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SEPT RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN SEPTEMBER 1989, ESTIMATED AT \$8,786 MILLION, INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988 WHILST THEIR VOLUME DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

LOCAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE AND TOURIST SPENDING REMAINED SLUGGISH IN SEPTEMBER.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988, RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT UP BY 14 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS ROSE BY 13 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES DROPPED BY 12 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 16 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

OTHER CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF SUPERMARKETS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME. MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WENT DOWN BY 4 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 11 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DROPPED BY 17 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 19 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT HAD A NEGLIGIBLE CHANGE IN VOLUME.

SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS WENT UP BY 8 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY 9 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN SALES VALUE AND FELL BY 6 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

OTHER CONSUMER GOODS WENT UP BY 6 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 21 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES BY SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 13 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

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HOWEVER, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DECREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 16 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1989, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR SEPTEMBER 1989 DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT UP BY 12 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS ROSE BY 2 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES DROPPED BY 8 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 9 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF SUPERMARKETS AND "MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS" ROSE BY 9 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DECREASED BY 14 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES DROPPED BY 19 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 21 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR AUGUST 1989 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR SEPTEMBER 1989.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1989 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF SEPTEMBER 1989 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR AUGUST 1989 AND WITH THOSE FOR SEPTEMBER 1988, AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE SEPTEMBER 1989 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 5-565240).

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for September 1989 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$ 8,786million
for August 1989 (Revised Figure) = HK\$ 8,921million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES
FOR AUGUST 1989 AND SEPTEMBER 1989

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	August	September	September 1989 compared with		September 1989 compared with		Jan.-Sep. 1989 compared with	
		1989	1989	August	1989	September 1988	September 1988	Jan.-Sep. 1988	Jan.-Sep. 1988
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	159	157	-2	-2	3	2	10	7
	Volume	124	121	-3	-2	-5	-4	#	#
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	146	163	18	12	20	14	18	15
	Volume	114	126	12	10	6	5	5	4
Fuels	Value	119	121	2	2	14	13	8	8
	Volume	118	120	2	2	4	4	2	2
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	159	156	-2	-1	-7	-4	14	9
	Volume	116	113	-3	-3	-17	-13	-2	-1
Consumer durables	Value	154	142	-12	-8	-19	-12	-1	#
	Volume	117	106	-10	-9	-20	-16	-8	-6
Other consumer goods	Value	176	165	-10	-6	5	3	10	6
	Volume	137	128	-9	-6	-2	-2	1	1
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
(see note 1 below)									
Supermarkets	Value	194	212	18	9	29	16	21	13
	Volume	149	162	13	9	7	5	3	2
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	267	271	4	1	-12	-4	50	21
	Volume	177	178	2	1	-21	-11	23	13
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	119	103	-17	-14	-21	-17	-16	-12
	Volume	98	84	-14	-14	-19	-19	-17	-16
Department stores	Value	218	176	-42	-19	16	10	20	11
	Volume	163	129	-34	-21	1	1	2	2

NOTES : 1. In order to analyse the sales of certain trades WITHIN major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :

(a) "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.

(b) "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.

(c) "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.

(d) "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.

2. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.

3. "#" denotes a figure within 20.5.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER PUBLISHED

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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS FELL MARGINALLY IN OCTOBER, AS DID HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH.

THERE WAS, HOWEVER, A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS DURING THAT MONTH.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE FELL BUT OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG RECORDED A MODERATE INCREASE IN OCTOBER.

DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS DECREASED BY 0.1 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, FOLLOWING THE FAIRLY RAPID INCREASE OF 2.1 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, WHICH WAS PARTLY THE INFLUENCE OF THE NEW SHARE ISSUE AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

DEMAND DEPOSITS, IN PARTICULAR, FELL BY 4.7 PER CENT. SAVINGS DEPOSITS ROSE BY 3.0 PER CENT WHILE TIME DEPOSITS FELL BY 0.8 PER CENT.

DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER 1989, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 12.6 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS ROSE BY 3.3 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 1.1 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND AN INCREASE OF 0.8 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

AMONG THESE DEPOSITS U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 2.5 PER CENT IN OCTOBER WHILE NON-U.S. DOLLAR GREW BY 4.2 PER CENT.

OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 24.5 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS REMAINED UNCHANGED IN OCTOBER, AFTER INCREASES OF 0.6 PER CENT AND 4.1 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER RESPECTIVELY.

ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS FELL MARGINALLY IN OCTOBER BUT STILL RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 16.8 PER CENT COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER.

ON THE OTHER HAND, FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, ADJUSTED TO EXCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS, INCREASED BY 3.7 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND BY 22.0 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

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DEPOSITS OF ALL CURRENCIES WITH BANKS ROSE BY 1.7 PER CENT IN OCTOBER WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES EXPERIENCED AN UNUSUAL INCREASE OF 5.0 PER CENT. THERE WERE SOME LARGE INCREASES IN FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS PLACED WITH A NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

OVER THE 12 MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER 1989, THE FORMER ROSE BY 20.2 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER GREW BY 11.9 PER CENT.

MONEY SUPPLY

HK\$M1, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 DECLINED BY 3.4 PER CENT, 0.2 PER CENT AND 0.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN OCTOBER. THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN SEPTEMBER WERE 7.4 PER CENT, 2.4 PER CENT AND 2.0 PER CENT.

THIS CONTRAST WAS A REFLECTION OF THE EFFECT OF THE NEW SHARE ISSUE AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1989 WHICH INVOLVED TOTAL SUBSCRIPTION MONIES OF AROUND \$4.6 BILLION.

DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER 1989, HK\$M1, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 ROSE BY 6.1 PER CENT, 13.9 PER CENT AND 12.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF SWAP DEPOSITS, HK\$M2 DECLINED BY 0.2 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND GREW BY 17.9 PER CENT COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER. HK\$M3 DECLINED BY 0.2 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND GREW BY 16.3 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

TOTAL M1 FELL BY 2.9 PER CENT WHILE TOTAL M2 AND M3 GREW BY 1.6 PER CENT AND 1.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN OCTOBER. THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN SEPTEMBER WERE 7.0 PER CENT, 1.3 PER CENT AND 1.3 PER CENT.

OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1, M2 AND M3 GREW BY 5.4 PER CENT, 19.9 PER CENT AND 19.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS DECLINED BY 4.6 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 2.5 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND AN INCREASE OF 11.3 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS, THOSE DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 0.2 PER CENT. THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES DECREASED BY 7.9 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE IN SEPTEMBER OF 19.5 PER CENT, CONFORMING WITH A QUARTERLY PATTERN ESTABLISHED RECENTLY IN FOREIGN CURRENCY LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

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LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG FELL BY 0.8 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 2.5 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND A DECREASE OF 4.1 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 16.5 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW BY 0.6 PER CENT IN OCTOBER COMPARED WITH INCREASES OF 1.8 PER CENT AND 1.2 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 30.9 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG DECLINED BY 9.4 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 4.0 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND AN INCREASE OF 30.2 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 25.5 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE MERCHANDISING TRADE NOT TOUCHING HONG KONG INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, AFTER A FALL OF 5.8 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND AN INCREASE OF 11.4 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 56.7 PER CENT.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS DECREASED BY ONE TO 165. THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 35 WHILE THAT OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY ONE TO 209.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 1989 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS.

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MONETARY STATISTICS - OCTOBER 1989

	Oct 1989	Earlier months (% change to October 1989)		
		Sep 1989	Jul 1989	Oct 1988
(HK\$mn)				
Money Supply				
M1 - HK\$	82,441	85,383 (-3.4 %)	78,863 (4.5 %)	77,725 (6.1 %)
Foreign currency	9,178	8,989 (2.1 %)	9,027 (1.7 %)	9,169 (0.1 %)
Total	91,619	94,372 (-2.9 %)	87,890 (4.2 %)	86,894 (5.4 %)
M2 - HK\$	386,216	387,027 (-0.2 %)	377,568 (2.3 %)	339,175 (13.9 %)
Foreign currency	552,309	536,745 (2.9 %)	527,836 (4.6 %)	443,509 (24.5 %)
Total	938,525	923,772 (1.6 %)	905,404 (3.7 %)	782,684 (19.9 %)
M3 - HK\$	418,370	419,243 (-0.2 %)	412,111 (1.5 %)	372,052 (12.4 %)
Foreign currency	591,129	572,346 (3.3 %)	562,077 (5.2 %)	474,442 (24.6 %)
Total	1,009,499	991,588 (1.8 %)	974,187 (3.6 %)	846,494 (19.3 %)
Notes and coins in circulation of which held by public	36,565 31,843	36,668 (-0.3 %) 32,271 (-1.3 %)	36,339 (0.6 %) 31,552 (0.9 %)	31,895 (14.6 %) 27,931 (14.0 %)
Total Deposits				
Total Demand deposits	59,776	62,101 (-3.7 %)	56,339 (6.1 %)	58,963 (1.4 %)
Total Savings deposits	179,977	175,364 (2.6 %)	171,059 (5.2 %)	167,572 (7.4 %)
Total Time deposits with banks	649,924	637,212 (2.0 %)	629,465 (3.3 %)	513,495 (26.6 %)
Total Time deposits with dtcs	69,039	65,770 (5.0 %)	66,752 (3.4 %)	61,712 (11.9 %)
HK\$ deposits	373,929	374,378 (-0.1 %)	368,139 (1.6 %)	332,139 (12.6 %)
US\$ deposits	308,162	300,585 (2.5 %)	299,334 (2.9 %)	250,901 (22.8 %)
Other foreign currency deposits	276,626	265,483 (4.2 %)	256,142 (8.0 %)	218,701 (26.5 %)
All deposits	958,716	940,446 (1.9 %)	923,614 (3.8 %)	801,741 (19.6 %)
Foreign currency swap deposits	61,954	61,982 (0.0 %)	59,230 (4.6 %)	40,920 (51.4 %)
Total Loans and advances				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	63,899	64,423 (-0.8 %)	65,568 (-2.5 %)	54,849 (16.5 %)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	10,066	10,023 (0.4 %)	9,549 (5.4 %)	6,424 (56.7 %)
Other loans for use in H.K.	564,974	561,481 (0.6 %)	545,203 (3.6 %)	431,754 (30.9 %)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	456,347	503,896 (-9.4 %)	371,971 (22.7 %)	363,648 (25.5 %)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	78,506	90,043 (-12.8 %)	86,067 (-8.8 %)	66,820 (17.5 %)
Loans in HK\$	507,919	507,120 (0.2 %)	493,069 (3.0 %)	381,183 (33.2 %)
Loans in foreign currencies	665,873	722,744 (-7.9 %)	585,289 (13.8 %)	542,313 (22.8 %)
Total loans and advances	1,173,792	1,229,865 (-4.6 %)	1,078,358 (8.8 %)	923,496 (27.1 %)

EXPANSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES TO
MEET ECONOMY'S NEEDS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING A MASSIVE EXPANSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN RECOGNITION OF THE URGENT NEED FOR MORE WELL-EDUCATED YOUNG PEOPLE TO WORK IN OUR MATURING ECONOMY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"ALTHOUGH THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT-FINANCED INSTITUTIONS IN THIS EXERCISE WILL OBVIOUSLY BE IMPORTANT, THE NEED TO EXPAND HIGHER EDUCATION SHOULD NOT BE SEEN MERELY AS A NEED TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF OUR TRADITIONAL UNIVERSITIES," HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE EIGHTH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE HANG SENG SCHOOL OF COMMERCE, SIR PIERS POINTED OUT THAT POST-SECONDARY COURSES ORIENTATED TOWARDS BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE WOULD BE AT A PREMIUM IN THE 1990'S.

"IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMY, WE HAVE WITNESSED SHIFTS WITHIN BOTH THE MANUFACTURING AND SERVICE INDUSTRIES INTO MORE KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE AND SOPHISTICATED OPERATIONS AND PROCESSES," HE SAID.

THIS HAD LED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR INITIATIVE IN EDUCATION STRATEGY, HE SAID, POINTING OUT THAT THE PROVISION OF PRACTICAL TRAINING IN RESPONSE TO THE DEMAND FOR EDUCATION FOR THE WORLD OF COMMERCE WAS ALSO ESSENTIAL.

"AND THE HANG SENG SCHOOL IS AN UNDOUBTED LEADER IN THIS FIELD. OF THE 2,000 STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE SCHOOL'S DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS STUDIES, MOST ARE NOW SERVING IN VARIOUS AREAS OF HONG KONG'S COMMERCIAL SECTOR.

"SOME HAVE MOVED RAPIDLY TO SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT POSITIONS.

"OTHERS HAVE SPECIALISED IN FINANCE, ACCOUNTING, TRADING OR FOREIGN EXCHANGE, OR IN MARKETING AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH, ALL GIVING HONG KONG GREATER STRENGTH AND DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE," HE SAID.

A GOOD INDICATION OF THE SCHOOL'S SUCCESS, SIR PIERS SAID, WAS THE NUMBER OF ITS GRADUATES WHO PROCEEDED TO MORE ADVANCED STUDIES, BOTH IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS.

HE SAID MANY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS SENT BY THE SCHOOL FOR FURTHER STUDY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM HAD BEEN AWARDED HONOURS IN THEIR DEGREE COURSES.

FURTHERMORE, SOME HAD GONE ON TO TAKE UP HIGHER DEGREES IN PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITIES, AN EXAMPLE OF NOT JUST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BUT OF THE INTERNATIONALISM WHICH WAS THE KEY TO HONG KONG'S LONG TERM SUCCESS, HE SAID.

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THE SCHOOL HAD UNDOUBTEDLY FULFILLED THE HOPE EXPRESSED 10 YEARS AGO BY THE THEN GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, NOW LORD MACLEHOSE WHEN HE LAID ITS FOUNDATION STONE AND SPOKE OF HIS EXPECTATION THAT THE SCHOOL WOULD PLAY A SPECIAL ROLE IN PROVIDING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR THE TERRITORY'S COMMERCIAL SECTOR, SIR PIERS SAID.

"SINCE THEN, MAJOR CHANGES BOTH IN THE ECONOMY AND IN OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM HAVE COMBINED TO MAKE THE ROLE OF A COMMERCIAL SCHOOL SUCH AS THIS EVEN MORE CRUCIAL," HE SAID.

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YOUTH FESTIVAL HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE

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THE YOUTH FESTIVAL HAS A SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE IN RELATION TO COMMUNITY BUILDING AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE FESTIVAL.

THIS WAS MR TSAO'S FIRST PUBLIC FUNCTION AFTER TAKING UP HIS APPOINTMENT TODAY.

"I AM SURE I WILL NOT FIND A MORE MEANINGFUL AND MEMORABLE EVENT TO PENCIL IN ON THE FIRST PAGE OF MY WORKING DIARY AS SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS," HE NOTED.

MR TSAO POINTED OUT THAT THE OBJECT OF COMMUNITY BUILDING WAS TO HELP MAKE THE SOCIETY OF HONG KONG MORE COHESIVE AND HARMONIOUS THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORT OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND EVERY CITIZEN.

"THE YOUTH FESTIVAL, IN ADOPTING THE THEME 'WE ARE HONG KONG', IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF PUTTING THE OBJECT INTO PRACTICE.

"THE MANY EVENTS IN THIS MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL HAVE INVOLVED THE JOINT PARTICIPATION OF MORE THAN A HUNDRED VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE.

"THIS SHOWS THE TEAM SPIRIT THAT WE NEED SO MUCH IN HONG KONG AS WE RISE TO THE CHALLENGES AHEAD," HE NOTED.

MR TSAO SAID MUCH PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, BUT THE SUPPORT OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION WAS NEEDED.

THE FESTIVAL'S APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE TO PURSUE A PROPER AND BALANCED DEVELOPMENT, TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY WAS THEREFORE A "MOST WELCOME AND TIMELY MESSAGE". MR TSAO SAID.

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"I UNDERSTAND THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUTH FESTIVAL ARE INTENDED TO SPREAD AND REINFORCE THIS MESSAGE. I BELIEVE THEY WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS FOSTERING A GENERATION OF CONCERNED AND CARING CITIZENS." HE ADDED.

MR TSAO THEN PERFORMED A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE FESTIVAL.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MRS ROSANNA TAM, DESCRIBED THE FESTIVAL AS A MOST MEMORABLE DAY IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG. A DAY WHOLLY DEVOTED TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

"IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT THEIR STATUS HAS BEEN RECOGNISED AND GIVEN GREAT IMPORTANCE.

"AS HONG KONG FACES THE CHANGES IN ITS FUTURE, THE MORE WE NEED YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN, AND BE COMMITTED TO, THE SOCIETY," SHE NOTED.

MRS TAM HOPED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE, THROUGH PARTICIPATING IN THE FESTIVAL, WOULD BECOME MORE ATTACHED TO THE TERRITORY, AND BE MORE WILLING TO SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW FOR THE COMMUNITY.

AT THE CEREMONY, WINNERS OF A SLOGAN COMPETITION HELD EARLIER IN CONNECTION WITH THE FESTIVAL, WERE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES.

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AIR CONDITIONING INDUSTRY CAN HELP PROTECT ENVIRONMENT

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THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING CALLED ON THE AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION INDUSTRY TO ADDRESS, AND IMPROVE, SOME EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL SHORTCOMINGS TO HELP CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER ENVIRONMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION ASSOCIATION, DR REED SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED THAT HE HAD BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK ON "HOW THE ASSOCIATION CAN CO-ORDINATE AND CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER ENVIRONMENT IN OUR SOCIETY".

"YOUR CHOICE OF TOPIC FOR MY ADDRESS THIS EVENING DISPLAYS A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND ENLIGHTENED ATTITUDE. I ONLY HOPE THAT OTHER INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS WILL FOLLOW YOUR LEAD." DR REED SAID.

"THERE ARE, I THINK, THREE ASPECTS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES WHERE YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE AND THESE ARE NOISE, ASBESTOS AND THE OZONE LAYER," HE ADDED.

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ON NOISE, DR REED SAID THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) RECEIVED SOME 600 COMPLAINTS EVERY YEAR ABOUT NOISE FROM AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION INSTALLATIONS, AND 95 PER CENT OF THESE RELATED TO COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATIONS.

"I BELIEVE THIS IS ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG," HE NOTED.

TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION, DR REED SAID, THE ASSOCIATION COULD DEVELOP A CODE OF PRACTICE FOR MINIMISING NOISE NUISANCE ARISING FROM THE INSTALLATIONS AND TO RAISE AWARENESS OF NOISE CONTROL ISSUES AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

"THE NOISE SPECIALISTS IN MY DEPARTMENT WOULD BE ONLY TOO PLEASED TO HELP OUT AND COLLABORATE WITH YOU IN DEVELOPING A CODE OF PRACTICE," HE SAID.

ANOTHER USEFUL ACTION WOULD BE TO COMPILE A LIST OF REPUTABLE ACOUSTIC CONSULTANTS AND SPECIALIST CONTRACTORS, FOR REFERENCE BY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS IN DEALING WITH THE MORE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.

THE ASSOCIATION COULD ALSO CONSIDER SETTING UP A COMPLAINT "HOT-LINE" TO DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC ITSELF.

WARNING OF GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE PLANET'S OZONE LAYER IF RELEASE OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (CFC'S) FROM AIR CONDITIONING AND OTHER SYSTEMS WERE NOT CHECKED, DR REED SAID: "THE DAMAGE BEING DONE IS ALREADY DEMONSTRABLE, IT IS NOT IN DOUBT AND IT IS QUITE FRIGHTENING.

"EVEN IF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE IDEAS FOR BANNING CFC'S AND HALONS ARE ADOPTED, IT WILL NOT BE UNTIL THE YEAR, 2050 BEFORE AT LEAST SOME OF THE DAMAGE TO THE OZONE LAYER IS REVERSED.

"THESE FLUIDS ARE WHAT MAKE YOUR MACHINES WORK AND THE MEASURES TAKEN TO CONTROL THEM WILL AFFECT YOU AND BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY."

DR REED SUGGESTED THAT IN THE SHORT TERM IT WOULD BE NECESSARY IN EVERYBODY'S INTEREST TO CONSERVE AND RECYCLE CFC'S WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

HE PRESSED THE ASSOCIATION TO FORM A CENTRAL "CLEARING HOUSE" COMMITTEE TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO REPLACEMENT CHEMICALS AND COMPATIBLE PLANTS.

THIS COMMITTEE COULD BE RESPONSIBLE, ALSO, FOR COLLECTING AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION AND CODES OF PRACTICE ON WAYS TO MINIMISE LOSSES OF COOLANT DURING MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS AND, INDEED, DURING THE NORMAL OPERATIONS OF AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION PLANTS.

THE COMMITTEE COULD ALSO PROMOTE THE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING, OR THE PROPER DISPOSAL, OF CFC'S FROM REDUNDANT EQUIPMENT.

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REFERRING TO THE RECENT INCIDENTS OF THE RELEASE OF ASBESTOS DURING THE DEMOLITION OF ONE OF THE TREGUNTER TOWER BLOCKS, IN THE MID-LEVELS, DR REED SAID THAT ONE OF THE SOURCES WAS ASBESTOS JOINTS USED IN THE AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM.

DR REED CALLED ON THE ASSOCIATION TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF ITS MEMBERS TO THE ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS OF ASBESTOS AND TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS NOT TO USE ASBESTOS IN AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS.

"THERE ARE PLENTY OF SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE," HE POINTED OUT.

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PORT FACING MAJOR STRUCTURAL, OPERATIONAL CHANGES

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IMPORTANT STRUCTURAL AND OPERATIONAL CHANGES LIE AHEAD FOR THE PORT OF HONG KONG AND ITS MARITIME INDUSTRY IN THE 1990'S, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

ADDRESSING MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE OF SEATRANSPORT AT THE INSTITUTE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, MR HALL SAID THE MARINE DEPARTMENT STROVE TO PROVIDE PORT USERS THE BEST POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO OPERATE EFFICIENTLY, EFFECTIVELY AND HOPEFULLY, PROFITABLY.

"THEREIN, THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIME OBJECTIVE IS TO CONTINUE TO ENHANCE HONG KONG'S STATUS AS THE PRIMARY SHIPPING CENTRE IN SOUTHERN CHINA AND WITHIN THE DYNAMIC PACIFIC RIM," MR HALL ADDED.

CITING THE NEW HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER AS AN EXAMPLE, MR HALL SAID IT WAS DUE TO OPEN IN THE LATTER PART OF NEXT YEAR.

HE SAID IT WOULD EQUIP THE FUTURE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION WITH A SHIPPING REGISTER UNDER ITS OWN LEGISLATION AS LAID DOWN BY THE JOINT DECLARATION.

ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER A SHIP UNDER THE NEW REGISTER HAD BEEN DEVISED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL SHIPPING COMMUNITY, WHILE SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION OF SHIPS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

THE OPERATION OF THE REGISTER SHOULD BE SELF-FINANCING WITH ITS COSTS TO BE RECOVERED BY MEANS OF A COMBINATION OF INITIAL REGISTRATION FEES, ANNUAL TONNAGE CHARGES AND SURVEY FEES.

MR HALL SAID HONG KONG HAD RECENTLY ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT ON RECIPROCAL EXEMPTION OF TAX ON SHIPPING INCOME WITH THE UNITED STATES WHICH WOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY AFTER 1997.

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"THE PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT IS TO FORESTALL THE ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS POSTED BY THE 1986 U.S. TAX REFORM ACT ON THE HONG KONG SHIPPING SECTOR AND REFLECTS THE DETERMINATION OF HONG KONG TO REMAIN AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP MARITIME CENTRES, PROVIDING AN EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND SHIPOWNING BASE FOR SHIPOWNERS AND SHIPPING AGENCIES," MR HALL SAID.

AS REGARDS THE VESSEL TRAFFIC SCHEME, WHICH BECAME OPERATIONAL IN MID-OCTOBER THIS YEAR, MR HALL SAID IT WAS A MIX OF EQUIPMENT UNIQUELY TAILORED TO THE HONG KONG ENVIRONMENT.

THE SYSTEM, COSTING MORE THAN US\$20 MILLION (HONG KONG \$156 MILLION) INCLUDING INSTALLATION AND TRAINING COSTS, WAS TASKED WITH IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND EFFICIENCY OF UTILISATION OF HONG KONG WATERS.

ON THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDIES, MR HALL SAID THE NEW DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT, AT A COST OF \$50 BILLION, WOULD BE ONE OF THE BIGGEST SINGLE CIVIL ENGINEERING PROJECTS IN THE WORLD.

THE WHOLE PROJECT, INVOLVING A NEW CONTAINER PORT AT TSING YI AND STONECUTTERS ISLAND, CALLED FOR HUGE RECLAMATION WORKS AND NEW TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE.

"NOW WE HAVE A BLUEPRINT AND THE TASK AHEAD IS TO IMPLEMENT IT IN AN ORDERLY, PRAGMATIC MANNER TO MEET THE GROWING TRADE NEEDS OF OUR PORT.

"WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MANY CHALLENGES LIE AHEAD. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN MEET AND RESOLVE THESE AND SO PROVIDE HONG KONG WITH THE PORT IT DESERVES WELL INTO THE 21ST CENTURY."

COMMENTING ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS MARINE ADVISER IN LONDON, MR HALL SAID HE WAS "CONFIDENT THAT I AM LEAVING TO MY SUCCESSOR A FIRST RATE 'GO-AHEAD' DEPARTMENT".

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LADY WILSON OPENS HK'S FIRST 'CHILDREN WONDERLAND'

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THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN KING'S PARK HAS PUT INTO PRACTICE THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION THAT "PLAY IS A CHILD'S RIGHT, ALONG WITH NUTRITION, HEALTH EDUCATION AND SHELTER", LADY WILSON SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEWLY-REDEVELOPED CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AT THE KING'S PARK RISE IN HO MAN TIN, LADY WILSON SAID: "CHILDREN EVERYWHERE NEED A CHANCE TO PLAY, AS WELL AS TO BE EDUCATED.

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"IT IS GOOD TO SEE THAT BOTH THESE NEEDS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR, AND INTEGRATED INTO THE OVERALL DESIGN OF THIS CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, WHICH IS GIVEN THE UNUSUAL THEME OF 'A VOYAGE TO THE MOON'."

THE \$3.5 MILLION PLAYGROUND IS A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE PLAYRIGHT CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT ITS UNIQUE CONCEPT AND DESIGNS.

OCCUPYING AN AREA OF 1,390 SQUARE METRES, THE PLAYGROUND WAS REDEVELOPED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AFTER TWO YEARS OF HARD WORK.

THIS "CHILDREN'S WONDERLAND" IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG WITH VERY FASCINATING PLAY EQUIPMENT AIMED TO STIMULATE CHILDREN'S IMAGINATION AND PHYSICAL STRENGTH.

LADY WILSON SAID THE SPECIAL PLAY EQUIPMENT AT THE PLAYGROUND WAS NOT ONLY CREATIVE, BUT MADE TO A VERY HIGH STANDARD.

THESE PLAY EQUIPMENT INCLUDED A MOON ROCKET, A MOONSCAPE, A PAIR OF SOUND TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER FOR CHILDREN TO HEAR REFLECTED SOUNDS AND ECHOES, A SUSPENSION BRIDGE, A MOON DRAGON, A KALEIDOSCOPE, A NUMBER OF TUBULAR MUSICAL BELLS, A SPACE MONSTER AND A TOUCH WALL FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN.

"THE DESIGN AND COLOURFUL APPEARANCE ADD TO THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE PLAYGROUND, AND MAKE IT, I AM SURE, IRRESISTABLE TO CHILDREN, WHILST HELPING THEM TO KEEP PHYSICALLY FIT AND WELL," SHE SAID.

NOTING THAT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS HAD BEEN TAKEN CARE OF WITH THE PROVISION OF THE TOUCH WALLS, LADY WILSON SAID SHE WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE THAT SAFETY MATS HAD BEEN PLACED UNDERNEATH THE PLAY EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT ALL THOSE WHO USE IT.

ALL THIS GOOD WORK WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE EXPERTISE, ENTHUSIASM AND EFFORTS OF A VARIETY OF PROFESSIONALS UNDER THE NAME OF "PLAYRIGHT" AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WHO HAD BEEN MOST SUPPORTIVE AND GENEROUS, LADY WILSON SAID.

"THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND WILL ALLOW MANY OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE IN THE FIELD OF PLAY," SHE ADDED.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE; CHAIRMAN OF PLAYRIGHT CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION, MRS ANNE MARDEN; CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, DR SAMUEL WONG; DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR JAMES SO; CHAIRMAN OF THE POLYTECHNIC COUNCIL, MR STEPHEN CHEONG; AND YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH.

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IN HIS WELCOMING ADDRESS, MR FORSGATE SAID THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT WAS A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE COUNCIL'S TASK OF REDEVELOPING AND IMPROVING EXISTING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN LINE WITH THE CHANGING NEEDS AND TASTES OF THE COMMUNITY.

RECALLING THE HISTORY OF THE PLAYGROUND, HE SAID WHEN IT WAS FIRST OPENED IN 1971, THE PLAYGROUND WAS EQUIPPED WITH CONVENTIONAL PLAY EQUIPMENT, ALL QUITE OUT OF PLACE WITH THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT.

IN MID 1987, THE PLAYRIGHT CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION APPROACHED THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR ITS SUPPORT TO EMBARK ON THE PROPOSAL TO REDEVELOP THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AS A JOINT VENTURE WITH THE COUNCIL.

"THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PLAYGROUND CALLED FOR A LOT OF IMAGINATION AND HARDWORK. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL CONCERNED FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATION IN BRINGING THIS PROJECT TO FRUITION.

"I AM SURE CHILDREN WILL HAVE LOTS OF FUN PLAYING HERE," MR FORSGATE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OCCASION, MRS MARDEN SAID THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING THE CONCEPT THAT PLAY SHOULD BE A WAY OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPING DURING CHILDHOOD AND BEYOND, WAS DEMONSTRATED IN THE WAY THAT THIS PLAYGROUND HAD BEEN CREATED.

"IT IS OF COURSE A PILOT PROJECT BUT I HOPE THAT PERHAPS WE MAY PROVIDE A FOUNDATION TO BE BUILT ON AND THAT OTHER 'PLAYGROUNDS FOR ALL CHILDREN' MAY APPEAR IN FUTURE." SHE ADDED.

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IMPORTANCE OF RIGHT CHOICE OF CAREER STRESSED
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YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE TAKING THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS HELPING THEMSELVES AND HELPING TO BUILD A BETTER HONG KONG IF THEY ACQUIRE UP-TO-DATE CAREERS INFORMATION, AN OMELCO MEMBER, MRS ROSANNA TAM, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "CAREERS '90 EXHIBITION" AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL, MRS TAM SAID A PROPER CHOICE OF CAREER WAS BENEFICIAL TO BOTH THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

SHE ALSO SAID FEW DECISIONS IN LIFE HAD SUCH FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS AS THOSE OF CHOOSING A CAREER.

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"IT IS THEREFORE VERY IMPORTANT THAT SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORLD OF WORK AND PROPER GUIDANCE ON CHOOSING A CAREER IS AVAILABLE TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE," SHE SAID, ADDING THAT "CAREERS '90" SERVED THIS VERY PURPOSE.

NOTING THAT HONG KONG FACED A TIME OF RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FULL EMPLOYMENT AND THE SO-CALLED DRAIN, MRS TAM SAID THE NEED TO UTILISE PROPERLY THE SKILLS AND TALENTS OF OUR ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.

"WE ALL KNOW THAT HONG KONG'S PRESENT ECONOMIC SUCCESS OWES MUCH TO THE INGENUITY, RESOURCEFULNESS, ADAPTABILITY, SKILLS AND INTELLIGENCE OF OUR WORKFORCE," SHE ADDED.

"CAREERS '90", ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND REGIONAL COUNCIL, IS THE FIRST FOCAL EVENT OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH FESTIVAL ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, OF WHICH MRS TAM IS THE CHAIRMAN.

MRS TAM SAID THE FESTIVAL ATTEMPTED TO INSTIL A SENSE OF COMMITMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE WHILE THE COMMON THEME OF ITS 200-ODD EVENTS WAS "WE ARE HONG KONG".

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND.

WINNERS OF A BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXHIBITION RECEIVED THEIR PRIZES AT THE CEREMONY.

THE FIRST WINNER WAS KAN SIU-CHI (18), OF CARITAS BIANCHI COLLEGE; SECOND WAS NGAN KIN-HO (14), OF CONFUCIUS HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL; AND THIRD WAS CHOI MAN-WAI (18), OF S.K.H. LAM WOO MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THIS YEAR, 23 ORGANISATIONS FROM THE COMMERCIAL, MANUFACTURING AND SERVICE SECTORS, AS WELL AS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, ARE TAKING PART IN THE 10-DAY EXHIBITION.

IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 9.30 AM TO 6.30 PM DAILY FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) UNTIL DECEMBER 11.

WORK DEMONSTRATIONS AND STATIC DISPLAYS WILL ALSO BE STAGED BY VARIOUS DISCIPLINED AND AUXILIARY SERVICES AT THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND THE NEW TOWN PLAZA. DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DECEMBER 2 (SATURDAY) - CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT

DECEMBER 3 (SUNDAY) - AUXILIARY SERVICES (INCLUDING CIVIL AID SERVICES, ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS), ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE AND AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES)

DECEMBER 9 (SATURDAY) - ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE

DECEMBER 10 (SUNDAY) - FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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IMPORTANCE OF STUDENT GUIDANCE STRESSED

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) SCHOOLS SHOULD AIM AT PRODUCING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF HIGH CALIBRE WHO ARE ABLE TO UNDERTAKE COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT TASKS WITH GRACE AND CONFIDENCE.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY OF ST FRANCIS' CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, MR LI SAID THAT AS HONG KONG SOCIETY BECAME MORE COMPLEX, ITS EMERGING PROBLEMS AND IMPENDING CHANGES WOULD CALL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH FLEXIBLE AND IMAGINATIVE MINDS AS WELL AS SOUND EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP ROLES IN SOCIETY.

SCHOOLS PROVIDED AMPLE OPPORTUNITY, AS WELL AS A FERTILE ENVIRONMENT, FOR THIS PROCESS, HE SAID.

"WHERE A BROAD CURRICULUM AND A WIDE RANGE OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE OFFERED, THE CAREER CHOICE OF STUDENTS IS CONSIDERABLY WIDENED, AND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT AS ABLE, VERSATILE INDIVIDUALS READY TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND ITS PEOPLE, ARE CORRESPONDINGLY ENHANCED.

"IT IS, THEREFORE, VERY IMPORTANT THAT SCHOOLS GIVE STUDENTS CAREFUL GUIDANCE ON THEIR CHOICE OF SUBJECTS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SO THAT THEIR POTENTIAL CAN BE REALISED AND DEVELOPED TO THE FULL." HE SAID.

A GOOD TEACHER HAD A WIDE-RANGING ROLE TO PLAY, MR LI SAID.

STUDENTS MIGHT SEE THEIR TEACHER SIMPLY AS A PERSON WHOSE SOLE DUTY WAS TO TEACH. BUT THIS WAS FAR FROM THE TRUTH.

MR LI DESCRIBED A TEACHER AS A COUNSELLOR AND ADVISER WHO ATTENDED TO STUDENTS' PERSONAL PROBLEMS AND HELPED TO GUIDE THEIR DEVELOPMENT, AND A FRIEND WHO SHARED THEIR THOUGHTS.

THE TEACHER ALSO HELPED TO PLAN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM THROUGH THE SUBJECT PANEL AND AS AN ORGANISER OF, AND LEADER IN, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

IF THE TEACHER WERE ALSO ABLE TO ATTEND COURSES TO UPDATE KNOWLEDGE AND TO IMPROVE TEACHING METHODS, THE PERSON BECAME A STUDENT AT THE SAME TIME.

THESE MULTIFARIOUS ROLES EXISTED IN SIMILAR OR DIFFERENT WAYS IN OTHER PROFESSIONS, MR LI SAID.

"THE VARIETY OF ROLES IN ALMOST ALL JOBS IS LIKELY TO INCREASE AS SOCIETY BECOMES MORE AND MORE SOPHISTICATED.

"PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO DISPLAY SPECIAL QUALITIES IN ADDITION TO THE ESSENTIAL BASIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF THEIR PROFESSION, TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF A CONSTANTLY EVOLVING SOCIETY," HE ADDED.

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WORK OF FISH CULTURE ASSOCIATION PRAISED

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THE YUNG SHUE AU MARINE FISH CULTURE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION WAS PRAISED THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING FOR ITS EFFORTS IN THE PAST YEAR IN IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT IN FISH CULTURE ZONES IN SAI KUNG AND RAISING AQUACULTURE TECHNIQUES.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FISHERIES) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, DR CHRISTOPHER LEE, SAID THE ASSOCIATION HAD HELPED FOSTER CO-OPERATION AMONG MARICULTURISTS IN THE YUNG SHUE AU AREA, RESULTING IN IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AS WELL AS BETTER COMPLIANCE WITH THE MARINE FISH CULTURE ORDINANCE.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE INAUGURATION OF THE SECOND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

"THE ASSOCIATION HAS ALSO ENCOURAGED THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE AMONG MARICULTURISTS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE FISH CULTURE TECHNIQUES." HE SAID.

DR LEE ALSO THANKED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONTINUING CO-OPERATION IN THE DEPARTMENT'S OXYGEN BUDGET MODELLING FOR FISH CULTURE ZONES.

THE PROJECT USES DATA ON VARIOUS FACTORS AFFECTING THE OXYGEN CONTENT IN SEA WATER, SUCH AS TIDAL CURRENT, SUNSHINE, RAINFALL, AND OTHER FACTORS TO DEVELOP A COMPUTER MODEL TO PROVIDE FORECASTS ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF OXYGEN DEPLETIONS WHICH MAY LEAD TO FISH KILLS, AND ALSO TO DETERMINE THE MAXIMUM FISH STOCK CARRYING CAPACITY OF THE FISH CULTURE ZONE.

THE PROJECT WAS STARTED IN MID-1986 AND IS BEING CARRIED OUT AT THE YUNG SHUE AU FISH CULTURE ZONE AT THREE FATHOMS COVE.

THE YUNG SHUE AU MARINE FISH CULTURE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION WAS ESTABLISHED A YEAR AGO AND CURRENTLY HAS 75 MEMBERS. ALSO PRESENT AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY THIS EVENING WAS THE ASSOCIATION'S HONORARY PRESIDENT, MR ANDREW WONG.

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FINDINGS ON USE OF UNDERGROUND SPACE ANNOUNCED

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THE STUDY ON THE POTENTIAL USE OF UNDERGROUND SPACE IN HONG KONG (SPUN) HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT ROCK CAVERNS CAN PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION TO HONG KONG'S CHRONIC SHORTAGE OF SPACE AND HELP TO PRESERVE AND IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT TOWN PLANNER, DR TED PRYOR, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, DR PRYOR SAID ALTHOUGH UNDERGROUND SPACE, IN THE FORM OF DEEP BASEMENTS AND TUNNELS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES, WAS ALREADY WIDELY UTILISED IN HONG KONG, THERE HAD BEEN VERY LITTLE USE MADE OF LARGE MAN-MADE ROCK CAVERNS.

"IT BECAME APPARENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S METROPLAN AND PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PADS) STUDIES, THAT MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM GROWTH OF THE URBAN AND PORT AREAS IS GOING TO BE VERY LARGE.

"IN THESE AREAS, THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPMENT UNDERGROUND HAS BECOME VERY ATTRACTIVE FOR CERTAIN USES."

THE ROCK CAVERN CONCEPT HAS A NUMBER OF BENEFITS. IT WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LAND, ENABLE THE USE OF STEEP HILLS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DEVELOP BY CONVENTIONAL METHODS, ALLOW FOR THE RETENTION OF THE EXISTING LANDSCAPE, AND WOULD RESULT IN THE UNDERGROUND LOCATION OF SOME ENVIRONMENTALLY UNDESIRABLE ACTIVITIES.

THE GOVERNMENT STARTED THE SPUN STUDY LAST YEAR TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF FORMING UNDERGROUND ROCK CAVERNS FOR A VARIETY OF USES.

SEVEN CONCEPTUAL SCHEMES WERE SELECTED FOR THE STUDY. THE SEVEN SCHEMES AND THE LOCATIONS STUDIES WERE:

GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES WAREHOUSE	CHAI WAN
REFUSE TRANSFER STATION	MT DAVIS
SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT	MT DAVIS
OIL AND PLG STORAGE	SOUTHWEST TSING YI
CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION/WAREHOUSE	SOUTH CENTRAL TSING YI
CONTAINER TRACTOR AND TRAILER PARKING	SOUTH CENTRAL TSING YI
COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY	QUARRY BAY

THE FIRST THREE PROJECTS LISTED ABOVE WOULD BE PUBLIC SECTOR PROJECTS AND THEIR CONSTRUCTION IN CAVERNS WOULD RELEASE LAND FOR SALE FOR OTHER USES.

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THERE ARE OBVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS IN LOCATING THE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AND REFUSE TRANSFER STATION UNDERGROUND. ALSO, AN EARLY START COULD BE MADE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKS.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT STORE IN CHAI WAN WILL ALSO RELEASE LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL USES.

AS FOR THE STORAGE OF OIL AND GAS, IT IS CHEAPER TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A CAVERN FACILITY. VALUABLE WATERFRONT LAND CAN BE RELEASED FOR POTENTIAL USES WHILE A REDUCTION OF THE POTENTIAL HAZARD IS ACHIEVED WITH THE CAVERN OPTION.

THE STUDY ALSO EXAMINED THE PROVISION OF CONTAINER PORT BACK-UP FACILITIES. THE PROVISION OF A CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION, TRACTOR AND TRAILER PARK AND EMPTY CONTAINER STORAGE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY AND ADJACENT TO A CONTAINER TERMINAL WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO EACH OTHER.

THE PROVISION OF COMMERCIAL/GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY FACILITY IN QUARRY BAY WOULD HELP TO PRESERVE THE CURRENT BRAEMAR HILL GREEN BELT ZONE ABOVE.

DR PRYOR SAID THE GOVERNMENT VIEWED THE FINDINGS OF THE SPUN STUDY WITH CONSIDERABLE OPTIMISM AND WAS NOW CONSIDERING WHICH OF THE SCHEMES COULD BE TAKEN FORWARD TO THE DETAILED FEASIBILITY STAGE.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL WELCOME INITIATIVES FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR," HE SAID.

"TO ASSIST, A DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE WILL BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR DETAILED TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AS AND WHEN PRIVATE DEVELOPERS APPROACH THE GOVERNMENT WITH SPECIFIC PROPOSALS."

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FEES PAYABLE TO TRAVEL AGENTS REGISTRAR REVISED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AMENDED EXISTING REGULATIONS TO REVISE THE VARIOUS FEES PAYABLE TO THE REGISTRAR OF TRAVEL AGENTS IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATIONS FOR A TRAVEL AGENT'S LICENCE AND RELATED MATTERS.

THE TRAVEL AGENTS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1989, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), REVISE THE FEES AS PRESCRIBED IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE TRAVEL AGENTS REGULATIONS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE FEES, WHICH WERE INTRODUCED IN 1986, HAD BEEN REVISED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF INFLATION AND THE INCREASED COST OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES.

THE FEE FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A TRAVEL AGENT'S LICENCE HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM \$300 TO \$340.

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THE FEE FOR A LICENCE OR RENEWAL OF A LICENCE IS NOW SET AT \$275 PER MONTH WHEREAS, IN THE PAST, THE FEE FOR A LICENCE OR RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR 12 MONTHS WAS \$3,000 AND THAT FOR A LICENCE FOR SIX MONTHS OR LESS WAS \$1,500.

THE OTHER REVISED FEES ARE SET OUT IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE AMENDED TRAVEL AGENTS REGULATIONS, WHICH WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OPPORTUNITY WAS ALSO TAKEN TO REVISE THE REGULATIONS SO AS TO PERMIT THE CHARGING OF PRO RATA LICENCE FEES FOR LICENCES WITH VALIDITY PERIODS RANGING FROM ONE MONTH TO 12 MONTHS.

"THIS WILL ALLOW FEES TO BE CALCULATED ON A 'PER MONTH' BASIS IN ORDER TO ENABLE LICENCE RENEWAL DATES TO BE SPREAD EVENLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS WILL EASE THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON THE TRAVEL AGENTS REGISTRY WHERE MOST LICENCES ARE RENEWED AT THE SAME TIME EACH YEAR."

HE SAID THAT BEFORE THE REGULATIONS WERE AMENDED, A LICENCE MIGHT BE RENEWED FOR 12 MONTHS, OR FOR SIX MONTHS OR LESS. IN THE LATTER CASE, THE FEE WAS THE SAME WHETHER THE LICENCE WAS FOR ONE MONTH OR SIX MONTHS.

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APPOINTMENT TO JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF MR LARRY KO SAI-KIT AS A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A PERIOD AT TWO YEARS. MR KO WILL TAKE UP HIS APPOINTMENT ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

MR KO, AGED 50, IS A SOLICITOR IN PRIVATE PRACTICE. HE HAS WIDE INTERESTS IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AID. HE IS CURRENTLY THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE.

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PUBLIC URGED TO JOIN IN FIGHT AGAINST AIDS

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MRS PEGGY LAM TODAY (FRIDAY) APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO JOIN THE WORLDWIDE EFFORT AGAINST AIDS, ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE SECOND WORLD AIDS DAY.

MRS LAM, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON AIDS EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, SAID WORLD AIDS DAY WAS A TIME "TO HEIGHTEN OUR AWARENESS ABOUT AIDS, TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND EVERYONE WE COME INTO CONTACT WITH AND TO CONTINUE OUR ACTIVITIES AGAINST AIDS".

AS THE FOCUS FOR THIS YEAR'S WORLD AIDS DAY WAS ON YOUTH, SHE SAID, A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN PLANNED WITH THAT TARGET GROUP IN MIND.

MRS LAM SAID THERE WOULD BE AN AIDS YOUTH CONCERT AT THE PIAZZA IN KOWLOON PARK ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 3). THE CONCERT WOULD BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RADIO BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A SERIES OF SEMINARS FOR YOUTH AND POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE STUDENTS, A YOUTH SEXUALITY DRAMA COMPETITION AND AN ESSAY COMPETITION ON AIDS.

FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC, A ROVING EXHIBITION HAS BEEN PLANNED WITH AN AIM TO REACH THE LARGEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS. THE FIRST OF THESE DISTRICT EXHIBITIONS WILL BE STAGED AT THE LOK WAH COMMUNITY CENTRE IN KWUN TONG, FROM DECEMBER 15 TO 17.

FOR SPECIAL GROUPS, A SEMINAR FOR THE HEALTH CARE WORKERS WHO WORK WITH DRUG ABUSERS WILL BE HELD AT THE AUDITORIUM OF THE DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING IN WAN CHAI ON DECEMBER 13 AND ANOTHER ONE FOR RECOVERING DRUG ABUSERS AT THE SAME VENUE ON DECEMBER 16.

MRS LAM SAID ALL THESE ACTIVITIES AIMED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ON HOW AIDS WAS SPREAD AND HOW THE INFECTION COULD BE PREVENTED.

SHE THANKED ALL THOSE INVOLVED FOR THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PLANNING AND ORGANISING OF THE ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S WORLD AIDS DAY, AND THE WAH KIU YAT PO, SING TAO JIH PAO AND THE HENG SENG BANK FOR THEIR KIND DONATIONS.

EARLIER, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SPECIAL HEALTH SERVICES), OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DR PAUL SAW, EXPLAINED THE IMPORTANCE OF PLACING THE EMPHASIS ON YOUTH.

"YOUTH MAY BE MORE LIKELY THAN OTHERS TO ENGAGE IN RISK BEHAVIOUR, YET ARE OFTEN LESS LIKELY TO BE AWARE OF THE RISKS OF INFECTION WITH THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS," HE SAID.

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THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND WORLD AIDS DAY HAVE BEEN PLANNED AND ORGANISED BY A SPECIAL STEERING COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH.

DR SAW SAID THAT WITH THE SETTING UP OF THE COMMITTEE, EFFORTS IN HONG KONG TO STOP AIDS HAD REACHED AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE FOR IT SIGNIFIED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION THAT WOULD LEAD TO SUSTAINED ACTIVITY AND LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS.

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AIDS DAY CONCERT ON SUNDAY
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A YOUTH CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD AIDS DAY WILL BE HELD AT THE KOWLOON PARK PIAZZA ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 3) AFTERNOON.

THE CONCERT, ONE OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE AIDS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, IS ORGANISED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON AIDS EDUCATION ACTIVITIES 1989.

POPULAR SINGERS, INCLUDING ALEX TO, KIT MAN, AND THE BLUE JEANS TRIO, WILL PERFORM AND THE PROGRAMME WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG ON RADIO 2.

A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, MISS MARIA TAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 2.40 PM.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON AIDS EDUCATION ACTIVITIES 1989, MRS PEGGY LAM, AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE PIAZZA BY 2.30 PM.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO SHOW THEIR MEDIA IDENTITY CARDS ON ENTRY. PHOTOGRAPHERS SHOULD HAVE TELEPHOTO LENSES.

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SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER VISITS PAK KONG

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG, TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED PAK KONG TO LOOK AT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE PAK KONG VILLAGE EXTENSION AREA (VEA).

THE PAK KONG VEA IS ONE OF THE THREE GOVERNMENT PILOT SCHEMES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR VILLAGE EXPANSION BY THE INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS THEMSELVES.

THE OTHER TWO SCHEMES ARE AT TIN SUM TSUEN IN SHA TIN AND SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN IN SHEUNG SHUI.

MR TONG SAID THE AIM OF THE PILOT SCHEMES WAS TO PREVENT POSSIBLE PROBLEMS OF SMALL HOUSE DEVELOPMENTS.

"WITHOUT OVERALL PLANNING, ACCESS AND SEWERAGE MAY BE INADEQUATE. MAKING THE PROVISION OF BASIC SERVICES SUCH AS REFUSE COLLECTION, PARKING AND LIGHTING EXTREMELY DIFFICULT," HE EXPLAINED.

"THE PAK KONG VEA SCHEME WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL IN MAY 1981, AND A LAYOUT PLAN WAS ENDORSED BY THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS COMMITTEE IN JULY 1983," HE SAID.

THE VILLAGE LAYOUT PROVIDES 4.9 HECTARES OF LAND FOR 150 SMALL HOUSE SITES, ROADS, DRAINAGE, 129 CAR AND LORRY PARKING SPACES, REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITIES AND RECREATION AREAS.

THE SCHEME IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES.

THE FIRST PHASE COVERS 2.48 HECTARES AND WILL PROVIDE SITES FOR 70 SMALL HOUSES. THE SITE FORMATION WORK WAS COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR AFTER RESUMPTION AND CLEARANCE IN MID-1985.

SO FAR 62 APPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING SMALL HOUSES IN PAK KONG VEA PHASE ONE HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE SITES WILL BE GRANTED BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

PHASE TWO OF THE SCHEME WILL BE LAUNCHED IF THE FIRST PHASE IS PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

TODAY MR TONG ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE PAK KONG VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE, MR LOK KWOK-WING, AND OTHER VILLAGERS FOR A BRIEF DISCUSSION.

HE ALSO VISITED PAK KONG AU VILLAGE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE VILLAGERS AND THEIR VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE, MR LAU WAN-HEI.

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BLOOD DONATION EXERCISE IN SAI KUNG

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A BLOOD DONATION EXERCISE WHICH TOOK PLACE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND YESTERDAY IN SAI KUNG RECEIVED AN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE FROM PEOPLE LIVING AND WORKING IN THE DISTRICT.

MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE GAVE BLOOD IN THE TWO-DAY ACTIVITY. THEY WERE MAINLY LOCAL RESIDENTS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS. STAFF OF SOME GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE DISTRICT ALSO PARTICIPATED.

AS A TOKEN OF THANKS, EACH DONOR WAS GIVEN A T-SHIRT AND A DIARY.

THE BLOOD DONATION DRIVE WAS CO-ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

IT WAS DESIGNED AS A CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITY ENCOURAGING LOCAL PEOPLE TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE AND HELPFUL CITIZENS THROUGH GIVING BLOOD.

IT WAS ALSO ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST YOUTH FESTIVAL IN HONG KONG. WHICH STARTED TODAY.

WITH "WE ARE HONG KONG" AS THE THEME, THE YOUTH FESTIVAL AIMS AT INDUCING A SENSE OF COMMITMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE TOWARDS THE BUILDING OF A BETTER HONG KONG WITH THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG, TODAY OFFICIATED AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE BLOOD DONATION ACTIVITY.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN; THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR (NEW TERRITORIES EAST) OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, DR SUSAN CHAN; TV ARTISTE MISS YU YEE-HA; AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE, DR RAYMOND CHU.

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WINNERS OF FIGHT CRIME COMPETITION RECEIVE PRIZES

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SIX YOUNG WINNERS OF A FIGHT CRIME COLOURING AND SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION WERE INTRODUCED TO THE "ROBOTCOP" AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE COMPETITION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH AND ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED IN NOVEMBER TO PROMOTE A FIGHT CRIME COMIC BOOKLET.

/A POLICE

A POLICE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT RESPONSE TO THE COMPETITION WAS VERY ENCOURAGING AND THAT OVER 1,000 ENTRIES HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

THE COMPETITION WAS DIVIDED INTO THE JUNIOR SECTION FOR CHILDREN AGED 10 OR UNDER, AND THE SENIOR SECTION FOR THOSE AGED 11 TO 14.

AT TODAY'S PRESENTATION CEREMONY, THE "ROBOTCOP" WAS INVITED AS A SPECIAL GUEST TO PRESENT TOY COUPONS VALUED AT \$500, \$300 AND \$100 RESPECTIVELY TO THE TOP THREE WINNERS OF BOTH SECTIONS.

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WAN CHAI ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN OPENING
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A ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITION AND A BUS PARADE WILL BE HELD IN WAN CHAI TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, THE CAMPAIGN WILL PROMOTE AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON ROAD SAFETY MEASURES.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2 PM AT HENNESSY CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, WITH A LION DANCE AND PERFORMANCES BY THE CAPE COLLINSON BAND.

THE EXHIBITION, WHICH ALSO PROVIDES STALL GAMES, WILL BE HELD AT THE SAME VENUE. VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN ROAD SAFETY RULES THROUGH VIDEO GAMES AND CAN TAKE PICTURES WITH CARTOON CHARACTERS. SOUVENIRS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE VENUE.

A DECORATED BUS WILL SET OFF FROM THE CENTRE AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR A TOUR OF THE DISTRICT TO DISTRIBUTE ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY MATERIAL.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN; WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR MICHAEL PREW; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MS ANNA TANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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FIGHT CRIME CONCERT IN TAI PO
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RESIDENTS OF TAI PO ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A FIGHT CRIME CONCERT TO BE HELD IN TAI PO CENTRE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE CONCERT IS AIMED AT SPREADING THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE TWO HOUR-CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM AND PERFORMERS WILL INCLUDE CITY BEAT AND THE MAPLE BAND.

THERE WILL ALSO BE TALKS GIVEN BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS, MR LAU HON-WAH, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF WU OI CHRISTIAN CENTRE, MR CHAN KA-FAI.

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SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY
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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL 1989 WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 3) BETWEEN 1 PM AND 4 PM AT THE SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, FUK MAN ROAD, SAI KUNG TOWN.

APART FROM GAMES STALLS, PONY RIDES, A MAGIC SHOW, A "ROBOT COP", SINGING AND BALLET PERFORMANCES, THERE WILL BE A POLICE DOG SHOW, PARACHUTE JUMP DEMONSTRATION BY THE ARMY AND A PERFORMANCE BY THE POLICE BAND.

OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL'S OPENING WILL BE THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG; THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN; AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME STAR, MISS LISA WANG.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (WONG TAI SIN), MR PAANG KUI-SAN; FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBER MR LEUNG SAU-CHI; THE DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER (SAI KUNG) OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR LAM TIN-KEE; AND LIEUTENANT COMMANDER CY BEATTIE OF THE BRITISH FORCES, HONG KONG.

A GOOD CITIZEN AWARD WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED DURING THE CEREMONY.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE CARNIVAL ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CARNIVAL CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS ON TEL. 3-7923240 OR 3-7921242.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL 1989 AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 3) AT SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, FUK MAN ROAD, SAI KUNG TOWN.

THE PARACHUTE JUMP DEMONSTRATION BY THE ARMY WILL START AT 3.45 PM.

CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CLOSES ON SUNDAY

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THREE MAJOR EVENTS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 3) TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE 36-DAY CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

AT 2 PM, OMELCO MEMBER MR CHENG HON-KWAN, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LIU LIT-FOR, AND OTHER GUESTS WILL OFFICIATE AT A CLOSING CEREMONY AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

IT WILL BE PRECEDED BY A DRUM AND PIPE BAND PARADE, A LION DANCE AND A BAMBOO DANCE. PERFORMING GROUPS WILL INCLUDE THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S ROYAL REGIMENT, THE SCOTTISH PIPE BAND AND THE HONG KONG BOYS SCOUT BRIGADE.

SINGERS ROMAN TAM, ELIZA CHAN AND ANNE BRIDGEWATER WILL BE AMONG THE PERFORMERS IN THE TWO-HOUR CARNIVAL WHICH FOLLOWS THE CEREMONY. TELEVISION ARTISTES KAM KWOK-WAI AND WONG MAN-YEE WILL PERFORM A CANTONESE OPERA. TO BE FOLLOWED BY BALLET AND FOLK DANCES.

A NUMBER OF STALLS WILL BE SET UP AT THE VENUE FOR DISPLAYING THE WORKS BY STUDENTS OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF FINE ARTS, AND FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN PALM-READING AND TAKING PICTURES WITH CARTOON FIGURES.

AT ABOUT 3 PM, ANOTHER VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND IN KENNEDY TOWN.

IT WILL BE PRECEDED BY A CLOSING CEREMONY TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR AMBROSE LAU; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER; AND URBAN COUNCILLOR MR CHAN TAK-CHOR.

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THE VARIETY SHOW WILL INCLUDE POPULAR SONGS BY SINGERS MAN PUI-LING AND FONG YEE-KEI, A DRAMA TO BE PRESENTED BY TV COMEDIAN HO WAI-LUNG AND PALM-READING BY FORMER TV PERFORMER CHAN CHUN-WAH.

THERE WILL ALSO BE STALL GAMES, A HUGE INFLATED ELEPHANT AND A COLOURING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN, AS WELL AS A PERFORMANCE BY A GROUP OF MENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS.

AT 7.45 PM, OMELCO MEMBER MISS MARIA TAM WILL OFFICIATE AT THE "DISTRICT FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT NITE" AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

TO BE HOSTED BY TV ARTISTE KOO KEI-KWAN, THE FUNCTION WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY SINGER LI LUNG-KEI, CHINESE ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCES, MODERN DANCE, CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS AND SINGING BY A GROUP OF LOCAL ELDERLY PEOPLE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE THREE FUNCTIONS TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL. THE FUNCTIONS WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM, 3 PM AND 7.30 PM RESPECTIVELY ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 3) AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT, THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND IN KENNEDY TOWN AND THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

FIRE SAFETY SEMINAR FOR YAU TSIM RESIDENTS

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YAU TSIM RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ON FIRE SAFETY TO BE HELD AT CHINA HONG KONG CITY IN CANTON ROAD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 3).

THE SEMINAR IS PART OF ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE BUILDING MANAGEMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

A SENIOR STATION OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL SPEAK ON WAYS TO DEAL WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF FIRE THAT CAN OCCUR IN THE HOME.

AFTER THE TALK, A DEMONSTRATION ON THE USES OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT WILL BE GIVEN AT THE NEARBY CANTON ROAD FIRE STATION.

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OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO; CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT BOARD, MR YIP WAH, AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S DIVISIONAL COMMANDER (KOWLOON SOUTH), MR VICTOR HSU.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER YAU TSIM DISTRICT'S SEMINAR ON FIRE SAFETY TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 3) ON THE UPPER GROUND FLOOR, CHINA HONG KONG CITY, 33 CANTON ROAD, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF SHEARSON FINANCE (ASIA) LIMITED AND OF BOT FINANCE (H.K.) LIMITED AS DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAS BEEN REVOKED AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THEIR OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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PHONE ADVISORY SERVICE IN UK NOW PERMANENT

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON WILL OPERATE ITS TELEPHONE ADVISORY SERVICE ON A PERMANENT BASIS FROM TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SERVICE, INTRODUCED ON A TRIAL BASIS A YEAR AGO, IS AIMED AT ASSISTING HONG KONG TRAVELLERS TO THE UK WHO ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES AT PORTS OF ENTRY THERE.

DURING WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, OFFICERS FROM THE LONDON OFFICE CAN BE CONTACTED ON 0860 434922.

ON WEEKDAYS, TRAVELLERS SEEKING ADVICE SHOULD CALL 01-629 5068.

DURING THE WEEK, THE ADVISORY SERVICE WILL FUNCTION FROM 9.30 AM TO 1 PM, AND 2 PM TO 5.30 PM; AND ON WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM 9.30 AM TO 5.30 PM.

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MORE TIME TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT MEASURES
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THE CONSULTATION PERIOD FOR THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP SET UP TO REVIEW LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT MEASURES HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOR TWO MONTHS TO PROVIDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AMPLE TIME TO SEND IN THEIR VIEWS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE CONSULTATION PERIOD WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO END THIS MONTH.

"HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE INTERESTS AND CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE PUBLIC AND VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL BODIES, THE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND THE CONSULTATION PERIOD TO FEBRUARY 28, 1990," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AN ADDITIONAL 3,000 COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE NOW BEING PRINTED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH.

THE PUBLIC CAN OBTAIN COPIES FROM THE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THIRD FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

COMMENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY.

THE REPORT REVIEWS EXISTING CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT MEASURES IN HONG KONG, IDENTIFIES AREAS WHERE FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS ARE THOUGHT TO BE NECESSARY AND PROPOSES APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR ACHIEVING SUCH IMPROVEMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION, PROPOSALS WOULD EVENTUALLY BE DRAWN UP FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION.

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CIVIC EDUCATION TEACHING KITS FOR SCHOOLS
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A TOTAL OF 1,850 SETS OF CIVIC EDUCATION TEACHING KITS COSTING \$250,000 HAS BEEN PRODUCED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

PRODUCTION OF THE TEACHING KITS WAS SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF YAN CHAI HOSPITAL.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE PRESENTATION OF THE TEACHING KITS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE HELD AT LEE GARDENS HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY, ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 4) AFTERNOON.

/THE DIRECTOR

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, WILL ACCEPT THE TEACHING KITS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF YAN CHAI HOSPITAL, MR CHOI WAI-CHIU, AT THE CEREMONY.

OF THE TEACHING KITS, 1,200 SETS ARE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND 650 FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 4), BEGINNING AT 3.30 PM IN THE CAROLINE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, LEE GARDENS HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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CONSTRUCTION OF COASTAL EFFLUENT OUTFALLS PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT EFFLUENT OUTFALLS NEAR STONECUTTERS ISLAND AS PART OF THE NORTH WEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SCHEME.

THE WORKS INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A COASTAL SECTION OF EFFLUENT OUTFALL ALONG THE NORTHWEST COASTLINE OF STONECUTTERS ISLAND AND INSTALLATION OF A MARINE SECTION OF EFFLUENT OUTFALL TO LINK WITH THE COASTAL SECTION.

TEMPORARY WORKS ON THE RECLAMATION AND ALONG THE NORTHWEST COASTLINE AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND, DREDGING AND BACKFILLING OF THE SEABED WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 43.2 HECTARES, INCLUDING THE WESTERN FORESHORE AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND AND THE SEABED BETWEEN THE WESTERN TIP OF STONECUTTERS ISLAND AND THE NORTHERN FAIRWAY.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31 NEXT YEAR.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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IN ADDITION, AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO GRANT A SHORT TERM TENANCY TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB, WHICH WILL, IN TURN, CARRY OUT RECLAMATION WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 4,680 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT PAK SHA WAN, SAI KUNG.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE LAND FOR CARPARKING SPACES AND BOAT STORAGE, DREDGING OF SEABED AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SEAWALL.

THE WORK WILL BEGIN IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AND WILL BE COMPLETED ABOUT MARCH, 1991.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30 NEXT YEAR.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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THREE LAND LOTS FOR SALE BY AUCTION

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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 28 IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

THE LOTS INCLUDE A 27,300-SQUARE-METRE SITE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AT TAT CHEE AVENUE, YAU YAT TSUEN, KOWLOON.

THE OTHER TWO LOTS ARE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ONE IS LOCATED IN TAI MONG TSAI, SAI KUNG, AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,550 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE OTHER LOT IS LOCATED IN AREA 11, SHA TIN NEW TOWN WHICH COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,400 SQUARE METRES. THE LOT IS FOR GODOWN (EXCLUDING DANGEROUS GOODS AS DEFINED IN THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE) PURPOSES.

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FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; AND
- THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

CONDITIONS OF SALE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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AGRICULTURAL LAND IN YUEN LONG TO BE RESUMED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME NINE PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS IN YUEN LONG FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

THE RESUMPTION OF THE LOTS, HAVING A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 3,091.4 SQUARE METRES, IS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PYLONS TO CARRY A 400-KILOVOLT OVERHEAD POWERLINE FROM THE YUEN LONG SUB-STATION TO THE LAI CHI KOK SUB-STATION.

A NOTICE ON THE RESUMPTION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE LOTS WILL REVERT TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE EXPIRY OF THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF POSTING OF THE NOTICE ON THE LOTS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF THE SHING MUN TUNNEL CHARITY WALK 89-90, SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND NOON ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 3) IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE SHING MUN ROAD SECTION BETWEEN SHING MUN RESERVOIR AND WO YI HOP ROAD, AND THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WO YI HOP ROAD SECTION BETWEEN SAM TUNG UK ROAD AND LEI SHU ROAD WILL BE CLOSED.

BUSES ON KMB ROUTE 32, ON JOURNEYS TO THE TAI KOK TSUI FERRY, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, TSUEN KAM INTERCHANGE, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST, CHEUNG SHAN BUS TERMINUS, SHING MUN ROAD, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, TSUEN KAM INTERCHANGE, TEXACO ROAD NORTH, KWOK SHUI ROAD, CHEUNG WING ROAD AND WO YI HOP ROAD. THEY WILL THEN RESUME NORMAL ROUTEING.

MINIBUSES ON GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 94, ON JOURNEYS TO KWAI SHING, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHEK ON STREET, SHEK KWAI STREET, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, TSUEN KAM INTERCHANGE, TEXACO ROAD NORTH, KWOK SHUI ROAD AND KWAI CHUNG ROAD. THEY WILL THEN RESUME NORMAL ROUTEING.

GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 82, 82M AND 94S WILL BE SHORTENED, WITH MINIBUSES OPERATING BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ONLY. NORMAL SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CHARITY WALK.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN CENTRAL, WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 4 AM TO MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 3) FOR HOLDING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CLOSING CEREMONY.

IN WAN CHAI, STONE NULLAH LANE SOUTH OF KAT ON STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM ON SUNDAY, FOR A CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY THE ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT.

DURING THE CLOSURE, LUNG ON STREET WILL BECOME A TWO-DAY CUL-DE-SAC WITH ACCESS FROM KENNEDY STREET.

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