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SEPARATE TAXATION EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

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THE LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT SEPARATE TAXATION FOR MARRIED COUPLES WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON APRIL 1, THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, MR ANTHONY AU YEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, MR AU YEUNG SAID THE NEW SYSTEM WOULD APPLY TO ALL 1989-90 FINAL ASSESSMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT YEAR ASSESSMENTS ISSUED ON OR AFTER THAT DATE.

"THE MAIN DIFFERENCE IN THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, AS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS SYSTEM, IS THAT EACH MARRIED PERSON WILL BE INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF HIS OR HER OWN SALARIES TAX AFFAIRS INCLUDING LODGEMENT OF RETURNS, OBJECTING AGAINST ASSESSMENT, IF NECESSARY, AND PAYMENT OF TAX ASSESSED," HE SAID.

OUTLINING KEY FEATURES OF THE NEW SYSTEM, MR AU YEUNG SAID FOR MARRIED COUPLES WHO BOTH HAD EMPLOYMENT INCOME, THE HUSBAND AND WIFE HAD TO INDIVIDUALLY FILE THEIR OWN SALARIES TAX RETURNS.

WHILE THEY HAD TO NOMINATE WHICH OF THEM WOULD CLAIM THEIR TOTAL ENTITLEMENT TO CHILD ALLOWANCES IN A SINGLE SUM, THEY COULD CLAIM ALLOWANCES FOR THEIR DEPENDENT PARENTS AND PARENTS-IN-LAW ON AN INDIVIDUAL PARENT BASIS, HE SAID.

"HOWEVER, IN ANY YEAR ONLY ONE PERSON MAY CLAIM AN ALLOWANCE IN RESPECT OF ANY PARTICULAR PARENT," HE SAID.

IN THE CASE WHERE ONLY ONE SPOUSE HAD EMPLOYMENT INCOME, ONLY THE WORKING SPOUSE HAD TO FILE A SALARIES TAX RETURN, HE ADDED.

A LEAFLET, DESIGNED TO HELP TAXPAYERS UNDERSTAND THE SEPARATE TAXATION SYSTEM, WOULD ACCOMPANY EVERY SALARIES TAX RETURN TO BE ISSUED IN MAY.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW OPENED SOME 180,000 SALARIES TAX RECORDS FOR MARRIED WOMEN AND SALARIES TAX RETURNS WILL BE ISSUED TO THEM INDIVIDUALLY," HE SAID.

THIS YEAR, THE RETURNS WOULD GENERALLY BE POSTED TO THE LAST KNOWN EMPLOYMENT ADDRESS.

HE URGED EMPLOYERS TO LEND THEIR ASSISTANCE BY PASSING ON THE SALARIES TAX RETURNS TO THEIR FEMALE EMPLOYEES AND SUBMITTING DETAILS OF INCOME FOR ALL MARRIED EMPLOYEES.

MR AU YEUNG CAUTIONED THAT THERE WOULD BE CASES WHERE, UNDER SEPARATE TAXATION, THE OVERALL TAXATION LIABILITY OF SOME MARRIED COUPLES WOULD BE GREATER THAN IT WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN UNDER THE PREVIOUS AGGREGATION SYSTEM.

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THIS WOULD HAPPEN WHEN ONE SPOUSE WAS LIABLE TO SALARIES TAX AND THE OTHER HAD AN ENTITLEMENT TO ALLOWANCES EXCEEDING HIS OR HER INCOME.

ANOTHER SITUATION, HE SAID, WAS WHEN THE NET BENEFIT PROVIDED BY SEPARATE TAXATION WAS LESS THAN THE TAX BENEFIT DERIVED BY THE MARRIED COUPLE FROM BEING GRANTED MARRIED PERSON'S ALLOWANCE.

"WHEN EITHER OF THESE TWO SITUATIONS OCCUR, THE HUSBAND AND WIFE MAY ELECT TO RECEIVE AN AGGREGATED ASSESSMENT IN MUCH THE SAME WAY AS PREVIOUSLY," HE SAID.

BUT EVEN FOR SUCH CASES, MR AU YEUNG SAID, THE HUSBAND AND WIFE WOULD STILL BE REQUIRED TO INDIVIDUALLY FILE THEIR OWN SALARIES TAX RETURNS.

THESE RETURNS WOULD BE ASSESSED AND ONCE AN ENTITLEMENT TO ELECT JOINT ASSESSMENT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED, THE ASSESSOR WOULD ISSUE AN ADVICE STATING THE OVERALL TAX THAT THE COUPLE WOULD SAVE IF THEY MADE THE ELECTION, HE SAID.

"THE ADVICE WILL INCORPORATE AN ELECTION WHICH, IF JOINT ASSESSMENT IS ELECTED, MUST BE SIGNED BY BOTH THE HUSBAND AND THE WIFE AND RETURNED TO THE ASSESSOR," HE SAID.

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AMENDMENT RULES ON ADMISSION OF GOVT LAWYERS GAZETTED
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AMENDMENTS TO RULES GOVERNING PROCEDURES ON THE ADMISSION OF GOVERNMENT LAWYERS QUALIFIED IN SIX COMMONWEALTH JURISDICTIONS FOR PRACTICE AS SOLICITORS OR BARRISTERS IN HONG KONG WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) RULES 1990 ARE MADE UNDER THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE. AMENDMENTS TO THAT ORDINANCE PERMITTING COMMONWEALTH LAWYERS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE TO BE ADMITTED TO PRIVATE PRACTICE WERE PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN JULY LAST YEAR.

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FOLLOWING THE ENACTMENT OF THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, CERTAIN EXPERIENCED MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT LEGAL SERVICE HAVE BECOME ENTITLED TO SEEK ADMISSION AS BARRISTERS OR SOLICITORS IN HONG KONG.

THE SCHEME APPLIES TO LEGAL OFFICERS ADMITTED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PLACES: THE STATES AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA; THE TERRITORIES AND PROVINCES OF CANADA (EXCEPT QUEBEC); NEW ZEALAND; THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND; ZIMBABWE; AND SINGAPORE.

THE ASSISTANT SOLICITOR GENERAL, MR ANDREW BRUCE, EXPLAINED THAT THOSE WHO SEEK TO BE ADMITTED AS SOLICITORS UNDER THE SCHEME MUST HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS LAWYERS IN THE LEGAL, LEGAL AID OR REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENTS FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS.

OF THOSE SEVEN YEARS, THE THREE YEARS IMMEDIATELY OR RECENTLY BEFORE APPLYING FOR ADMISSION MUST HAVE BEEN SPENT DOING WORK SIMILAR TO THAT USUALLY UNDERTAKEN BY A SOLICITOR IN HONG KONG.

AN APPLICANT SHOULD ALSO PASS AN EXAMINATION IN SOLICITORS' ACCOUNTS UNLESS THE CHIEF JUSTICE IS SATISFIED THAT THE APPLICANT HAS PREVIOUSLY PASSED SUCH AN EXAMINATION.

THE APPLICANT SHOULD INTEND TO ENTER PRACTICE AS A SOLICITOR WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF BEING ADMITTED. THERE IS A QUOTA OF 10 ADMISSIONS A YEAR.

FOR ADMISSION AS BARRISTERS, MR BRUCE SAID AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A LEGAL OFFICER IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS.

OF THOSE SEVEN YEARS, THE THREE YEARS IMMEDIATELY OR RECENTLY BEFORE THE APPLICATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN SPENT DOING WORK SIMILAR TO THAT USUALLY UNDERTAKEN BY A BARRISTER IN HONG KONG OF 10 YEARS SENIORITY. HE MUST HAVE ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE.

THE APPLICANT MUST INTEND TO PRACTISE AS A BARRISTER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF ADMISSION. THERE IS A QUOTA OF FOUR A YEAR.

THE RULES ALSO SET OUT PROCEDURES FOR LAW LECTURERS TO SEEK ADMISSION AS SOLICITORS IN HONG KONG.

THE ENACTMENT OF THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE WAS BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE THEN UMELCO STANDING PANEL ON SECURITY IN 1988 FOLLOWING REPRESENTATION BY A GROUP OF GOVERNMENT LAWYERS WHO ASKED THAT EXPERIENCED LAWYERS IN GOVERNMENT LEGAL SERVICE WHO WERE QUALIFIED IN CERTAIN COMMONWEALTH JURISDICTION SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO JOIN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN HONG KONG.

SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) (AMENDMENT) BILL GAZETTED

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AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES IN RESPECT OF INTERESTS IN SHARES IN LISTED COMPANIES ARE PROPOSED IN THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) (AMENDMENT) BILL GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

EXPLAINING THE NEED FOR THE AMENDMENTS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXISTING NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES LAID DOWN IN THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) ORDINANCE ENACTED IN JULY 1988 WERE UNSATISFACTORY.

"THIS ORDINANCE IMPOSES CERTAIN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS IN RELATION TO THE INTERESTS IN SHARES OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS AND THE INTERESTS IN SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF DIRECTORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES.

"A PERSON WHO ACQUIRES OR CEASES TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE SHARE CAPITAL OF A LISTED COMPANY IS UNDER AN OBLIGATION TO REPORT THAT INFORMATION TO THE COMPANY.

"SUCH NOTIFICATION MUST BE MADE WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THE OBLIGATION ARISING. THE COMPANY IN TURN IS GIVEN UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE FOLLOWING DAY TO REPORT THE INFORMATION TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC).

"THE STOCK EXCHANGE IS THEN REQUIRED TO PUBLISH THE INFORMATION," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXISTING NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES DO NOT ENSURE THE PROMPT RELEASE OF PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC AND CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INSIDER DEALING BY THE OFFICERS OF THE LISTED COMPANY.

"THE LISTED COMPANY CAN POTENTIALLY BE IN POSSESSION OF PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION FOR UP TO TWO DAYS BEFORE IT IS PASSED ON TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE," HE SAID.

"TO RECTIFY THIS UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION, THE BILL PROPOSES THAT WHEREVER A DUTY OF DISCLOSURE ARISES, THE PERSON CONCERNED SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY BOTH THE LISTED COMPANY AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE WITHIN FIVE DAYS, WITH THE STOCK EXCHANGE RECEIVING THE INFORMATION AHEAD OF THE LISTED COMPANY.

"THE SFC WILL ARRANGE WITH THE STOCK EXCHANGE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION," HE SAID.

WHILE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS WILL BE AN OFFENCE, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT HOWEVER THAT TO AVOID POSSIBLE INJUSTICE, IT WILL BE A DEFENCE FOR A PERSON TO SHOW THAT HE HAD TAKEN ALL REASONABLY PRACTICABLE STEPS TO NOTIFY THE STOCK EXCHANGE BEFORE THE LISTED COMPANY.

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"UNDER THE NEW REPORTING SYSTEM, THE STOCK EXCHANGE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROCESS QUICKLY A LARGE VOLUME OF NOTIFICATIONS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

"TO PROTECT THE STOCK EXCHANGE FROM SUIT FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM BONA FIDE PUBLICATION OF INCORRECT INFORMATION (FOR EXAMPLE, EITHER FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION NOTIFIED TO THE EXCHANGE), A STATUTORY IMMUNITY IS GIVEN TO THE EXCHANGE AND ITS EMPLOYEES, IN THE PERFORMANCE, IN GOOD FAITH, OF ANY DUTY IMPOSED ON THE EXCHANGE UNDER THE ORDINANCE," HE SAID.

THE BILL IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 2 THIS YEAR. SUBJECT TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE BILL, IT IS THE INTENTION TO BRING THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE INTO OPERATION ON JULY 2 THIS YEAR.

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WELFARE PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT FROM APRIL

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL INCREASE SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE (SNA) -- BY 10 PER CENT STARTING FROM SUNDAY (APRIL 1).

THIS ADJUSTMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TOGETHER WITH THE EXTENSION OF THE HIGHER DISABILITY ALLOWANCE TO SEVERELY DISABLED PERSONS AGED BELOW 16 AND THE EXTENSION OF THE NORMAL OLD AGE ALLOWANCE TO ELDERLY WHO ARE 66.

A SWD SPOKESMAN SAID THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE PA AND SNA PAYMENTS IS IN LINE WITH THE INFLATION RATE SO AS TO MAINTAIN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE CASH PAYMENTS.

WITH EFFECT FROM NEXT MONTH, A SENIOR CITIZEN ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WILL RECEIVE AN AVERAGE OF \$1,500 PER MONTH.

"IN ADDITION TO THE BASIC RATE OF \$685, AN ELDERLY PA RECIPIENT IS ALSO ENTITLED TO A \$343 OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT OR OLD AGE ALLOWANCE.

"IN ADDITION, A MAXIMUM OF \$488 IN RENT ALLOWANCE WILL BE PAID TO ASSIST HIM TO RESOLVE HIS ACCOMMODATION PROBLEM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DETAILS OF THE NEW RATE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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| BASIC RATES: ----- | REVISED AMOUNT (PER MONTH) ----- |
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| FOR A SINGLE PERSON | \$685 |
| FOR A FAMILY: | |
| FIRST ELIGIBLE MEMBER | \$515 |
| SECOND ELIGIBLE MEMBER | \$515 |
| THIRD ELIGIBLE MEMBER | \$505 |
| FOURTH ELIGIBLE MEMBER | \$505 |
| FIFTH AND EACH ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE MEMBER | \$495 |
| SUPPLEMENTS: ----- | |
| LONG-TERM SUPPLEMENT | AMOUNT (PER YEAR) ----- |
| FOR A SINGLE PERSON | \$870 |
| FOR A FAMILY: | |
| TWO TO FOUR MEMBERS | \$1,740 |
| FIVE OR MORE MEMBERS | \$2,610 |
| OLD-AGE SUPPLEMENT | AMOUNT (PER MONTH) ----- |
| FOR PERSONS AGED 60-69 | \$343 |
| FOR PERSONS AGED 70 AND OVER | \$393 |
| DISABILITY SUPPLEMENT | AMOUNT (PER MONTH) ----- |
| EVERY ELIGIBLE MEMBER | \$343 |

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| SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES ----- | AMOUNT (PER MONTH) ----- |
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| HIGHER DISABILITY ALLOWANCE | \$1,370 |
| NORMAL DISABILITY ALLOWANCE | \$685 |
| HIGHER OLD AGE ALLOWANCE (FOR THOSE AGED 70 AND OVER) | \$393 |
| NORMAL OLD AGE ALLOWANCE (FOR THOSE AGED 66-69) | \$343 |

AS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE HIGHER DISABILITY ALLOWANCE TO THE LOWER AGE GROUP, THE SPOKESMAN SAID PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN SET OUT FOR CERTIFICATION OF EXISTING NORMAL DISABILITY ALLOWANCE RECIPIENTS FOR THE HDA.

"THOSE ELDERLY WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE NORMAL OLD AGE ALLOWANCE AS A RESULT OF THE EXTENSION TO THE 66 AGE GROUP COULD EITHER APPLY IN GROUPS THROUGH THEIR HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY OR SOCIAL CENTRES OR CALL AT, OR WRITE TO, THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES," HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE HDA AND THE NOAA CAN BE MADE TO ANY OF THE SWD'S 34 SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT OFFICES.

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EVERY EFFORT MADE TO RECRUIT CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS
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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) IS SHORT OF 1,600 UNIFORMED OFFICERS, AND EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO BOOST RECRUITMENT, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CLASPS TO COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY, MR CHAN SAID THE ACUTE STAFF SHORTAGE WAS DUE TO THE ADDITIONAL MANPOWER REQUIRED TO COPE WITH THE BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM AND STAFF WASTAGE.

"TO TACKLE THE RETENTION PROBLEM," MR CHAN SAID, "WE HAVE ALREADY MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

"WE HAVE ALSO SPARED NO EFFORT TO IMPROVE STAFF WELFARE AND WORKING CONDITIONS WHEREVER WE CAN, AND WITHIN OUR VERY LIMITED RESOURCES," MR CHAN ADDED.

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THE CSD IS NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CUSTODY AND CARE OF 11,500 OFFENDERS AND 34,000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND BOAT PEOPLE.

INHERENT IN THIS RESPONSIBILITY, MR CHAN SAID, THE DEPARTMENT HAD TO ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF THOSE UNDER ITS CUSTODY, WHICH INCLUDED LOOKING AFTER THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY AS WELL AS FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID: "WE HAVE ALWAYS COMMITTED OURSELVES TO THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF THOSE IN CUSTODY AND THIS SHALL CONTINUE TO BE OUR POLICY.

"WE ARE EQUALLY COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE AND ORDERLY ENVIRONMENT FOR THEM SO THAT THEY CAN LIVE WITHOUT FEAR OF THE PREDATORY AND VICIOUS AMONGST THEMSELVES.

"FOR TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS IN PARTICULAR, A DISCIPLINED AND ORDERLY ENVIRONMENT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT IN OUR PAST SUCCESSSES."

TURNING TO PROGRESS IN THE PROPER CORRECTIONAL FIELD, MR CHAN SAID SUCCESS RATES FOR ALL PROGRAMMES HAD IMPROVED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

THE SUCCESS RATES OF AFTERCARE CASES WHICH EXPIRED IN A THREE-YEAR PERIOD HAD GONE UP FROM 61.9 PER CENT TO 67.3 PER CENT FOR DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES, FROM 58.3 PER CENT TO 61.7 PER CENT FOR TRAINING CENTRES, FROM 80.7 PER CENT TO 84.1 PER CENT FOR YOUNG PRISONERS, FROM 92.1 PER CENT TO 93.3 PER CENT FOR THOSE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE, AND FROM 91.8 PER CENT TO 96 PER CENT FOR THOSE 21 TO 24 YEARS OF AGE IN THE SHA TSUI DETENTION CENTRE.

LOOKING AHEAD, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES URGED ALL STAFF TO RISE TO EVERY CHALLENGE TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY.

"THE TIME AHEAD WILL SEE MANY MORE CHALLENGES FOR US, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH ARE SPURIOUS, MALICIOUS AND OFTEN CALCULATED NON-SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AGAINST EITHER THE SERVICE OR MEMBERS OF THE STAFF ARISING FROM OUR PART IN CARING FOR THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE," HE SAID.

"THE EXCEPTIONAL AND OFTEN UNFORESEEN DEMANDS OF OUR JOB ARE WHAT WE ARE ENTRUSTED TO MEET," HE ADDED.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, THE COMMISSIONER PRESENTED CLASPS TO THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL TO 40 VETERAN STAFF WITH A TOTAL OF 1,120 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE.

THE PARADE ALSO MARKED THE PASSING-OUT OF 16 OFFICERS AND 67 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED SIX MONTHS' BASIC TRAINING AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE.

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WORKING TOGETHER TO STEM VIOLENT CRIMES

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THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY INDUSTRY MUST WORK TOGETHER IN STEMMING A DISTURBING UPSWING IN VIOLENT CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST CASH CARRYING SECURITY COMPANIES, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON GATHERING FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SECURITY ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MR LI SAID THE FORCE WAS WELL AWARE OF THEIR ANXIETIES OVER THE ATTACKS.

"EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO BRING THOSE RESPONSIBLE TO JUSTICE AND TO PREVENT SIMILAR CRIMES," HE ADDED. "YOUR INTEREST AND CONCERNS ARE MUTUALLY SHARED."

ANOTHER AREA ADDRESSED BY THE COMMISSIONER WAS THAT OF INTRUDER ALARMS, THE MANUFACTURE, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING OF WHICH, HE STRESSED, HAD LONG BEEN A PROBLEM.

"THE NEW POLICE POLICY OF PHASED RESPONSE TO ALARM CALLS IS ALREADY HAVING THE EFFECT OF IMPROVING SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY ALARM COMPANIES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"THE NUMBER OF PREMISES WHICH HAVE HAD TO BE PLACED ON THE LIST OF LOWER PRIORITY RESPONSE IS ALREADY BEGINNING TO DROP AS BOTH THE END-USERS AND ALARM INSTALLERS UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF MULTIPLE FALSE ALARM INCIDENTS."

MR LI EMPHASISED THAT THE POLICY WAS ALSO HAVING THE EFFECT OF REDUCING THE ENORMOUS WASTAGE OF MANPOWER EXPERIENCED BY THE FORCE IN ANSWERING FALSE CALLS WHICH WAS ALSO ONE OF THE ORIGINAL AIMS OF THE SCHEME.

COMPLIMENTING THE ASSOCIATION ON ITS GROWTH MR LI SAID THAT FROM THE OUTSET THE FORCE HAD CONSCIOUSLY SOUGHT TO FOSTER A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PROFESSIONAL SECURITY COMPANIES AND THE POLICE AS THEIR PATHS CROSSED ON MANY OCCASIONS.

"THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITIES OF YOUR PRODUCTS AND THE THOROUGH TRAINING OF YOUR EMPLOYEES IN ALL ASPECTS OF SECURITY WORK HAS BEEN UPPERMOST IN OUR MINDS," HE WENT ON.

IT IS THE HOPE OF THE POLICE FORCE THAT LEGISLATION, CURRENTLY BEING DRAFTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF YOUR ASSOCIATION, AND ESPECIALLY YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS THIS GOAL. THE NEW LAWS WILL BRING A DEGREE OF CONTROL OF THOSE COMPANIES WHO WISH TO SUPPLY SECURITY OFFICERS, BOTH STATIC AND MOBILE, AND THOSE COMPANIES WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF CASH AND OTHER HIGHLY VALUABLE ITEMS."

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MR LI POINTED OUT THAT WHEN A SECURITY COMPANY WAS ENGAGED TO GUARD PREMISES, TO TRANSPORT VALUABLES OR TO INSTAL ALARM SYSTEMS THERE WERE HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF THAT COMPANY'S PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT ITS EMPLOYERS WERE CAPABLE, HONEST AND RELIABLE.

"UNFORTUNATELY THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONS IN THE PAST WHERE THIS HAS NOT BEEN SO, AND EQUIPMENT AND HUMAN FAILURE HAVE BEEN DETRIMENTAL TO THE INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE.

"IT IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE TO APPORTION BLAME WHEN DEFICIENCIES HAVE ARISEN.

"HOWEVER THERE IS A BASIC RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POLICE FORCE, AND ESPECIALLY THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU, TO WARN THE PUBLIC AGAINST ILL-CONCEIVED APPROACHES TO SECURITY MATTERS, AND UNBIASLY RECOMMEND THAT SECURITY COMPANIES ARE EMPLOYED TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE."

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DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR EXEMPTIONS UNDER WPCO
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THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE IN THE JUNK BAY AND PORT SHELTER WATER CONTROL ZONES IS TOMORROW (SATURDAY), THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) REMINDED AFFECTED RESIDENTS TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EPD SAID OWNERS OR OCCUPIERS OF RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL PREMISES INCLUDING RESTAURANTS WITHIN THE JUNK BAY AND PORT SHELTER WATER CONTROL ZONES WITH EXISTING DISCHARGES BEFORE AUGUST 1 LAST YEAR MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN EXEMPTION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR EXEMPTIONS ALSO APPLIES TO INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DISCHARGES IN THE SOUTHERN WATER CONTROL ZONE, WHICH COVERS THE SOUTHERN PARTS OF HONG KONG AND LANTAU ISLANDS, AND THE OUTLYING ISLANDS INCLUDING CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU AND LAMMA.

THOSE WITH EXISTING INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DISCHARGES IN THE SOUTHERN WATER CONTROL ZONE BEFORE AUGUST 1 LAST YEAR MAY ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN EXEMPTION.

HOWEVER, ALL DISCHARGES WHICH BEGAN ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1 LAST YEAR ARE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED. EXISTING DISCHARGES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED TO THE EPD BY APRIL THIS YEAR WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE LICENSED.

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AFTER APRIL 1, ANY DISCHARGE OR DEPOSIT MADE WITHOUT AN EXEMPTION OR LICENCE WILL BE ILLEGAL AND THE DISCHARGERS ARE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

THIS APPLIES ALSO TO LICENSED DISCHARGES AND DEPOSITS MADE IN BREACH OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN THE LICENCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SO FAR, IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE, A TOTAL OF 15 CASES HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED IN THE TOLO WATER CONTROL ZONE.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR EXEMPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE EPD OFFICES AND THE DISTRICT OFFICES IN SAI KUNG, ABERDEEN, STANLEY, MUI WO AND CHEUNG CHAU.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE EPD ON TEL. 835 1183.

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PROVISIONAL LAND SALES PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED

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A TOTAL OF 34 SITES AMOUNTING TO 77 HECTARES IN THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION AND TENDER IN THE 1990-91 FINANCIAL YEAR, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

OUTLINING THE PROVISIONAL LAND SALES PROGRAMME, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR BOB POPE, POINTED OUT THAT OUT OF THE 77 HECTARES, 50 HECTARES WOULD BE FOR THE CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 8 SITE.

THE REMAINING 27 HECTARES, WHICH IS SLIGHTLY MORE THAN THAT OF LAST YEAR (25.7 HECTARES), WOULD BE SOLD IN VARIOUS FORMS.

THE DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO INVITE TENDERS FOR THE NO. 8 TERMINAL SITE IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND TO AWARD THE TENDER IN MARCH 1991.

RELEASING DETAILS OF THE 1990-91 PROGRAMME, MR POPE SAID A TOTAL OF 18 SITES WOULD BE AUCTIONED, SEVEN SITES WOULD BE SOLD BY CASH TENDER AND THE REMAINING EIGHT SITES BY LETTER A/B TENDER.

THREE COMMERCIAL SITES TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION WOULD BE LOCATED AT SUNG ON STREET, THE JUNCTION OF LAM WAH STREET/WANG KWUN ROAD/LAM LOK STREET, AND YEN CHOW STREET.

THE FORMER TWO SITES WOULD REQUIRE THE PURCHASER TO INCLUDE A PUBLIC MULTI-STOREY CARPARK IN THE DEVELOPMENT, WHILE THE LATTER WOULD REQUIRE THE PROVISION OF A BUS TERMINUS.

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SALES OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS WOULD INCLUDE SEVEN SITES IN TUEN MUN, FANLING, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, TAI PO, CAUSEWAY BAY AND LOWER SHING MUN. THE LOWER SHING MUN SITE WOULD BE THE BIGGEST WITH AN AREA OF 1.6 HECTARES.

EIGHT LOTS WOULD BE SOLD BY AUCTION FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN USES, INCLUDING THREE IN AREA 11 OF SHA TIN.

TURNING TO THE CASH TENDER SALES, MR POPE SAID TWO SITES WOULD BE OFFERED UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME (PSPS) AT LOCATIONS IN SIU SAI WAN AND MA ON SHAN WHICH MEASURE 32,800 AND 43,000 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

THESE SITES WOULD BE DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE ABOUT 7,000 PSPS FLATS.

IN ORDER TO MEET THE ONGOING LETTER A/B COMMITMENT, A TOTAL OF EIGHT SITES WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 7.64 HECTARES WOULD BE TENDERED.

FOUR OF THEM WOULD BE IN SHA TIN, TWO IN FANLING, ONE IN TSUEN WAN AND ONE IN KAU WAH KENG.

"PURCHASERS OF THESE SITES WOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF SUBMITTING EITHER A 'VINTAGE' OR A 'MONETISED LETTER B' TENDER, WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO THE FORMER," MR POPE SAID.

THE SITES WOULD EQUATE TO A LETTER B REDEMPTION OF MORE THAN TWO MILLION SQUARE FEET AGAINST A CURRENT COMMITMENT OF ABOUT NINE MILLION SQUARE FEET.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT LETTER B COMMITMENT WOULD BE REDEEMED IN THE NEXT THREE TO FOUR YEARS.

MR POPE ANTICIPATED THAT THE LAND SALES WOULD GENERATE SOME \$5.8 BILLION.

"THIS IS LESS THAN WHAT WE GOT THIS YEAR," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THIS WAS DUE MAINLY TO THE ABSENCE OF HIGH VALUE SITES IN THE URBAN AREA.

MR POPE STRESSED THAT THE SALES PROGRAMME WAS ONLY PROVISIONAL AND COULD BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

FURTHER DETAILS AND DATES OF SALE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE AND MAJOR NEWSPAPERS.

COPIES OF THE TENTATIVE LAND SALES PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR FROM ANY DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES.

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RECLAMATION PLANNED IN FOUR AREAS

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WORK ON THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION WILL START IN JUNE THIS YEAR WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TYPHOON SHELTER AND RECLAMATION OF LAND OFF THE YAU MA TEI PUBLIC CARGO HANDLING AREA.

THE GOVERNOR HAS GIVEN AUTHORISATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 3,700 METRES OF VERTICAL SEAWALL AND BREAKWATER TO FORM A NEW TYPHOON SHELTER WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 70 HECTARES AT THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE EXISTING YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER.

ABOUT 22 HECTARES OF LAND WILL ALSO BE RECLAIMED AND THE EXISTING YAU MA TEI PUBLIC CARGO HANDLING AREA WILL BE REPROVISIONED WITHIN THE RECLAIMED AREA.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1993-94.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE MARCH 29 NEXT YEAR.

MEANWHILE, TO FACILITATE SEWERAGE PROJECTS AT SHEK O, REPULSE BAY AND DEEP WATER BAY, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM THREE AREAS OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

AT TAI TAU CHAU, TO THE EAST OF SHEK O, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT THREE 150 MILLIMETRE OUTFALL PIPES AND TEMPORARY STAGING WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 800 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

THIS IS FOR THE PROVISION OF AN ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE DISCHARGE POINT FOR PRELIMINARY TREATED SEWAGE EFFLUENT AND A TEMPORARY BARGE MOORING POINT DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT.

THE WORK WOULD COMMENCE IN JUNE THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

AT REPULSE BAY, AN AREA OF ABOUT 0.44 HECTARE OF FORESHORE AND SEABED IS TO BE RECLAIMED TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWAGE PUMPING STATION.

THE WORK WOULD START IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN APRIL 1992.

AS PART OF A PROPOSED SEWERAGE PROJECT, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT TEMPORARY STAGING WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 700 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT DEEP WATER BAY.

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THIS IS FOR A TEMPORARY BARGE MOORING POINT DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HEADING FROM THE BAY TO THE VERGE ADJACENT TO THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL. THE WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN JUNE THIS YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE THREE AREAS OF FORESHORE AND SEABED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE MAY 29.

DETAILS OF THE AREAS AFFECTED BY THE PROJECTS ARE DESCRIBED IN NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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DRAFT PLANS FOR PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) TWO LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LDC) SCHEME PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT SCHEMES IN CENTRAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PLANS IS TO INDICATE HOW THE CORPORATION INTENDS TO REDEVELOP THE TWO LDC SCHEME AREAS AT JUBILEE STREET/QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND WING LOK STREET/QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE AREAS COVERED BY THE TWO PLANS ARE CHARACTERISED BY NARROW LANES WHICH ARE INACCESSIBLE TO TRAFFIC AND PRE-WAR BUILDINGS WHICH LACK BASIC AMENITIES.

THE PLANS WOULD PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORKS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE TWO AREAS BY RESTRUCTURING THE EXISTING LAND USE PATTERNS AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS.

GUIDELINES ARE ATTACHED FOR OFFICE/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH INCORPORATE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE TWO AREAS.

ALSO, OPPORTUNITIES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ENHANCE THE OPEN SPACE PROVISIONS IN THE TWO SCHEME AREAS.

A PUBLIC OPEN SPACE OF NOT LESS THAN 1,500 SQUARE METRES IN AREA HAS BEEN RESERVED ON THE DRAFT LDC SCHEME PLAN FOR JUBILEE STREET/QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WHILE A PUBLIC OPEN SPACE OF NOT LESS THAN 800 SQUARE METRES IN AREA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED ON THE PLAN FOR WING LOK STREET/QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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IN ADDITION TO THE DESIGNATED PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, LANDSCAPING AREAS WOULD BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES. THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WOULD SUBMIT MASTER LAYOUT PLANS FOR THE TWO SCHEME AREAS TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION IN DUE COURSE.

THE DRAFT LDC SCHEME PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FOR TWO MONTHS AT:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET;
- * THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SECTION, PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; AND
- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL.

COPIES OF THE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, HONG KONG AND AT THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 405 NATHAN ROAD AT \$10 EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$60 EACH COLOURED COPY.

ANY OBJECTION TO THE TWO LDC SCHEME PLANS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING BY MAY 30.

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TOWN PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE NEW MEMBERSHIP OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS COMMENCING FROM APRIL 1, 1990.

THIS INCLUDE 18 UNOFFICIAL AND FIVE OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

OF THE 18 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, EIGHT ARE NEWLY APPOINTED. THEY ARE MR CHAN KA-KUI, QUANTITY SURVEYOR; MR DANIEL C.K. HEUNG, ARCHITECT, HEUNG YEE KUK MEMBER; MR HENRY Y.Y. TANG, INDUSTRIALIST; MR FUNG SHIU-WING, ADMINISTRATOR, MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; MR VICTOR H.W. SO, SURVEYOR, MEMBER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY; MISS ESTHER W.F. CHAN, ARCHITECT, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER; MR E.J. DAVISON, SOLICITOR; AND MR EDMUND K.S. YOUNG, INDUSTRIALIST.

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THE OTHER 10 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RE-APPOINTED ARE THE HON MRS NELLIE FONG WONG KUT-MAN, ACCOUNTANT, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR; MR CARLOS H.K. CHEUNG, ENGINEER, MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND HOUSING AUTHORITY; DR SAMUEL P.W. WONG, ENGINEER, URBAN COUNCILLOR; MR PAO PING-WING, SOCIAL WORKER, MEMBER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD; MR KEITH H.K. LAM, SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, INVESTMENT AND STOCK EXCHANGE PROFESSION; MR LARRY H.C. TAM, REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT; MR J.C. SHAW, TOWN PLANNER; MR WINSTON K.S. CHU, SOLICITOR; PROF LEUNG CHI-KEUNG, PROFESSOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; AND MR ANDREW K.F. LEE, ARCHITECT.

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ACTION ON UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO TAKE ACTION ON THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN THE SMOKE LOBBIES ADJACENT TO FLATS H AND I, 11TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN BUILDING, 257-273 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT.

IT IS INTENDED THAT A CLOSURE ORDER WILL BE SOUGHT FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON MAY 30 TO CLOSE FLATS H AND I, TOGETHER WITH THE SMOKE LOBBIES, SO THAT THE LATTER COULD BE REINSTATED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

NOTICES OF INTENTION WERE POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE FLATS TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CLOSURE FORMS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN SEPTEMBER 1988 REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF THE UNAUTHORISED WORKS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE REINSTATEMENT WORK WILL START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, WILL VISIT JAPAN FROM APRIL 16 TO 21 AS A GUEST OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

SIR DAVID WILL VISIT TOKYO AND OSAKA AND MEET A NUMBER OF SENIOR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS LEADERS.

WHILE IN OSAKA, HE WILL ALSO SEE THE KANSAI AIRPORT WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

SIR DAVID WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE JAPAN/HONG KONG SOCIETY AND THE JAPANESE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB WHILE IN TOKYO.

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ATTITUDES TOWARDS PRODUCT QUALITY CHANGING

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ATTITUDES TOWARDS PRODUCT QUALITY ARE CHANGING, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"IN THE PAST, ONLY SCANT ATTENTION WAS PAID TO THE QUALITY OF PRODUCTS, WITH MANUFACTURERS PROVIDING JUST THE MINIMUM TO SATISFY PURCHASERS' REQUIREMENTS," MR BARMA SAID.

"HAPPILY, THEIR ATTITUDES ARE NOW CHANGING AS THEY BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT CUSTOMERS ARE MORE DISCERNING AND OFTEN PREPARED TO PAY A LITTLE MORE FOR BETTER QUALITY GOODS," HE TOLD THE INAUGURATION DINNER OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT, TOO, WAS ENCOURAGING INDUSTRY TO IMPROVE ITS ATTITUDE. THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAD LAUNCHED THE LONG-TERM QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN EARLIER THIS MONTH, INITIALLY SPANNING A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD, WITH THE SPECIFIC AIM OF PERSUADING MANUFACTURERS TO INTRODUCE AND PRACTISE QUALITY ASSURANCE.

MR BARMA SAID THERE WAS QUITE A LOT HERE IN HONG KONG TO ASSIST MANUFACTURERS TO ACHIEVE HIGHER QUALITY LEVELS, EVEN BY THE STANDARDS OF THE MORE SOPHISTICATED INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES .

"OUR QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOW EQUAL IN CAPABILITY TO THAT OF COUNTRIES OF THE SIZE AND ECONOMIC STATURE OF DENMARK, AND CERTAINLY EQUAL TO THE BEST IN ASIA, OUTSIDE JAPAN," HE SAID.

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY HELD A WIDE RANGE OF PRIMARY PHYSICAL MEASUREMENT STANDARDS.

IN THE FIELD OF DOCUMENTED STANDARDS, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU PROVIDED AN INFORMATION SERVICE TO MANUFACTURERS ON OVERSEAS PRODUCT SAFETY, HEALTH AND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS, BESIDES DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON OVERSEAS PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS THROUGH THE ISSUE OF HEALTH AND SAFETY CIRCULARS.

MR BARMA SAID, COINCIDING WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN, A VOLUNTARY THIRD-PARTY CERTIFICATION AGENCY HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ENABLE FACTORY QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS TO BE ACCREDITED TO RECOGNISED INTERNATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS.

LEGISLATION WAS BEING ENACTED THROUGHOUT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COVERING PRODUCT LIABILITY, HE SAID.

A NUMBER OF SOVEREIGN STATES ALREADY HAD SUCH LAWS ON THEIR STATUTE BOOKS AND OTHERS WOULD FOLLOW.

MANUFACTURERS COULD OBTAIN INSURANCE TO COVER DAMAGES WHICH MAY ARISE AS A RESULT OF PRODUCT LIABILITY LAW SUITS.

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"HOWEVER, NO INSURANCE COMPANY WILL BE PREPARED TO OFFER COVERAGE UNLESS MANUFACTURERS CAN DEMONSTRATE A COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE QUALITY WHICH CAN BE OFFICIALLY VERIFIED BY A THIRD PARTY," MR BARMA SAID, ADDING THAT THE HONG KONG QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT VERIFICATION.

ON TESTING, HE SAID A SCHEME FOR ASSESSING AND ACCREDITING LABORATORIES TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS WAS LAUNCHED IN 1985 TO UPGRADE THE STANDARD OF TESTING AND MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL LABORATORIES, TO CONFER RECOGNITION ON THOSE FOUND TO BE COMPETENT AND TO PROMOTE ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR TEST CERTIFICATES BOTH LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS.

THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS) WAS NOW RECOGNISED AS AN ESTABLISHED AND MATURE SCHEME BY THE LABORATORY ACCREDITATION COMMUNITY WORLDWIDE.

"AS PURCHASERS, IT WOULD BE TO YOUR ADVANTAGE TO SEE HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS RESPOND TO THE NEW CHALLENGES CONFRONTING THEM BY EMBRACING QUALITY ASSURANCE AND OBTAINING CERTIFICATION OF THEIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS THROUGH THE HONG KONG QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY AND HAVING THEIR PRODUCTS TESTED BEFORE SHIPMENT BY A HOKLAS ACCREDITED LABORATORY," MR BARMA SAID.

"YOU ARE IN A STRONG POSITION TO INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENTS.

"IF YOU ASK YOUR HONG KONG SUPPLIERS FOR QUALITY, COUPLED WITH RECOGNISED CERTIFICATION, AS A PREREQUISITE FOR FUTURE PURCHASES, THEY WOULD BE OBLIGED TO RESPOND.

"HONG KONG WOULD THEN BE WELL ESTABLISHED AS A SOURCE FOR QUALITY GOODS," HE SAID.

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NEW ID CARDS FOR MEN BORN BETWEEN 1923-27

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT MEN BORN IN 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 OR 1927 WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM APRIL 9 TO MAY 26.

"MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP CAN CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 9, THERE WOULD BE CHANGES IN THE BUSINESS HOURS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES.

FROM THAT DAY OFFICE HOURS OF THE HONG KONG AND WEST KOWLOON NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

OTHER ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS. ALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

- HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.
TEL. 574 7070
- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK.
TEL. 755 3669
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.
TEL. 723 2424
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.
TEL. 498 0117
- SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE, 11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET.
TEL. 605 9108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.
TEL. 477 1543
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN.
TEL. 458 0646
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.
TEL. 672 7191

APPLICANTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE BY DIALLING 824 0303 TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED.

"AS THE APPLICANTS IN THE COMING PHASE ARE OVER 60 YEARS OLD, SOME MAY, DUE TO HEALTH REASONS, FIND IT INCONVENIENT TO GO TO THE ISSUE OFFICES AND WISH TO BE EXEMPTED FROM THE REGISTRATION OF NEW IDENTITY CARDS.

"THEY MAY APPLY IN WRITING FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS REGULATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 824 6111."

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AGED APPLICANTS LIVING ON HONG KONG ISLAND WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN USING ESCALATORS AT THE HONG KONG NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICE AT BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, MAY TELEPHONE 574 7070 TO ARRANGE TO HAVE THEIR IDENTITY CARDS REPLACED AT THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE - HONG KONG OFFICE ON EIGHTH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER II, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, WHERE LIFT SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IN ORDER TO MAKE SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, THE APPLICANTS NEEDED TO GIVE THEIR NAMES, IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS AND YEARS OF BIRTH TO IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT STAFF.

HE REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1928, 1929, 1930 OR 1931 WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ONE MORE WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON APRIL 7.

FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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NO LACK OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO STUDENTS

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HONG KONG WILL ATTAIN EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION IF IT SUCCEEDS IN HELPING ALL STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST STANDARDS THAT THEY INDIVIDUALLY ARE CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID THIS AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE SING TAO MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS AWARD AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID HELP COMES IN MANY FORMS AND THE AWARD SCHEME, SPONSORED BY THE SING TAO FOUNDATION, IS ONE OF THEM WHICH SEEKS TO ENCOURAGE JUNIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS TO DEVELOP FULLY THEIR INDIVIDUAL POTENTIAL.

UNDER THE SCHEME, AWARDS OF \$300 ARE OFFERED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE BEST ALL-ROUND IMPROVEMENT IN PERFORMANCE ON COMPLETION OF SECONDARY 2 OR SECONDARY 3 OVER THE PAST SCHOOL YEAR.

THE SCHEME, IN ITS DEBUT YEAR, IS ADMINISTERED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE SING TAO FOUNDATION. IT ATTRACTED 271 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WHICH SELECTED 523 STUDENTS RECIPIENTS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SING TAO FOUNDATION, MISS SALLY AW SIAN, PAID TRIBUTE TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS WHO, SHE SAID, ARE PART OF THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND HONG KONG'S SUCCESS.

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SHE HOPED THAT THEIR CHILDREN, WHO ARE STUDENTS TODAY, WOULD INHERIT THE AMBITIONS AND EXPECTATIONS OF THEIR PARENTS AND HELP BUILD A BETTER AND MORE PROSPEROUS HONG KONG ON COMPLETION OF THEIR EDUCATION.

THE SING TAO MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS AWARD SCHEME, SHE SAID, WAS BUT ONE OF THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL SECTORS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO PERSEVERE AND EXCEL IN THEIR STUDIES.

"THERE IS NO LACK OF ENCOURAGEMENT ON THE PART OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO OUR YOUNG STUDENTS TO DO WELL IN THEIR STUDIES," SHE STRESSED.

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FIRE SAFETY ADVICE FOR GRAVE-SWEEPERS

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED THE PUBLIC TO TAKE EXTRA CARE IN HANDLING FIRE WHEN THEY VISIT THEIR ANCESTRAL GRAVES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL PERIOD.

THE DEPARTMENT'S COUNTRY PARKS PROTECTION OFFICER, MR LAI CHING-WAI, SAID: "FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CURRENT FIRE SEASON ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1989 UP TO THE END OF THIS MONTH, A TOTAL OF 158 FIRES OCCURRED IN COUNTRY PARKS, DAMAGING 1,332 HECTARES OF PLANTATIONS AND SOME 84,160 TREES.

"ON THE LAST CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL DAY, 21 REPORTS OF HILL FIRES WITHIN COUNTRY PARKS WERE RECEIVED, DAMAGING 108 HECTARES OF PLANTATIONS AND SOME 780 TREES."

MR LAI SAID IF THE WEATHER TURNED DRY AND THE GRAVE-SWEEPERS WERE CARELESS IN HANDLING THEIR WORSHIPPING ITEMS, MORE COUNTRYSIDE FIRES WOULD BE EXPECTED DURING THE COMING CHING MING FESTIVAL.

"IN VIEW OF THE POTENTIAL HIGH FIRE RISK, THE DEPARTMENT HAS MOBILISED 23 TEAMS OF 200 FIRE FIGHTERS ON STAND-BY DUTIES ROUND THE CLOCK TO SAFEGUARD COUNTRY PARK PLANTATIONS DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL PERIOD," HE SAID.

THE AFD FIRE FIGHTERS WILL BE JOINED BY SIX TEAMS OF 100 CIVIL AID SERVICES PERSONNEL.

MR LAI SAID MOST OF THE COUNTRYSIDE FIRES WERE CAUSED BY HUMAN NEGLIGENCE AND COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED IF PEOPLE OBSERVED A FEW SIMPLE RULES.

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THESE RULES ARE:

- * TO BURN WORSHIPPING ITEMS IN METAL CONTAINERS;
- * DO NOT LEAVE LIGHTED CANDLES, JOSS ARTICLES AND PAPERS UNATTENDED; AND
- * TO MAKE SURE ALL BURNING ITEMS ARE EXTINGUISHED BEFORE LEAVING THE GRAVE SITES.

MR LAI SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD PROVIDED METAL CONTAINERS IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS INSIDE COUNTRY PARK AREAS FOR THEIR USE.

HE ALSO REMINDED PICNICKERS TO LIGHT FIRES ONLY AT DESIGNATED BARBECUE AREAS.

"ILLEGAL LIGHTING OF FIRES INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT, AND A FINE OF UP TO \$2,000 MAY BE IMPOSED FOR CAUSING FIRE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE," HE SAID.

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NEW HIGHWAYS COMPLAINT TELEPHONE NUMBER
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MEMBERS OF PUBLIC WHO WISH TO LODGE COMPLAINTS OR MAKE SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING ROAD WORKS TO THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE TO DIAL A NEW HOTLINE NUMBER, 877 1222, FROM MONDAY (APRIL 2).

THE HOTLINE IS MANNED BY A SENIOR ENGINEER, MR FELIX LEUNG KANG-YIU, OF THE TRANSPORT BRANCH'S INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT.

COMPLAINTS OR SUGGESTIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE IN WRITING TO MR LEUNG AT HIS NEW ADDRESS -- TRANSPORT BRANCH, FOURTH FLOOR, LOW BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, WAN CHAI.

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DIRECT ACCESS ROAD FOR KAM TSIN VILLAGERS

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RESIDENTS IN KAM TSIN VILLAGE IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL HAVE A DIRECT ACCESS ROAD WHEN A \$1 MILLION ROAD-BUILDING PROJECT IS COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE PROJECT, DIVIDED INTO TWO PHASES, INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VAN TRACK FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO KAM TSIN VILLAGE, RUNNING PARALLEL TO A SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD.

"THE VILLAGERS HAVE MADE REPEATED REQUESTS FOR AN ACCESS ROAD.

"I AM GLAD THAT WITH THE CONSENT OF THE RELEVANT LANDOWNERS FOR WORKS ON PRIVATE LAND, THE PROJECT CAN GO AHEAD," THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

PHASE ONE INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO VEHICULAR BRIDGES ACROSS STREAMS AT KAM TSIN VILLAGE. WORK STARTED TODAY AND WILL TAKE FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ROAD SURFACING WORK IN PHASE TWO IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN AROUND NOVEMBER.

"THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS ALLOCATED \$500,000 FOR THE PROJECT. ANOTHER \$500,000 IS PROVIDED UNDER THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE'S LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME," MR HUI SAID.

THE PROJECT WAS DESIGNED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S WORKS SECTION, WHICH IS ALSO SUPERVISING THE WORK.

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SECOND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR GOVT CRAFT SIGNED

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CONGESTION IN THE SLIPWAYS IN THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD WILL BE RELIEVED FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF A SECOND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE SHIPYARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE THREE-YEAR TERM CONTRACT, AWARDED TO HONG KONG UNITED DOCKYARDS LTD, PROVIDES 21 STEEL-HULL GOVERNMENT CRAFT WITH SCHEDULED AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS, INCLUDING THE SUPPLY OF MATERIALS AND SPARE PARTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID: "THIS SECOND TERM CONTRACT, AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$8 MILLION, WILL EASE CONGESTION IN THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD AND SHOULD IMPROVE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE WHOLE GOVERNMENT FLEET WHICH HAS SOME 500 CRAFT.

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"FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS ARE EXPECTED WHEN EXTRA MAINTENANCE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN 1992."

THE CRAFT TO BE SERVICED RANGE FROM TUGBOATS TO SURVEY VESSELS USED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRST TERM CONTRACT WAS SIGNED LAST MONTH FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF 18 GLASS REINFORCED PLASTIC HULL CRAFT.

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ANTI-POLLUTION PACK PRESENTATION CEREMONY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) WILL HOLD A PRESENTATION CEREMONY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO LAUNCH THE \$5 MILLION ANTI-POLLUTION PACK, A COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND INFORMATION PACKAGE.

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN ROOM 601, HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, 1 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. IT WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM WITH A RECEPTION AND AN ADDRESS BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, AND A PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR Y.W. LIU.

A PREVIEW OF A DOCUMENTARY FILM, "ONE MINUTE TO MIDNIGHT", WILL BEGIN AT 10.45 AM. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION AND GENERAL DISCUSSION.

ABOUT 300 TEACHERS AND MEMBERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN GROUPS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THIS PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

THE ANTI-POLLUTION PACK, FUNDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, HAS TAKEN 14 MONTHS TO PREPARE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ANTI-POLLUTION PACK PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM IN ROOM 601, HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, 1 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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WATER CUT IN HO MAN TIN AND KING'S PARK

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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN AND KING'S PARK WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 5 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN AND KING'S PARK DISTRICT INCLUDING KING GEORGE V SCHOOL, HO MAN TIN ESTATE, OI MAN ESTATE, CHUN MAN COURT AND VILLAGE ROAD ESTATE.

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