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54 NOMINATIONS FOR MC ELECTIONS

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FIFTY-FOUR CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 9 -- 31 IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CONSTITUENCIES AND 23 IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSTITUENCIES.

THESE INCLUDE THREE CANDIDATES WHO SUBMITTED THEIR NAMES TODAY (TUESDAY) -- THE LAST DAY OF THE NOMINATION PERIOD.

SEVEN OUT OF THE TOTAL OF 27 CONSTITUENCIES BECAME UNCONTESTED -- FOUR IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THREE IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES ARE:-

UC CONSTITUENCY -----	CANDIDATE -----
CENTRAL AND WESTERN	CHOW WAI-KEUNG
SOUTHERN	CHAN YUEK-SUT, JOSEPH
KOWLOON CITY EAST	PAO PING-WING
KWUN TONG WEST	ELSIE TU
RC CONSTITUENCY -----	CANDIDATE -----
ISLANDS	KWONG PING-YAU
SAI KUNG	WONG SHUI-SANG
KWAI CHUNG EAST	CHOW YICK-HAY

FOLLOWING ARE THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE THREE CANDIDATES WHOSE NOMINATION FORMS WERE RECEIVED TODAY:

URBAN COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA -----	NAME -----	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION -----	CONTACT TEL NO. -----
SHAM SHUI PO EAST	TSE LING SUK-YIN	F	49	TUTOR	3-7794184

/REGIONAL COUNCIL .....

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REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	CONTACT TEL NO.
TAI PO	CHENG CHUN-PING	M	41	COMPANY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	0-6565599
SHA TIN EAST	LOCK, CLAUDIUS TONY SOLEMON	M	35	MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT	3-839888 CALL 1329 0-6921261

OF THE 54 CANDIDATES, 19 ARE SERVING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCILS SEEKING RE-ELECTIONS, SIX HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE IN THE 1986 ELECTIONS AND 29 ARE NEW ENTRANTS.

FORTY-SIX OF THE CANDIDATES ARE MEN AND EIGHT ARE WOMEN, AS COMPARED TO 72 MEN AND SEVEN WOMEN CANDIDATES IN THE 1986 ELECTIONS.

FOLLOWING ARE ANALYSES OF THE CANDIDATES' PROFESSION AND STATUS:

PROFESSION	URBAN COUNCIL	REGIONAL COUNCIL	TOTAL
ADMINISTRATOR/EXECUTIVE	3	3	6
CLERGYMAN	-	1	1
COMMERCIAL	4	8	12
DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS	-	2	2
LABOUR	4	-	4
PROFESSIONAL	5	3	8
RESEARCH STUDENT	1	1	2
TEACHING	7	1	8
SELF-EMPLOYED	2	-	2
SOCIAL SERVICE	4	4	8
UNEMPLOYED	1	-	1
	31	23	54
MEMBERSHIP STATUS	URBAN COUNCIL	REGIONAL COUNCIL	TOTAL
SERVING COUNCILLOR SEEKING RE-ELECTION	12*	7+	19

/SERVING DB MEMBER .....

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SERVING DB MEMBER SEEKING ELECTION IN MC	15	11	26
NONE	4	5	9
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	31	23	54

\* INCLUDING ONE ALSO SERVING AS LEGCO MEMBER (ELECTED) AND FIVE SERVING AS DB MEMBERS (ELECTED)

+ INCLUDING THREE ALSO SERVING AS DB MEMBER (ELECTED) AND ONE SERVING AS DB MEMBER (APPOINTED)

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FULL LIST OF NOMINATIONS IS REPEATED BELOW FOR YOUR REFERENCE:

URBAN COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NO. OF NOMINATIONS	NAMES OF CANDIDATES
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CENTRAL AND WESTERN	1	CHOW WAI-KEUNG
WAN CHAI	2	WONG HON-CHING HILTON CHEONG-LEEN
NORTH POINT	2	MAN SAI-CHEONG WONG TAK-LUN
SHAU KEI WAN	3	CHIU KIN-MAN BERNACCHI, BROOK ANTONY WONG CHING
SOUTHERN	1	CHAN YUEK-SUT, JOSEPH
KOWLOON CITY EAST	1	PAO PING-WING
KOWLOON CITY WEST	2	CHAN CHI-KWAN, PETER CHIANG SAI-CHEONG
KWUN TONG EAST	2	LAM CHAK-PIU WONG PING-KUEN
KWUN TONG WEST	1	ELSIE TU
MONG KOK	2	WONG YUEN-WEI CHAN KWOK-MING
SHAM SHUI PO EAST	3	LI YAU-WAI, BOTON FUNG KIN-KEE, FREDERICK TSE LING SUK-YIN

/SHAM SHUI .....

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SHAM SHUI PO WEST	2	MA LEE-WO WONG PING-HON
WONG TAI SIN SOUTH	3	FOK PUI-YEE MOK YING-FAN YEUNG CHIU-MING
WONG TAI SIN NORTH	3	NG NGOK-SHING KAN CHI-HO YEUNG LAI-YIN, CECILIA
YAU TSIM	3	WOO YAN-YUE WONG KWOK-TUNG AHUJA, GOPALDAS HOLARAM

REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NO. OF NOMINATIONS	NAMES OF CANDIDATES
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ISLANDS	1	KWONG PING-YAU
NORTH	2	CHEUNG HON-CHUNG CHEUNG KAN-KWAI
SAI KUNG	1	WONG SHUI-SANG
SHA TIN EAST	3	KAN CHUNG-NIN, TONY SUM YIU-CHO, STANLEY LOCK, CLAUDIUS TONY SOLEMON
SHA TIN WEST	2	LAU KONG-WAH FUNG CHI-WOOD
TAI PO	2	LAI KAM-CHEUNG, MICHAEL CHENG CHUN-PING
TSUEN WAN	2	CHAN WAI-YIP, ALBERT YEUNG FUK-KWONG
TUEN MUN EAST	2	POON CHIN-HUNG, ALMON CHEUNG YUET-LAN
TUEN MUN WEST	2	NG MING-YUM WONG KIN-HONG
YUEN LONG	3	CHUNG KWAI-PING NGAN KAM-CHUEN CHENG MUI-TIN
KWAI CHUNG EAST	1	CHOW YICK-HAY
KWAI CHUNG WEST AND TSING YI	2	WONG MAN-TAI, JAMES CHAN KA-MUN, CARMEN

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SHA TIN BECOMING MAJOR COMMERCIAL, CULTURAL CENTRE

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SHA TIN IS FAST DEVELOPING INTO A MAJOR CENTRE OF COMMERCIAL, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNICATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES EAST REGION, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SWITCHING ON OF LUNAR NEW YEAR LIGHTING IN THE CENTRAL PARK, SHA TIN, MR LIAO SAID THE COMPLETION OF A NUMBER OF MAJOR PROJECTS LAST YEAR BORE OUT THIS VIEW.

"THE FACTS ARE : SAI SHA ROAD LINKING SHA TIN WITH SAI KUNG HAS BEEN COMPLETED; THAT'S CAIRN TUNNEL PROJECT HAS STARTED; CENTRAL PARK OPENED; MA ON SHAN DEVELOPMENT TAKING SHAPE AND VARIOUS LARGE-SCALE PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND HOTELS COMING ON STREAM," HE SAID.

MR LIAO NOTED THAT SHA TIN WAS BUILT AS A BALANCED TOWNSHIP WITH ALL MODERN BASIC AMENITIES INCLUDING GOOD COMMUNICATION NETWORKS AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL, MEDICAL, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY BUILDING FACILITIES.

"THE FAST DEVELOPMENT, BASED ON COMPREHENSIVE AND CAREFUL TOWN PLANNING, MEANS THAT THE DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE WILL EXPAND IN LINE WITH ITS POPULATION, WHICH IS NOW 480,000 WITH PLANS TO DEVELOP UP TO 750,000 IN THE MID-1990'S," HE ADDED.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE CO-OPERATED WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN PROMOTING VARIOUS COMMUNITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING AND TO DEVELOP SHA TIN INTO A HEALTHY AND ACTIVE NEW TOWN.

"I BELIEVE THIS SENSE OF COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE DRIVING FORCE OF THE DISTRICT."

A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THIS YEAR'S LUNAR NEW YEAR LIGHTS IN SHA TIN IS A 10-METRE HIGH BY 2.5-METRE DIAMETER WOODEN VASE WITH ELABORATE LIGHTING DECORATIONS IN THE FORM OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE PAINTING ON A HILL-TOP IN CENTRAL PARK.

THE INNOVATIVE DESIGN WILL ENABLE MOST SHA TIN RESIDENTS, NO MATTER WHETHER LIVING IN PRIVATE OR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, TO VIEW FESTIVE LIGHTING FROM THEIR HOMES.

A SPECTACULAR DECORATION, 100 METRES LONG AND SEVEN METRES HIGH AND SHOWING THE CHINESE CHARACTER MEANING "LUCK" AND COLOURFUL BUTTERFLIES, IS STAGED ON THE SAND MARTIN BRIDGE.

FLOATING ON THE SHING MUN RIVER NEAR THE SAND MARTIN BRIDGE IS A FIVE-METRE HIGH DECORATION ALSO SHOWING THE CHARACTER FOR "LUCK".

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OTHER FESTIVE LIGHTING DECORATIONS ARE PLACED ALONG THE TWO SIDES OF THE SHING MUN RIVER, AT CHE KUNG MIU ROAD, BANYAN BRIDGE AND LEK YUEN BRIDGE, AND IN CENTRAL PARK.

THE LIGHTS WILL BE SWITCHED ON DAILY BETWEEN 5.30 PM AND MIDNIGHT FROM TODAY TO FEBRUARY 12.

FROM LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVEN TO FEBRUARY 8, AND ON FEBRUARY 20, THEY WILL BE ON UNTIL 5 AM THE NEXT DAY.

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND ALLOCATION

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GRANTS TOTTALLING ABOUT \$10.5 MILLION FROM THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND HAVE BEEN MADE TO 53 HONG KONG CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS IN THIS YEAR'S ALLOCATION.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR ADOLF HSU, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE GOVERNOR ON ALLOCATIONS FROM THE FUND.

MR HSU SAID MAJOR GRANTS IN THIS YEAR'S ALLOCATION INCLUDED \$1,098,719 TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, \$916,720 TO THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, AND \$898,840 TO THE CARITAS, HONG KONG.

ONE OF THE LARGEST CHARITABLE TRUSTS IN HONG KONG, THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND WAS ESTABLISHED BY A BEQUEST OF \$500,000 BY THE LATE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG ON HIS DEATH IN 1956. IT IS ADMINISTERED BY THE HONGKONG BANK TRUSTEE LTD.

OF THE GRANT TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, \$1,078,419 WAS FOR KWONG WAH HOSPITAL TO PURCHASE FIVE BEDSIDE MONITORS AND AN ECHOCARDIOGRAPH, AND \$20,300 WAS FOR THE PAO SIU LOONG CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC FANS AND POWER SOCKETS.

THE GRANT TO THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL WAS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CHEMISTRY ANALYSER, AN ELECTRIC DIATHERMY MACHINE AND A MICROPROCESSOR VENTILATOR.

OF THE GRANT TO THE CARITAS, HONG KONG, \$878,940 WAS FOR THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE TO PURCHASE VARIOUS ITEMS OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, AND \$19,900 WAS TO BUY DOMESTIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE YING SHUI HOME FOR THE ELDERLY.

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AMONG OTHER MAJOR GRANTS, A SUM OF \$891,550 WAS ALLOCATED TO THE PO LEUNG KUK.

OF THIS, \$806,550 WAS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE YAU OI DAY NURSERY AND THE WEST WING BUILDING, AND \$85,000 WAS FOR THE FITTING OUT WORK AND PURCHASE OF FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AT CHEUNG FAT ESTATE.

A GRANT OF \$718,601 WAS MADE TO THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION, OF WHICH \$107,510 WAS FOR THE RUTTONJEE SANATORIUM TO PURCHASE A DEFIBRILLATOR, TWO LIFT HYGIENE CHAIRS, A SET OF RESUSIC ANNE AND TWO VOLUMETRIC INFUSION PUMPS.

THE REMAINING \$611,091 WAS FOR THE GRANTHAM HOSPITAL TO PURCHASE AN ELECTRICAL THREADMILL EXERCISER, A CARDIAC MONITOR, A VACUUM THERAPY UNIT AND A TEMPERATURE CONTROL AND MONITOR SYSTEM FOR OPEN HEART SURGERY.

THE POK OI HOSPITAL RECEIVED \$551,640 FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS ITEMS OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

A GRANT OF \$550,000 WAS MADE TO THE HONG KONG RED CROSS TO PROMOTE BLOOD DONOR RECRUITMENT AND TO BUY EQUIPMENT FOR ITS SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

THE ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL WAS GRANTED A SUM OF \$513,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN AUTOCLAVE AND A GAMMA COUNTER AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PORTABLE CARDIAC MONITOR.

THE HONG KONG BUDDHIST HOSPITAL RECEIVED \$500,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A WATER STORAGE HEATER AT THE BOILER ROOM AND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF KITCHEN FACILITIES.

OUR LADY OF MARYKNOLL HOSPITAL WAS ALSO GRANTED A SUM OF \$500,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A CHEMISTRY AUTOANALYSER.

A SUM OF \$473,220 WAS GRANTED TO THE SALVATION ARMY TO MEET THE EXPENSES OF RENOVATION WORKS FOR THE WAH FU NURSERY.

THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL RECEIVED \$464,848 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF 20 AIR CONDITIONERS AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS ITEMS OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

THE NAM LONG HOSPITAL WAS GRANTED \$431,650, OF WHICH \$198,000 WAS FOR THE REPAIR OF THE WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM, AND \$233,650 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BEDPAN WASHERS AND MATTRESSES.

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NEW YEAR LAI-SEE FOR THE NEEDY

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ABOUT 400 SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES LIVING ON HONG KONG ISLAND WHO ARE ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TODAY (TUESDAY) RECEIVED NEW YEAR LAI-SEE OF \$100 EACH FROM THE TANG SHIU KIN AND HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND.

A FURTHER 3,400 FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE THEIR RED PACKETS STARTING LATER TODAY.

THEY COMPRISE SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES WHO ARE ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND LIVE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY, ELDERLY PEOPLE IN SELECTED RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS AND ELDERLY PATIENTS IN THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

ABOUT \$450,000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED BY THE FUND'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR DISTRIBUTION PURPOSES.

ASSISTING MR HO TIM, A FOUNDER OF THE FUND, AT THE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY TODAY AT PO LEUNG KUK WERE LADY TANG SHIU-KIN; THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND TRUSTEE OF THE FUND, MRS ELIZABETH WONG; ADVISER OF THE FUND, MR CHARLES LUI; CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR PAUL YU; CHAIRMAN OF PO LEUNG KUK, MR CHAO KING-LIN; MISS HONG KONG, MISS MICHELE REIS; AND SINGER, MR ALAN TAM.

THE FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDES IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES IN COPING WITH HARDSHIP BROUGHT ON BY UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES.

GRANTS ARE PROVIDED TO MAINTAIN A CHILD THROUGH HIS EDUCATION, TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT OR TO MEET HIGH COSTS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OR OTHER NEEDS.

PAYMENTS ARE ALSO MADE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ARISING FROM PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS.

IN PARTICULAR, THE FUND HELPS VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS WITH URGENT NEEDS.

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND CAN BE MADE TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, PO LEUNG KUK OR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

SOCIAL WORKERS OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES MAY ALSO REFER HARDSHIP CASES TO THE SECRETARY OF THE FUND OR THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

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CCY PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS TO YOUTHS

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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH (CCY) TODAY (TUESDAY) PRESENTED SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS TO 18 YOUNG PEOPLE AND TWO YOUTH GROUPS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

THE 18 YOUTHS RECEIVED THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE 1988 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND THE TWO GROUPS WERE CHOSEN AS HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVES IN THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS SCHEME.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CCY, MRS ROSANNA TAM, AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR BOWEN LEUNG, PRESENTED THE AWARDS TO THE WINNERS AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

SPEAKING AT THE FUNCTION, MRS TAM ENCOURAGED YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR SPARE TIME TO SERVE THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE CCY.

IN ADDITION, SERVING THE COMMUNITY COULD ENRICH ONE'S LIFE AND BROADEN ONE'S PERSPECTIVE.

BY PARTICIPATING IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES, YOUNG PEOPLE COULD GET IN TOUCH WITH VARIOUS KINDS OF PEOPLE, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS THROUGH WHICH THEY COULD ATTAIN A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE AND DEVELOP THE COURAGE TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES, SHE ADDED.

AT THE CEREMONY, THE 18 YOUTHS WERE AWARDED THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICES DURING THE 1988 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND VOLUNTARY SERVICES THEY HAD RENDERED TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE WINNERS HAD BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND AN 18-DAY DIPLOMA COURSE ON BOARD THE OUTWARD BOUND SHIP "JI FUNG".

THEY WERE CHOSEN FROM 59 CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES.

SINCE 1977, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS OFFERED OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUTH LEADERS OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME EACH YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS WERE INCREASED FROM 10 LAST YEAR TO 18 THIS YEAR IN VIEW OF THE IMPRESSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE YOUTH LEADERS.

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AS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS SCHEME, TWO PROJECTS CARRIED OUT BY THE NGAI KWAN YOUTH GROUP OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE HONG KONG RED CROSS YOUTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S TEAM AT THE LOWER KWAI CHUNG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL WERE CHOSEN TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD.

THE TWO PROJECTS WERE "KNOW MORE, LEARN MORE AND ACQUIRE MORE" AND "ELDERLY HEALTH PROMOTION CAMPAIGN 88".

THE AWARD SCHEME WAS SET UP BY THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME TO COMMEMORATE THE 1985-86 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

IT WAS DESIGNED TO RECOGNISE AND REWARD THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY YOUTH TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SOCIETIES THROUGH COMMUNITY AND OTHER PROJECTS OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.,

IT WAS ALSO AIMED AT FOSTERING CO-OPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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#### MONETARY STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER PUBLISHED

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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS SHOWED NO GROWTH IN DECEMBER 1988 WHILE FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED SLIGHTLY COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH.

THE GROWTH RATES OF HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS SLOWED DOWN IN DECEMBER COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS INCREASED LESS RAPIDLY IN DECEMBER THAN IN NOVEMBER, MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SLOWDOWN IN THE GROWTH OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG AND THOSE FOR USE OFFSHORE.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE, ON THE OTHER HAND, ROSE MORE RAPIDLY IN DECEMBER THAN IN NOVEMBER.

TABLE 1 SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1988 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS, AND TABLE 2 PRESENTS FIGURES FROM THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR.

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## DEPOSITS

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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS REGISTERED ZERO GROWTH IN DECEMBER FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 4.5 PER CENT AND 4.4 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY.

OF THESE DEPOSITS, DEMAND DEPOSITS DECREASED BY 1.9 PER CENT; SAVINGS DEPOSITS ROSE SLIGHTLY BY 0.1 PER CENT WHILE TIME DEPOSITS RECORDED ZERO GROWTH. DURING 1988, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 12 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS GREW BY 0.5 PER CENT IN DECEMBER FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 1.8 PER CENT AND 5.7 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY.

OF THESE DEPOSITS, U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE BY 0.8 PER CENT WHILE NON-U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 0.1 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ROSE BY 26.6 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 7.2 PER CENT IN DECEMBER. AFTER AN INCREASE OF 3.5 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND A DECLINE OF 0.4 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 0.8 PER CENT IN DECEMBER AND BY 18.1 PER CENT DURING 1988.

ON THE OTHER HAND, FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, ADJUSTED TO EXCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS, FELL BY 0.1 PER CENT IN DECEMBER BUT INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

DEPOSITS OF ALL CURRENCIES WITH BANKS GREW BY 0.3 PER CENT IN DECEMBER WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 0.7 PER CENT. DURING 1988, THE FORMER ROSE BY 21.4 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER GREW BY 7.4 PER CENT.

## MONEY SUPPLY

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HK\$M1, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 GREW BY 0.7 PER CENT, 0.2 PER CENT AND 0.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN DECEMBER. THESE COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES OF 1.3 PER CENT, 4.5 PER CENT AND 4.1 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER.

DURING 1988 HK\$M1, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 GREW BY 7.4 PER CENT, 14.2 PER CENT AND 13.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF SWAP DEPOSITS, HK\$M2 GREW BY 0.9 PER CENT WHILE HK\$M3 ROSE BY 1.1 PER CENT IN DECEMBER.

/FOR 1988 .....

FOR 1988 AS A WHOLE, THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 20.1 PER CENT AND 18.9 PER CENT. THIS GROWTH RATE OF THE BROADEST DEFINITION OF HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY WAS BROADLY IN LINE WITH THE GROWTH IN NOMINAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

TOTAL M1, M2 AND M3 GREW BY 0.4 PER CENT, 0.5 PER CENT AND 0.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN DECEMBER. THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN NOVEMBER WERE 1.8 PER CENT, 4.9 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT.

DURING 1988, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 8.5 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 21.8 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 20.2 PER CENT.

#### LOANS AND ADVANCES

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TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW BY 1.2 PER CENT IN DECEMBER, COMPARED WITH INCREASES OF 3.1 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY.

OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS, THOSE DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 1.9 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES GREW BY 0.7 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG GREW BY 2.9 PER CENT IN DECEMBER, COMPARED WITH INCREASES OF 3.5 PER CENT AND 1.1 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 28.8 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW BY 2.3 PER CENT IN DECEMBER FOLLOWING A GROWTH RATE OF 3.3 PER CENT IN BOTH OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 29.4 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG INCREASED BY 1.6 PER CENT IN DECEMBER, AFTER INCREASES OF 2.8 PER CENT AND 3.3 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 22.1 PER CENT.

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

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IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988, LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ROSE BY 4.5 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 7.9 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 30.8 PER CENT.

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LOANS TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES INCREASED BY 15.8 PER CENT THIS QUARTER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 2.9 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 37.6 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCIAL CONCERNS (OTHER THAN BANKS AND DTC'S) ROSE BY 14.4 PER CENT THIS QUARTER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 11.9 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 54 PER CENT.

LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (OTHER THAN FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME) GREW BY 7.9 PER CENT THIS QUARTER, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 6.3 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW 33.6 PER CENT.

LOANS TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR INCREASED BY 31.7 PER CENT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, FOLLOWING A GROWTH OF 4.1 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER. A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THIS INCREASE IS DUE TO THE RECTIFICATION OF A CLASSIFICATION ERROR BY SOME AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS, SO THAT THE LOANS ARE NOW MORE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR INTENDED USAGE RATHER THAN THE BUSINESSES OF THE LOAN RECIPIENTS.

#### NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

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THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS AND LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 158 AND 35 RESPECTIVELY. THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY ONE TO 216.

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TABLE 1 : MONETARY STATISTICS - DECEMBER 1988

	Dec 1988	Earlier months (% change to December 1988)		
		Nov 1988	Sep 1988	Dec 1987
(HK\$mn)				
<b>Money Supply</b>				
M1 - HK\$	79,257	78,698 ( 0.7 %)	75,009 ( 5.7 %)	73,826 ( 7.4 %)
Foreign currency	9,577	9,742 ( -1.7 %)	9,409 ( 1.8 %)	8,076 ( 18.6 %)
Total	88,834	88,439 ( 0.4 %)	84,418 ( 5.2 %)	81,902 ( 8.5 %)
M2 - HK\$	355,065	354,334 ( 0.2 %)	324,671 ( 9.4 %)	310,910 ( 14.2 %)
Foreign currency	469,583	466,567 ( 0.6 %)	433,681 ( 8.3 %)	366,132 ( 28.3 %)
Total	824,648	820,900 ( 0.5 %)	758,352 ( 8.7 %)	677,042 ( 21.8 %)
M3 - HK\$	389,052	387,345 ( 0.4 %)	357,261 ( 8.9 %)	342,847 ( 13.5 %)
Foreign currency	504,291	501,688 ( 0.5 %)	465,925 ( 8.2 %)	400,506 ( 25.9 %)
Total	893,342	889,033 ( 0.5 %)	823,186 ( 8.5 %)	743,353 ( 20.2 %)
Notes and coins in circulation	34,087	32,298 ( 5.5 %)	31,549 ( 8.0 %)	28,766 ( 18.5 %)
of which held by public	29,877	28,363 ( 5.3 %)	27,563 ( 8.4 %)	24,764 ( 20.6 %)
<b>Total Deposits</b>				
Total Demand deposits	58,958	60,076 ( -1.9 %)	56,855 ( 3.7 %)	57,138 ( 3.2 %)
Total Savings deposits	175,529	174,278 ( 0.7 %)	162,590 ( 8.0 %)	181,109 ( -3.1 %)
Total Time deposits with banks	544,502	542,529 ( 0.4 %)	496,856 ( 9.6 %)	403,439 ( 35.0 %)
Total Time deposits with dtcs	66,531	66,044 ( 0.7 %)	62,781 ( 6.0 %)	61,924 ( 7.4 %)
HK\$ deposits	346,744	346,700 ( 0.0 %)	317,813 ( 9.1 %)	309,543 ( 12.0 %)
US\$ deposits	266,561	264,336 ( 0.8 %)	248,013 ( 7.5 %)	222,603 ( 19.7 %)
Other foreign currency deposits	232,216	231,889 ( 0.1 %)	213,256 ( 8.9 %)	171,464 ( 35.4 %)
All deposits	845,520	842,926 ( 0.3 %)	779,082 ( 8.5 %)	703,609 ( 20.2 %)
Foreign currency swap deposits	43,689	40,755 ( 7.2 %)	39,527 ( 10.5 %)	21,151 (106.6 %)
<b>Total Loans and advances</b>				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	57,022	55,436 ( 2.9 %)	53,010 ( 7.6 %)	44,255 ( 28.8 %)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	12,344	7,709 ( 60.1 %)	6,719 ( 83.7 %)	7,002 ( 76.3 %)
Other loans for use in H.K.	456,487	446,183 ( 2.3 %)	418,022 ( 9.2 %)	352,685 ( 29.4 %)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	381,524	375,550 ( 1.6 %)	353,784 ( 7.8 %)	312,530 ( 22.1 %)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	54,800	65,923 (-16.9 %)	64,430 (-14.9 %)	62,308 (-12.0 %)
Loans in HK\$	404,572	396,930 ( 1.9 %)	372,506 ( 8.6 %)	309,345 ( 30.8 %)
Loans in foreign currencies	557,606	553,871 ( 0.7 %)	523,460 ( 6.5 %)	469,436 ( 18.8 %)
Total loans and advances	962,177	950,801 ( 1.2 %)	895,966 ( 7.4 %)	778,781 ( 23.5 %)

TABLE 2 : QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR - DECEMBER 1988<sup>#</sup>

(HK\$mn)

	Dec 1988 -----	Earlier quarters (% change to December 1988)		
		Sep 1988 -----	Jun 1988 -----	Dec 1987 -----
Manufacturing	39,011	37,324 ( 4.5 %)	34,591 ( 12.8 %)	29,833 ( 30.8 %)
Transport and transport equipment :	23,380	23,140 ( 1.0 %)	22,472 ( 4.0 %)	19,598 ( 19.3 %)
Building, construction, property development and investment +	58,864	44,697 ( 31.7 %)	42,934 ( 37.1 %)	39,512 ( 49.0 %)
Wholesale and retail trade	59,744	51,579 ( 15.8 %)	50,125 ( 19.2 %)	43,404 ( 37.6 %)
Financial concerns *	53,040	46,370 ( 14.4 %)	41,436 ( 28.0 %)	34,445 ( 54.0 %)
Individuals:				
to purchase flats in the Home Ownership Scheme and Private Sector Participation Scheme	8,656	8,147 ( 6.2 %)	7,569 ( 14.4 %)	7,497 ( 15.5 %)
to purchase other residential property	77,359	71,710 ( 7.9 %)	67,461 ( 14.7 %)	57,915 ( 33.6 %)
other purposes	48,050	52,100 ( -7.8 %)	48,750 ( -1.4 %)	44,019 ( 9.2 %)
Others	88,383	82,955 ( 6.5 %)	81,556 ( 8.4 %)	76,464 ( 15.6 %)
Total	456,487	418,022 ( 9.2 %)	396,895 ( 15.0 %)	352,685 ( 29.4 %)

# Starting from December 1988, more detailed statistics on loans to the transport sector, to building, construction, property development and investment and to financial concerns are available. They will be published in the Monthly Digest of Statistics from the January 1989 issue onwards.

+ A considerable proportion of the increase during the fourth quarter of 1988 was due to the rectification of a classification error by some authorized institutions, so that the loans are now more properly classified according to their intended usage rather than the businesses of the loan recipients.

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

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VISIT TO SEE NT IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, TOGETHER WITH A GROUP OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, REGIONAL COUNCILLORS AND RURAL LEADERS WILL TOUR THE NORTH DISTRICT AND TAI PO ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 2) TO SEE THE CURRENT IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THERE.

THE PARTY COMPRISED MR LIAO; THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN; DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR HAIDER BARMA; REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT; NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR PANG HANG-YIN; AND TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG.

AFTER ATTENDING A BRIEFING AT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE OVERALL RURAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND PLANS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE GROUP WILL GO TO SHEK WU HUI TO SEE A \$20 MILLION FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME UNDER CONSTRUCTION THERE.

THEY WILL PROCEED TO TSUNG PAK LONG VILLAGE TO SEE A COMPLETED URBAN FRINGE IMPROVEMENT (UFI) VAN TRACK BEFORE GOING UP TO THE ROOFTOP OF A BUILDING AT TIN PING ESTATE TO GET A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE FANLING TOWN PARK.

AFTER A LUNCH BREAK AT TAI PO MARKET, THE PARTY WILL GO TO NAM WAH PO VILLAGE TO SEE A PLAYGROUND WHICH HAS BEEN UPGRADED UNDER A LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT AND THEN PROCEED TO BAILEY BRIDGE AT KAU LUNG HANG WHICH IS A COMPLETED UFI PROJECT.

THE TOUR WILL BE CONCLUDED WITH A VISIT TO A DISTRICT OPEN SPACE IN TAI PO WHICH WILL PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDING RIVER-SIDE WALK, JOGGING TRAIL, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND LANDSCAPED AND SITTING-OUT AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ONE-DAY TOUR BY THE GROUP OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND RURAL LEADERS TO NORTH DISTRICT AND TAI PO ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 2).

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 9 AM. THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY TO THE NEW TERRITORIES CAN JOIN THE GROUP AT 10 AM AT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE CARPARK, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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20,000 WORKERS QUALIFY THROUGH APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME

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HONG KONG HAS ACHIEVED A GREAT DEAL IN TECHNICAL MANPOWER TRAINING WITH OVER 20,000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVING SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING SINCE THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE CAME INTO FORCE IN 1976.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT, A TOTAL OF 21,500 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN AWARDED COMPLETION CERTIFICATES OF APPRENTICESHIP AND BECOME QUALIFIED TECHNICAL PERSONNEL.

IN ADDITION, SOME 4,930 NEW CONTRACTS OF APPRENTICESHIP, THE THIRD HIGHEST FIGURES RECORDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WERE REGISTERED LAST YEAR DESPITE THE FACT THAT HONG KONG WAS SUFFERING FROM AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF TECHNICAL WORKERS.

"THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED APPRENTICES UNDER THREE OR FOUR YEARS TRAINING IN LOCAL MAJOR INDUSTRIES TO ABOUT 10,100," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE, WHICH AIMS AT PROMOTING AND REGULATING THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OF APPRENTICES, IS ENFORCED BY THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 14 TO 18 WHO ARE EMPLOYED AS APPRENTICES IN ANY ONE OF THE 42 DESIGNATED TRADES MUST ENTER INTO AN APPRENTICESHIP CONTRACT WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS AND HAVE IT REGISTERED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

CONTRACTS OF APPRENTICES AGED 19 OR OVER OR EMPLOYED IN NON-DESIGNATED TRADES MAY ALSO BE REGISTERED ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, HE ADDED.

REGISTERED APPRENTICES WILL BE GRANTED PAID LEAVE AND TUITION FEES BY THEIR EMPLOYERS TO ATTEND RELEVANT PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSES AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR THE POLYTECHNICS.

INSPECTORS FROM THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION WILL PAY REGULAR VISITS TO EMPLOYERS AND APPRENTICES TO MONITOR THE TRAINING PROGRESS AND TO ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN SOLVING TRAINING PROBLEMS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPRENTICE TRAINING OR THE ORDINANCE CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-8932341, EXT. 352.

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NEW POST OFFICE FOR LOK WAH ESTATE

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A NEW POST OFFICE AT LOK WAH NORTH ESTATE WAS OPENED FOR BUSINESS TODAY (TUESDAY), BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN HONG KONG TO 107.

THE NEW POST OFFICE, LOCATED AT SHOP NO. 109 ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE ESTATE'S COMMERCIAL CENTRE, PROVIDES THE NORMAL RANGE OF COUNTER SERVICES.

THE BUSINESS HOURS ARE FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM AND 2.15 PM TO 5 PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAY.

OFFICIATING AT THE OFFICE'S OPENING CEREMONY THIS MORNING WERE THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR PAUL WONG; AND KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR C. C. WAN.

THE NEW POST OFFICE'S TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 3-7960961.

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JOINT ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION MOUNTED

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A TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION JOINTLY MOUNTED BY THE POLICE, AND THE LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS YESTERDAY (MONDAY) HAS RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF 50 PERSONS.

THE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

OF THE ARRESTED PERSONS, 6 WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT AT THE BORDER. THEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO SAN UK LING FOR REPATRIATION.

THE REMAINING 44 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

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"A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS," HE SAID.

DURING THE JOINT OPERATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 5 AM YESTERDAY AND ENDED THIS MORNING, THE POLICE HAD STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPICIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 29,331 PERSONS, 3,937 VEHICLES AND 1,082 VESSELS WERE STOPPED FOR IDENTIFICATION CHECKS.

TWENTY-ONE PERSONS WERE SUMMONED AND 15 PERSONS WARNED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY, AN OFFENCE WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1,000.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 3,145 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

NO ONE WAS FOUND WITHOUT PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY DURING THE VISITS THOUGH NINE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND TO BE POSSESSING NO RECORD OF EMPLOYEES AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50,000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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NEW NUMBER FOR EPD HOTLINE

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT'S TELEPHONE HOTLINE, WHICH RECEIVES COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLIC, NOW HAS A NEW NUMBER -- 5-8383111.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE HOTLINE WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE ROUND-THE-CLOCK IN PROVIDING SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

LAST YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT'S COMPLAINT SECTION RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 3,121 COMPLAINTS AND 6,354 ENQUIRIES, MOST OF WHICH CAME THROUGH THE HOTLINE.

OF THESE COMPLAINTS, 65 PER CENT RELATED TO AIR, AND 20 PER CENT TO NOISE. THE OTHERS CONCERNED WATER, AND LIQUID AND SOLID WASTES.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS HAS ALREADY MOVED FROM SHEUNG WAN TO SOUTHOEN CENTRE IN WAN CHAI.

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17TH AIDS CASE REPORTED

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THE NUMBER OF AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) CASES IN HONG KONG HAS RISEN TO 17, WITH THE LATEST VICTIM BEING CONFIRMED THIS MONTH.

THE 17TH PATIENT HAS DIED. HE WAS A MAN WHO HAD ACQUIRED THE DISEASE SEXUALLY.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) WHEN IT RELEASED THE DECEMBER STATISTICS ON THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME.

UP TO NOW, THE DEADLY DISEASE HAS CLAIMED 12 LIVES, INCLUDING ONE FEMALE. THE OTHER FIVE PATIENTS ARE UNDER TREATMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT TWO MORE PERSONS WERE FOUND POSITIVE IN TESTING FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CARRIERS TO 134.

THE 134 CARRIERS INVOLVED 53 HAEMOPHILIACS, 12 PERSONS WHO ATTENDED SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS, 38 PATIENTS FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, AND 31 PERSONS WHO WERE REFERRED FROM PRIVATE DOCTORS AND SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS.

UNDER THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME BEGAN BY THE DEPARTMENT IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 114,810 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS VIRUS.

MEANWHILE, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO DECEMBER, 501,936 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND SEVEN WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing

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Medical & Health Department

	<u>Virus Unit</u>		<u>Dec 88</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>April 85 - Nov 88</u>		<u>No. tested</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>	<u>No. tested</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>
經政府醫院及診所介紹 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics	6 942	No. 檢驗 +ve 次數	277	36	7 219	38
經私家醫生及補助醫院介紹 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	1 706	No. 陽性 +ve 次數	15	31	1 721	31
到社會衛生科求診人次 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	99 177		2 505	12	101 682	12
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	349		8	53	357*	53
濫用注射藥物者 IV drug abusers	3 065		74	0	3 139	0
經家庭計劃指導會介紹 Referrals from Family Planning Association	149		3	0	152	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	528		12	0	540	0
<b>Total 總數</b>	<b>111 916</b>		<b>2 894</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>114 810</b>	<b>134</b>

\* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.

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	<u>Aug 85 - Nov 88</u>		<u>Dec 88</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>No. tested</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>	<u>No. tested</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>	<u>No. tested</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service	489 124	7	12 812	0	501 936	7

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DB COMMITTEE TO PUBLICISE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT A KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY DRIVE IN THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO MAKE BOAT PEOPLE MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE WATERS CLEAN.

THE DRIVE WILL START WITH AN OFF-SHORE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE ALONG THE ABERDEEN WATERFRONT IN THE MORNING. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL JOIN FISHERMAN VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN CLEARING FLOATING GARBAGE IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL THEN TOUR THE TYPHOON SHELTER IN SAMPANS TO DISTRIBUTE PLASTIC BAGS TO FISHING VESSELS AND DWELLING BOATS AND ENCOURAGE BOAT PEOPLE TO DISPOSE OF THEIR GARBAGE PROPERLY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT 10.10 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE. INFORMATION OFFICER, MR ALEX LI, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS HILLSIDE ESCALATOR PROJECT

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THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HILLSIDE ESCALATOR LINKING CENTRAL AND THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 2).

CONSULTANTS WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF THE \$75-MILLION PROJECT.

MEANWHILE, SEVERAL MEMBERS WILL PRESENT A PROPOSAL CALLING FOR THE EARLY CONSTRUCTION OF THE ESCALATOR AND A POLICY REVIEW ON RE-DEVELOPMENT AT THE MID-LEVELS AND ITS REPERCUSSIONS ON THE TRAFFIC SITUATION.

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THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO STUDY A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE "UPGRADING AND DUALLING OF CONNAUGHT ROAD" PROJECT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 2) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 11TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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KWAI CHUNG LOT TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR LEASING A LOT IN KWAI CHUNG FOR A FEE PAYING PUBLIC CARPARK FOR THE PARKING OF CONTAINER TRACTORS AND TRAILERS.

THE LOT IS IN AREA 10G AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 22,770 SQUARE METRES.

THE LEASE, EXCEPT AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,050 SQUARE METRES WHICH WILL BE REPOSSESSED ON DEMAND UPON RECEIVING THREE CALENDAR MONTHS' NOTICE IN WRITING, IS FOR THREE YEARS AND RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 17.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- \* THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KWAI TSING, 11TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES;
- \* THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- \* THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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TRAM ONLY LANES; LONG VEHICLE BAN  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 3), THE TRAM TRACKS ON THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED TRAM ONLY LANES:

- \* CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO THE WESTERN CARGO HANDLING AREA;
- \* DES VOEUX ROAD WEST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HILL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES TO THE WEST; AND
- \* SHAU KEI WAN ROAD EASTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ALDRICH BAY ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES TO THE WEST.

AT THE SAME TIME, ALL VEHICLES OVER SEVEN METRES LONG WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER CHIU KWONG STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS BECAUSE OF TRAM TRACK CONNECTION WORKS.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAYS IN WESTERN  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 3), THREE SECTIONS OF EASTERN STREET IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR THREE WEEKS FOR TRAM TRACK CONNECTION WORKS.

THE FOLLOWING TWO SECTIONS WILL BE MADE 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS:

- \* THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF EASTERN STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES TO THE SOUTH; AND
- \* THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF EASTERN STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES TO THE NORTH.

IN ADDITION, THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF EASTERN STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL BECOME A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 3), SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS.

THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE MADE PEAK HOUR (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS:

- \* THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD BETWEEN SHEK KIP MEI STREET AND WONG CHUK STREET; AND
- \* THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TAI NAN WEST STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 38 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING TWO ROAD SECTIONS WILL BECOME 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS:

- \* THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD BETWEEN WONG CHUK STREET AND BOUNDARY STREET; AND
- \* THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD BETWEEN SHEK KIP MEI STREET AND POPLAR STREET.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

MEANWHILE, FROM 2 PM ON THE SAME DAY (FRIDAY), THE EXISTING 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY DESIGNATED ON SOUTHBOUND NAM CHEONG STREET BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND YU CHAU STREET WILL BE LIFTED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF APLIU STREET BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND SHEK KIP MEI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

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HUNG MUI KUK ROAD CLOSED TO TRAFFIC  
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TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, HUNG MUI KUK ROAD WESTBOUND NEAR CHUNG PAK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 3) TO FEBRUARY 14.

THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF THE SLOW LANE FROM A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CHUNG PAK ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE BUS STOP PROVIDED ON HUNG MUI KUK ROAD WEST OF CHUNG PAK ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED.

A TEMPORARY BUS STOP FOR KMB ROUTES NOS. 89B, 81M, 85, 86C, 87A AND 170 WILL BE PROVIDED ON HUNG MUI KUK ROAD AT A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES WEST OF CHUNG PAK ROAD.

AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED DURING THE LANE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO AVOID USING THIS SECTION OF HUNG MUI KUK ROAD. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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WEIGHT LIMIT LIFTED; ACCESS ROAD RE-OPENED  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 3), THE EXISTING BAN ON VEHICLES EXCEEDING 20 TONNES FROM BAILEY BRIDGE N167 ACROSS NG TUNG RIVER NEAR KWAN TEI IN FANLING WILL BE LIFTED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE ACCESS ROAD TO YUET LUN STREET LEADING FROM LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ROADWORKS.

MOTORISTS ON LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR YUET LUN STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA THIS ACCESS ROAD.

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