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GOVERNOR PLEASSED WITH VOTER TURNOUT

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THE TOTAL TURNOUT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO ELECTED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AS WELL AS TO THE GOVERNMENT TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT STAGE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YAUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE CHINESE YMCA HONG KONG CENTRE.

+I WAS VERY PLEASSED WITH THE VOTER TURNOUT. THE TOTAL NUMBER WAS VERY GRATIFYING. I THINK THE FACT THAT WE HAD SO MANY MORE THAN WE HAD IN THE PREVIOUS ELECTIONS IS AN INDICATION THAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE BEGINNING TO REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF PARTICIPATING,+ HE SAID.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION ON THE TURNOUT IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, SIR EDWARD SAID: +THE NUMBER OF VOTERS HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY SINCE LAST TIME. THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY, AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY CAME OUT TO CAST THE VOTE.

+SO I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR MIND TOO MUCH ON PERCENTAGES. YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR MIND ON THE ABSOLUTE NUMBERS AND THE ABSOLUTE NUMBERS ARE MUCH HIGHER.

+I THINK THAT'S A GREAT SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO KNOW THAT THEY HAVE A WIDER RANGE OF SUPPORT THIS TIME THAN THEY WOULD HAVE HAD LAST TIME. IT WILL BE A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO THEM AS IT IS CERTAINLY AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO US TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT STAGE.+

ON THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN FUTURE, SIR EDWARD SAID: +I DON'T THINK THEIR ROLE WILL BE CHANGED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I THINK WHAT THEY WILL DO IS THEY WILL GROW IN EXPERIENCE, AND THEREFORE THE CONTRIBUTION THEY CAN MAKE WILL INCREASE.

+THEY ARE ALREADY MAKING QUITE A CONTRIBUTION. SO WHAT IT NEEDS NOW IS A DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROLE THAT THEY ARE ALREADY PLAYING.+

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE FUTURE CHALLENGES FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, SIR EDWARD SAID IT WAS TO MAKE SURE THEY REPRESENTED THE CONSTITUENTS WHO HAD ELECTED THEM.

+AND THEN THERE WILL BE THE CHALLENGE OF TAKING PART IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE LATER IN THE YEAR. BUT THAT WILL ONLY BE ONE OF THE CHALLENGES.

/+THE MAIN .....

+THE MAIN CHALLENGE, I THINK, WILL BE TO ENSURE THAT THE FEELINGS IN THEIR DISTRICTS ARE FULLY REFLECTED BOTH TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE AND TO THE GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY MUCH NOW THE ORGANISATIONS TO WHICH WE LOOK TO REFLECT PUBLIC OPINION BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY CLOSE TO THEIR CONSTITUENTS.

+THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON. SO I THINK THEY WILL HAVE QUITE A ROLE IN SHAPING POLICY IN THE FUTURE,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED IF THE DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE GIVEN MORE POWER SOME YEARS LATER, HE SAID: +WE WILL HAVE TO SEE HOW THE SYSTEM IN HONG KONG DEVELOPS, BUT I THINK THERE IS ALREADY A PRETTY AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME OF DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG. THAT STRETCHES US THROUGH THIS YEAR ON TO NEXT YEAR AND THE REVIEW IN 1987. I THINK WE HAVE QUITE A LOT ON OUR PLATE ALREADY.+

ON A PROVISION IN THE ELECTORAL BILL ON ABSOLUTE MAJORITY, SIR EDWARD EXPLAINED:

+THE REASON FOR THAT IS WE ARE LOOKING FOR A WIDE RANGE OF SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE, RATHER THAN FRAGMENTED SUPPORT, AND THE ADVANTAGE OF THAT SYSTEM IS THAT IT WILL SHOW A WIDE RANGE.

+BUT IT IS NOT TOO DIFFICULT TO ENSURE BY A VARIETY OF MEANS WHICH WILL COME OUT IN THE REGULATIONS HOW THAT WILL BE DONE.+

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MORE THAN 470 000 PEOPLE CAST VOTES  
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A TOTAL OF 476 530 PEOPLE CAST THEIR VOTES IN HONG KONG'S FIRST TERRITORY-WIDE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THIS SURPASSES THE 1982 ELECTION FIGURES BY 133 905.

VOTING, PARTICULARLY IN THE LAST FEW HOURS OF POLLING, WAS HECTIC, AND IN SOME DISTRICTS VOTERS JAM PACKED THE POLLING STATIONS.

MANY, WHO WAITED UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO VOTE, COULDN'T GET INTO THE POLLING STATIONS WHEN THE GATES CLOSED AT 10.30 PM.

COMMENTING ON THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID: +THE FIGURES ARE A VERY SATISFACTORY ONE, WHICH WE ALL IN HONG KONG SHOULD BE DUELY PROUD OF.+

+THIS IS A GOOD INDICATION THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN CHOOSING PEOPLE WHO WILL NOT ONLY REPRESENT THEM ON THE DISTRICT BOARDS, BUT MANY OF WHOM WILL BE THEIR SPOKESMEN IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

+IT HAS BEEN A VERY EXCITING AND INTERESTING DAY,+ MR LIAO SAID.

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### ELECTION RESULTS ENCOURAGING, SAYS GOVERNOR

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THE ENCOURAGING RESULTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE RECOGNISING EVEN MORE THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING PART IN ELECTIONS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID LAST (THURSDAY) EVENING.

HE MADE THESE REMARKS TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS ANNUAL FUND-RAISING BALL AT THE REGENT HOTEL.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE TURNOUT OF THE ELECTIONS, SIR EDWARD SAID: +I THINK IT IS A VERY ENCOURAGING RESULT. I THINK IT IS A TRIBUTE BOTH TO THE VOTERS WHO HAVE RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ELECTIONS AND TO THOSE WHO ORGANISED IT.

+IT IS A MUCH LARGER NUMBER OF VOTERS THAN WE HAD LAST TIME, BUT THAT IS ONLY RIGHT BECAUSE THESE ELECTIONS ARE OF COURSE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE LAST TIME ROUND.

+SO I THINK, ALL IN ALL, IT IS A VERY ENCOURAGING ELECTION DAY FOR HONG KONG.+

SIR EDWARD ALSO SAID THE IMPLICATION OF THE ELECTION RESULTS WAS THAT THE PEOPLE WERE RECOGNISING EVEN MORE THE IMPORTANCE OF JOINING IN ELECTIONS AND OF CASTING THEIR VOTES SO THAT THEY GOT THE CANDIDATES WHICH THEY WISHED TO SERVE THEM.

+I THINK THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS. BUT NOW WE HAVE THIS KIND OF ELECTIONS, THEY CAN BE GIVEN MUCH MORE OF AN OPPORTUNITY THAN THEY HAD IN THE PAST TO EXPRESS THEIR WISHES,+ HE SAID.

ASKED IF THIS COULD BE REGARDED AS A GOOD START FOR A REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, SIR EDWARD SAID: +YES. WE HAD A START WHEN WE STARTED WITH THE DISTRICT BOARDS FIRST TIME ROUND AND WE HAVE DONE EVEN BETTER THIS TIME. SO WE HAVE MADE A GREAT DEAL OF PROGRESS IN THE FEW YEARS IN WHICH WE HAVE BEEN GOING, AND I AM SURE THIS PROGRESS WILL BE CONTINUED IN THE FUTURE.+

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION IF THIS WOULD HAVE ANY EFFECT ON FORMULATING GOVERNMENT POLICIES, HE SAID:+IT WILL BE OF A GREAT HELP TO US, BECAUSE WHEN YOU HAVE AN EXPRESSION OF PUBLIC VIEW OF THIS KIND IT IS VERY HELPFUL AND VERY USEFUL TO GOVERNMENT, AND WE VERY WARMLY WELCOME THIS KIND OF INCREASED TURNOUT.+

SIR EDWARD SAID HE WAS VERY SATISFIED WITH WHAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED.

+BUT HAVING NOW BEEN SATISFIED WITH WHAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED TONIGHT, WE MUST NOW MAKE SOME FURTHER PROGRESS SO THAT WE DO EVEN BETTER NEXT TIME,+ HE ADDED.

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TO THE NEWLY ELECTED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, SIR EDWARD SAID:  
+I WOULD SAY YOU HAVE TAKEN ON A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY TO REPRESENT  
THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE VOTED YOU IN.

+I AM SURE THEY WILL ALL ACCEPT THAT RESPONSIBILITY AND WILL  
DO THEIR BEST TO REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE WHOM THEY WILL  
COME TO REPRESENT.

+AND OF COURSE LATER IN THE YEAR THEY WILL HAVE AN EVEN  
GREATER RESPONSIBILITY WHICH IS TO TAKE PART IN THE INDIRECT  
ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+SO ALL IN ALL, I AM SURE THEY ARE VERY SATISFIED THAT THEY  
HAVE BEEN ELECTED. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I LOOK FORWARD TO THEM  
SHOULDERING THEIR RESPONSIBILITY OF REPRESENTATION.+

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#### ELECTORAL PROVISIONS BILL PUBLISHED

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A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR INDIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE  
COUNCIL BY ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES WILL  
BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 13).

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ELECTORAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1985,  
PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY, SEEKS TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PLANS  
DESCRIBED IN THE WHITE PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF  
REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

IT IS BASED BROADLY ON THE EXISTING ELECTORAL LAW FOR THE  
URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS. IT IS IN EIGHT PARTS AND  
CONTAINS TWO SCHEDULES, THE LATTER SETTING OUT IN DETAIL THE  
VARIOUS ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES AND FUNCTIONAL  
CONSTITUENCIES, THE CATEGORIES OF PERSONS ENTITLED TO BE  
REGISTERED AS ELECTORS, AND THE NUMBER OF SEATS FOR EACH  
CONSTITUENCY.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE BILL DEALS WITH THE PROPOSED  
ELECTORAL COLLEGE. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IN  
ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES, EACH MEMBER WILL HAVE ONE VOTE.  
URBAN COUNCILLORS AND PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCILLORS WHO ARE  
ALSO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO VOTE IN THEIR  
URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSTITUENCIES; THEY WILL NOT HAVE AN  
ALTERNATIVE OR ADDITIONAL VOTE IN THEIR DISTRICT BOARD  
CONSTITUENCY AS WELL. THE CHAIRMAN AND TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN OF  
THE HEUNG YEE KUK WILL VOTE IN THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL  
CONSTITUENCY.

/NINE FUNCTIONAL .....

NINE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES ARE SPECIFIED IN THE SECOND SCHEDULE. THESE ARE : THE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND LABOUR CONSTITUENCIES WHICH WILL EACH RETURN TWO MEMBERS= AND THE FINANCIAL CONSTITUENCY, THE SOCIAL SERVICES CONSTITUENCY, THE MEDICAL CONSTITUENCY, THE TEACHING CONSTITUENCY, THE LEGAL CONSTITUENCY AND THE ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING CONSTITUENCY, WHICH WILL EACH RETURN ONE MEMBER.

THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONSTITUENCIES HAVE BOTH BEEN DIVIDED INTO TWO ELECTORAL DIVISIONS, WITH EACH DIVISION PROVIDING FOR ONE MEMBER TO BE ELECTED BY ELECTORS FROM ONE OF THE FOUR REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS I.E. THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, AND THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG.

THE LABOUR FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY COMPRISES THOSE REGISTERED TRADE UNIONS WHOSE MEMBERS ARE ALL EMPLOYEES. IT IS ALSO DIVIDED INTO TWO ELECTORAL DIVISIONS, AND EACH REGISTERED EMPLOYEE TRADE UNION WILL BE ABLE TO CAST A VOTE IN BOTH DIVISIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS, WHO MAKE UP THE FINANCIAL CONSTITUENCY, ARE EXCLUDED FROM BEING ELECTORS IN EITHER OF THE INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL CONSTITUENCIES= THEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ONLY IN THEIR OWN (THE FINANCIAL) CONSTITUENCY.

ELECTORS IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY ARE THE MEMBER AGENCIES OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE= WHILE THOSE IN THE MEDICAL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY ARE MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND OTHER REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IN THE CASE OF A COMPANY OR OTHER CORPORATE ORGANISATION WHICH WAS A MEMBER OF A FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY ORGANISATION, PROVISION WOULD BE MADE FOR IT TO APPOINT +AN AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE+ TO VOTE ON ITS BEHALF.

THE TEACHING FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY GENERALLY COMPRISES REGISTERED AND PERMITTED TEACHERS AND THOSE WHO ARE ENGAGED FULL-TIME, OR PRINCIPALLY, IN TEACHING IN TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, SUCH AS THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, THE TWO POLYTECHNICS AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE, TOGETHER WITH TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

THE LEGAL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY IS BASED SPECIFICALLY ON THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION, THE TWO REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION IN HONG KONG, AND LAWYERS WITHIN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT AND REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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THE +ENGINEERS AND ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS+ CONSTITUENCY MENTIONED IN THE WHITE PAPER HAS BEEN RETITLED THE +ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING+ FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY TO INDICATE MORE CLEARLY THE FOUR PROFESSIONS IT COVERS. THIS CONSTITUENCY IS BASED ON THE FOUR MAIN LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS OF THESE PROFESSIONS IN HONG KONG, NAMELY, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS, AND THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT UNDER PART III OF THE BILL, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ELECTORAL FRANCHISE, A PERSON OR CORPORATE ORGANISATION MAY REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR IN ONLY ONE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY, EVEN THOUGH THAT PERSON OR ORGANISATION MAY BE QUALIFIED TO BE A MEMBER OF MORE THAN ONE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY ORGANISATION. ALSO, A PERSON MAY REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR IN ONLY ONE ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY.

+A PERSON WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE ONLY ONCE IN HIS OWN RIGHT. HOWEVER, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR A PERSON TO CAST A MAXIMUM OF TWO ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVE VOTES; FOR EXAMPLE, A LAWYER WHO IS A MEMBER OF A DISTRICT BOARD AND WHO IS ALSO APPOINTED AS THE AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE OF A CORPORATE ASSOCIATION OR COMPANY, WILL HAVE ONE VOTE IN HIS OWN RIGHT IN THE LEGAL CONSTITUENCY, PLUS A REPRESENTATIVE VOTE IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENCY IN THAT DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCY AND ANOTHER REPRESENTATIVE VOTE ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY BY WHOM HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED AN AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE, WHICH HE WOULD CAST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THAT COMPANY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A PERSON MUST APPLY AND BE REGISTERED ON THE FINAL ELECTORAL REGISTER OF HIS CONSTITUENCY BEFORE HE CAN VOTE ON POLLING DAY= AND TO BE SO REGISTERED, HE MUST GENERALLY BE REGISTERED ALREADY ON THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARDS ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, THIS LATTER REQUIREMENT WILL BE WAIVED, IN 1985 ONLY, FOR THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO BE REGISTERED AS ELECTORS ON THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL, BUT WHO HAVE OMITTED TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION.

THIS WAIVER WILL ALSO APPLY, AGAIN IN 1985 ONLY, TO CANDIDATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES, WHICH ARE SET OUT IN PART V OF THE BILL, SO THAT A PERSON WHO IS ENTITLED TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS ORDINANCE BUT FAILED TO REGISTER DURING THE LAST REGISTRATION PERIOD, WILL BE ABLE TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE THIS YEAR.

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IN BOTH THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES, A CANDIDATE MUST HAVE A RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION OF 10 YEARS. A CANDIDATE FOR A FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY MUST IN ADDITION HAVE A +SUBSTANTIAL CONNECTION+ WITH THAT CONSTITUENCY. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SHOULD BE A MEMBER, DIRECTOR, PARTNER OR OFFICER OF A COMPANY IN THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONSTITUENCIES, OR BE ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF BANKING IN THE FINANCIAL CONSTITUENCY. IN THE CASE OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE, THE MEMBERS WILL BE FREE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE FROM OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY, IF THEY SO WISH. A PERSON WHO HOLDS PUBLIC OFFICE E.G. IS EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STAND AS A CANDIDATE= AND NO PERSON MAY STAND AS A CANDIDATE IN MORE THAN ONE CONSTITUENCY.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THOSE CANDIDATES WHO ARE ELECTED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE CONSENSUS OF THE VOTERS IN THEIR CONSTITUENCIES, AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY VOTING PROCEDURE WILL BE USED, RATHER THAN THE SIMPLE MAJORITY PROCEDURE USED IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARDS ELECTIONS. UNDER THE ABSOLUTE MAJORITY PROCEDURE A CANDIDATE MUST SECURE MORE THAN 50% OF THE VOTES CAST IN ORDER TO WIN. THE DETAILS OF THE VOTING PROCEDURE WILL BE SET OUT IN THE SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS WHICH WILL BE MADE AFTER THE BILL HAS BEEN ENACTED.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ELECTORAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1985 ALSO PROVIDES FOR DEFINITIONS OF THE TERMS USED (PART I), THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES AND GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS (PART II), THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS (PART IV), THE SUPERVISION OF THE ELECTIONS (PART VI), ELECTION PETITIONS (PART VII) AND VARIOUS MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS (PART VIII), INCLUDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR VOTING TO BE IN SECRET.

SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS CONTAINING DETAILED PROCEDURES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS, THE APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SUPERVISION OF THE ELECTIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED SEPARATELY, AS SOON AS THEY HAVE BEEN FINALISED AND APPROVED.

THE FIRST ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, IN A SIMILAR FASHION TO THAT IN WHICH THE URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARDS ELECTIONS ARE CONDUCTED AT PRESENT.

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SOCIAL WORK GROWTH MATCHED BY CIVIC SPIRIT - GOVERNOR

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SOLID PROGRESS IN IMPROVING HONG KONG'S SOCIAL SERVICES IN RECENT YEARS HAD BEEN MATCHED BY A STEADY GROWTH IN COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND PARTICIPATION, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN ORDER TO MAKE HONG KONG A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN, SIR EDWARD SAID AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE CHINESE YMCA HONG KONG CENTRE AT HARBOUR ROAD IN WAN CHAI.

HOWEVER, HE CAUTIONED THAT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS ALONE WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT. VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND ORGANISATIONS LIKE THE CHINESE YMCA PLAYED A VITAL SUPPORTING ROLE.

+THIS FINE CENTRE IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF THE CONTRIBUTION THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR CAN MAKE,+ HE ADDED.

SIR EDWARD SAID THIS NEW HONG KONG CENTRE WAS AN AMBITIOUS PROJECT. THE BUILDING, WHICH WOULD BE 21 STOREYS WHEN COMPLETED, WOULD SERVE BOTH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND VISITING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM OVERSEAS.

THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE CENTRE WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS. THE AVAILABILITY OF THESE SERVICES WOULD ENCOURAGE A HEALTHY USE OF LEISURE TIME AND PROMOTE A WIDER AWARENESS OF THE WAY IN WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BETTER COMMUNITY.

THE CENTRE WOULD ALSO HOUSE A 300-ROOM HOSTEL PROVIDING REASONABLY PRICED ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAVELLERS FROM MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD; AND THEREBY PROMOTE GREATER GOODWILL AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS, HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATION'S FORMIDABLE FUND-RAISING ACHIEVEMENT WHICH HAD ENABLED IT TO FINANCE THIS PROJECT THROUGH ITS OWN EFFORTS AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF MANY GENEROUS DONORS.

THE TOTAL BUILDING COST IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$70 MILLION.

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WAGE SECURITY FUND SCHEME

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WORKERS IN COMPANIES THAT BECOME INSOLVENT MAY SOON BE ABLE TO RECEIVE WAGES DUE TO THEM FROM THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND.

THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY BILL, WHICH GIVES EFFECT TO THE FUND SCHEME, IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BILL ESTABLISHES A FUND BOARD WHICH ADMINISTERS THE FUND AND EMPOWERS THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR TO INVESTIGATE WAGE CLAIMS AND MAKE PAYMENT FROM THE FUND.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE SAID WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR, EMPLOYEES WHO WERE OWED WAGES AND WHOSE EMPLOYERS BECAME INSOLVENT MIGHT APPLY FOR EX-GRATIA PAYMENT FROM THE FUND.

HE SAID THE WAGES INCLUDE ALL REMUNERATIONS AND EARNINGS, STATUTORY HOLIDAY PAY, ANNUAL LEAVE PAY, END OF YEAR PAYMENT, MATERNITY LEAVE PAY AND SICKNESS ALLOWANCE.

+PAYMENT FROM THE FUND IS LIMITED TO FOUR MONTHS' WAGES NOT EXCEEDING \$8 000,+ MR BRIDGE ADDED.

ALL EMPLOYEES WERE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY EXCEPT THOSE WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE EMPLOYER'S OWN FAMILY LIVING WITH HIM.

MR BRIDGE EXPLAINED THAT THE REASON FOR SETTING UP THE FUND WAS TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM LOSS OF EARNINGS AND PROVIDE THEM WITH QUICK RELIEF WHEN A FIRM BECAME INSOLVENT.

+TO ACHIEVE THIS, THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE HAS BEEN KEPT AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE AND PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS THE WAGE CLAIM CAN BE VERIFIED,+HE SAID.

IN MOST CASES, HE SAID, THE PRESENTATION OF A WINDING-UP OR BANKRUPTCY PETITION WOULD BE A PRE-CONDITION FOR PAYMENT.

HOWEVER, MR BRIDGE SAID THE REQUIREMENT FOR PRESENTATION OF A PETITION MIGHT BE WAIVED IF THE FIRM WAS VERY SMALL AND THE ASSETS WERE LIKELY TO BE TOO SMALL TO JUSTIFY THE COST INVOLVED.

HE SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT PAYMENT COULD BE MADE WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF APPLICATION.

ONCE AN EMPLOYEE HAD BEEN PAID FROM THE FUND, HIS RIGHTS TO PREFERENTIAL PAYMENT IN RESPECT OF THAT AMOUNT OF WAGES WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND BOARD.

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+THIS WILL NOT, HOWEVER, AFFECT HIS RIGHTS UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY AND THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCES TO PREFERENTIAL PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF OTHER DEBTS SUCH AS WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE, SEVERANCE PAYMENT AND ACCRUED HOLIDAY REMUNERATION.+

MR BRIDGE SAID HE EXPECTED MORE THAN 10 000 CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE FUND WOULD BE RECEIVED EACH YEAR.

AS A SAFEGUARD AGAINST ABUSE, HE ADDED, APPLICATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE IN A PRESCRIBED FORM SUPPORT BY A STATUTORY DECLARATION AND EMPLOYERS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE WAGES AND EMPLOYMENT RECORDS.

+WAGE CLAIMS WILL BE INVESTIGATED AND EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS,+ HE SAID.

THE FUND IS FINANCED BY AN ANNUAL LEVY OF \$100 ON ALL BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES AND IS EXPECTED TO HAVE AN INCOME OF ABOUT \$35 MILLION IN ITS FIRST YEAR.

TO HELP THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND THE WORKING OF THE FUND, A GUIDE, IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

MR BRIDGE ADDED HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT THE BILL WOULD BE WELCOMED BOTH BY WORKERS WHO WOULD BENEFIT AND BY THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL.

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#### MONETARY STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 1985

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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS CONTINUED TO GROW ALBEIT AT A LESS RAPID RATE IN JANUARY, ACCORDING TO MONETARY STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS SHOWED VIRTUALLY NO CHANGE IN THE MONTH AFTER HAVING REGISTERED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. REFLECTING THESE CHANGES, BOTH THE HONG KONG DOLLAR COMPONENTS OF THE MONEY SUPPLY AND THE TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY SHOWED SOME INCREASE DURING THE MONTH.

DEMAND FOR LOANS CONTINUED TO BE SLACK. LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE FELL FURTHER BUT OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG RECORDED SOME INCREASE.

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## DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 0.5 PER CENT IN JANUARY, LESS THAN THE 3.3 PER CENT RISE IN DECEMBER. THESE DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 8.8 PER CENT IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JANUARY, AND BY 20.3 PER CENT IN THE TWELVE MONTHS. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS SHOWED NO INCREASE IN JANUARY, AFTER A RAPID INCREASE OF 4.5 PER CENT IN DECEMBER. THESE DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 2.8 PER CENT IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JANUARY AND BY 25.1 PER CENT IN THE TWELVE MONTHS.

TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH BANKS REGISTERED THE SIXTH CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY INCREASE, RISING BY 1.8 PER CENT IN JANUARY COMPARED WITH 4.7 PER CENT IN DECEMBER. TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, HOWEVER, FELL BY 5.9 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A MARGINAL INCREASE OF 0.2 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO JANUARY, DEPOSITS WITH BANKS GREW BY 9.0 PER CENT WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DROPPED BY 6.1 PER CENT. THE SHIFT OF DEPOSITS THUS CONTINUED IN FAVOUR OF BANKS AS THE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES AND HKAB DEPOSIT RATES, ALTHOUGH INCREASING DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE MONTH AS HKAB RATES WERE CUT TWICE, REMAINED RELATIVELY SMALL.

STATISTICS ON SWAP DEPOSITS COLLECTED FROM BANKS INDICATE SOME INCREASE IN JANUARY. AT THE END OF JANUARY, \$22.7 BILLION OR 16.1 PER CENT OF FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH BANKS WERE HELD ON A SWAP BASIS, I.E. WHERE THE CUSTOMER HAS CONTRACTED WITH THE BANK TO PURCHASE HONG KONG DOLLARS AT A PRE-DETERMINED RATE WITH THE PROCEEDS OF THE FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT AT MATURITY. THE CORRESPONDING FIGURE AT THE END OF DECEMBER WAS \$20.1 BILLION OR 14.6 PER CENT.

## HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS ROSE FURTHER IN JANUARY. HK\$M1 (THE NARROWEST DEFINITION) ROSE STRONGLY BY 5.1 PER CENT. THE BROADER DEFINITIONS HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 ALSO ROSE, ALBEIT LESS RAPIDLY, BY 1.5 PER CENT AND 0.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN DECEMBER WERE 4.2 PER CENT, 4.5 PER CENT AND 3.3 PER CENT.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JANUARY, HK\$M1 ROSE BY 14.2 PER CENT, HK\$M2 BY 12.8 PER CENT AND HK\$M3 BY 8.5 PER CENT. OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THE RESPECTIVE GROWTH RATES WERE 5.2 PER CENT, 17.2 PER CENT AND 16.7 PER CENT.

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TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ALSO ROSE ON ALL DEFINITIONS. TOTAL M1 ROSE BY 3.9 PER CENT, REFLECTING THE SIGNIFICANT RISE IN THE HONG KONG DOLLAR COMPONENT. TOTAL M2 WAS 2.0 PER CENT HIGHER AND TOTAL M3 0.5 PER CENT. THE GROWTH RATES IN DECEMBER, WHICH WERE SUBJECT TO SEASONAL INFLUENCES, WERE 5.3 PER CENT, 4.6 PER CENT AND 3.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO JANUARY WERE 14.0 PER CENT, 9.0 PER CENT AND 6.0 PER CENT, AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS WERE 6.3 PER CENT, 19.2 PER CENT AND 20.6 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW ONLY marginally, BY 0.1 PER CENT IN JANUARY FOLLOWING 0.3 PER CENT IN DECEMBER. OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO JANUARY, THESE GREW BY 1.5 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS BY 7.5 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE FELL FURTHER BY 6.3 PER CENT IN JANUARY, AFTER A DECREASE OF 0.7 PER CENT IN DECEMBER. WHILE THEY FELL BY 6.6 PER CENT OVER THE LATEST THREE MONTHS, THEY WERE STILL 4.3 PER CENT HIGHER OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS. HOWEVER, WHEN LOANS IN THE FORM OF BANK ACCEPTANCES AND BANK BILLS OF EXCHANGE TO FINANCE EXPORTS FROM HONG KONG ARE INCLUDED, THE DECREASE IN JANUARY WAS LESS, AT 4.6 PER CENT. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG CONTINUED TO GROW SLOWLY, BY 0.8 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE OF 0.7 PER CENT IN DECEMBER. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO JANUARY, THEY ROSE BY 3.0 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS BY 6.5 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

THE SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY POSITION OF THE MONETARY SECTOR SHOWED NET ASSETS AT \$4.6 BILLION AT THE END OF JANUARY, ROUGHLY THE SAME AS AT THE END OF DECEMBER. SIMILAR STATISTICS COLLECTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (ON THE BASIS OF SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS) SHOWED NET SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS OF \$3.7 BILLION AND NET FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS OF \$21.5 BILLION, BOTH marginally HIGHER THAN CORRESPONDING FIGURES IN DECEMBER 1984.

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THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S.18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS REMAINED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED, AT 49.9 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 49.6 PER CENT IN DECEMBER. THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S.24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE TO 48.3 PER CENT FROM 43.8 PER CENT A MONTH EARLIER.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF OPERATING LICENSED BANKS AND THE NUMBER OF OPERATING LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BOTH REMAINED UNCHANGED, AT 140 AND 33 RESPECTIVELY. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL TO 307.

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## TWO NEW MEMBERS FOR URBAN COUNCIL

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED TWO NEW MEMBERS AND REAPPOINTED THREE SERVING MEMBERS TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR THREE YEARS FROM APRIL 1, 1985, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TWO NEW MEMBERS ARE MR FAN KAM-PING, A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND MR MARVIN CHEUNG KIN-TUNG, AN ACCOUNTANT. SERVING MEMBERS REAPPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL ARE MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, MR STEPHEN LAU MAN-LUNG AND MR HOWARD YOUNG HOW-WAH.

MR FAN, AGED 40, IS THE PRINCIPAL OF THE CMA PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL. HE IS AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND A MEMBER OF THE IMMIGRATION TRIBUNAL AND THE PANEL OF ASSESSORS. HE ALSO CHAIRS THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND THE SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT.

MR CHEUNG, AGED 38, WAS TRAINED AS A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT IN UK AND IS NOW WITH THE ACCOUNTANT FIRM PEAT, MARWICK AND MITCHELL. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND THE PANEL OF THE PERFORMING RIGHT TRIBUNAL. UNTIL APRIL 1984, HE ALSO SERVED ON THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

IN ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO TWO MEMBERS WHO WILL BE RETIRING, MR KENNETH T.C. LO AND MR SHUM CHOI-SANG FOR THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNCIL.

+ I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE TIME AND ENERGY THEY HAVE DEVOTED TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL OVER THE YEARS, AND THE EXPERIENCE THEY HAVE BROUGHT TO ITS DELIBERATIONS,+ SAID THE GOVERNOR.

MR LO WAS FIRST APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL IN 1966 AND MR SHUM IN 1974.

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LORD YOUNG ARRIVING TOMORROW  
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LORD YOUNG, MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON AFTER LEADING A TRADE MISSION TO CHINA.

LORD YOUNG AND HIS PARTY ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT QUEEN'S PIER AT 5 PM BY HOVERFERRY.

THEY WILL BE MET BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

LORD YOUNG WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM AT 4 PM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 12) BEFORE LEAVING HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER THE ARRIVAL OF LORD YOUNG AND HIS TRADE MISSION TOMORROW AFTERNOON. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT QUEEN'S PIER BY 4.45 PM AT THE LATEST.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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A CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN - IN PUTONGHUA  
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LADY YOUDE, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, HAD A CHANCE TO PRACTISE HER PUTONGHUA WHEN SHE CHATTED WITH CHILDREN AT THE KIANGSU AND CHEKIANG PRIMARY SCHOOL DURING HER VISIT THERE THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

ON ARRIVAL, LADY YOUDE WAS GREETED BY THE HEADMISTRESS, MRS JEANNIE SUN CHOW, AND THE CHILDREN IN PUTONGHUA. THE SCHOOL USES PUTONGHUA AS A MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION AND IS ONE OF THE FIRST TO ADOPT THE NEW ACTIVITY APPROACH EDUCATIONAL METHOD.

LADY YOUDE WENT TO THE KINDERGARTEN, WHERE SOME CHILDREN WENT UP TO HER WITH PRESENTS, AND THE BRAVER ONES, A FEW WORDS OF PUTONGHUA.

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THEN, TOURING THE REST OF THE SCHOOL, SHE WENT TO THE ART AND CRAFT ROOM, THE COMPUTER ROOM, THE SCHOOL LIBRARY AND A CLOSED CIRCUIT TV ROOM FOR PRODUCING THE SCHOOL'S OWN EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAMMES.

SHE ALSO SAW CHILDREN IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION, MUSIC AND BALLET CLASSES.

LATER IN THE MORNING, LADY YOUDE VISITED THE VICTORIA PARK SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SCHOOL'S SUPERVISOR, MISS KATHLEEN BARKER AND THE PRINCIPAL, MISS AMY TSO, LADY YOUDE SAW HOW DEAF PUPILS LEARN TO SPEAK IN SPECIAL CLASSES.

BEFORE CONCLUDING HER VISIT, LADY YOUDE WAS TREATED TO A PERFORMANCE BY THE SCHOOL PERCUSSION BAND.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON AIDS  
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BE HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE ON AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 10.30 AM AT SUNNING PLAZA, 13TH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (HEALTH SERVICES AND PLANNING), DR S.H. LEE AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (MEDICAL SERVICES), DR RUDY KHOO.

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DRAFT ZONING PLAN FOR CENTRAL AMENDED  
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED FOUR AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR CENTRAL DISTRICT.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT INVOLVES THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PROPOSED ELEVATED ROAD ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL BY THE 'UPGRADED CONNAUGHT ROAD SCHEME'.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THAT INCLUDED IN THE SCHEME WERE A FLYOVER AT RUMSEY STREET, AN UNDERPASS AT PEDDER STREET AND A NEW FLYOVER AT HARCOURT ROAD.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD PROJECTS IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN 1986/87 AND TO BE COMPLETED BY 1989/90.

THE SECOND AMENDMENT IS TO REZONE A SITE OF 1 290 SQUARE METRES IN GARDEN ROAD FROM 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' TO 'COMMERCIAL' USE.

+THE SITE WAS ORIGINALLY RESERVED FOR A FIRE STATION WHICH HAS NOW BEEN RELOCATED TO A SITE FRONTING COTTON TREE DRIVE IN VICTORIA BARRACKS AREA,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE THIRD AMENDMENT IS TO ADJUST THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF THE 'OPEN SPACE' AND 'COMMERCIAL' SITES AT THE JUNCTION OF GARDEN ROAD AND QUEENSWAY. THE 'COMMERCIAL' SITE IS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BANK OF CHINA BUILDING.

THIS AMENDMENT ALSO INVOLVES THE REALIGNMENT OF THE ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF THESE TWO SITES.

THE FOURTH AMENDMENT IS TO EXTEND THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE PLANNING AREA BY INCLUDING THE AREA TO THE NORTH AND WEST OF FENWICK PIER STREET INTO THE PLANNING AREA.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG, AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG, AND THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS SHOULD SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING NO LATER THAN MARCH 28, 1985.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AND KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 4 120 HOS FLATS

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APPLICATIONS WILL BE INVITED FROM NEXT TUESDAY (MARCH 12) FOR 4 120 FLATS UNDER PHASE VII B OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SAID TODAY THE FLATS FOR SALE WERE ON FOUR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME PROJECTS - PRIME VIEW GARDEN IN TUEN MUN, HOLFORD GARDENS IN SHA TIN, SUN LAI GARDEN IN NGAU CHI WAN AND GREENWOOD TERRACE IN CHAI WAN.

THERE ARE 1 520 TWO-BEDROOM FLATS ON FIVE 30/31-STOREY BLOCKS IN PRIME VIEW GARDEN. WITH GROSS AREAS BETWEEN 42.4 AND 52.9 SQUARE METRES, THE FLATS ARE PRICED FROM \$103 500 TO \$166 100 EACH.

LOCATED AT A FOOTHILL CLOSE TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN TUEN MUN SAN HUI, PRIME VIEW GARDEN ENJOYS A NICE VIEW OF THE EXTENSIVE YUEN LONG PLAIN.

THE 800 FLATS IN HOLFORD GARDENS HAVE SIZES BETWEEN 42.9 AND 53.1 SQUARE METRES, EACH HAVING TWO BEDROOMS.

THEY ARE ON THREE BLOCKS OF 25 TO 30 STOREYS AND ARE PRICED FROM \$164 200 TO \$267 100 EACH.

HOLFORD GARDENS IS LOCATED AT TAI WAI IN SHA TIN, OPPOSITE TO THE NEW TAI WAI RAILWAY STATION NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

SUN LAI GARDEN AT HAMMER HILL IN NGAU CHI WAN HAS THREE 25-STOREY BLOCKS CONTAINING 600 FLATS.

WITH GROSS AREAS VARYING BETWEEN 41.5 AND 54.0 SQUARE METRES, THE FLATS HAVE EITHER TWO OR THREE BEDROOMS AND ARE PRICED FROM \$180 900 TO \$320 900 EACH.

THE FIRST PHASE OF GREENWOOD TERRACE IN CHAI WAN TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE HAS FOUR 30-STOREY BLOCKS WITH 1 200 FLATS.

MOST FLATS VARY IN GROSS AREAS BETWEEN 54.1 AND 69.4 SQUARE METRES AND HAVE TWO OR THREE BEDROOMS EACH.

FLAT PRICES RANGE FROM \$233 500 TO \$380 000.

ANOTHER TYPE OF THREE-BEDROOM FLATS, WITH A SIZE OF 81.3 SQUARE METRES, HAS AN ADDITIONAL BATHROOM ATTACHED TO THE MASTER BEDROOM AND IS PRICED FROM \$340 800 TO \$403 600.

GREENWOOD TERRACE IS JUST WITHIN MINUTES' WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE CHAI WAN MTR STATION TO BE OPEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR.

MEANWHILE, SAMPLE FLATS WILL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC VIEWING FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE FOUR PSPS PROJECTS.

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THEIR OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 12 NOON TO 5.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 10.30 AM TO 5.30 PM ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

FOR PRIME VIEW GARDEN, SAMPLE FLATS ON SITE WILL ONLY BE OPEN ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS BETWEEN 10.30 AM AND 5.30 PM, WHILE MOCK UP FLATS OF THE PROJECT AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF OI MAN COMMERCIAL CENTRE WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WHITE-FORM APPLICANTS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR MUST HAVE A FAMILY INCOME NOT EXCEEDING \$7 500 A MONTH AND SATISFY THE NORMAL HOS ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

+TWO-PERSON FAMILIES MAY ALSO APPLY.

+PUBLIC HOUSING AND TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA TENANTS, RESIDENTS OF COTTAGE AREAS MANAGED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, WAITING LIST APPLICANTS, CLEAREES AND DISASTER VICTIMS AND JUNIOR CIVIL SERVANTS MAY APPLY USING THE GREEN FORM.

+THERE WILL BE NO LIMITS ON INCOME OR PROPERTY OWNERSHIP FOR GREEN-FORM APPLICANTS FROM PUBLIC HOUSING AND THA TENANTS.+

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM NEXT TUESDAY (MARCH 12) AT THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S APPLICATIONS SECTION AT MA TAU KOK ROAD, ESTATE OFFICES OF HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING SOCIETY AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON MARCH 25.

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TOPPING-OUT FOR PSPS PROJECT IN SHA TIN  
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OWING TO THE DEMAND, THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF 5 000 HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS PER YEAR, SUPPLEMENTED BY 5 000 PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME FLATS.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD, AT A TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY OF THE FIRST PSPS PROJECT IN SHA TIN, HOLFORD GARDENS, WHICH IS ALSO THE FIRST INVOLVEMENT OF A MAINLAND CHINA-BASED ORGANISATION IN THE PROVISION OF PSPS HOUSING.

HE SAID THE FIGURE IN THE COMING YEAR WOULD BE HIGHER AS IT WAS PLANNED TO COMPLETE 8 700 HOS AND 11 900 PSPS FLATS.

+BUT THIS IS AN UNUSUAL YEAR AND THE AVERAGE PRODUCTION OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS WILL BALANCE OUT TO OUR ANNUAL TARGET OF 10 000 FLATS FOR HOS PLUS PSPS TOGETHER.

+THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE IN TAKING OVER FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR PRODUCTION WHICH IT CAN WELL DO ITSELF. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION OF SMALL FLATS BY PRIVATE DEVELOPERS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.+

MR FORD SAID THE PSPS WAS DEVISED AS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE PRIVATE DEVELOPERS AND THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE SOCIAL OBJECTIVE OF OFFERING MORE LOW-PRICED HOMES TO EXISTING PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS AND TO OTHER LOWER-MIDDLE-INCOME FAMILIES WISHING TO ACQUIRE THEIR OWN HOMES.

+WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN SUCH A GOOD RESPONSE FROM DEVELOPERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PSPS PROGRAMME.+

HE DESCRIBED THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE MUCH-NEEDED HOMES AS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEEDS OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY.

+SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME IN 1978, OVER 44 000 HOS AND PSPS FLATS HAVE BEEN SOLD.

+THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS JUSTLY PROUD OF THE HIGH STANDARD OF ITS HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND I AM SURE WE CAN RELY ON PRIVATE DEVELOPERS TO MAINTAIN AN EQUALLY HIGH STANDARD IN PSPS SCHEMES.+

THREE BLOCKS AT HOLFORD GARDENS, CENTRALLY LOCATED IN THE FAST-DEVELOPING NEW TOWN, WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE NEXT WEEK, TOGETHER WITH THREE OTHER PSPS PROJECTS.

EARLIER IN THE CEREMONY, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME COMMITTEE, MR CHARLES SIN, SAID THAT THE PROJECT INDICATED A DEEPER INVOLVEMENT OF MAINLAND CHINA-BASED ORGANISATIONS IN THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG.

+THIS CERTAINLY BRINGS ABOUT GOOD EFFECT IN HELPING MAINTAIN THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG.+

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CHANCE SEEN FOR SOLVING HOUSING PROBLEM

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THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY NOW HAD THE OPPORTUNITY NOT ONLY TO CLEAR SQUATTERS FROM URBAN HILLSIDES FOREVER, BUT ALSO TO FIND A LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

HE SAID THIS HAD RESULTED FROM THE FACT THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR MANY DECADES, THE AUTHORITY COULD NOW LOOK FORWARD TO LOW POPULATION GROWTH.

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A CENTRE RUN BY THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION IN KAI CHEUNG TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, MR FORD SAID: +WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE THEREFORE WITH CONFIDENCE.+

+OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS OR SO WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A PROPER HOME FOR EVERYONE IN HONG KONG WHO NEEDS ONE.+

MR FORD STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SIZE OF HONG KONG'S POPULATION TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

+WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED IN HONG KONG 17 YEARS AGO, THERE WERE OVER 400 000 PEOPLE LIVING IN SQUATTER HUTS. SINCE THEN WE HAVE HOUSED OVER 1.7 MILLION PEOPLE.

+OUR LAST SURVEY SHOWED THERE WERE STILL 500 000 PEOPLE LIVING IN SQUATTER HUTS. SO WE HAVE BEEN RUNNING VERY FAST BUT STANDING STILL.+

HE SAID IMMIGRATION FROM CHINA WAS A CRUCIAL FACTOR IN THE SIZE OF HONG KONG'S POPULATION, BUT THE EFFORTS OF THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION HAD ALSO BEEN A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION.

+OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, THE BIRTH RATE HAS DECLINED FROM 20 PER THOUSAND TO 16 PER THOUSAND THANKS LARGELY TO THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMME, AND OUR COMMUNITY OWES A SINCERE DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION FOR THIS ACHIEVEMENT.

+THE MOVE TOWARDS SMALLER FAMILIES AND OUR HIGH LEVEL OF PRODUCTION OF FLATS HAS OTHER EFFECTS TOO.

+FAMILIES CAN EXPECT TO STAY IN THA'S FOR SHORTER PERIODS OF TIME= WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXTEND THE ELIGIBILITY OF HOUSING TO TWO-PERSON FAMILIES AND INDEED TO SINGLE PEOPLE AS WELL.

+ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS PLANNING TO BUILD AND MANAGE ITS OWN HOSTELS FOR THE OVER 50'S IN MANY OF OUR ESTATES.+

MR FORD POINTED OUT THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WAS NOT ONLY BUILDING HOMES BUT COMMUNITIES.

+AND WE IN HOUSING AUTHORITY BELIEVE THAT COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE ESTATES ARE AS IMPORTANT AS THE FLATS THEMSELVES. THE PARTICIPATION OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IS VITAL IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE THIS AIM.+

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WORK TO START ON ELEVATED ROADS

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED A \$160 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ELEVATED ROADS FOR THE STAGE III OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAYS ENGINEER, MR HAROLD BEATON SIGNED THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND MR J.J. MCNAUGHT AND MR J.G. HAMILTON FOR LEIGHTON CONTRACTOR'S PTY LIMITED.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 1 500-METRE DUAL TWO LANE ELEVATED ROAD FROM YEN CHOW STREET TO LAI CHI KOK ROAD NEAR CHEUNG MOU STREET.

ANOTHER 450-METRE ELEVATED ROAD WILL ALSO BE BUILT FROM TUNG CHAU STREET TO TONG MEI ROAD.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT ARE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY NEAR KIU KIANG STREET AND A DOWN-RAMP NEAR BUTE STREET.

WORKS WILL START THIS MONTH.

ON COMPLETION TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS LATER, TRAFFIC ACCESS ALONG ROUTE 2 BETWEEN SOUTH KOWLOON AND THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE IMPROVED AND CONGESTION IN NORTH-WEST KOWLOON WILL BE EASED.

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JOINT EFFORTS HELP SOLVE TAXI, PLB PROBLEMS

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CLOSE CO-OPERATION AND CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE TAXI AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TRADES IN THE PAST YEAR HAD HELPED RESOLVE MANY OF THE DIFFICULTIES AND PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY THESE TRADES, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SPRING RECEPTION OF THE TRANSPORT CITY ASSOCIATIONS, MR SO SAID THE TAXI OPERATORS CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE AND THE PLB/GREEN MINIBUS OPERATORS CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE WERE VENUES FOR +FRANK AND OPEN+ DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND TAXI AND PLB TRADES RESPECTIVELY.

THROUGH THESE CONFERENCES, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WAS ABLE TO EXPLAIN GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO THE TRADES AND TO CONSULT THEM ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTERESTS. AT THE SAME TIME, MEMBERS OF THE TRADES WERE ABLE TO RAISE ANY MATTERS THAT AFFECTED THEIR OPERATION FOR DISCUSSION, MR SO SAID.

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+IT IS THROUGH THE CONGENIAL, FRIENDLY AND CO-OPERATIVE DISCUSSIONS HELD AT THESE CONFERENCE THAT MANY PROBLEMS ARISING FROM CHANGING TRANSPORT PATTERNS WERE RESOLVED, BETTER UNDERSTANDING ACHIEVED AND IMPROVEMENTS INTRODUCED.+

MR SO CALLED ON TAXI AND PLB OPERATORS TO MAKE MORE USE OF THE CONFERENCES AS A FORUM FOR MORE OPEN DISCUSSION ON TRANSPORT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN THE FUTURE.

+YOUR ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THESE CONFERENCES WILL ENSURE THAT THE FORMULATION OF ANY FUTURE TRANSPORT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WILL BE DONE WITH BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND WITH THE BEST COMPATIBLE INTEREST OF THE TRADES AND THE PUBLIC IN MIND,+ HE SAID.

REVIEWING TAXI AND PLB OPERATIONS IN THE PAST YEAR, MR SO SAID THAT BOTH TRADES HAD MADE STEADY PROGRESS. THE IMPROVEMENT IN TAXI SERVICES IN RECENT MONTHS WAS EVIDENCED BY THE LETTERS OF APPRECIATION FROM THE PUBLIC TO THE PRESS WHILE THE IMPROVEMENT IN PLB SERVICES WAS OBVIOUS FROM THE FACT THAT BIGGER, MORE COMFORTABLE AND EVEN AIR-CONDITIONED PLBS WERE RUNNING ON THE ROADS.

THE GOVERNMENT HAVING REVIEWED ITS TAXI POLICY AND HAVING ACCEPTED THE USEFUL ROLE OF TAXIS AS AN ADJUNCT TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT, HAD STABILISED THE FUTURE OF THE TRADE BY WAY OF A MODEST INCREASE IN ANNUAL TAXI LICENCE FEES, A LIMIT ON THE FURTHER ISSUE OF LICENCES FOR URBAN TAXIS AND A MORATORIUM FOR NT TAXI LICENCES, UP TO 1986.

OTHER MEASURES TO HELP THE TRADE CONSOLIDATE ITS OPERATION INCLUDED THE EXTENSION OF THE NT TAXI BOUNDARY AND THE MOVE TO ALLOW TAXIS CARRY ADVERTISEMENTS.

ON PLBS, MR SO SAID THAT THERE WERE PROBLEMS LAST YEAR ARISING FROM PLB OPERATIONS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND FROM THE SELECTION OF GREEN MINIBUS OPERATORS ON CERTAIN ROUTES. HOWEVER, THESE WERE IRONED OUT AND THE TRADE HAD EMERGED STRONGER AND BETTER IN THE FACE OF A CHANGING TRANSPORT SCENE.

A REVIEW OF PLB AND GREEN MINIBUS OPERATIONS WAS CONDUCTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR AND FINDINGS OF THE REVIEW HAD BEEN NOTED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, MR SO SAID.

HE HOPED THAT RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REVIEW REPORT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS MANY OF THE PROPOSED MEASURES WOULD HELP THE PLB TRADE ADJUST ITSELF TO THE IMPENDING CHANGE IN THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT PATTERN WITH THE OPENING OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE IN LATE MAY.

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CJ TO START OFF CIVIL SERVANTS RUN  
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THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WILL START OFF A LONG DISTANCE RUN IN WHICH ABOUT 700 CIVIL SERVANTS FROM 36 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL BE TAKING PART TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 10 AM..

THE ANNUAL EVENT WILL START AND FINISH AT TAI TAM TUK RESERVOIR AT TAI TAM ROAD. THE EVENT WILL BE IN TWO DIVISIONS, WITH THE MEN COVERED 10 KILOMETRES AND THE WOMEN SIX KILOMETRES..

SIR DENYS WILL ALSO PRESENT THE +ROBERTS SHIELD+ TO THE WINNER OF THE MEN'S DIVISION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT 10 AM.

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SPEEDPOST GOES TO PORTUGAL  
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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO PORTUGAL FROM MONDAY (MARCH 11), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THERE WILL THEN BE 28 COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK SERVED FROM HONG KONG, HE SAID.

SPEEDPOST ITEMS WOULD BE ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION TO LISBON, OPORTO AND COIMBRA IN PORTUGAL.

ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG WOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEES IN LISBON ON THE NEXT WORKING DAY, AND IN OPORTO AND COIMBRA ON THE FOLLOWING WORKING DAY.

BOTH +CONTRACT+ AND +ON DEMAND+ SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE.

THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT PER ITEM IS 15 KG AND THE POSTAGE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

ITEMS WEIGHING UNDER 250 G	\$70
ITEMS WEIGHING BETWEEN 250 G AND 500 G	\$80
EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500 G	\$25

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+THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS.

+CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ANOTHER GOOD YEAR FOR FISHERMEN  
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HONG KONG FISHERMEN HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR LAST YEAR WITH CATCHES INCREASING IN BOTH QUANTITY AND VALUE.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER PARTY FOR LEADING FISHERMEN TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, SAID THIS WAS DUE, IN NO SMALL MEASURE, TO THEIR HARD WORK AND TO THE INCREASING ADOPTION OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY.

DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THAT POND FISH FARMERS WERE LESS FORTUNATE AS A PROLONGED COLD SPELL TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR HAD ADVERSELY AFFECTED PRODUCTION.

ALSO, DUE TO CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE TOTAL AREA OF FISH PONDS DECLINED FURTHER.

MARICULTURISTS, HOWEVER, DID VERY WELL AND THE YIELD OF CULTURED MARINE FISH INCREASED BY OVER 30 PER CENT IN WEIGHT COMPARED WITH THAT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THAT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ASSIST THOSE WORKING IN THE FISHING INDUSTRY.

TO COPE WITH NEW URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND TO PROVIDE BETTER MARKETING FACILITIES, THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION REPROVISIONED ITS MARKETS AT SHAU KEI WAN AND CHEUNG SHA WAN IN THE SECOND HALF OF LAST YEAR.

A LARGE MARKET AT YIM TIN TSAI, TAI PO, WAS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN THE COMING SUMMER AND PLANNING FOR NEW MARKETS AT YAU TONG AND TUEN MUN WAS IN PROGRESS, HE SAID.

DR RIDDELL-SWAN THANKED THE LEADING FISHERMEN FOR THE CO-OPERATION THEY GAVE TO BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION DURING THE PAST YEAR WHICH, HE ADDED, WAS INVALUABLE IN THE JOINT ENDEAVOURS TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY.

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FIRE OFFICERS TOLD OF NEED FOR PATIENCE  
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SIR SHIU-KIN TANG TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON A GROUP OF NEWLY GRADUATED FIRE OFFICERS TO SHOW UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENCE TOWARDS VICTIMS OF FIRE AND OTHER CALAMITIES.

SIR SHIU-KIN WAS SPEAKING AT A PASSING OUT PARADE OF FIVE PROBATION STATION OFFICERS AND 42 FIREMEN AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

+I HAVE LONG ADMIRERD THE DEDICATION TO JOB, THE COMMITMENT TO THE PUBLIC FOR WHICH THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES IS SO RENOWNED. THE PUBLIC HOLDS YOU IN HIGH REGARD. WE ADMIRE YOUR COURAGE AND ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SERVICES YOU RENDER,+ SIR SHIU-KIN SAID.

HE TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT THEIR CHOSEN CAREER DEMANDS TOTAL COMMITMENT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

+IT IS A HIGHLY DISCIPLINED AND DANGEROUS ONE,+ HE SAID.

SIR SHIU-KIN LATER PRESENTED BEST RECRUIT AWARDS TO PROBATION STATION OFFICER CHEUNG KAR-WAI AND FIREMAN CHOI WING-CHEONG.

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STALLS AT FLOWER SHOW FOR LEASE  
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A TOTAL OF 24 COMMERCIAL STALLS FOR THE SALE OF FLOWERS, PLANTS AND HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE URBAN COUNCIL FLOWER SHOW TO BE HELD BETWEEN APRIL 19 AND 21 IN EDINBURGH PLACE.

OF THE STALLS, 17 WILL MEASURE ABOUT NINE SQUARE METRES EACH WHILE THE REST WILL MEASURE ABOUT 18 SQUARE METRES EACH.

A SMALL STALL CARRIES AN UPSET PRICE OF \$200 AND A LARGE ONE, \$400.

AUCTIONING OF THE STALLS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE VICTORIA PARK TENNIS CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY AT 9.15 A.M. ON MARCH 20.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO BID FOR A STALL SHOULD BRING ALONG WITH THEM THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS, TWO PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS, AND SUFFICIENT MONEY TO COVER THE BID AS WELL AS \$135 FOR THE ISSUING OF A TEMPORARY LICENCE.

OTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HAWKER RECORD OFFICES OF THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND AT SAI YEE STREET DEPOT IN KOWLOON.

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TENDERS INVITED TO OPERATE KIOSK  
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF A FAST FOOD KIOSK IN CENTRAL.

THE KIOSK IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AT CENTRAL PROMENADE, HARBOUR VIEW STREET.

SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE AWARDED A THREE YEAR CONTRACT FROM THE DATE OF SIGNING THE CONTRACT. AT PRESENT, THE KIOSK CARRIES A MONTHLY RENTAL OF \$30 300.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL MARKET BUILDING.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE AND PLACED BY HAND IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECEPTION COUNTER, 12TH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE (WEST WING), ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG BEFORE 9 A.M. ON FRIDAY (APRIL 12). LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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TEACHING COURSE FOR PEOPLE IN INDUSTRY  
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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WILL ORGANISE A ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME TEACHER TRAINING COURSE THIS SEPTEMBER FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOME YEARS OF INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE AND ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING UP TEACHING AS A PROFESSION.

SUBJECTS BEING OFFERED INCLUDE ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

INDUCEMENT GRANTS BETWEEN \$1 650 AND \$2 500 PER MONTH WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS TAKING THE COURSE. GRANTS WILL BE CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF RELEVANT POST-QUALIFICATION INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE.

APPLICANTS MUST POSSESS EITHER A HIGHER DIPLOMA, ORDINARY DIPLOMA, HIGHER CERTIFICATE OR EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS AWARDED BY THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, THE POLYTECHNIC, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR AN EQUIVALENT EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BY MARCH 25.

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POLICE TRAINING CAMP REDEVELOPMENT

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REDEVELOPMENT WORK ON THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT TRAINING CAMP AT FANLING WILL BEGIN AT THE END OF THIS YEAR AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1987/88, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY, SAID LAST (THURSDAY) NIGHT.

SPEAKING AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE CAMP, MR HENRY SAID THE PROJECT WILL COST ABOUT \$95 MILLION. DURING THE WORKS PERIOD, THE PTU WILL MAKE A TEMPORARY MOVE TO THE NEW TERRITORIES DEPOT.

MR HENRY SAID THE BLUE BERETS HAD MADE THEIR MARK, INDELIBLY, IN HONG KONG ANNALS NOT ONLY THROUGH HELPING IN THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER BUT ALSO FOR THEIR INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE DURING TIMES OF CRISIS.

"AS A RESULT, FEW PEOPLE IN HONG KONG HAVE NOT HEARD OF THE FINE REPUTATION THAT OUR BLUE BERETS HAVE, AND ALL WHO HAVE PASSED THROUGH THESE PORTALS ARE WELL DESERVING OF THE HIGH ESTEEM IN WHICH OUR PTU OFFICERS ARE HELD BY THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

ON PARADE YESTERDAY WERE 170 MEMBERS OF "FOXTROT" COMPANY, WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED 10 WEEKS' TRAINING TO EQUIP THEM FOR A 20-WEEK ATTACHMENT TO WEST KOWLOON.

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MEDAL FOR MARINE SUPERVISOR

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A WORKS SUPERVISOR II OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR TANG SHIU-YING, HAS BEEN AWARDED THE IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL BY THE QUEEN ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 36 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR CHAN YUE-YAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

MR TANG JOINED THE DEPARTMENT AS A LIGHTHOUSE MECHANIC IN MAY 1948.

THROUGHOUT HIS YEARS OF SERVICE, MR TANG PERFORMED HIS DUTIES WITH COMPLETE DEVOTION AND HIS EFFICIENT SERVICE WAS MUCH VALUED BY THE DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN SAID.

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TUEN MUN SITE OFFERED

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A PIECE OF CROWN LAND AT TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE IS OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE SITE, ABOUT 3 552 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, EXCLUDING GODOWN.

THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 12, 1985.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS AND TENDER PLANS CAN BE OBTAINED AND INSPECTED AT:

- \* LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG=
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON=
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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STREET CLOSING FOR ROAD WORK

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ABERDEEN STREET BETWEEN HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND GAGE STREET IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MARCH 11 UNTIL MIDNIGHT ON MARCH 24, FOR ROAD WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, SHING WONG STREET WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND WHILE GOUGH STREET WILL BECOME ONE-WAY EASTBOUND. VEHICLES ON ABERDEEN STREET HEADING FOR WELLINGTON STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND WYNDHAM STREET.

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TRAFFIC CHANGE FOR WATER MAINS WORK  
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE JUNCTION OF JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD WITH NGAU TAU KOK ROAD FOR SIX WEEKS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 11) TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF WATERMAINS:-

- \* JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD NEAR THE JUNCTION OF NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.
- \* LEFT-TURN MOVEMENTS FROM NGAU TAU KOK ROAD SOUTHBOUND INTO JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD WILL BE BANNED.
- \* RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENTS FROM NGAU TAU KOK ROAD NORTHBOUND INTO JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD WILL ALSO BE BANNED.
- \* MOTORISTS ON NGAU TAU KOK ROAD HEADING FOR JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, CHUN WAH ROAD, JORDAN VALLEY SOUTH ROAD AND JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD.

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