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MORE PROPOSALS UNDER STUDY FOR REHABILITATING OFFENDERS
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THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING FURTHER PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO HELP OFFENDERS WHO GENUINELY WANT TO REFORM THEMSELVES, AND TO INTEGRATE THEMSELVES BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT FALLING AGAIN INTO CRIME, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THESE PROPOSALS INCLUDE A PAROLE SCHEME UNDER WHICH PRISONERS SERVING THREE YEARS OR MORE MAY APPLY TO BE RELEASED UNDER SUPERVISION AFTER HAVING SERVED HALF OF THEIR SENTENCE- A PRE-RELEASE EMPLOYMENT SCHEME WHEREBY PRISONERS MAY APPLY TO START WORK IN THE COMMUNITY SIX MONTHS BEFORE THEY ARE DUE TO BE RELEASED, WHILE STAYING IN A SPECIAL HOSTEL- AND A PARTIALLY SUSPENDED SENTENCE SCHEME WHICH ALLOWS THE COURTS TO PASS A SENTENCE WHICH COMBINES BOTH A CUSTODIAL PERIOD AND A PERIOD OF SUSPENDED CUSTODY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A CONFERENCE ON YOUTH PROBLEMS ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR JEAFFRESON SAID THESE WERE IN ADDITION TO TWO RECENTLY INTRODUCED PIECES OF LEGISLATION TO ASSIST IN REHABILITATION.

+THE FIRST IS THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ORDINANCE, WHICH PROVIDES FOR CERTAIN CONVICTIONS TO BECOME SPENT AFTER THREE YEARS IF THE PERSON CONCERNED BEHAVES HIMSELF, THUS PROVIDING AN INCENTIVE FOR HIM NOT TO REVERT TO CRIME.

+THE SECOND IS THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS ORDINANCE WHICH ALLOWS THE COURTS TO ORDER A CONVICTED OFFENDER TO DO COMMUNITY SERVICE INSTEAD OF SERVING A SENTENCE IN PRISON,+ HE SAID.

MR JEAFFRESON STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO LOOKING SERIOUSLY AT MEASURES TO PREVENT YOUTHS FROM BECOMING DELINQUENTS.

+IN THIS CONTEXT, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD RECENTLY SET UP A GROUP TO STUDY THE BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES OF YOUTHS IN KWUN TONG.

+WE HAVE NOW AGREED THAT, TO FOLLOW UP THIS REPORT, A GROUP UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL LOOK IN DETAIL AT THE MANY FACETS OF THE PROBLEM AND TRY TO COME UP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO ALLEVIATE IT,+ HE SAID.

MR JEAFFRESON SAID THERE WOULD BE NO QUICK NOR EASY ANSWER THAT GAVE YOUTH A BETTER CHANCE TO LEAD A WHOLESOME AND VITAL LIFE.

+THEIR PROBLEMS WILL NEED TO BE TACKLED ON A WIDE FRONT AND OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE WE SHALL SEE POSITIVE RESULTS,+ HE SAID.

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TRADE AGREEMENT WITH CANADA
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A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH CANADA ON A NEW BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1987-1991. THE NEGOTIATIONS ENDED ON SATURDAY EVENING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS AGREEMENT. MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, THE AVERAGE GROWTH RATES FOR APPAREL CATEGORIES WERE REDUCED FROM 2.2 PER CENT - 2.7 PER CENT TO 1.12 PER CENT, ALTHOUGH THE OVERALL GROWTH RATE WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS BEFORE, AT 2.7 PER CENT (COMPARED WITH 2.3 PER CENT - 2.9 PER CENT).

RESTRAINTS WERE ALSO EXTENDED TO CERTAIN APPAREL MADE FROM +NEW FIBRES+ SUCH AS RAMIE AND SILK BLENDS, WITH APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE QUOTA LEVELS. FLEXIBILITY REMAINED GENERALLY AT PRESENT LEVELS, ALTHOUGH SWING FROM TEXTILES TO APPAREL WAS REDUCED FROM 5 PER CENT TO 1 PER CENT.

IN ORDER TO PARTLY COMPENSATE FOR THESE ADVERSE CHANGES, THERE WERE ALSO SOME IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING ADDITIONS TO SOME QUOTA LEVELS, AND REMOVAL OF SOME SUB-LIMITS.

+THE NEGOTIATION WAS A DIFFICULT ONE, AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD WERE HELD ON BOTH THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AFTERNOONS TO ADVISE THE NEGOTIATING TEAM. THE KEY ISSUES WERE NOT RESOLVED UNTIL SATURDAY MORNING. WHILST THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY A VERY RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS APPAREL, THERE ARE NO CUTBACKS AND THE TRADE WILL BE ABLE TO RELY ON STEADY IF MODEST GROWTH OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS,+ HAMISH MACLEOD, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, COMMENTED.

MORE DETAILS WILL BE ISSUED NEXT WEEK TO THE TRADE IN THE USUAL WAY.

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STABILITY WILL BENEFIT TEXTILES INDUSTRY
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HONG KONG'S TEXTILES AND GARMENT INDUSTRY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A PERIOD OF STABILITY TO CONCENTRATE ON IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND DESIGN OF PRODUCTS AS THE TRADE AGREEMENTS SIGNED LAST YEAR HAVE CLARIFIED EXPORT LEVELS.

THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, STATED THIS BEFORE OPENING THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S GALA PRESENTATION OF THE HONG KONG FASHION WEEK THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG, BEING ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST EXPORTERS OF TEXTILES, WAS ALSO ONE OF THE LARGEST IMPORTERS.

+THAT IS HOW THE FREE MARKET, TO WHICH WE ARE COMMITTED, WORKS,+ HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID HE HOPED THAT IN RETURN, HONG KONG'S TRADING PARTNERS, IN DECIDING THEIR TRADE POLICIES, WOULD DISTINGUISH BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH DID NOT HAVE A FREE AND FAIR MARKET.

+BY DISCRIMINATING IN FAVOUR OF HONG KONG WILL POINT THE WAY FOR OTHER COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW OUR FREE AND FAIR TRADE EXAMPLE,+ HE SAID.

HE DESCRIBED IT +UNFAIR AND UNJUST+ TO TAR EVERYONE WITH THE SAME BRUSH IN TRADE POLICIES.

SIR DAVID ALSO CONGRATULATED MR KENNETH FANG AND HIS COMMITTEE FOR THEIR SUCCESS IN ORGANISING THE SHOW.

HE SAID THE GREATER PARTICIPATION OF HONG KONG'S OWN FASHION DESIGNERS THIS YEAR WAS MOST ENCOURAGING, BECAUSE TALENTED LOCAL DESIGNERS, WITH EFFICIENT MANUFACTURERS AND RESOURCEFUL EXPORTERS TO BACK THEM UP, HELPED TO ENSURE THAT THE TEXTILES AND GARMENTS INDUSTRY REMAINED COMPETITIVE.

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HSU TAKES TRADE MESSAGE TO HAWAII * * * * *

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR ADOLF HSU, TODAY (SATURDAY) ACKNOWLEDGED THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO HONG KONG BY THE UNITED STATES DURING THE SINO-BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE.

SPEAKING BEFORE THE HAWAII CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONOLULU, MR HSU SAID, +THE UNITED STATES GAVE US MUCH SUPPORT DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS AND FOR THIS WE ARE GRATEFUL.+

+THE JOINT DECLARATION IS NOW IN PLACE PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF HONG KONG'S UNIQUE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, LEGAL AND OTHER SYSTEMS FOR 50 YEARS AFTER 1997, AND FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO HONG KONG'S NEW STATUS AS A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA.+

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FORECASTING THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMIC LINKS BETWEEN THE TERRITORY AND CHINA, MR HSU SAID THAT HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE CHINA WITH THE BROAD RANGE OF SERVICES IT WOULD NEED AND WHICH IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPLY AS EFFICIENTLY ITSELF NOR OBTAIN AS CONVENIENTLY OR EFFICIENTLY FROM ELSEWHERE.

MR HSU SAID THAT WHILE CHINA AND HONG KONG HAD HAD A LONG STANDING RELATIONSHIP AS TRADING PARTNERS, THE RE-EMERGENCE OF HONG KONG AS AN ENTREPOT FOR THE REST OF CHINA WAS A NEW FACTOR IN THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMIC LIFE.

+OUR TRADITIONAL ROLE AS AN ENTREPOT FOR CHINA HAS RE-EMERGED AND THIS DEVELOPMENT REFLECTS THE INESCAPABLE FACT THAT HONG KONG IS THE MOST CONVENIENT AND LARGEST ESTABLISHED GATEWAY OR CONDUIT TO CHINA. HONG KONG ALSO PROVIDES INTERNATIONAL SERVICES, ON CHINA'S DOORSTEP, IN THE FIELDS OF FINANCE, TRADE AND COMMUNICATION ALL OF WHICH ARE OF INCREASING VALUE TO CHINA AS SHE OPENS UP.+

TURNING FROM THE CHINESE DIMENSION OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG AS TRADING PARTNERS, MR HSU VOICED HONG KONG'S CONCERN OVER THE GROWTH OF PROTECTIONISM IN THE U.S. MARKETS, PARTICULARLY THE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES ON TEXTILES AND GARMENT PRODUCTS.

+WHILE WE FULLY APPRECIATE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED WITH ITS TRADE DEFICIT AND WITH THE FACT THAT NOT ALL ITS TRADING PARTNERS OPEN UP THEIR MARKETS TO AMERICAN GOODS AND SERVICES, THESE DO NOT JUSTIFY TAKING PROTECTIONIST MEASURES AGAINST IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG,+ MR HSU SAID, POINTING OUT THAT COMPETITION IN HONG KONG WAS FREE AND FAIR.

+WE BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES, IN DECIDING ITS TRADE POLICY, SHOULD GIVE RECOGNITION TO HONG KONG'S STANCE ON FREE AND FAIR TRADE. THIS WOULD INDUCE OTHER TRADING PARTNERS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FOLLOW HONG KONG'S EXAMPLE AND OPEN UP THEIR MARKETS,+ HE SAID.

MR HSU CONFIRMED THAT HONG KONG CONTINUED TO PROVIDE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTORS IN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

HE SAID HE HOPED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO UPHOLD THE PRINCIPLES OF OPEN MARKET AND FREE COMPETITION, PARTICULARLY FOR TRADING PARTNERS LIKE HONG KONG WHICH PRACTISED THEM WHOLE-HEARTEDLY.

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PRAISE FOR GOOD WORK OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE
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THE PAST 75 YEARS HAVE BEEN A PERIOD OF ENDEAVOUR, HARD WORK AND COMPLETE DEDICATION FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, CULMINATING IN AN EXCELLENT RECORD OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND AN INTERNATIONAL IMAGE SECOND TO NONE.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF CUSTOMS INSPECTORS AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS HELD AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL IN TAI LAM CHUNG.

HE URGED MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE TO DO ALL WITHIN THEIR POWER TO UPHOLD THE FINE NAME AND TRADITION OF THE SERVICE OF THE PAST, AND TO STRIVE FOR AN EVEN BETTER TOMORROW.

MR WILLIAMSON WAS ALSO IMPRESSED BY THE SMART TURN-OUT AND BEARING OF THE PASSING-OUT SQUADS WHICH COMPRISED 23 CUSTOMS INSPECTORS AND 70 CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

THE RECRUIT INSPECTORS AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS HAVE RESPECTIVELY COMPLETED A 26-WEEK AND 13-WEEK RESIDENTIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL.

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THIRD QUARTER RESTAURANT SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED
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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986, ESTIMATED AT \$5 121 MILLION, WAS 6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985, WHILE THE SALES VOLUME WAS 3 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986 WAS \$2 202 MILLION, WHICH WAS 6 PER CENT HIGHER IN VALUE TERMS THAN IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985.

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE (16 PER CENT) IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985, FOLLOWED BY BARS (12 PER CENT), OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOP, CREAMERIES AND OTHER OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY ETC.) (8 PER CENT), CHINESE RESTAURANTS (5 PER CENT) AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (4 PER CENT).

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS, OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, BARS AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS WENT UP BY 14 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT, 4 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS DECREASED SLIGHTLY BY 1 PER CENT.

COMPARING THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS ROSE BY 6 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME; AND THE TOTAL VALUE OF PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT.

FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST GROWTH IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS, AT 15 PER CENT, FOLLOWED BY OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (10 PER CENT), BARS (8 PER CENT), CHINESE RESTAURANTS (5 PER CENT) AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (5 PER CENT).

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS AGAIN SHOWED THE LARGEST INCREASE, AT 12 PER CENT. THE GROWTH IN VOLUME TERMS RECORDED BY OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, BARS, CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS WERE 7 PER CENT, 3 PER CENT, 3 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986 WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS WENT UP BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 9 PER CENT IN VOLUME; AND THE VALUE OF PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT.

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS. TOTAL RECEIPTS OF BARS ROSE BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 9 PER CENT IN VOLUME; AND THOSE OF NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 9 PER CENT IN VOLUME. TOTAL RECEIPTS OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN VOLUME; AND THOSE OF OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES ROSE BY 8 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR TOTAL RECEIPTS OF AND TOTAL PURCHASES BY THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF THE THIRD QUARTER 1986 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 AND WITH THOSE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985; AND COMPARISONS OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

CHART 1 DEPICTS THE MOVEMENTS OF THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983 TO THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986.

THE REPORT ON QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986 IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 3-7216024.

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

		2nd qtr. 1986 (Revised figures)	3rd qtr. 1986 (Provisional figures)
Total restaurant receipts	(in HK\$ million)	4 660	5 121
Total purchases by restaurants	(in HK\$ million)	1 980	2 202

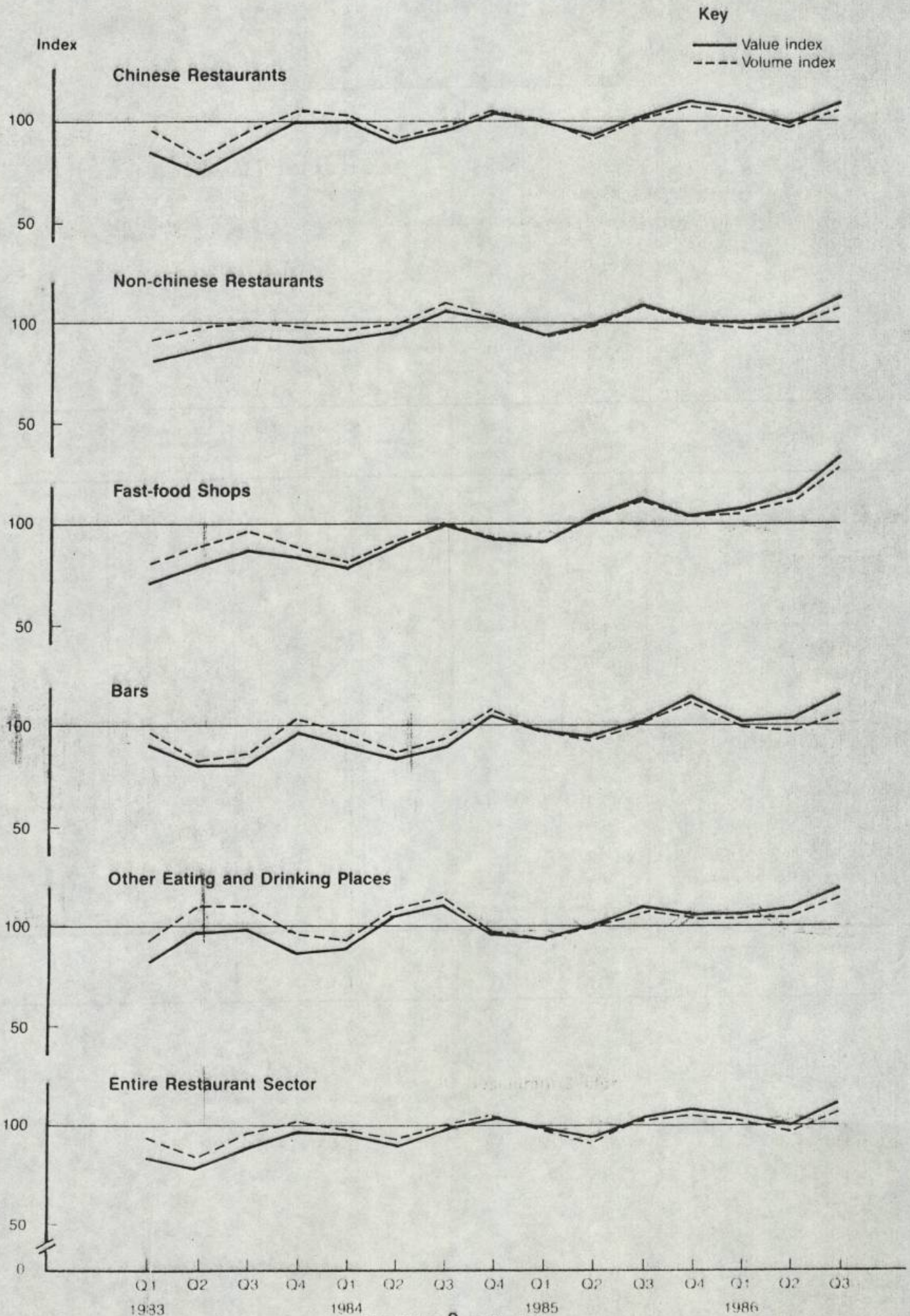
TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 2ND QUARTER 1986 AND 3RD QUARTER 1986

(Quarterly average of October 84 - September 85 = 100)

Type of restaurant	Index of total restaurant receipts	2nd quarter 1986	3rd quarter 1986	3rd qtr. 1986 compared with 2nd qtr. 1986		3rd qtr. 1986 compared with 3rd qtr. 1985		1st-3rd qtr. 1986 compared with 1st-3rd qtr. 1985	
				Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
Chinese restaurants	Value	(Revised figures) 98	(Provisional figures) 108	+ 9	+ 9	+ 5	+ 5	+ 5	+ 5
	Volume	96	104	+ 8	+ 8	+ 3	+ 3	+ 3	+ 3
Non-Chinese restaurants	Value	102	112	+10	+10	+ 4	+ 4	+ 5	+ 5
	Volume	97	106	+ 9	+ 9	- 1	- 1	+ 1	+ 1
Fast food shops	Value	114	131	+16	+14	+18	+16	+15	+15
	Volume	112	127	+15	+14	+16	+14	+13	+12
Bars	Value	103	114	+12	+11	+12	+12	+ 8	+ 8
	Volume	96	105	+ 9	+ 9	+ 4	+ 4	+ 3	+ 3
Other eating and drinking places	Value	109	118	+ 8	+ 8	+ 9	+ 8	+10	+10
	Volume	106	113	+ 7	+ 7	+ 6	+ 6	+ 7	+ 7
Entire restaurant sector	Value	100	110	+10	+10	+ 6	+ 6	+ 6	+ 6
	Volume	98	106	+ 9	+ 9	+ 3	+ 3	+ 3	+ 3

Note : Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.

Chart 1: Value and Volume Indexes of Restaurant Receipts
(Quarterly average of Oct. 1984 — Sept. 1985 = 100)



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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION
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THIRTY-SIX SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$920 500 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION HELD AT RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, EIGHTH FLOOR, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER DL 1 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$318 000.

ANOTHER NUMBER CR 3 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$150 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000 FOR DM 457.

THREE REGISTRATION NUMBERS DK 9904, DL 9904 AND DK 8000 WERE WITHDRAWN.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES :

DL 133	\$ 12 000	DL6199	\$ 1 500	DL 139	\$ 7 000
DL 308	5 500	DL9779	5 000	DL 273	3 000
DK 4	23 000	DL 661	5 000	AV 944	7 500
DL 339	15 000	DL8768	3 000	DK8777	6 000
DK9808	5 000	DL 755	2 500	DK8888	102 000
DJ7700	10 000	CW8787	6 000	DL 219	6 000
DL6618	11 000	DL 126	5 000	DL6088	5 500
512	52 000	DL 203	5 000	DL8777	7 000
CN 328	50 000	DL 328	55 000	AJ 619	4 000
DK 678	20 000	DL 638	10 000	DL9199	2 000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITH 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 111TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$41 944 832.

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MORE BUILDINGS JOIN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME
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THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME HAD A POSITIVE EFFECT IN PREVENTING CRIME AND HAD FOSTERED CLOSER TIE AMONG NEIGHBOURS, WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S THIRD PHASE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME TODAY, MR GARCIA SAID SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME IN 1985 RESPONSE FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS HAD BEEN MOST ENCOURAGING.

FOUR MORE BUILDINGS, COMPRISING 288 UNITS IN THE DISTRICT, JOINED THE SCHEME TODAY. THEY ARE CHEONG HONG BUILDING, FORTUNE BUILDING, HOI DEEN COURT AND HAPPY MANSION.

THE BASIC AIM OF THE SCHEME WAS TO MOBILISE THE PUBLIC TO PREVENT CRIME BY FORMING CLOSELY-KNIT UNITS IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, MR GARCIA SAID.

BEFORE THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY, THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN CLOSING CEREMONY WAS HELD AT HENNESSY CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY WHERE A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION ON +SECURITY AT HOME+ WAS STAGED AT THE SAME TIME.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR GARCIA SAID A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING FILM SHOW, SLOGAN CONTEST, ANTI-SHOPLIFTING SEMINAR, VISIT TO POLICE STATIONS AND CRIME PREVENTION CENTRE, HAD BEEN ORGANISED DURING THE CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR.

APART FROM DISPLAYING THE LATEST ANTI-BURGLARY DEVICES SUITABLE FOR HOMES, THE EXHIBITION ALSO FEATURED WORKS OF WINNERS OF A STUDENTS SLOGAN CONTEST. THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL TOMORROW.

THREE RESIDENTS, MR WONG KAM-BIU, MR CHIU PIK-YU AND MR CHAN CHUK-KI, RECEIVED THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN AWARD DURING THE CLOSING CEREMONY FOR ASSISTING THE POLICE IN PREVENTING CRIME IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE TWO CEREMONIES WERE THE WAN CHAI POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR LAU TO-YEE- POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR LAU KIN-YEUK CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHENG HOK-YIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARMEN CHIU, AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE DISTRICT'S FIVE AREA COMMITTEES.

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KWAI TSING HOLDING FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE CARNIVAL, FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM, IS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CRIME PREVENTION.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND 10 000 FREE TICKETS FOR STALL GAMES WITH THE THEME OF FIGHTING CRIME HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SEVEN SUB-OFFICES.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES A LION DANCE AND JUDO DEMONSTRATIONS BY MEMBERS OF JUNIOR POLICE CALL, VARIOUS DISPLAYS, AND PERFORMANCES BY DISCIPLINED SERVICES UNITS.

THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED EARLIER IN THE DISTRICT INCLUDES THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNIT CONTEST AND THE BRAVE CITIZEN AWARD SCHEME. AWARDEES IN BOTH EVENTS WILL BE PRESENTED PRIZES AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (KWAI CHUNG), MR BRIAN ELEY= CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO TUNG-CHING= AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL TO BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND (NEXT TO KWAI FONG MTR STATION).

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MONG KOK CLEANS UP FOR NEW YEAR
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A CLEAN-UP DRIVE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED IN MONG KOK TO HELP RESIDENTS DISPOSE OF BULKY JUNKS AND UNWANTED FURNITURE DURING THEIR CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS TOWARDS THE END OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE CLEAN-UP IS AIMED AT GIVING THE DISTRICT A FACELIFT IN THE NEW YEAR.

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A SERIES OF TEMPORARY REFUSE AND JUNK COLLECTION POINTS WILL BE SET UP FROM JANUARY 22-28 TO COLLECT REFUSE.

THE LOCATIONS AND DATES FOR REFUSE COLLECTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
JANUARY 22	55 ANCHOR STREET
JANUARY 23	54 BEDFORD STREET, AND JUNCTION OF LARCH STREET AND MAPLE STREET.
JANUARY 24	JUNCTION OF SHUM CHUN STREET AND CHEUNG WONG ROAD, JUNCTION OF MONG KOK ROAD AND SHANGHAI STREET, AND 47 YU CHAU STREET
JANUARY 25	3-13 NULLAH STREET
JANUARY 26	DUNDAS STREET
JANUARY 27	1024 CANTON ROAD, 193 PORTLAND STREET
JANUARY 28	ALL THE ABOVE LOCATIONS

CLEANING WORKERS WILL ALSO BE MOBILISED TO HELP CLEAR RUBBISH AND OBSTRUCTIONS FROM STREETS AND REAR LANES.

CHAIRMAN OF THE CLEAN ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE WHICH HELPED CO-ORDINATE THE OPERATION, MR LAU TAK-KI, URGED RESIDENTS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE FACILITIES TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENT.

HE ALSO SAID IT WAS A BREACH OF FIRE SERVICES REGULATIONS IF THEY SIMPLY DISCARDED JUNKS AND REFUSE AT PASSAGE-WAYS AND COMMUNAL AREAS IN BUILDINGS AS THESE OBJECTS WOULD BLOCK EMERGENCY EXITS IN CASE OF FIRE.

OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE URBAN COUNCIL MEMBERS, DR RONALD LEUNG AND MR CHAN KWOK-MING.

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DISCUSSION ON GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES * * * * *

MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON MONDAY (JANUARY 19) TO CONSIDER A NUMBER OF PROPOSED PROJECTS ON GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN SHEK WU HUI AND FANLING SOUTH; A GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING OPPOSITE THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND; A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND A CENTRALISED PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SHA TAU KOK.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT TO BE LAUNCHED IN MARCH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING ON MONDAY AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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SHA TIN YOUTH CONFERENCE OPENING TOMORROW

ABOUT 200 SHA TIN YOUTHS WILL ATTEND A SPECIAL CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES WORKING GROUP OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE HOTEL RIVERSIDE PLAZA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR MARTIN LEE, AND THE ACTING DEPUTY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR C.M. LEUNG, WILL TALK ON +YOUTH AND POLITICS+.

OTHER TOPICS ON +YOUTH AND COMMUNITY+ WILL BE PRESENTED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, DR FANNY CHEUNG, AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MRS LESLIE HUNG.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MRS ROSANNA TAM, SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LEO KWAN, AND BOARD MEMBER, DR FANNY CHEUNG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY IN THE BALLROOM OF THE HOTEL TOMORROW AT 9:30 AM. TALKS WILL START AT 10 AM.

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GRAND TATTOO TO CLOSE DISTRICT FESTIVAL
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A GRAND TATTOO BY VARIOUS DISCIPLINED UNITS AND LOCAL GROUPS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN WONG CHUK HANG TO MARK THE END OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE THREE-HOUR SPECTACULAR WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES SUCH AS DRAGON DANCES, A MOCK BATTLE, DEMONSTRATION OF KARATE, MOTOR CYCLE AND BMX BICYCLE TECHNIQUE, REGIMENTAL BAND AND FOOT DRILLS.

THE MOCK BATTLE WILL BE PERFORMED BY ABOUT 50 MEMBERS OF THE 1ST BATTALION COLDSTREAM GUARDS. THEY WILL BE SPLIT UP INTO TWO TEAMS, ATTACKING AND DEFENDING WITH VARIOUS ANTITANK TACTICS AND WEAPONS. A HIGHLIGHT OF THE SHOW WILL BE THE DESPATCH OF EXTRA MEN FROM A HELICOPTER TO BACK UP THE DEFENDING TEAM.

OTHER PERFORMING GROUPS INCLUDE THE ROYAL CORPS OF TRANSPORT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS), THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE KARATE-DO CLUB AND CHINESE MARTIAL ART GROUPS.

THE GRAND FINALE WILL BE THE RELEASE OF A THOUSAND BALLONS TO BRING THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO A CLOSE.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, CHAIRMEN OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND ITS SIX WORKING GROUPS, MRS SO CHOW YIM-PING, MR JASPER LAM, MR JOSEPH CHAN, MR CHAN YAU-YUE, MR ALBERT POON, MR LAI CHI-TONG AND MR YUNG CHEK-CHOW.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RESIDENTS, FREE COACH SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 1 PM TO TAKE RESIDENTS FROM STANLEY AND SHEK O TO WONG CHUK HANG. THE PICK-UP POINTS ARE THE BUS STOP OUTSIDE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S BRANCH ON STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD AND THE SHEK O CARPARK.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY AND GRAND TATTOO FROM 2.30 PM TO 5.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE URBAN COUNCIL HARD-SURFACED SOCCER PITCH IN WONG CHUK HANG.

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ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN FOR ELDERLY IN KWUN TONG

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THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE YUET WAH STREET GARDEN IN KWUN TONG.

AN EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE VENUE TO AROUSE THE AWARENESS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE ON PROBLEMS OF ROAD SAFETY, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ACCIDENT BLACKSPOTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SLIDE AND VIDEO TAPE SHOW, QUIZ COMPETITION AND DEMONSTRATION OF ROAD SAFETY MEASURES.

THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT BOARD, ROAD SAFETY SECTION/TRAFFIC/KOWLOON, KWUN TONG POLICE DISTRICT, SAU MAU PING POLICE DISTRICT, ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND KWUN TONG COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL LAST UNTIL MARCH DURING WHICH EXHIBITIONS AND VIDEO TAPE SHOWS WILL BE HELD AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

OFFICIATING AT TOMORROW'S CEREMONY WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR POON CHI-FAI; KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, AND KWUN TONG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STANLEY YING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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COMPUTER COURSE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE TWO COMPUTER COURSES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEXT MONTH.

THE FIRST FIVE-DAY COURSE ON COMPUTER PROGRAMMING WILL BE RUN BY THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT RENFREW ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG BETWEEN FEBRUARY 2 AND 6.

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THE COURSE, DESIGNED FOR 40 TEACHERS WITH NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE IN COMPUTER, WILL COVER ELEMENTARY OPERATIONS, ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS, BRANCHING AND LOOPING, SUBSCRIPTS AND ARRAYS, AND CHARACTER STRING MANIPULATION IN BASIC PROGRAMMING.

EACH SCHOOL HEAD MAY NOMINATE ONE TEACHER TO ATTEND THE COURSE. NOMINATIONS MUST REACH THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (COMPUTER EDUCATION) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY JANUARY 21.

THE SECOND TWO-DAY COURSE ON DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS WILL BE RUN BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AT ITS CAMPUS ON FEBRUARY 7 AND 14.

IT WILL GIVE ABOUT 70 TEACHERS OF COMPUTER STUDIES THE CHANCE TO LEARN THE PRINCIPLES OF A DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, ITS THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS AND ITS DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION METHODOLOGIES.

IN ADDITION, IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF A MULTI-USER MAINFRAME DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, SUCH AS CONCURRENCY CONTROL, SECURITY, AND RECOVERY, WILL BE INVESTIGATED.

APPLICATIONS FOR THIS COURSE MUST REACH THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (COMPUTER EDUCATION) BY JANUARY 23.

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT TO HOLD ATHLETIC MEET
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MORE THAN 800 ATHLETES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL COMPETE IN THE 13TH KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

A TOTAL OF 56 EVENTS HAS BEEN ORGANISED, INCLUDING 1 500-METRE RUN, 5 000-METRE RUN, HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP, HURDLE-RACE, SHOT PUTT, JAVELIN THROW AND RELAY RACES.

THE AIM OF THE MEET IS TO PROVIDE LOCAL ATHLETES WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS IN TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS AND TO PROMOTE SPORTSMANSHIP IN THE AREA. IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT THROUGH THE ATHLETIC MEET, PARTICIPANTS WILL BUILD UP THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

THE COMPETITION IS SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, ASSISTANT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DIANA TONG, AND URBAN COUNCIL MEMBER, MISS CHAN YING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING AT 9 AM TOMORROW.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ATHLETIC MEET AT 9 AM TOMORROW AT MONG KOK STADIUM, YUEN NGAI STREET.

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CHILDREN SONGS ENTERTAIN MONG KOK RESIDENTS
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MORE THAN 500 MONG KOK RESIDENTS WERE TODAY (SATURDAY) TREATED TO AN EVENING OF ENJOYABLE SONGS BY 130 TALENTED CHILDREN OF THE DISTRICT.

IT WAS THE ANNUAL CONCERT OF THE MONG KOK CHILDREN'S CHOIR ORGANISED FOR PARENTS AND RESIDENTS TO REVIEW ITS PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST YEAR.

THE EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDED PERFORMANCES OF PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES, SONG AND PLAY, CHINESE FOLK DANCING AND CHORUS SINGING OF FOLK AND CONTEMPORARY POPULAR TUNES.

TO THE DELIGHT OF THE AUDIENCE, THE CHOIR ALSO SANG A VARIETY OF FESTIVE SONGS IN CELEBRATION OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

AS A FINALE, THE CHOIR SANG A MEDLEY, +THIS IS MY HOME+, WHICH WAS SPECIALLY COMPOSED FOR THE YOUTH SPECTACULAR PRESENTED DURING THE QUEEN'S VISIT.

THE EVENT WAS PRESENTED BY THE DISTRICT CULTURAL RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, AND JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION.

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CAS CADETS SHOW THEIR SINGING TALENTS
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THE FINAL OF THE 1987 CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET SINGING CONTEST, WITH EIGHT CONTESTANTS COMPETING FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP, ATTRACTED AN AUDIENCE OF SOME 3 000 AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

THE CONTEST WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING AN INTEREST IN SINGING AMONG CAS CADETS AND DISCOVERING TALENTS FOR THE CADET'S POP MUSIC BAND.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME WERE GUEST PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL ARTISTES SANDY LAMB, KONG YAN-YIN, CHUNG MAN-HONG AND PANG KAN-KONG.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR WINNERS WAS THE CHARIMAN OF KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, MR WONG SIK-KONG.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THAILAND EXTENDED
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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO TWO MORE CITIES IN THAILAND - PATTAYA AND PHUKET - FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 19), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEEDPOST CONTRACT AND ON DEMAND SERVICES WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE TO A TOTAL OF EIGHT CITIES IN THAILAND:

- * BANGKOK METROPOLIS - BUT ON DEMAND SERVICE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO THE AREAS BEARING POSTCODES 10510, 10520 AND 10530;
- * NONTABURI - POSTCODES 11000 AND 11120 ;
- * SAMUT PRAKAN - 10130, 10270 AND 10280;
- * NAKHON RATCHASIMA - 30000 AND 30010;
- * CHIANG MAI - 50000;
- * SONGKHLA - 90000, 90110 AND 90290 ;
- * PATTAYA - 20260 ; AND
- * PHUKET - 83000.

+THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING FURTHER INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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SCHEME TO IMPROVE NGAU TAU KOK TRAFFIC FLOW

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A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME DESIGNED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN NGAU TAU KOK AREA WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 20), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, A DISTRIBUTER ROAD IN NGAU TAU KOK AREA, IS OFTEN CONGESTED DUE TO THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC AND CONTINUAL STOPPING BY VEHICLES TO PICK UP OR PUT DOWN PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

THE PROBLEM OF CONGESTION AND THE ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC NOISE POLLUTION HAVE AROUSED CONCERN AMONG RESIDENTS AND OTHER ROAD USERS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM SINCE LAST YEAR.

+THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME HAS BEEN FINALISED AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH CONCERNED PARTIES AND CONSULTATION BODIES TO PROVIDE A FEASIBLE SOLUTION TO THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM IN THE AREA,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SCHEME, WHICH HAS ALSO GAINED SUPPORT FROM KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, WILL INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF RESTRICTED ZONES, TRAFFIC RE-ROUTINGS AND CANCELLATION OF PARKING SPACES.

FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY, TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN THE AREA WILL BE MADE RESTRICTED ZONES. THESE ARE: NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WESTBOUND FROM A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH NGAU TAU KOK FIRST STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 525 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE OF THE UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET.

MEANWHILE, NGAU TAU KOK FIFTH STREET WESTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KWUN TONG ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE.

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA. HOWEVER, ALTERNATIVE FACILITIES FOR SETTING DOWN AND PICKING UP PASSENGERS OR GOODS WILL BE PROVIDED AT NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET AND NGAU TAU KOK FIFTH STREET.

IN TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET AND THE UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY WORKING TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

IN ADDITION, NGAU TAU KOK FIFTH STREET BETWEEN NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET AND THE MINI-ROUNDAABOUT OUTSIDE BLOCK 12 OF LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

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MOTORISTS ON KWUN TONG ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WESTBOUND ARE ADVISED TO USE THE UNNAMED ROAD, AT THE SOUTH OF BLOCK 1 OF LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE, LINKING NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

TO ENHANCE SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW, A TOTAL OF 25 PARKING SPACES IN NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET AND NGAU TAU KOK FIFTH STREET WILL BE CANCELLED.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION UPON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME AND WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO FURTHER IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA IF NECESSARY.

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CLOSURE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD

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A TRAFFIC LANE ON THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD OPPOSITE WORLDWIDE GARDEN WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 20) TO 1 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE ROAD WIDENING WORK ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

THE LANE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM JANUARY 22 TO 24 DAILY FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR, MOTORISTS SHOULD DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE.

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LONDON PRESS CONFERENCE

BY GOVERNOR,

SIR DAVID WILSON

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FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN AT THE LONDON OFFICE YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) BY THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, SIR DAVID WILSON:

CHAIRMAN (COLVYN HAYE): WELCOME TO THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON, WHERE IT'S SINGULARLY APPROPRIATE TO WELCOME TODAY THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, SIR DAVID WILSON, WHO WILL OPEN THIS CONFERENCE WITH A FEW REMARKS, AFTER WHICH HE'LL BE OPEN TO YOUR QUESTIONS, AND I WOULD ASK YOU TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF AND THEN ON RECOGNITION FROM HERE, IF YOU'D JUST STAND UP AND WAIT FOR THE MICROPHONE TO BE PUT IN YOUR HAND, BECAUSE WE ARE IN FACT TRANSCRIBING AND GOING OUT LIVE BY RADIO. SO WHEN YOU GET THE MICROPHONE WILL YOU IDENTIFY YOURSELF, YOUR ORGANISATION AND THEN MAKE YOUR QUESTION AS BRIEFLY AND AS SUCCINCTLY AS YOU CAN, BECAUSE WE HAVE A STRICT HALF HOUR FOR THIS PART OF THE CONFERENCE, AFTER WHICH WE'LL PROCEED INTO THE NEXT TWO FOR ANOTHER ORGANISATION.

SO WITHOUT ANY FURTHER ADO, MAY I NOW INTRODUCE SIR DAVID WILSON, OUR NEW GOVERNOR.

SIR DAVID WILSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH COLVYN, THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. THERE SEEMS TO BE A RATHER UNEXPECTEDLY LARGE TURNOUT.

PERHAPS I COULD START BY SAYING THAT OF COURSE THIS MORNING THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE THAT HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN HAS APPROVED MY APPOINTMENT AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG. IT'S FOR ME A GREAT PRIVILEGE, AND A GREAT CHALLENGE, TO BE GIVEN THIS RESPONSIBILITY. MUCH OF MY OWN WORKING LIFE HAS BEEN SPENT IN HONG KONG AND FROM THAT I HAVE DEVELOPED A GREAT AFFECTION FOR THE TERRITORY AND FOR ITS PEOPLE, AS WELL AS ADMIRATION FOR THE THRIVING SOCIETY WHICH HAS BEEN BUILT UP THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME I HAVE TO SAY THAT I TAKE UP MY RESPONSIBILITIES WITH A CERTAIN SENSE OF SADNESS, SADNESS BECAUSE I SHALL BE TAKING THE PLACE OF SIR EDWARD YOUDE, A VERY DISTINGUISHED GOVERNOR WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HONG KONG. HIS DEATH WAS A GREAT LOSS TO US ALL, BUT DURING HIS PERIOD IN OFFICE HE BUILT A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, AND IT IS ON THAT FIRM FOUNDATION THAT I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO BUILD.

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AS FOR WHEN I SHALL BE GOING TO HONG KONG. I PLAN TO TAKE UP MY RESPONSIBILITIES IN EARLY APRIL. BEFORE THAT, STARTING STRAIGHT AWAY, I SHALL BE BRIEFING MYSELF FULLY ON ALL THE ASPECTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY, AND MEETING KEY PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH HONG KONG. I KNOW THAT I'VE GOT A GREAT DEAL TO LEARN, BOTH IN THE WEEKS AHEAD, AND AFTER I TAKE UP MY RESPONSIBILITIES IN EARLY APRIL. MEANWHILE BEFORE I ARRIVE IN HONG KONG TO TAKE UP THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES, THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG REMAINS IN THE VERY CAPABLE HANDS OF THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES.

I THINK THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT HONG KONG FACES CHALLENGING YEARS AHEAD OF CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT, BUT I AM CONVINCED THAT THE PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT. I'VE GOT GREAT CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE. I HAVE CONFIDENCE ALSO IN THE FULL COMMITMENT OF BOTH THE BRITISH AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENTS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION. BOTH ARE CLEARLY DETERMINED TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO HELP MAINTAIN THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG. FOR MY OWN PART, MY INTENTION NOW, AS I TAKE UP MY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES, IS TO SERVE HONG KONG, AND ITS INTERESTS, TO THE UTMOST OF MY ABILITY, AND NOW IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS I WILL DO MY BEST TO TRY TO ANSWER THEM.

CHAIRMAN: YES, PLEASE, JOHN DICKIE.

JOHN DICKIE (DAILY MAIL): FIRST OF ALL THE FELICITATIONS OF ALL THOSE WHO'VE TRAVELLED WITH YOU AND YOUR TENNIS RACQUET ON THE VC-10 TO HONG KONG OVER THE YEARS. TO BEGIN WITH A SERIOUS QUESTION -- HOW LONG DID YOU TAKE TO CONSIDER THE OFFER OF THE APPOINTMENT, AND WHEN YOU'D MADE UP YOUR MIND, DID YOU ACCEPT IT FOR FIVE...PLUS FIVE YEARS, OR A STRAIGHT TEN, UNTIL YOU HAND OVER THE KEY?

SIR DAVID: FIRST OF ALL THANK YOU FOR YOUR OPENING FELICITATIONS. I WAS TOLD OF THE RECOMMENDATION ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. IT IS SUCH AN ENORMOUS RESPONSIBILITY AND A RESPONSIBILITY FOR A TERRITORY WHICH, AS I WAS SAYING, I HAVE THE GREATEST AFFECTION AND ADMIRATION, THAT I DIDN'T HAVE ANY HESITATION IN SAYING THAT I WAS PREPARED TO TAKE UP THE POST. I REALISE IT'S A VERY HEAVY BURDEN. AS FOR HOW LONG -- AN APPOINTMENT OF A GOVERNOR IS ALWAYS AT HER MAJESTY'S PLEASURE, I AM BOUND TO SAY AT THE MOMENT I AM THINKING OF TAKING UP THE JOB, NOT OF WHEN I STOP DOING IT.

CHAIRMAN: YOU SIR.

JOURNALIST: (QUESTION TOTALLY INAUDIBLE).

CHAIRMAN: I THINK WE NEED THAT OTHER MICROPHONE.

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JONATHAN MERSKY (OBSERVER): I THINK ALL OF US ARE VERY HAPPY ABOUT THIS, AND IT'S A GOOD APPOINTMENT. NOW I'VE GOT TWO QUESTIONS. ONE A VERY HARD ONE. DO YOU INTEND TO LEARN CANTONESE? AND THE SECOND ONE IS EASY -- HOW ARE YOU GOING TO REASSURE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG NOW THAT HU YAOBANG HAS RESIGNED IN PEKING?

SIR DAVID: FIRST OF ALL THANK YOU. SECOND QUESTION -- I WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO MAKE GREAT IMPROVEMENTS IN MY PRESENT RATHER LOW LEVEL KNOWLEDGE OF CANTONESE. I HAVE ACTUALLY DONE A LITTLE BIT OF STUDY OF CANTONESE WHEN I WAS IN HONG KONG AS SPECIAL ADVISER, BUT I HAVE NO GREAT CONFIDENCE IN MY ABILITY IN CANTONESE.

ON THE SECOND ONE, LIKE YOU AND A NUMBER OF PEOPLE I CAN SEE IN THIS ROOM, I OBVIOUSLY FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA VERY CLOSELY, WITH GREAT INTEREST, BUT I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE RIGHT FOR ME TO COMMENT ON THOSE DEVELOPMENTS.

ONE THING...WELL TWO THINGS I WOULD SAY. FIRST I THINK WE HAVE TO EXPECT CHANGE IN POLITICAL LEADERSHIPS, WE DON'T EXPECT OUR OWN SOCIETIES TO HAVE CONSTANCY OF POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, SO WE MUST BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT CHANGE.

SECONDLY, AS FAR AS HONG KONG IS CONCERNED, WHAT MATTERS, I THINK, IS THE ARRANGEMENT LAID DOWN IN THE JOINT DECLARATION FOR CONTINUITY OF THE SYSTEMS OF HONG KONG, AND FOR THE WAY OF LIFE OF HONG KONG, AND AS I SAID, I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE COMMITMENT OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO THE TERMS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

DAVID HEALY (SCMP AND SCOTTISH DAILY RECORD): SIR DAVID, CAN I ASK YOU TWO QUESTIONS FOR TWO DIFFERENT PAPERS? FOR THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, CAN I ASK YOU HOW LONG DO YOU EXPECT TO BE IN THE JOB; AND FOR THE SCOTTISH DAILY RECORD, CAN I ASK YOU WHERE YOU COME FROM IN SCOTLAND? (LAUGHTER).

SIR DAVID : SIR, IT'S GOOD TO HAVE SO MANY SCOTS HERE. THE FIRST ONE TO... THE ANSWER TO A FELLOW SCOT, JOHN DICKIE, THAT I.... THE APPOINTMENT IS AT HER MAJESTY'S PLEASURE, AND AS I SAID I'M CONCENTRATING NOW ON TAKING UP THE JOB AND NOT THINKING ABOUT WHEN I WILL FINISH IT.

THE SECOND, WHERE I COME FROM IN SCOTLAND? I WAS BORN AT ALLOA IN CLACKMANNANSHIRE, WHICH IS A SMALL COUNTY. PROBABLY MOST PEOPLE IN THE ROOM DON'T EVEN KNOW OF IT AND THEN BROUGHT... BROUGHT UP MOSTLY IN EDINBURGH, AND MY FAMILY COME FROM ABERDEENSHIRE.

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HEALY : AND HOW LONG AS GOVERNOR?

SIR DAVID : I... I DON'T... I CAN'T AT THIS STAGE PREDICT HOW LONG I WILL SERVE AS GOVERNOR. AS I SAY, I'M CONCENTRATING AT THE MOMENT ON STARTING RATHER THAN ENDING.

HELLA PICK (THE GUARDIAN) : CAN I ADD MY CONGRATULATIONS? THERE'S TWO THINGS= FIRST, WHO WILL SUCCEED YOU AS THE BRITISH MEMBER OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP AND, SECONDLY, PRESUMABLY ONE OF YOUR FIRST TASKS WILL BE TO FINALISE THE GREEN PAPER ON ELECTORAL REFORM - CAN YOU GIVE US ANY CLUES AT ALL HOW YOUR MIND IS WORKING IN THAT DIRECTION?

SIR DAVID : THANK YOU. ON THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, OBVIOUSLY I NOW GIVE UP MY PREVIOUS POST AS SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BRITISH SIDE. A DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN ON WHO SHOULD SUCCEED ME DOING THAT. AS SOON AS A DECISION IS TAKEN THERE WILL BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT. PERHAPS I COULD ADD ON THAT, THAT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT MY OWN LEAVING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION WILL MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO ITS WORK, WHICH IS NOW ON A VERY GOOD FOUNDATION.

ON THE SECOND POINT, THE GREEN PAPER EXERCISE, THERE IS, OF COURSE, A REVIEW PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR AND THAT WILL BE GOING AHEAD. SOME PRELIMINARY WORK IS ALREADY BEING DONE IN HONG KONG ON IT. I WILL BE IN TOUCH, BOTH WITH OFFICIALS OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ABOUT THEIR THINKING AND WITH PEOPLE HERE IN LONDON. I DON'T THINK I WOULD, AT THIS STAGE, MAKE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ABOUT MY OWN VIEWS ABOUT HOW ACTUALLY A GREEN PAPER IS WRITTEN.

ROSEMARY LANGFORD (ORIENTAL DAILY NEWS) : WHAT WILL BE YOUR PERSONAL APPROACH TO ENJOYING THE GOVERNORSHIP?

SIR DAVID : TO ENJOYING.....?

LANGFORD : YES, YOU'RE GOING TO BE THERE A LONG TIME, SO...

SIR DAVID : THAT ... THAT'S A VERY NICE QUESTION. IT'S A GOOD QUESTION. I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ENJOY THE POST OF GOVERNOR. I CERTAINLY INTEND TO TRY TO ENJOY IT. BUT IT'S NICE THAT YOU SHOULD MENTION IT, BECAUSE SO FAR EVERYBODY'S PUT THE EMPHASIS ON... ON THE BURDENS OF THE POST. I THINK I WILL TRY TO ENJOY IT BOTH BY GETTING ENJOYMENT FOR ... FROM THE TREMENDOUS SENSE OF ENJOYMENT MANY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG HAVE. IF YOU WALK ALONG A STREET IN LONDON SOMETIMES PEOPLE LOOK RATHER GLOOMY HERE; OFTEN, IF YOU WALK ALONG A STREET IN HONG KONG, THEY LOOK MUCH MORE CHEERFUL, AND I HOPE I WILL... SOME OF THAT CHEERFULNESS WILL SHAKE OFF ON TO ME.

/SECONDLY,

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SECONDLY, I VERY MUCH ENJOY WALKING IN THE HILLS OF HONG KONG -- IT'S ONE OF THE BEST PLACES IN THE WORLD, CERTAINLY CLOSEST TO AN URBAN CENTRE, WHERE YOU CAN GET SOME REALLY GOOD HILL WALKING, AND I HOPE THAT DESPITE BEING GOVERNOR I STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DO THAT.

CHAIRMAN : YES, DOWN THERE SIR.

W.K. WONG (WEN WEI PO) : CAN YOU DESCRIBE YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR IMPRESSION ON HONG KONG AND CHINA?

SIR DAVID : I'M SORRY, THE FIRST BIT, COULD I DESCRIBE.....?

JOURNALIST : YOUR FAMILY.....

SIR DAVID : MY FAMILY, AND THEN MY IMPRESSIONS OF HONG KONG.....

JOURNALIST : YES, AND CHINA.

SIR DAVID : ...AND CHINA, I DON'T KNOW IF MY FAMILY WOULD ALLOW ME TO DESCRIBE THEM....(LAUGHTER).... I HAVE A...MY WIFE OWNS AND RUNS A MONTESSORI NURSERY SCHOOL HERE IN LONDON. THAT'S SOMETHING WHICH SHE HAS DONE SINCE BEFORE WE WERE MARRIED AND WHICH SHE VERY MUCH ENJOYS AND WHICH I, AS HER HUSBAND, I THINK CAN SAY SHE DOES EXTREMELY WELL. I HAVE TWO SONS WHO ARE NOW AGED 18, ALMOST 19, AND 17, ALMOST 18. ELDER SON HAS JUST FINISHED AT SCHOOL, HE'S IN A GAP BETWEEN SCHOOL AND A UNIVERSITY. AT PRESENT DOING WORK... RESEARCH FOR A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND HE'S GOING NEXT MONTH TO TEACH ENGLISH IN BHUTAN. SECOND SON IS IN HIS LAST TWO TERMS AT SCHOOL AND WILL BE GOING TO UNIVERSITY AFTER THAT, BUT WHEN HE'S HAD A GAP, HE....PERHAPS I SHOULDN'T REVEAL WHO HE'S WORKING FOR. IT'S FOR THE..... HE'S WORKING FOR MR PETER TURNER.

ON MY IMPRESSIONS OF CHINA AND HONG KONG, I THINK I WOULD HAVE TO GO ON TOO LONG ON THAT. I'VE SPENT A LOT OF MY LIFE INVOLVED WITH BOTH CHINA AND HONG KONG. I'M DEEPLY INTERESTED IN BOTH AND PERHAPS ALL I COULD SAY IS THAT I'M VERY PLEASED INDEED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GO BACK, TO WORK IN AND FOR HONG KONG.

CHAIRMAN : NEXT? DOWN THERE SIR.....AT THE BACK.

TERRY NEALON (RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG) : SIR DAVID, CAN I ASK ABOUT THE CONCEPT OF ACCOUNTABILITY? TRADITIONALLY IN HONG KONG I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS BEEN PRETTY MUCH FREE FROM PUBLIC CRITICISM FOR THE DAILY ACTIONS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION. DO YOU THINK THE BUCK SHOULD STOP AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND THAT THE GOVERNOR SHOULD TAKE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF HIS GOVERNMENT POLICIES?

/SIR DAVID :

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SIR DAVID : I THINK I'VE NOTICED OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS A NUMBER OF +BUCKS+ STOPPING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND I THINK I'VE NOTICED THAT THE GOVERNOR IS NOT ENTIRELY FREE FROM CRITICISM IN THE PRESS AND FROM SOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR WHAT HE DOES. I THINK THAT'S ENTIRELY NATURAL. POSSIBLY I MUST FACE THE PROSPECT OF MORE OF THE SORT OF DIRECT CRITICISM. I DON'T THINK GOVERNORS ARE ANY MORE UP ON A PEDESTAL WITH PEOPLE FEELING THAT THEY CANNOT BE CRITICAL OF THEM, SO I'M PREPARING TO THICKEN MY SKIN.

CHAIRMAN : YES. DOWN THERE, YES.

SHEILA DAWES (HONG KONG STANDARD) : ARE YOU EXPECTING OMELCO TO VISIT LONDON BEFORE APRIL?

SIR DAVID : I DON'T THINK THAT OMELCO HAS ANY PLANS AT THE MOMENT TO VISIT HONG KONG.... SORRY, TO VISIT LONDON, CERTAINLY NOT COLLECTIVELY. WHETHER OR NOT THERE WILL BE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF OMELCO COMING HERE I DON'T KNOW. I HAPPEN TO KNOW ONE OR TWO WHO ARE COMING AND I CERTAINLY HOPE TO SEE THEM IF THEY'RE IN LONDON, BUT I DON'T THINK THERE IS A COLLECTIVE DELEGATION PLANNING TO COME.

PAUL FRANKCHUCK (VOICE OF AMERICA) : YOU TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW YOU PLAN TO ENJOY THESE, PERHAPS, YEARS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE SPENDING IN HONG KONG. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOU THINK WILL BE THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE IN THIS NEW JOB YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE?

SIR DAVID : THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE WILL BE APPEARING IN A GOLDFISH BOWL. I AM NOT USED TO THE SORT OF EXPOSURE WHICH A GOVERNOR HAS AND WHICH I'M NOW FACING THIS AFTERNOON. I THINK THAT DOES TAKE QUITE A LOT OF GETTING USED TO AND MAY INITIALLY, AT LEAST, TAKE SOME OF THE GILT OFF THE GINGERBREAD. BEING TELEPHONED, AS I WAS THE OTHER DAY, BY SOMEBODY AT 3.30 IN THE MORNING, IS NOT THE SORT OF EXPOSURE THAT I PARTICULARLY WANT.

KEITH HONG (SING TAO) : MR WILSON, PREVIOUSLY YOU WERE THE POLITICAL ADVISER OF HONG KONG BEFORE AND NOW TO BE GOVERNOR IN HONG KONG, WHAT DO YOU THINK THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO JOBS?

SIR DAVID : I THINK THE FIRST THING I WOULD SAY IS THAT HAVING BEEN POLITICAL ADVISER GAVE ME VERY VALUABLE EXPERIENCE OF WORKING WITHIN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, AND AS A RESULT OF THAT I DEVELOPED GREAT RESPECT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE. IT WAS A DELIGHT TO WORK IN SUCH AN ACTIVE AND DECISION ORIENTATED GOVERNMENT, AND THAT WAS GREAT EXPERIENCE. OBVIOUSLY THERE WILL BE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN

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BEING A POLITICAL ADVISER AND BEING THE GOVERNOR. THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE OF ALL IS CLEARLY THE SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY, IT'S VERY MUCH LARGER. THAT'S WHY I SAID I THINK THAT I HAVE MUCH TO LEARN AND I'M GOING TO START THAT LEARNING PROCESS STRAIGHT AWAY. I HAVE TO LEARN A GREAT DEAL ABOUT HOW A TERRITORY LIKE HONG KONG OPERATES, ALL THE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF A TERRITORY OF THAT SORT. AND THOSE ARE THINGS WHICH I DID NOT HAVE TO COVER AS POLITICAL ADVISER.

CHAIRMAN: NEXT, YES PLEASE. WAIT FOR THE MICROPHONE PLEASE...

MS Y.P.YU (SING PAO DAILY): A LOT OF NEWSPAPERS IN THIS COUNTRY THINK THAT YOU'RE RATHER JUNIOR TO BE A HONG KONG GOVERNOR. DO YOU THINK YOURSELF YOU'RE REALLY TOO YOUNG TO BE A HONG KONG GOVERNOR?

SIR DAVID: I'M RATHER FLATTERED BY THE NEWSPAPER REPORTS WHICH TALK ABOUT ME AS BEING TOO YOUNG, IT'S RATHER CHEERING. I THINK IT IS WORTH REMEMBERING THE AGE OF SOME OTHER GOVERNORS OF HONG KONG WHEN THEY TOOK UP THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. WHEN I GO OUT TO HONG KONG IN APRIL I SHALL BE 52. LORD MACLEHOSE, A GREAT GOVERNOR WHO I HAD THE HONOUR OF SERVING UNDER, WAS 54 WHEN HE TOOK UP HIS POST. IF YOU GO BACK FURTHER, SIR ALEXANDER GRANTHAM, WHO SERVED FOR MANY YEARS AS GOVERNOR, WAS 48 WHEN HE TOOK UP HIS POST. SO I DON'T CONSIDER MYSELF TO BE YOUNG IN THAT HISTORICAL LINE. ON THE OTHER PART OF THE QUESTION -- I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT AS GOVERNOR, I HAVE TOTAL CONFIDENCE THAT I WILL HAVE THE SAME ACCESS TO MINISTERS IN LONDON AND TO OTHER SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE ROUND THE WORLD AS PREVIOUS GOVERNORS HAVE HAD, I HAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT.

KEITH HONG (SING TAO): WE ALL KNOW THAT SIR EDWARD HAD BEEN TRAVELLING QUITE FREQUENTLY BETWEEN HONG KONG, PEKING AND LONDON. SIR DAVID, WILL YOU DO THE SAME WHEN YOU ARE THE GOVERNOR, AND DURING THESE VISITS, WILL YOU BE VERY RECEPTIVE OF THE.... PRESENCE OF THE PRESS IN THE AIRPORTS AND EVERYWHERE YOU GO?

SIR DAVID: SIR EDWARD CERTAINLY DID DO A GREAT DEAL OF TRAVELLING. HE DID A GREAT DEAL PARTICULARLY IN THE YEARS 1983-84, DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG. NOW, THAT PARTICULAR SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS AND THE NEED FOR THAT TRAVEL IS OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT NOW, BUT HE ESTABLISHED A PATTERN OF FREQUENT VISITS TO LONDON, AND I HOPE TO KEEP UP THAT PATTERN. HE ALSO ESTABLISHED A PATTERN OF FAIRLY FREQUENT VISITS TO PEKING, AND I HOPE TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS ON THAT. I'M SORRY.... YOUR OTHER QUESTION WAS - WOULD I BE RECEPTIVE TO PRESS COVERAGE. I SUSPECT THAT WHETHER I AM RECEPTIVE OR NOT, THERE WILL BE MANY PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE THERE.

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CHAIRMAN: NEXT QUESTION, YES PLEASE.

TOM MCMULLEN (PRESS ASSOCIATION): IN AN ANSWER A FEW MOMENTS AGO YOU SAID YOU EXPECT TO HAVE AS MUCH ACCESS TO MINISTERS AS THE PREVIOUS GOVERNOR, CAN YOU SAY IF YOU ASKED FOR A COMMITMENT THAT YOU WILL HAVE THAT ACCESS, AND IN PARTICULAR, ACCESS TO THE PRIME MINISTER?

SIR DAVID: I DIDN'T NEED TO ASK FOR A COMMITMENT, BUT I HAVE TOTAL CONFIDENCE THAT THAT ACCESS WILL BE THERE. I DIDN'T NEED TO ASK FOR IT.

CHAIRMAN: NEXT. AT THE BACK.

PATRICK KEATLEY: CAN I ASK A RATHER PERSONAL QUESTION. THE USUAL THING THAT HAPPENS IN PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF, YOU GET CHRISTENED OR RE-CHRISTENED BY THE CHINESE, AND YOUR HONG KONGERS AND YOUR COMMUNITY, AND I DIMLY KNOW THAT YOU ARE WEI DE WEI, BUT I WONDERED IF YOU COULD SAY IT FOR US PROPERLY, AND IF IT HAS ALLUSIONAL REFERENCE, PLEASE ILLUMINATE US.

SIR DAVID: YOU CAN PRODUCE ANY ALLUSIONS YOU LIKE WITH MANY CHINESE NAMES, BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF HOMOPHONES IN CHINESE, AND YOU CAN HAVE GREAT FUN WITH ANYBODY'S NAME, I'M SURE, INCLUDING YOUR OWN PATRICK. MINE IN PUTONGHUA IS WEI DE WEI, BUT IN CANTONESE IS NGAI TAK NGAI, AND THERE IS, I THINK, A PROBLEM IN THAT THE CANTONESE VERSION OF THE CHARACTERS THAT I HAVE USED FOR MANY YEARS, AND WHICH WERE GIVEN TO ME BY MY FIRST TEACHER, THAT THEY DON'T SOUND ANYTHING LIKE MY ENGLISH NAME, AND I'M TRYING TO CONSIDER WHAT I SHOULD DO ABOUT THAT PARTICULAR PROBLEM. IT WILL NOT STOP..WHATEVER NAME I USE, IT WILL NOT STOP ANYBODY HAVING GREAT FUN WITH THE HOMOPHONES AND ALL THE DIFFERENT MEANINGS YOU CAN GET FROM IT.

CHAIRMAN: ANOTHER QUESTION. ANY MORE? YES PLEASE.

JOHN DICKIE (DAILY MAIL): HOW SOON DO YOU THINK YOUR NEXT VISIT TO PEKING WILL BE?

SIR DAVID: I THINK MY FIRST PRIORITY IS TO ESTABLISH MYSELF IN HONG KONG, THAT'S THE CLEAR PRIORITY, AND I WOULD ONLY GO TO PEKING, OR CONSIDER GOING TO PEKING AFTER THAT. I WOULD HOPE, AS I SAID, TO FOLLOW IN THE PATTERN ESTABLISHED BY SIR EDWARD YOUDE, OF OCCASIONAL VISITS TO PEKING, AND I SHOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, BUT NOT BEFORE I HAVE DONE THE FIRST PRIORITY, WHICH IS TO ESTABLISH MYSELF IN HONG KONG.

CHAIRMAN: ANY MORE QUESTIONS? YES.

/JULLAN MARSHALL

JULLAN MARSHALL (BBC EXTERNAL SERVICES): CAN I ASK A QUESTION THAT HAS BEEN ASKED BEFORE, IN A RATHER DIFFERENT WAY. YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED TO A VERY LARGE DEGREE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE TRANSITION IN 1997. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PRESENT, GIVEN THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SO INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, WHEN THAT TRANSITION OCCURS?

SIR DAVID: I SHOULD LIKE TO BE STILL ALIVE AT THAT POINT..
(LAUGHTER).

J. MARSHALL: AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG?

SIR DAVID: THAT IS A QUESTION I CAN'T ANSWER AT THIS STAGE.

CHAIRMAN: ANY MORE QUESTIONS PLEASE. JONATHAN:

JONATHAN MIRSKY: OF COURSE WE CAN'T EXPECT YOU TO COMMENT ON ACTUAL MOVEMENTS IN PEKING. I'D JUST LIKE TO RETURN TO THE QUESTION I ASKED FIRST. AS YOU KNOW, THE CHINESE HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT TO REASSURE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ABOUT STABILITY, THAT WHAT IS NECESSARY, AS THEY'VE ALWAYS SAID, IS TO SEE HOW WE DO ON THE MAINLAND. NOW WHEN HU YAOBANG WAS HERE LAST SPRING, HE SAID TO EVERYBODY: 'THINGS ARE ON COURSE IN CHINA, THEY CANNOT CHANGE.' DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO REASSURE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG THAT THAT KIND OF CHANGE IS NOT GOING TO OCCUR IN CHINA AS OF THE EVENTS OF TODAY?

SIR DAVID: I COULDN'T PIN DOWN THE SOURCE OF THE FIRST BIT OF WHAT YOU SAID. IN TERMS OF CHANGE, I THINK THE IMPORTANT POINT IS THE COMMITMENTS TO HONG KONG, WHICH ARE ENSHRINED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION, ARE COMMITMENTS OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, AND AS I SAID I HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT THOSE COMMITMENTS WILL BE MET AND THERE WILL BE A FULL COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

CHAIRMAN: ANY MORE? DOWN THERE.

TERRY NEALON (RTHK): SIR DAVID, THE TITLE OF YOUR DOCTORAL THESIS, I BELIEVE, WAS 'BRITAIN AND THE KUOMINTANG 1924 TO 1928' AND THAT THESIS INCIDENTALLY SEEMS TO HAVE MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. BUT MY QUESTION IS DO YOU THINK HONG KONG HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TAIWAN AND CHINA?

/SIR DAVID:

SIR DAVID: FIRST OF ALL I'M NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR IT DISAPPEARING -- I DIDN'T THINK ANYBODY HAD EVER READ IT..(LAUGHTER). IT IS SO HEAVY THAT THEY'VE PROBABLY PUT IT SOMEWHERE IN THE BASEMENT. ON THE OTHER QUESTION, I DON'T THINK HONG KONG, AS SUCH, HAS A ROLE TO PLAY, AND THE TAIWAN QUESTION IS CLEARLY ONE FOR, AS IS SO OFTEN SAID, CHINESE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TAIWAN STRAITS. BUT I FEEL SURE THAT PEOPLE IN TAIWAN WILL LOOK AT DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG, AND INDEED I'M SURE PEOPLE ON THE MAINLAND OF CHINA WILL WATCH CLOSELY DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG.

CHAIRMAN: WE HAVE..ANY MORE QUESTIONS? YES.

KEITH HONG (SING TAO): WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE STUDENT RIOTS IN CHINA?

SIR DAVID: WELL IF I COULD GO BACK TO THE ANSWER I GVAE TO JONATHAN MIRSKY. LIKE MANY PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM I DO WATCH DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA WITH GREAT INTEREST, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S SOMETHING THAT I SHOULD BE COMMENTING ON, SINCE IT'S VERY MUCH THE INTERNAL AFFAIR OF CHINA.

HELLA PICK (GUARDIAN): CAN I RETURN TO THE SAME THEME, YOU SAY THAT YOU HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE IN THE COMMITMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA, BUT DO YOU THINK THAT HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE..TO BE CONFIDENT THAT CHINA WILL IMPLEMENT THE DECLARATION?

SIR DAVID: I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT IT WILL, BECAUSE I THINK ONE OF THE KEY FACTORS OF THE FUTURE IS TO HAVE A HONG KONG WHICH REMAINS AS A DYNAMIC, PROSPEROUS, HUMANE SOCIETY, WHICH HAS CONFIDENCE IN ITSELF, BECAUSE CONFIDENCE BREEDS CONFIDENCE.

CHAIRMAN: WE HAVE TIME FOR ONE MORE QUESTION. YES PLEASE.

K.K. CHEUNG (WEN WEI PO): IN HONG KONG SOME MEN SAY THAT YOU ARE THE SUPPORTER OF A REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM. HAVE YOU ANY COMMENT ABOUT IT?

SIR DAVID: I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT PARTICULAR COMMENT. THE ONLY THING I WOULD SAY ON THAT IS THAT THERE IS A REVIEW, AS YOU KNOW, GOING ON. THAT WILL GO ON THIS YEAR, AND THAT WILL BE A GENUINE REVIEW IN AN ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ON THESE ISSUES. I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE RIGHT FOR ME TO TRY TO GUESS AT WHAT THOSE VIEWS WILL BE, OR TO TRY TO PRODUCE HYPOTHETICAL ANSWERS TO WHAT WILL COME OUT OF THE REVIEW. IT WILL BE A CAREFUL AND A GENUINE REVIEW, AND THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN IT OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE WILL BE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT IN THE DECISIONS THAT ARISE OUT OF THE REVIEW.

CHAIRMAN: WELL I THINK THAT'S ABOUT ALL LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH SIR DAVID. WE'LL CALL IT A DAY NOW.