HE SAID. +IT IS COMMON DOCTRINE THAT HONG KONG SURVIVES ON A PURELY COMPETITIVE BASIS, AND THAT THE CLIENT, WHETHER PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENT, MUST BE ABLE TO GET AS GOOD A VALUE FOR MONEY AS HE CAN.+

+BUT THE LOCAL INDUSTRY HAS FELT THAT SOME OF OUR PROCEDURES HAVE TENDED TO ASSIST OVERSEAS CONTRACTORS TO THEIR DETRIMENT.

+WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS IS SO, FOLLOWING SOME ADJUSTMENTS WE HAVE MADE OVER THE LAST YEAR, BUT I HAVE ALSO SAID THAT I AM PREPARED TO RE-EXAMINE WITH THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION EVERY ASPECT OF OUR TENDERING PROCESS WHICH MIGHT BE SEEN TO DISCRIMINATE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER TO ENSURE THAT ALL GET BASICALLY THE SAME TREATMENT.

+IT IS THE LEAST WHICH I CAN DO, BUT IT IS ALSO THE MOST, AS THE SURVIVAL OF THE LOCAL INDUSTRY, WHICH MEANS IN EFFECT RATHER LOCAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MANAGEMENT THAN LOCAL TECHNICAL SKILLS AND WORKMANSHIP, MUST DEPEND ON ITS COMPETITIVENESS.

+WE BELIEVE THAT THE INDUSTRY IS IN FACT DEVELOPING AND LOOKING WELL AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO AS LONG AS THE INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO PUT IN THE FUNDS AND EFFORT TO TRAIN ALL PROFESSIONS AND TRADES TO A VERY HIGH LEVEL,+ HE SAID.

OF THE FUTURE MR BARNES SAID HE COULD NOT SEE THE RATE OF NEW BUILDING DECREASING.

SOME \$6.3 BILLION WORTH OF NEW WORKS WOULD BE STARTED IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR AND EXPENDITURE OF AT LEAST \$6 BILLION OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS WAS FORECAST.

MR BARNES SAID THE DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO CONSTRUCT MORE NEW TOWNS IN JUNK BAY AND TIN SHUI WAI, AND THE DEMAND FOR PUBLIC HOUSING WAS EXPECTED TO STRETCH LATE INTO THE NINETIES.

/+WE HOPE .....

+WE HOPE MOREOVER TO INCREASE OUR RATE OF REPLACEMENT OF URBAN BUILDINGS THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, THROUGH WHICH WE PLAN TO REPLACE MUCH LARGER AREAS OF THE OLDER URBAN AREAS WITH MORE COMPREHENSIVELY PLANNED AND BETTER CONSTRUCTED RENEWAL SCHEMES,+ HE SAID.

MAJOR ENGINEERING WORKS WOULD BE NEEDED ON SEWERAGE AND TRANSPORT.

+BUT THERE IS ANOTHER KIND OF CONSTRUCTION WHICH I SEE AS BECOMING MUCH MORE IMPORTANT.

+WE ALREADY HAVE A QUITE MASSIVE BUILDING STOCK IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

+SOME OF IT WAS WELL LOOKED AFTER; SOME WOULD BE REPLACED BY URBAN REDEVELOPMENT SCHEMES; BUT A VERY LARGE PROPORTION WAS BUILT TO ITS MAXIMUM POTENTIAL, AND WAS UNLIKELY TO BE REPLACED FOR A VERY LONG TIME AND FOR VARIOUS REASONS WAS NOT BEING MAINTAINED PROPERLY.

+ANY BUILDING HAS A FINITE LIFE, BUT IF IT IS NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED, AS DAMP AND OTHER CORROSIVE FORCES PENETRATE ITS STRUCTURE, THUS LIFE WILL BE REDUCED,+ MR BARNES SAID.

THE MOMENT WHEN A BUILDING ACTUALLY BECAME UNSAFE COULD NOT BE EASILY DETECTED, BUT IT SURELY ARRIVED AND FROM THEN ON IT WAS MERELY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE STRUCTURE WOULD REACH A POINT OF NO RETURN.

+THIS MATTER GAINS IN URGENCY DAY BY DAY AND SOMEHOW THE PRESENT SITUATION HAS TO BE REVERSED,+ MR BARNES SAID.

+OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE LOOKED TO MEASURES TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE THE ANSWER, AND AT LEAST IN RESPECT OF NEWER BUILDINGS OR ESTATES STILL MANAGED BY THE DEVELOPERS THERE ARE SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT.

+BUT IF PROPER MAINTENANCE IS THE CRITERION BY WHICH WE SHOULD JUDGE RESULTS THERE IS LITTLE SIGN OF ANY REAL HEADWAY BEING MADE IN THE OLDER AREAS OF THE TOWN, AND I SEE NO REAL ALTERNATIVE TO COMPELLING MAINTENANCE BY LAW AS SOON AS WE CAN DEVISE SUITABLE MEANS TO DO SO.+

MR BARNES SAID THE CITA BEGAN ITS LIFE AS A STATUTORY BODY IN SEPTEMBER, 1975, AND ITS MAIN TASKS WERE TO OPERATE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES WITH THE PROVISION OF RELEVANT TRAINING COURSES, TO ASSIST IN THE PLACEMENT OF TRAINED PERSONNEL AND TO ADMINISTER A TRAINING LEVY IMPOSED ON THE INDUSTRY.

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+BY ANY STANDARDS THE CITA HAS BEEN AN ENORMOUS SUCCESS,+ HE SAID.

MR BARNES CONGRATULATED THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY +ON THE ENORMOUS SUCCESS+ OF THE CITA SCHOOLS.

+I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A MASSIVE AND FLOURISHING INDUSTRY HERE AND THAT THE FUTURE OF THE CITA AND THOSE WHO TRAIN IN ITS SCHOOLS IS VERY WELL ASSURED,+ HE SAID.

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FEEES FOR ENTRY TO UK REVISED  
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THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FEES FOR ENTRY TO THE UNITED KINGDOM ARE TO BE RAISED WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE NEW FEES ARE:

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| * ORDINARY VISA-ENTRY CERTIFICATE FOR VISIT, TRANSIT, EDUCATION AND RETURNING RESIDENT                                 | 20 POUNDS STERLING |
| * DOUBLE-MULTIPLE VISA-ENTRY CERTIFICATE FOR VISIT, TRANSIT, EDUCATION, AU PAIR, WORKING HOLIDAY OR RETURNING RESIDENT | 40 POUNDS STERLING |
| * VISA-ENTRY CERTIFICATE FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES SUCH AS SETTLEMENT   | 50 POUNDS STERLING |
| * CERTIFICATE OF ENTITLEMENT OR CONFIRMATION OF RIGHT OF ABODE   | 50 POUNDS STERLING |
| * HANDLING CHARGES FOR REFERRING A VISA APPLICATION TO A DEPENDENT TERRITORY   | 5 POUNDS STERLING  |
| * HANDLING CHARGES FOR VISA APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES                                  | 10 POUNDS STERLING |

THE FEES WILL BE COLLECTED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS.

+THE NEW FEES ARE UNIFORMLY IMPOSED WORLD-WIDE AND ARE NECESSARY TO KEEP UP WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES WHICH HAVE GROWN CONSIDERABLY SINCE THE HOME SECRETARY ANNOUNCED VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIA, PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH AND GHANA,+ AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO MAKE ENQUIRIES MAY TELEPHONE 3-7333111.

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SOUTHERN +MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME+ STRENGTHENED  
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL FOLLOW +MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME+ CASES MORE CLOSELY FROM NOW ON TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE ADEQUATELY DEALT WITH.

AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MEMBERS AGREED THAT THEY SHOULD BE MORE CLOSELY INVOLVED IN HANDLING THESE CASES IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE IMPACT OF THE COMPLAINTS AND TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR PROGRESS.

AFTER ATTENDING +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SESSIONS, MEMBERS ON THE ROSTER WILL PERSONALLY REFER CASES TO RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THEY WILL ALSO BECOME INVOLVED IN SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE DEPARTMENTS AND WILL FOLLOW THE CASES UNTIL SATISFIED THAT THE BEST RESULTS HAD BEEN OBTAINED. A REPLY WILL THEN BE SENT TO THE CLIENT.

THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN WILL SCRUTINISE ALL CASES HANDLED BEFORE GIVING APPROVAL TO CLOSE THEM.

THIS NEW PROCEDURE WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ON A TRIAL BASIS FOR SIX MONTHS TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE TO SOUTHERN RESIDENTS, A SPOKESMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID.

HE SAID A REVIEW OF THE SCHEME FROM OCTOBER 1, 1985 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1986 SHOWED THAT 67 CASES HAD BEEN HANDLED. MOST CASES CONCERNED HOUSING MATTERS.

AT PRESENT, +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SESSIONS ARE HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S MAIN OFFICE IN ABERDEEN CENTRE ON TUESDAYS FROM 3 PM TO 5 PM AND ON FRIDAYS FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM. ONE SESSION EACH IS HELD AT THE WAH FU AND THE STANLEY SUB-OFFICES ON TUESDAYS FROM 8 PM TO 9 PM.

RESIDENTS CAN EITHER CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON 5-524429 OR AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE THREE OFFICES FOR APPOINTMENTS. BOOKINGS SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST ONE DAY BEFORE THE APPOINTMENT.

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COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER NEW TOWN LAYOUT PLAN  
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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE LAYOUT PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MAJOR SECTION OF THE FANLING SOUTH NEW TOWN EXTENSION.

THE PLAN, TO BE PRESENTED BY SENIOR TOWN PLANNER OF NEW TERRITORY NORTH-EAST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR MICHAEL CHAO, WILL COVER DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE WAH MING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND A SITE FOR PRIVATE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO HEAR VIEWS ON THE REPORT OF THE DOMESTIC RENT POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 9.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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1986 BANKING MANPOWER SURVEY TO BEGIN  
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THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL START A SURVEY TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO COLLECT UPDATED INFORMATION ON MANPOWER AND TRAINING NEEDS OF BANKING STAFF.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES WERE SENT TO ALL 151 LICENSED BANKS AND 38 LICENSED DTC'S AND 261 REGISTERED DTC'S TWO WEEKS AGO.

OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THESE COMPANIES TO COLLECT THE QUESTIONNAIRES, AND ASSIST IN COMPLETING THEM IF NECESSARY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE USED TO FORMULATE TRAINING POLICIES TO ENSURE BANKING STAFF HAVE THE NECESSARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR CAREERS DEVELOPMENT.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD ONLY BE PUBLISHED IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES.

THE SURVEY WILL BE COMPLETED ON NOVEMBER 27.

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VARIETY SHOW TO OPEN SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL  
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THE SECOND SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL OPEN WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT AN URBAN COUNCIL SOCCER PITCH IN WONG CHUK HANG AT 7 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 22).

THE THREE-HOUR SHOW WILL INCLUDE A LASER BEAM DISPLAY ACCOMPANIED BY POPULAR MUSIC AND PERFORMANCES BY SINGERS PATRICIA CHAN, MAK KIT-MAN, SANDY LAM AND ALBERT AU.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

AS A PRELUDE TO THE SHOW, DECORATED VANS WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREAS EARLIER IN THE DAY TO DISTRIBUTE PROGRAMME LEAFLETS.

THE VANS WILL ASSEMBLE AT THE VENUE IN THE EVENING, AND AREA COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES WILL PUT TOGETHER A SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD LOGO DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY TO SYMBOLISE THE UNITY OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

A TRADITIONAL ARCH WILL BE ERECTED AT THE ENTRANCE TO ENHANCE THE FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE.

FREE TICKETS FOR THE SHOW ARE OBTAINABLE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES IN ABERDEEN CENTRE, STANLEY AND WAH FU, AND AT THE AP LEI CHAU ESTATE COMMUNITY HALL.

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RARE ANIMALS FLOWN TO PEKING  
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THIRTEEN RARE ANIMALS PROTECTED UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE WHICH ENFORCES THE SPIRIT OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES), FLEW OUT OF HONG KONG TODAY (MONDAY) FOR CHINA.

THE ANIMALS INCLUDE FIVE RHESUS MONKEYS, A CRAB-EATING MONKEY, A SERPENT EAGLE AND SIX PYTHONs, ONE OF WHICH MEASURING 2.7 METRES, WAS CAPTURED IN TIN FU TSAI, NEW TERRITORIES, IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

THEY WILL BE TAKEN TO BREEDING COLONIES IN THE PEKING ENDANGERED ANIMALS BREEDING CENTRE.

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HONG KONG AND CHINA ARE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CITES UNDER WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ENDANGERED WILD BIRDS, ANIMALS AND PLANTS.

THESE ANIMALS CAME INTO POSSESSION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

THIS IS THE SEVENTH CONSIGNMENT OF LIVING ENDANGERED ANIMALS FOR CHINA SINCE 1984. THE PREVIOUS SIX INVOLVED 87 RARE ANIMALS INCLUDING AN ASIATIC BROWN BEAR, AN ASIATIC BLACK BEAR, A PYTHON, TWO CROCODILES, 47 MONKEYS AND 29 GIANT SALAMANDERS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WAS ILLEGAL TO IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESS ENDANGERED ANIMALS WITHOUT LICENCES ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 FOR A FIRST OFFENCE, AND \$10 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE.

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#### ELDERLY TO SHOW OFF DANCING SKILLS

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MORE THAN 300 ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR DANCING SKILL AT THE SIXTH HONG KONG DANCE COMPETITION AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE ON NOVEMBER 30.

PARTICIPANTS, ALL AGED OVER 60, COME FROM SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, HOMES FOR THE AGED, KAI FONG ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. THEY HAVE FORMED 35 TEAMS AND WILL PERFORM TRADITIONAL CHINESE, WESTERN AND AEROBIC DANCES.

THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND THE LOK SIN TONG AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY, THE HOLY CARPENTER CHURCH MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE, URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

TICKETS ARE OBTAINABLE FREE FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE AT BULKERLEY STREET AND HO MAN TIN SUB-OFFICE AT HO MAN TIN ESTATE ON FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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TRAFFIC AT AIRPORT RE-ALIGNED FROM TOMORROW  
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TRAFFIC RE-ALIGNMENT WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE SECTION OF CONCORDE ROAD NORTH OF THE AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL STAFF CANTEEN FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE ROUNDABOUT ADJACENT TO THE SECTION OF CONCORDE ROAD NEAR THE STAFF CANTEEN (ALSO KNOWN AS CONCORDE RESTAURANT) WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM.

THE RE-ALIGNMENT IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE PODIUM TO JOIN THE DEPARTURE LEVEL OF THE STAGE V DEVELOPMENT OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

WHEN COMPLETED IN MID-1988, IT WILL INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF PASSENGER THROUGHPUT FROM 12 MILLION TO 18 MILLION A YEAR.

ACCESS TO THE ARRIVAL FORECOURT FROM THIS ROAD WILL BE ROUTED VIA A NEW VEHICULAR PASSAGEWAY BENEATH THE EAST END OF THE AIRPORT CAR PARK PODIUM.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS, ROAD MARKINGS AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS WILL BE INSTALLED AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS TO DIRECT MOTORISTS.

IN ADDITION, A COVERED WALKWAY WILL BE PROVIDED BETWEEN THE WORK SITE AND THE STAFF CANTEEN FOR PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS TO AND FROM THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING AND THE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AREA.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT FORMS PART OF RELOCATION OF ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO ENHANCE A SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW WHILE WORK IS IN PROGRESS.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 64.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 376.505 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 434.328 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 74.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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KOWLOON CITY WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 20) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY NGA TSIN LONG ROAD, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, KAI TAK ROAD AND CARPENTER ROAD, INCLUDING NAM KOK ROAD, LUNG KONG ROAD, SOUTH WALL ROAD AND TAK KU LING ROAD.

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