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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JANUARY PUBLISHED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JANUARY 1990.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR JANUARY 1990 WERE 135.2 AND 134.7 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 9.8 PER CENT AND 9.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER JANUARY 1989. THESE RATES OF INCREASE WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE RECORDED FOR DECEMBER 1989.

COMPARING JANUARY 1990 WITH DECEMBER 1989, THE CPI(A) INCREASED BY 1.2 PER CENT AND THE CPI(B), BY 1 PER CENT, LARGELY BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF FRESH FOOD ITEMS AND HIGHER CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING AROUND LUNAR NEW YEAR, AND HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 1990, AT 130.4 AND 130.0 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 10.1 PER CENT AND 9.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 1989.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 1990, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.8 PER CENT PER MONTH.

THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR JANUARY 1990 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1989 AND JANUARY 1989, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR JAN.90	% CHANGE OVER DEC.89	% CHANGE OVER JAN.89	INDEX FOR JAN.90	% CHANGE OVER DEC.89	% CHANGE OVER JAN.89
FOODSTUFFS	137.1	+2.4	+11.3	138.8	+2.4	+11.8
HOUSING	126.0	+0.4	+7.1	121.0	+0.6	+6.4

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FUEL AND LIGHT	99.5	+1.4	+5.8	99.6	+1.4	+5.3
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	143.7	+1.4	+14.3	144.3	+1.2	+13.8
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	137.6	-2.8	+5.4	138.9	-3.6	+4.8
DURABLE GOODS	122.5	-0.3	+1.8	121.3	-0.5	+1.5
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	135.6	-0.4	+4.2	135.1	-0.6	+4.5
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	140.3	+0.5	+13.3	139.6	+0.6	+12.9
SERVICES	153.4	+1.5	+14.3	153.7	+1.7	+14.4
ALL ITEMS	135.2	+1.2	+9.8	134.7	+1.0	+9.5

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 2.4 PER CENT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY, PORK, FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH, SHRIMPS AND CRABS AROUND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS AND KEROSENE AND THE FULL EFFECT OF THE RECENTLY INCREASED CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY AND TOWNGAS.

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.2 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF BEER AND THE FULL EFFECT OF THE INCREASES IN THE PRICES OF CIGARETTES.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY 2.8 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 3.6 PER CENT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF LOWER PRICES OF OUTER CLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 1.5 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.7 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING AND PACKAGE TOURS AROUND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AND FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN 1 DECIMAL PLACE.

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MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR JANUARY 1990, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$5 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES MAY BE MADE TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 142.7 IN JANUARY 1990, UP BY 0.4 PER CENT OVER DECEMBER 1989 AND UP BY 11.1 PER CENT OVER JANUARY 1989.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT \$10,000-\$24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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HONG KONG WILL REMAIN A UNIQUELY SUCCESSFUL ECONOMY
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SPENDING ON THE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS WILL DOMINATE MUCH OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL PLANNING OVER THIS DECADE, BUT THE END RESULTS WILL PUT HONG KONG IN AN EXTREMELY STRONG POSITION TO MAINTAIN ITS ECONOMIC STRENGTH INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY AT THE BAKER AND MACKENZIE PACIFIC BASIN MEETING.

HE SAID THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, THE CORE PROJECTS OF WHICH ALONE COST \$127 BILLION, WAS ONE PARTICULAR AREA WHERE THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESSMEN WAS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT.

"THEY WILL INVOLVE MAJOR, PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT OF ALL KINDS -- BOTH IN THE FORM OF PRIVATISED PROJECTS AND FINANCE, AND OF WORK FOR FIRMS OF ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, AND EVEN LAWYERS," HE SAID.

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REVIEWING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY, MR MACLEOD POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG HAD ENJOYED HIGH GROWTH IN RECENT YEARS -- AVERAGING NINE PER CENT PER ANNUM IN REAL TERMS OVER THE FOUR YEARS TO 1989.

"THIS HAS RESULTED IN A PER CAPITA GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF AROUND US\$11,000 IN 1989, THIRD AFTER JAPAN AND BRUNEI IN THIS REGION. AND IN TERMS OF EUROPE, ABOVE IRELAND AND SPAIN, AND MORE THAN DOUBLE GREECE AND PORTUGAL.

"OF COURSE IT IS TRUE THAT IN COMMON WITH OTHER ECONOMIES WE ARE EXPERIENCING A SLOWING DOWN IN GROWTH.

"WE ARE ALSO SUFFERING FROM A VERY TIGHT LABOUR MARKET, AND INFLATION AT AROUND 10 PER CENT," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT EVEN AFTER THE EVENTS OF JUNE LAST YEAR, HONG KONG REMAINED A DYNAMIC ECONOMY WITH POSITIVE IF LOWER GROWTH IN PROSPECT, AND NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A PROFIT.

"THIS IS NOT JUST OUR OWN PERSPECTIVE. THERE HAVE BEEN MAJOR NEW INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG IN THE LAST NINE MONTHS, INCLUDING US\$350 MILLION FOR A CENTRAL DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT SITE, US\$700 MILLION FOR A CABLE TV NETWORK, NEW FACTORIES FROM USA AND JAPAN, NEW OVERSEAS BANKS, AND US\$1.35 BILLION RAISED FOR NEW CONTAINER TERMINALS," HE ADDED.

IN CONCLUSION, MR MACLEOD SAID HONG KONG WAS VERY AWARE OF THE NEED TO REMAIN A WELCOMING AND PROFITABLE PLACE FOR OVERSEAS BUSINESSMEN.

IT WAS THE COMBINATION OF OUR OWN ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS AND A WELL EDUCATED AND HARD WORKING POPULATION WITH OVERSEAS SKILLS AND CONNECTIONS THAT MADE HONG KONG SUCH A UNIQUELY SUCCESSFUL INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY, HE NOTED.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT TSUEN WAN

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT TSUEN WAN ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 26) TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

SIR DAVID WILL FIRST TOUR MA WAN BEFORE VISITING THE MA WAN RURAL COMMITTEE. HE WILL LEAVE THE ISLAND BY HELICOPTER.

IN TSUEN WAN, HE WILL PROCEED TO A ROOFTOP IN RIVIERA GARDENS WHERE HE WILL BE UPDATED ON THE DEVELOPMENTS OF TSUEN WAN.

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THE NEXT STOP WILL BE THE REAR LANE OF WANG WO TSAI STREET, A SITE WHICH HAS HAD DRAINAGE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS.

ON HIS WAY TO THE NEWLY BUILT JOCKEY CLUB TAK WAH PARK IN THE TOWN CENTRE, THE GOVERNOR WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT THE TOWN CENTRE.

AFTER VISITING THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE IN LO WAI, SIR DAVID WILL MEET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AT A TEA RECEPTION AT THE SHEK WAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO TSUEN WAN ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 26) AFTERNOON.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE MA WAN PART OF THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT AND WISH TO TAKE GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE YMCA HOSTEL AT MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI AT 12.45 PM.

THOSE WHO USE THEIR OWN TRANSPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE TSUEN WAN PUBLIC PIER (NEXT TO THE TSUEN WAN HYF FERRY PIER). A PRESS LAUNCH WILL LEAVE FOR MA WAN AT 1.40 PM SHARP.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT REPORTERS COVERING THIS PART OF THE VISIT WOULD MISS ONE OR TWO SUBSEQUENT STOPS BEFORE THEY CAN REJOIN THE GOVERNOR'S ENTOURAGE AS SIR DAVID WILL LEAVE THE ISLAND BY HELICOPTER.

THOSE WHO CHOOSE THE RIVIERA GARDENS AS THEIR FIRST STOP SHOULD GATHER OUTSIDE THE SOUTHERN CENTRE ENTRANCE AT HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 1.45 PM WHERE TRANSPORT WILL BE AWAITING THEM.

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LAST PASSING OUT PARADE AT POLICE CADET SCHOOL

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THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL, A CRADLE FOR NOURISHING NEW BLOOD INTO THE DISCIPLINED FORCES DURING THE PAST 17 YEARS, WAS CLOSED FOLLOWING THE GRADUATION OF THE LAST BATCH OF CADETS TODAY (SATURDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE LAST PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE SCHOOL IN FAN GARDENS, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, REMINDED THE CADET GRADUATES TO REMAIN STEADFAST AND AVOID TAKING THE EASY WAY OUT.

/MR LI

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MR LI TOLD THE GRADUATING OFFICERS: "ALL OF YOU WILL BE ENTERING THE WORK FORCE AT A TIME WHEN HONG KONG IS FACING A VERY CHALLENGING PERIOD IN ITS HISTORY.

"UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE IS BOUND TO CAUSE DOUBTS, BUT HONG KONG HAS OVERCOME WORSE IN THE PAST.

"THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE ITS GREATEST SINGLE ASSET, AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE YOU MUST CONTRIBUTE IF WE ARE TO ENJOY ANY SUCCESS," HE STRESSED.

NOTING THAT THE GRADUATES HAD JUST COMPLETED A DEMANDING TRAINING COURSE, MR LI POINTED OUT THAT THE BASIC QUALITIES THAT HAD BEEN INSTILLED IN THEM WERE OF VALUE IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND SHOULD HELP THEM DEVELOP INTO A MOST USEFUL MEMBER OF SOCIETY.

"YOUR TRAINING HERE HAS PREPARED YOU WELL. BUT AT TIMES YOU WILL STILL FACE PROBLEMS THAT SEEM INSOLUBLE. NEVER BE AFRAID TO SEEK HELP AND ADVICE, OR ADMIT THAT YOU HAVE MADE A MISTAKE," THE POLICE CHIEF CONCLUDED.

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 102 CADETS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED THEIR TWO-YEAR TRAINING, BRINGING TO 4,298 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES SINCE 1973 WHEN THE SCHOOL WAS ESTABLISHED.

AMONG THEM, 3,987 HAVE OPTED TO JOIN THE POLICE FORCE.

THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL WAS MADE IN MAY 1988 DUE TO THE RISING EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE FACT THAT THE POLICE HAVE, IN RECENT YEARS, BEEN ABLE TO RECRUIT SUFFICIENT OFFICERS OF THE RIGHT EDUCATIONAL STANDARD DIRECTLY.

THE SCHOOL WAS CLOSED IN TWO PHASES WITH THE DODWELLS RIDGE CAMP CLOSING IN MARCH 1989, AND FAN GARDENS CAMP IN FEBRUARY 1990.

THE LAST INTAKE TO THE SCHOOL WAS IN MARCH 1988.

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POLICE REGIONAL MISSING PERSONS UNITS ACHIEVE HIGH LOCATION RATE
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WITH THOUSANDS OF MISSING PERSONS REPORTS BEING MADE TO THE POLICE ANNUALLY, REGIONAL MISSING PERSONS UNITS CONTINUE TO ACHIEVE A LOCATION RATE OF OVER 90 PER CENT.

CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 60 PER CENT OF ALL MISSING PERSONS REPORTS WHILE DOMESTIC HELPERS RANK HIGHEST AMONG FOREIGN NATIONALS LISTED IN POLICE STATISTICS.

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FIGURES SHOW THAT 6,140 OF THE 6,356 PERSONS REPORTED MISSING LAST YEAR HAVE BEEN LOCATED. A TOTAL OF 7,074 PERSONS WERE REPORTED MISSING IN 1988 OF WHICH 6,907 WERE FOUND WHILE 6,606 REPORTS MADE IN 1987 RESULTED IN 6,470 PEOPLE BEING SUCCESSFULLY LOCATED.

THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF NORTH NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL MISSING PERSONS UNIT, WOMAN SENIOR INSPECTOR GABRIEL WONG, SAID: "FAILURE TO DO WELL AT SCHOOL OR FAMILY DISCORDS ARE THE MOST COMMON UNDERLYING FACTORS FOR CHILDREN RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME.

"ABOUT THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MISSING PERSONS IN OUR REGION RETURN HOME THEMSELVES BUT WE HAVE TO TRACK DOWN THE REST.

"THE JOB IS CHALLENGING AND REWARDING, ESPECIALLY WHEN A TARGET PERSON IS SPOTTED AFTER A LONG AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

"BUT WE FEEL DISPIRITED WHEN A PERSON GOES MISSING REPEATEDLY."

ECHOED THE HEAD OF HONG KONG ISLAND MISSING PERSONS UNIT, WOMAN SENIOR INSPECTOR ROCKA CHENG, : "I CAME ACROSS A 13 YEAR OLD GIRL FROM A RELATIVELY WELL OFF FAMILY WHO WENT MISSING CONTINUOUSLY.

"HER PARENTS FINALLY AGREED TO PUT HER IN A HOME, IN THE HOPE THAT SOCIAL WORKERS WOULD GIVE HER SUITABLE GUIDANCE.

"IT IS DISAPPOINTING THAT THESE YOUNGSTERS ARE SO INCONSIDERATE OF THEIR PARENTS' CONCERN AND SUCCUMB TO EXTERNAL TEMPTATIONS TOO READILY.

"I AGREE WITH THE SUGGESTION SOMETIMES HEARD THAT POLICE PLAY THE ROLE OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN SOME AREAS OF THEIR DUTY. WE PLAY THAT ROLE PARTICULARLY IN THE DEBRIEFING PROCESS WHEN A MISSING PERSON IS FOUND.

"FRANKLY SPEAKING SOME OF THE GIRLS PURSUE AN EASY WAY TO MAKE A LIVING WHEN THEY DISAPPEAR INTO THE STATISTICS OF MISSING PERSONS. IT'S EASY FOR THEM TO GO INTO PROSTITUTION.

"BUT WE TRY TO IRON OUT MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN PARTIES AND ESTABLISH A WORKABLE CHANNEL FOR THEM TO COMMUNICATE AND UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER."

POLICE APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC FOR ASSISTANCE IF THE INFORMANT HAS NO OBJECTION.

"ISSUING A PRESS RELEASE TO NEWSPAPERS IS OFTEN VERY EFFECTIVE," MISS CHENG SAID. "MANY ENTHUSIASTIC PEOPLE COME FORWARD WITH VALUABLE INFORMATION OF OUR TARGETS."

FILIPINO AND THAI DOMESTIC WORKERS CONTINUE TO RANK HIGHEST AMONG FOREIGN NATIONALS REPORTED MISSING IN THE POLICE STATISTICS.

/MISS CHENG

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MISS CHENG SAID: "SOME ARE HOMESICK AND EAGER TO GO BACK HOME. SOME FAIL TO BUILD UP A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS AND LEAVE.

"BUT OTHERS SIMPLY WANT TO MAKE MORE MONEY EASILY AND QUICKLY AND GO INTO PROSTITUTION."

WOMAN SENIOR INSPECTOR BEATRICE LIN, WHO HEADS THE REGIONAL MISSING PERSONS UNIT, KOWLOON WEST, ADDED: "IT'S NOT JUST JUVENILES, ADULTS ALSO LEAVE THEIR FAMILIES BECAUSE OF UNSATISFACTORY RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR PARTNERS.

"IT'S NOT JUST A QUESTION OF SEARCHING FOR A MISSING PERSON. WE ALSO TRY TO ESTABLISH THE REASONS BEHIND THEIR PROBLEMS AND TRY TO GET BOTH PARTIES TO COME BACK TOGETHER.

"I AGREE THAT WE ARE DOING THE JOBS OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN ADDITION TO OUR POLICE DUTIES."

UNFORTUNATELY INFORMATION ON SOME MISSING PERSONS IS SOMETIMES TOO OLD AND THE TRAIL TOO COLD FOR A SUCCESSFUL INVESTIGATION.

SOME CASES REFER TO PEOPLE REPORTED MISSING IN THE OUTER REGIONS OF CHINA WITH LAST REPORTED CONTACTS FREQUENTLY GOING BACK BEFORE WORLD WAR TWO.

SOMETIMES A PITIFUL LETTER ARRIVES AT THE OFFICES OF HONG KONG RED CROSS IN THE HOPE THAT SOME CONTACT MIGHT STILL EXIST IN THE TRACING OF A LOVED AND LONG LOST FAMILY MEMBER.

THE LETTER OFTEN ENCLOSSES A STAMP FOR RETURN POSTAGE IN THE FORLORN HOPE THAT IT WILL ONE DAY RETURN TO THE INFORMANTS.

BUT LIKE SO MANY OTHERS THE OLD STAMP REMAINS ON THE FILE, UNUSED BESIDE THE FADED PHOTOGRAPH SENT OF IDENTIFY AN EVER HOPEFUL RELATIVE.

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THOROUGHFARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR SQUATTERS IN WONG TAI SIN

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WORKS WILL START SOON TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE ROADS FOR RESIDENTS IN SHEUNG YUEN LENG SQUATTER AREA IN DIAMOND HILL, WONG TAI SIN.

IMPROVEMENT PLANS WERE AGREED ON DURING A RECENT VISIT TO THE AREA BY STAFF OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL PROJECT CONTRACTORS.

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THE VISIT, CO-ORDINATED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WAS PLANNED AFTER A RECENT MEETING OF A WORKING GROUP ON THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE CONDITION OF THE ROADS IN THE AREA.

AS A RESULT OF THE VISIT, THE CONTRACTORS HAVE AGREED TO ENSURE THAT A PEDESTRIAN PATH AT HAMMER HILL ROAD LEADING TO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE INSTALLED WITH RAILINGS FOR THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS.

THE PATH WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED ONCE THE WORKS BY PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES ARE COMPLETED.

THE CONDITION OF A SECTION OF DIAMOND ROAD AFFECTED BY WORKS BEING CARRIED OUT BY A UTILITY COMPANY WILL ALSO BE RESTORED AS SOON AS WORKS ARE COMPLETED.

MEANWHILE, THE DAMAGED SURFACE OF ANOTHER SECTION OF THE ROAD NEAR DIAMOND NEW VILLAGE HAS ALREADY BEEN REPAIRED BY THE CONTRACTORS.

IN ADDITION, ROAD CROSSING FACILITIES WILL BE INSTALLED AT DIAMOND ROAD NEAR STRAIGHT STREET FOR RESIDENTS.

OTHER MEASURES IN THE PIPELINE INCLUDE THE IMPROVEMENT OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES AT A SECTION OF THE ROAD BETWEEN TAI KWUN ROAD AND LUEN YEE ROAD, AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNBOARDS AND ROAD SIGNS WARNING VEHICLES TO SLOW DOWN AT THAT SECTION OF THE ROAD.

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WAN CHAI RESIDENTS HONOURED

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EIGHTEEN WAN CHAI RESIDENTS WERE AWARDED CERTIFICATES BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (SATURDAY) IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

A BOARD OF ADJUDICATORS, COMPRISING A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, A SOCIAL WORKER AND A MEMBER OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, HAD SELECTED THE RECIPIENTS BASED ON THE LENGTH AND EXTENT OF THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARDS SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

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THE RECIPIENTS CAME FROM VARIOUS WALKS OF LIFE, AND AMONG THEM WERE EDUCATIONALISTS, SHOPOWNERS, RETIRED WORKERS AND HOUSEWIVES.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE BOARD'S SPRING RECEPTION, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION, MR WARREN CHOW, PRAISED THE RECIPIENTS FOR THEIR DEVOTION TO COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND POINTED OUT THAT RESPONSE TO THE AWARD SCHEME HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHAN YING-LUN; WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, MRS PEGGY LAM.

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'PUBLIC OPINION LRV' IN TUEN MUN

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A "PUBLIC OPINION LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE" WILL BE THE LATEST DEVICE EMPLOYED TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION, IN AN EVENT TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

A TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID THE EVENT HAS BEEN ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE "CIVIC EDUCATION DAY".

"LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO MEET THEIR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ON THE 'PUBLIC OPINION LRV'. WE HOPE TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO KEEP CLOSER CONTACT WITH THE DB MEMBERS SO AS TO FORGE A BETTER TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION AND TO ENHANCE THE RESIDENTS' CIVIC MINDEDNESS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE "PUBLIC OPINION LRV" WILL LEAVE THE NO. 4 PLATFORM OF THE FERRY PIER TERMINUS AT 10 AM TOMORROW FOR SHAN KING, TAI HING, TOWN CENTRE, ON TING, AND TERMINATE AT FERRY PIER TERMINUS.

"FREE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FIVE STATIONS FOR RESIDENTS TO GET ON BOARD THE VEHICLE AT ANY OF THESE STATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAU WONG-FAT, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR JOHN WAN, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY OF THE "PUBLIC OPINION LRV" AT 10 AM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) ON THE NO. 4 PLATFORM OF THE LRT FERRY PIER TERMINUS.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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CROSS COUNTRY RACE IN NORTH DISTRICT

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HUNDREDS OF RUNNERS AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 60, FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TERRITORY, WILL COMPETE THE AN ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY RACE IN NORTH DISTRICT TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, THE RACE HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SHEUNG SHUI DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN SPORTS.

THE RACE HAS BEEN HELD SINCE 1964 AS PART OF LUNAR NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES, WITH THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS RISING FROM AN INITIAL 30 TO ABOUT 450 LAST YEAR.

THERE WILL BE WOMEN'S AND MEN'S SECTIONS. THE WOMEN'S RACE WILL COVER EIGHT KILOMETRES AND THE MEN'S RACE, 10 KILOMETRES.

THE WOMEN'S RACE WILL START AT 3.15 PM IN HUNG LING VILLAGE, AT THE ENTRANCE TO PING CHE ROAD. THE MEN'S RACE WILL BEGIN 15 MINUTES LATER FROM THE SING PING PUBLIC SCHOOL IN TA KWU LING.

THEY WILL ALL FINISH AT THE SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND IN SHEUNG SHUI.

THE ASSISTANT NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS), MR PATRICK HO, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT THE FINISHING POINT, AROUND 4.45 PM.

OTHER GUESTS OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE THE FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG; SHEUNG SHUI RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR BRIAN KAN; CHAIRMAN OF THE SHEK WU HUI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR CHEUNG KUEN; AND THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, FRONTIER, MR MICHAEL WATSON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RACE TOMORROW (SUNDAY). THE WOMEN'S SECTION WILL START AT 3.15 PM AND THE MEN'S SECTION AT 3.30 PM AT HUNG LING VILLAGE AND AT TA KWU LING'S SING PING PUBLIC SCHOOL RESPECTIVELY.

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WAN CHAI TO HOLD FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL

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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD IN SOUTHORN PLAYGROUND IN WAN CHAI TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO DRIVE HOME THE FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGES.

THE FUNCTION HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO HELP THE POLICE FIGHT CRIME.

SPONSORED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, THE CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE A LION DANCE, MARCHING BAND, MAGIC SHOW, CYCLING ACROBATICS, AND PERFORMANCES BY WELL KNOWN SINGERS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE GAMES STALLS, A ROBOT POLICEMAN DISTRIBUTING PAMPHLETS TO PARTICIPANTS AND A FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-TRIAD EXHIBITION.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN; POLICE DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR W.I. NICHOLSON; WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; AND CHAIRMAN OF WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR LESTER KWOK.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WAN CHAI FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-TRIAD CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT SOUTHORN PLAYGROUND.

VARIETY SHOW FOR TAI PO RESIDENTS

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RESIDENTS IN TAI PO ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE EVENING IN A VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE VARIETY SHOW, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM, IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AS A FINALE TO THE THREE-MONTH CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A MAGIC SHOW AND PERFORMANCES BY POP SINGERS AND WINNERS OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION SINGING CONTEST.

ADMISSION IS FREE. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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SURVEY ON DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONDUCT A SURVEY ON THE DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION IN PRIVATE HOUSING IN NEW TOWNS AND RURAL AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR FUTURE PLANNING PURPOSES.

THE INFORMATION GATHERED FROM THE SURVEY WILL BE USED IN THE FORECASTS OF POPULATION DISTRIBUTION WHICH ARE VITAL IN ALL POPULATION-RELATED PLANNING SUCH AS THE PLANNING OF SCHOOLS AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

A PRIVATE RESEARCH FIRM, SURVEY RESEARCH HONG KONG LIMITED (SRH), HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED TO CONDUCT THE SURVEY FROM FEBRUARY 28 TO END OF APRIL.

DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD, INTERVIEWERS FROM SRH WILL VISIT A TOTAL OF 13,000 HOUSEHOLDS WHICH ARE RANDOMLY SELECTED AND HOUSEHOLDS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO COMPLETE A PRE-DESIGNED QUESTIONNAIRE.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL ONLY BE REPORTED IN AGGREGATES FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS SO THAT NO DATA OF ANY INDIVIDUAL/HOUSEHOLD CAN BE IDENTIFIED.

THE SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY CAN BE MADE TO MR LARRY WONG (TELEPHONE NO. 8803386) OR MISS WONG KA-YING (TELEPHONE NO. 8803411) OF SRH.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,227,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER EE2 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$280,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER EE28 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$138,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$3,000 FOR EE105.

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FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

EE6638	\$ 9,000	EE2	\$ 280,000	EE288	\$ 45,000	EE338	\$ 50,000
EE 105	3,000	EE983	12,000	EE330	15,000	CC5000	25,000
DY9328	4,000	EE880	20,000	EE99	75,000	BR6999	5,000
BZ 500	18,000	BM325	20,000	EE6618	30,000	EE959	8,500
BM 730	25,000	3693	39,000	EE103	10,000	EE2220	11,000
EE 991	12,000	EE110	23,000	BB678	20,000	ED645	6,500
EE 28	138,000	EE280	30,000	EE1300	5,500	EE3378	10,000
EE3299	6,000	EE932	5,000	EE220	18,000	EE2331	5,000
EE 877	10,000	EC119	11,000	EB4	28,000	EE1811	8,500
EE 388	85,000	EE7	70,000	EE320	5,000	EE7333	26,000

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

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

TODAY'S SALE, THE 147TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$98,997,305.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 26), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS:

* CANAL ROAD WEST BETWEEN JAFFE ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM. TRAFFIC ON EASTBOUND LOCKHART ROAD HEADING FOR GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PERCIVAL STREET;

* CANAL ROAD WEST BETWEEN JAFFE ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM. DURING THE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE, CANAL ROAD WEST BETWEEN JAFFE ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND. TRAFFIC ON EASTBOUND JAFFE ROAD HEADING FOR GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CANAL ROAD WEST, LOCKHART ROAD AND PERCIVAL STREET.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF TAI PO ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE OF THE OUTERMOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (TAI WO) NORTHBOUND NEAR HONG LOK YUEN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 26).

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