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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY RELEASED

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THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATES OF RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS CONTINUED TO BE SUBSTANTIAL IN FEBRUARY 1989, BUT ONLY A SMALL GROWTH WAS RECORDED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

THIS IS SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN FEBRUARY 1989 WAS \$14,042 MILLION, \$401 MILLION OR ONLY 2.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN FEBRUARY 1988, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY \$6,471 MILLION OR 40.7 PER CENT TO \$22,385 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS), AT \$36,427 MILLION IN FEBRUARY 1989, WAS THUS \$6,872 MILLION OR 23.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN FEBRUARY 1988.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 35.1 PER CENT OR \$10,002 MILLION OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO \$38,472 MILLION IN FEBRUARY 1989.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$2,045 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 5.3 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN FEBRUARY 1989.

THIS COMPARES WITH A SURPLUS OF \$1,084 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 3.8 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN FEBRUARY 1988.

IN VIEW OF THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, IT IS USEFUL TO EXAMINE THE COMBINED TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1989 WAS \$79,943 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$31,304 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$48,639 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1988, IN VALUE TERMS TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$15,548 MILLION OR 24.1 PER CENT, DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$1,187 MILLION OR 3.9 PER CENT, AND RE-EXPORTS BY \$14,361 MILLION OR 41.9 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$19,987 MILLION OR 32.4 PER CENT, TO \$81,607 MILLION. A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$1,664 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 2.0 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1989.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SUBJECT TO FURTHER INDICATIONS FROM THE TRADE FIGURES FOR THE COMING MONTHS, IT SEEMED CLEAR THAT THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS ON A DECELERATING TREND.

AGAINST THIS, HOWEVER, THE GROWTH RATE OF RETAINED IMPORTS WAS STILL SIGNIFICANT.

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER NOTED THAT THE GROWTH MOMENTUM OF RE-EXPORTS WAS SUSTAINED, WITH INCREASES IN ENTREPOT TRADE AND IN OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES LIKELY TO BE THE MAIN CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS.

AS A RESULT, RE-EXPORTS REPRESENTED 60.8 PER CENT BY VALUE OF THE TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1989, COMPARED WITH 53.2 PER CENT IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1988.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1989.

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$14,042 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$22,385 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$36,427 MILLION	
	IMPORTS	:	\$38,472 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 2,045 MILLION	[IN DEFICIT]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	DEC 88	DEC 87	INCREASE	
	TO FEB 89 HK\$ MN.	TO FEB 88 HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	52,477	48,967	3,510	7.2
RE-EXPORTS	76,762	53,334	23,428	43.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	129,239	102,301	26,938	26.3
IMPORTS	131,790	100,438	31,352	31.2
TRADE BALANCE	-2,551	1,863	-4,414	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

	FEBRUARY 1989	FEBRUARY 1988	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	14,042 (38.5%)	13,641 (46.2%)	401	2.9
RE-EXPORTS	22,385	15,914	6,471	40.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	36,427	29,555	6,872	23.3
IMPORTS	38,472	28,470	10,002	35.1
TRADE BALANCE	-2,045	1,085	-3,130	

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LAST MONTH	FEBRUARY	JANUARY	INCREASE	
	1989	1989	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	14,042 (38.5%)	17,262 (39.7%)	-3,220	-18.7
RE-EXPORTS	22,385	26,253	-3,868	-14.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	36,427	43,515	-7,088	-16.3
IMPORTS	38,472	43,134	-4,662	-10.8
TRADE BALANCE	-2,045	381	-2,426	

CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-FEB	JAN-FEB	INCREASE	
	1989	1988	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	31,304 (39.2%)	30,117 (46.8%)	1,187	3.9
RE-EXPORTS	48,639	34,278	14,361	41.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	79,943	64,395	15,548	24.1
IMPORTS	81,607	61,620	19,987	32.4
TRADE BALANCE	-1,664	2,775	-4,439	

LAST 12 MONTHS	MAR 88	MAR 87	INCREASE	
	TO	TO	HK\$ MN.	%
	FEB 89	FEB 88		
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	218,851	201,327	17,524	8.7
RE-EXPORTS	289,766	194,438	95,328	49.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	508,617	395,765	112,852	28.5
IMPORTS	518,784	391,934	126,850	32.4
TRADE BALANCE	-10,167	3,831	-13,998	

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR FEBRUARY
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR FEBRUARY 1989.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR FEBRUARY 1989 WERE 125.9 AND 125.4 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 10.5 PER CENT AND 10.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER FEBRUARY 1988.

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME SINCE MAY 1984 THAT A DOUBLE-DIGIT RATE OF INCREASE WAS RECORDED FOR THESE TWO INDEXES.

COMPARING FEBRUARY WITH JANUARY 1989 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, NOTABLY THE CHINESE NEW YEAR, THE CPI(A) INCREASED BY 2.3 PER CENT AND THE CPI(B), BY 1.9 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 1989, BOTH AT 119.4, WERE 8.0 PER CENT AND 7.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 1988.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 1989, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 1.1 PER CENT PER MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(B), AT 1.0 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 FEBRUARY 1989 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1989 AND FEBRUARY 1988, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR FEB. 89	% CHANGE OVER JAN. 89	% CHANGE OVER FEB. 88	INDEX FOR FEB. 89	% CHANGE OVER JAN. 89	% CHANGE OVER FEB. 88
FOODSTUFFS	127.9	+3.8	+14.1	128.7	+3.6	+14.1
HOUSING	118.1	+0.3	+5.8	114.1	+0.4	+4.6

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FUEL AND LIGHT	94.6	+0.6	+1.1	95.1	+0.5	+1.0
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	126.0	+0.2	+7.3	127.2	+0.3	+7.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	128.6	-1.5	+9.8	130.3	-1.7	+10.1
DURABLE GOODS	120.4	+0.1	+5.0	119.5	+0.0*	+5.3
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	130.0	-0.1	+8.8	129.4	-0.0*	+8.3
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	130.6	+5.4	+11.0	129.6	+4.9	+11.0
SERVICES	136.4	+1.6	+9.4	136.9	+1.9	+9.9
ALL ITEMS	125.9	+2.3	+10.5	125.4	+1.9	+10.0

* LESS THAN 0.05%

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1989, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 3.8 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 3.6 PER CENT IN CPI(B).

THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY, FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH, FRESH FRUIT AND PORK AROUND THE CHINESE NEW YEAR, AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.5 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF KEROSENE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS AND THE UPWARD FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT FOR TOWNGAS.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY 1.5 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.7 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY 5.4 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 4.9 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF THE FULL EFFECT OF THE RECENT INCREASES IN BUS AND TAXI FARES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 1.6 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.9 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING AND PACKAGE TOURS AROUND THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

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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.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR FEBRUARY 1989, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.5 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

IT IS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES MAY BE MADE TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 130.4 IN FEBRUARY 1989, UP BY 1.5 PER CENT OVER JANUARY 1989 AND UP BY 11.1 PER CENT OVER FEBRUARY 1988.

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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17TH MEETING OF LAND COMMISSION ON MARCH 28

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THE TWO SIDES OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION HAVE AGREED THAT THE COMMISSION'S 17TH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (MARCH 28) AT 2.30 PM.

THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS THE 1989-90 LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME.

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HK-JAPAN CO-OPERATION UNDERSTANDING SIGNED

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A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR INTER-GOVERNMENTAL UNDERSTANDING WHICH WILL SEE JAPAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN ENHANCING THE FACILITIES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S PRECISION TOOLING TRAINING CENTRE WAS SIGNED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE UNDERSTANDING WAS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, MR HORACE KNIGHT, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JAPAN INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AGENCY (JICA), MR TOSHIHIKO KOGA.

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO CONTRIBUTE \$21.5 MILLION AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT \$18.75 MILLION TO THE EQUIPMENT COSTS OF THE PROJECT.

THIS IS THE FIRST SUCH INTER-GOVERNMENTAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN TO BE SIGNED.

THE JAPANESE WILL ENHANCE THE PRESENT FACILITIES OF THE PRECISION TOOLING TRAINING CENTRE TO ENABLE IT TO PROVIDE TRAINING IN THE LATEST TECHNIQUES IN THE DESIGN, MANUFACTURE AND OPERATIONAL TESTING OF HIGH PRECISION PROGRESSIVE BLANKING AND FORMING TOOLS.

THE NEED FOR HONG KONG TO UPGRADE ITS MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES WAS NOTED AT THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE HONG KONG - JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE IN MAY 1985.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO NOTED THAT THE SETTING UP OF TRAINING FACILITIES TO MEET THIS NEED WOULD PROBABLY ATTRACT JAPANESE SUPPORT.

THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT THEN, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC), MADE A TRAINING PROPOSAL TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN AUGUST 1987.

THE JICA THEN ORGANISED THREE VISITS TO HONG KONG BY TEAMS OF OFFICIALS AND INDUSTRIALISTS TO DISCUSS THE FEASIBILITY AND TERMS OF THE PROJECT.

THE SCHEME WILL INVOLVE SIX TRAINEE INSTRUCTORS FROM THE VTC GOING TO JAPAN IN MID-1989 FOR THREE MONTHS' WORKING EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING IN TOOL AND DIE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE.

THEY WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG WITH FIVE JAPANESE EXPERTS WHO WILL CONTINUE TRAINING THEM IN THE USE OF COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN EQUIPMENT TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE VTC AND ADVANCED PRECISION METAL WORKING EQUIPMENT TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE JAPANESE SIDE.

THE VTC SHOULD BE ABLE TO OFFER COURSES UTILISING THIS EQUIPMENT FROM APRIL 1990.

PRECISION SHEET METAL PRODUCTS ARE USED IN ITEMS SUCH AS MICROMOTORS, MAGNETIC RECORDING HEAD ASSEMBLIES, CASSETTE DECK MECHANISMS, CAMERA PARTS AND WATCH COMPONENTS.

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BILL ON OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE PUBLISHED

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A BILL INCORPORATING THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO SET UP THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG (OLI) WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OLI FOLLOWED THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE SECOND REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION.

"THE PUBLICATION OF THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG BILL 1989 MARKS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN THE WORK OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE OLI UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR CHENG HON-KWAN," HE SAID.

"THE BILL SETS OUT THE OLI'S OBJECTIVES, WHICH ARE TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION BY MEANS OF OPEN LEARNING."

OPEN LEARNING MEANS THAT STUDENTS MAY ENROL IN THE INSTITUTE WITHOUT THE NEED FOR SPECIFIC ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS. IT ALSO MEANS THAT A VARIETY OF METHODS WILL BE USED IN TEACHING, INCLUDING SPECIALLY DESIGNED BOOKS AND NOTES, AUDIO/VIDEO MATERIALS AND FACE-TO-FACE TUTORIALS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OLI WOULD BE INCORPORATED AS AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY EMPOWERED TO GRANT DEGREE, HIGHER DEGREE AND OTHER AWARDS.

"IT WILL OPERATE AS A CONSORTIUM OF UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG AND THE BILL SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THESE INSTITUTIONS."

HE SAID THE BILL MADE PROVISIONS FOR THE GOVERNOR TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTE AND THERE WOULD BE AN ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE CONSISTING OF A COUNCIL AND AN ACADEMIC BOARD.

"THE COUNCIL WILL BE THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INSTITUTE.

"IT WILL BE MADE UP OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE, PUBLIC OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UPGC-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS, PERSONS FROM CONTRIBUTING INSTITUTIONS LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS, PERSONS WITH EXPERIENCE IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG AND OTHER PERSONS TO BE APPOINTED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE ACADEMIC BOARD WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES AND ALL ACADEMIC MATTERS."

THE BILL REQUIRES AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE TO BE TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE BILL ALSO MAKES UNAUTHORISED USE OF THE TITLE OF THE INSTITUTE AN OFFENCE.

THE BILL IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ON APRIL 12.

PROPOSAL TO EXTEND TAVAS TO LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES

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A BILL TO EXTEND THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME (TAVAS) TO LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM (LRT) WAS GAZETTED TODAY (THURSDAY).

UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION, PERSONS INJURED IN AN LRT ACCIDENT WHICH TAKES PLACE AT A ROAD JUNCTION WHICH IS ALSO USED BY CARS AND PEDESTRIANS ARE ALREADY ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND.

HOWEVER, PERSONS INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT WHICH TAKES PLACE ON THE LRT RESERVE ARE CURRENTLY INELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "GIVEN THE INHERENT OPENNESS OF THE LRT TRACK, AND THE FACT THAT ALL VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING TRAMS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND, THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS (ASSISTANCE FUND) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 PROPOSES THAT THE AMBIT OF TAVAS SHOULD BE WIDENED SO AS TO EXTEND ELIGIBILITY TO ALL VICTIMS OF LRT ACCIDENTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHICH PART OF THE LRT TRACK THE ACCIDENT TAKES PLACE ON."

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THE BILL AND A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENT WHICH GOVERNS THE OPERATION OF TAVAS WOULD ENABLE PERSONS WHO ARE INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE PRIOR TO ENACTMENT OF THE BILL TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND.

ANY SUCH APPLICATIONS, WHICH SHOULD BE MADE TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 1989.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION (KCRC), WHICH OPERATES THE LRT, TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE TAVA FUND WITH EFFECT FROM MARCH 1, 1988 WHICH WAS THE DATE THAT PUBLIC TRIALS ON THE SYSTEM BEGAN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE KCRC SUPPORTED THE PROPOSALS IN THE BILL AND HAD INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUND.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 12.

TAVAS PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WHO ARE INJURED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AND WHO LOSE THREE DAYS' OR MORE THAN THREE DAYS' EARNING OR EARNING CAPACITY AS A RESULT OF THE INJURY SUSTAINED.

IN THE CASE OF DEATH, DEPENDANTS OF THE PERSON KILLED MAY APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE ADMINISTERS THE TAVA FUND FROM WHICH PAYMENTS ARE MADE.

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EXCO ENDORSES NEW LEVY ARRANGEMENTS

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ENDORSED IN PRINCIPLE THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW STATUTORY LEVIES ON TRANSACTIONS ON THE STOCK AND FUTURES EXCHANGES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH EFFECT FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT DAY OF THE NEW SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC), THE NEW LEVY FOR STOCK EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS WILL BE 0.025 PER CENT PER TRANSACTION PAYABLE BY BOTH BUYER AND SELLER.

"THIS REPLACES THE EXISTING STOCK EXCHANGE LEVY OF AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT," HE SAID.

"UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE NEW SFC WILL EACH RECEIVE HALF (THAT IS 0.0125 PER CENT) OF THE NEW LEVY AT THE INITIAL STAGE."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMOUNT OF THE LEVY TO BE RECEIVED BY THE SFC WOULD BE SUBJECT TO REGULAR REVIEW BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WHILE THE AMOUNT TO BE RECEIVED BY THE STOCK EXCHANGE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE GOVERNMENT WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WERE THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG, SIR Q.W. LEE, FOLLOWING THE ADMINISTRATION'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE SECURITIES COMMISSION'S VIEW THAT THE EXISTING 0.025 PER CENT STOCK EXCHANGE TRANSACTION LEVY SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ALSO ENDORSED THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION THAT THE STOCK EXCHANGE WOULD NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE GOVERNMENT AN ANNUAL FEE AND THAT THIS STATUTORY REQUIREMENT SHOULD BE REPEALED.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER SECTION 28 OF THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION ORDINANCE, THE EXCHANGE COMPANY HAD TO PAY TO THE GOVERNMENT, IN RESPECT OF THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO OPERATE A STOCK EXCHANGE, SUCH ANNUAL FEE, IF ANY, AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

"THE ANNUAL FEE IS COST-RELATED AND IS INTENDED TO RECOVER THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES IN REGULATING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

"IN VIEW OF THE IMPENDING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SFC, THE COSTS OF SUPERVISING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE WILL BE BORNE BY THE SFC," HE SAID.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS THEREFORE DECIDED THAT SECTION 28 OF THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION ORDINANCE BE REPEALED, HE ADDED.

FOR FUTURES CONTRACTS, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT A COMPARABLE LEVY WOULD BE CHARGED.

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TWO DB'S ELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO UC

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MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTED THEIR RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE URBAN COUNCIL AT SEPARATE MEETINGS TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DISTRICT BOARD	CANDIDATE	VOTE
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EASTERN	MISS CHRISTINA TING YUK-CHEE (ELECTED)	19
EASTERN	MRS CHOW CHEUNG WAI-PING	10
CENTRAL AND WESTERN	MR CHAN TAK-CHOR (ELECTED)	10
CENTRAL AND WESTERN	MISS ESTHER CHAN WAI-FONG	9

AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ELECTION, ONE MEMBER WAS ABSENT AND THREE VOTING PAPERS WERE BLANK.

THE ELECTED DB REPRESENTATIVES WILL SIT ON THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR THE TERM FROM APRIL 1, 1989 TO MAY 31, 1991.

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PHOTO EXHIBITION TO SPREAD CONSERVATION MESSAGE

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, TODAY (THURSDAY) OPENED A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION TO PORTRAY THE NATURAL ASSETS OF HONG KONG'S 21 COUNTRY PARKS IN THEIR CLEAN AND GREEN STATE.

THE FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION IS BEING HELD AT THE FIRST FLOOR PODIUM OF SHUN TAK CENTRE IN CENTRAL DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES TO WIND UP THE 1988 CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME.

ON DISPLAY ARE THE WINNING ENTRIES IN A PHOTO COMPETITION WHICH WAS HELD AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME.

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THE AIM OF THE EXHIBITION IS TO AROUSE PEOPLE'S AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION BY PRESENTING TO THEM A CLEAN AND GREEN COUNTRYSIDE THROUGH THE LENSES OF TALENTED PHOTOGRAPHERS.

THE CENTRE OF ATTRACTION AT THE EXHIBITION IS THE WINNING ENTRY IN THE SCENERY GROUP BY MR LEE CHI-KWONG.

THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS ALSO SELECTED THE OVERALL CHAMPION AMONG THE ENTRIES IN THE COMPETITION'S THREE THEME GROUPS BY A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS COMPRISING RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHERS MR MANLY CHIN, MR PHILIP LAU AND MR CHAN CHIK.

ENTITLED "THE REMAINS OF WAVE EROSION", MR LEE CHI-KWONG'S ENTRY FEATURED THE ERODED ROCKY BEACH OF PING CHAU ON A RAINY DAY. IT RECEIVED THE HIGHEST SCORE AMONG THE 462 ENTRIES.

THE WINNING ENTRIES IN THE OTHER TWO THEME GROUPS - ON PORTRAITS AND ON WILDLIFE AND VEGETATION - BY MR TSE KAM-YUE AND MR WONG YUK-CHEUNG RESPECTIVELY, ALSO DREW LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WHO WERE IMPRESSED BY THEIR HIGH STANDARD OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SKILL.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY, DR LEE AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PUBLICITY) OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR PETER MOSS, PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE VARIOUS TITLES IN THE PHOTO COMPETITION.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD'S PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE, MR WILLIAM WAN, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMPETITION'S THREE SPONSORS -- FOTOMAX (FAR EAST) LIMITED, KODAK (FAR EAST) LIMITED AND EPSON ELECTRONICS TRADING LIMITED.

THE OVERALL CHAMPION, MR LEE CHI-KWONG, WAS AWARDED THE GRAND PRIZE OF A PERSONAL COMPUTER SET VALUED AT \$12,700. ATTRACTIVE PRIZES VALUED AT \$2,000, \$1,000 AND \$500 RESPECTIVELY WERE PRESENTED TO THE FIRST THREE WINNERS IN EACH GROUP.

THE NEXT FIVE HIGHEST-SCORED ENTRIES IN EACH GROUP WERE AWARDED CONSOLATION PRIZES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR WILLIAM WAN CONGRATULATED THE WINNERS FOR THEIR VERY FINE EFFORTS IN PORTRAYING THE COMPETITION'S THEME - A CLEAN AND GREEN COUNTRYSIDE.

"THE COMPETITION HAS NOT ONLY PROVIDED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR ENTHUSIASTS IN PHOTOGRAPHY TO SHOW THEIR TALENT AND SKILL, BUT ALSO PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THEIR ENTRIES THE SCENIC COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

/MR WAN

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MR WAN NOTED THAT THE CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY POPULAR SINCE IT WAS FIRST INAUGURATED IN 1983. THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS HAD GROWN FROM 5,000 IN 1983 TO WELL OVER 11,400 IN 1988.

"LET'S HOPE THAT THIS POPULARITY WILL CONTINUE SO THAT OUR MESSAGE OF KEEPING THE COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN AND GREEN CAN BE HEARD LOUDER AND SPREAD WIDER," HE ADDED.

THE CLEAN AND GREEN PHOTO EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 3 PM ON MONDAY (MARCH 27).

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE AND BOXED.

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FINAL OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION MUSIC COMPETITION TOMORROW

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THE 16 WINNING TEAMS IN THE PRELIMINARY CONTESTS OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION MUSIC COMPETITION WILL COMPETE FOR THE "MOST MUSICAL FAMILY" AWARD IN THE COMPETITION'S FINAL TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE LYRIC THEATRE OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE WORKING GROUP ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, CHAIRED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS RITA FAN; MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, MISS LOLLY CHIU; DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG; AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MISS KAY KU, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE FINAL.

THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION IS TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY TO TAKE PART IN A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AS A UNIT WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING AND A HARMONIOUS FAMILY RELATIONSHIP.

A TOTAL OF 136 FAMILIES JOINED THE COMPETITION, OF WHICH 86 WERE QUALIFIED AFTER AUDITION.

THE 16 FAMILIES TO TAKE PART IN THE FINAL WERE SELECTED DURING THE PRELIMINARY ROUND OF CONTESTS HELD IN THE 19 DISTRICTS IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

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EACH PARTICIPATING FAMILY TEAM WAS REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE THE LOVE, UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT AMONG ITS MEMBERS THROUGH A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE.

WINNING TEAMS IN THE PRELIMINARY CONTESTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED CASH PRIZES.

THE CHAMPION AND THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP IN THE FINAL WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AS WELL AS CASH PRIZES OF \$5,000, \$3,000 AND \$1,000 RESPECTIVELY.

THE PRIZES ARE DONATED BY YAOHAN DEPARTMENT STORE (HK) LTD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FINAL OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION MUSIC COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT THE LYRIC THEATRE OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS TOMORROW (FRIDAY), BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM.

THE INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, MR K.K. TANG, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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REMOVAL OF CHINESE VISITORS OFFICE

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THE CHINESE VISITORS OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, CURRENTLY SITUATED AT 67 KIMBERLEY ROAD, UPPER GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON, WILL MOVE INTO NEW ACCOMMODATION ON TUESDAY (MARCH 28).

THE NEW ADDRESS IS 32 OI KWAN ROAD, FIFTH FLOOR, GUARDIAN HOUSE, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ON AND AFTER MARCH 28, VISITORS FROM CHINA WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR IMMIGRATION FACILITIES SHOULD GO TO THE OFFICE AT ITS NEW ADDRESS.

THE OFFICE HOURS ARE FROM 9 AM TO 12.45 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 4.30 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY; AND FROM 9 AM TO 12.30 PM ON SATURDAY.

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY TELEPHONE THE INFORMATION OFFICE ON 3-7333111 FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES.

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SIX GOVT PROPERTIES FETCH \$3.37 MILLION
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SIX GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES FETCHED A TOTAL OF \$3.37 MILLION AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE AUCTION WAS HELD BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROPERTIES, TWO IN KOWLOON AND FOUR IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ARE ALL FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE DETAILS AND RESULTS OF THE AUCTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

LOCATION OF PROPERTY -----	AREA ----	BIDDING OPENED AT -----	SOLD FOR -----
1) SECOND FLOOR, 73 TAI NAN STREET, KOWLOON	ABOUT 33.9 SQUARE METRES	\$300,000	\$395,000
2) FOURTH FLOOR, 141 TAI NAN STREET, KOWLOON	ABOUT 34.6 SQUARE METRES	\$350,000	\$400,000
3) FIRST FLOOR, 67 MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES	ABOUT 64.3 SQUARE METRES	\$400,000	\$655,000
4) FIRST FLOOR, 69 MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES	ABOUT 64.3 SQUARE METRES	\$500,000	\$710,000
5) FOURTH FLOOR, 7 SHA TSUI PATH, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES	ABOUT 64.3 SQUARE METRES	\$500,000	\$605,000
6) FOURTH FLOOR, 9 SHA TSUI PATH, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES	ABOUT 64.3 SQUARE METRES	\$500,000	\$605,000

THESE PROPERTIES WERE SOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE HALL OF HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, WAS CONDUCTED BY THE CHIEF ESTATE SURVEYOR, MR FRANCIS NG.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THREE ORDINANCES INVOLVING TRUST FUNDS
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND A NUMBER OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE KEEPING OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS OF TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING CERTAIN TRUST FUNDS AND FOR THEIR AUDIT BY THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 AND THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE THREE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCES PROVIDED THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WITH POWERS TO ACCEPT TRUST OR ACT AS TRUSTEES AND TO INVEST AND DEPOSIT TRUST FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE TRUSTEE ORDINANCE.

"AT PRESENT, THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS IN THE THREE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCES FOR THE ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING ARRANGEMENTS IN RESPECT OF THESE TRUST FUNDS.

"FOR CONTROL PURPOSES, THE GOVERNOR HAS DECLARED THESE TRUST FUNDS TO BE PUBLIC MONEYS UNDER THE PUBLIC FINANCE ORDINANCE AND THE AUDIT ORDINANCE.

"NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TRUST FUNDS AND THE EXTENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSIBILITY, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THESE ORDINANCES SHOULD BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR THE KEEPING OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS OF TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THESE TRUST FUNDS AND FOR THEIR AUDIT BY THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT," HE SAID.

THE THREE AMENDMENT BILLS ARE DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 12.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN APRIL
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 19 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE -----	TIME -----
APRIL 1 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 3 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 7 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 8 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 10 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 11 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 12 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 13 (THURSDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 11.59 PM
APRIL 14 (FRIDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 11.59 PM
APRIL 17 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 18 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 19 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 20 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 21 (FRIDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 5 PM
APRIL 24 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 25 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 26 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 27 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 28 (FRIDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 5 PM

ID CARDS DUE FOR RENEWAL IN APRIL

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT ANY PERSON WHOSE ADULT IDENTITY CARD IS DUE FOR RENEWAL NEXT MONTH WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD FROM APRIL 1 TO APRIL 29.

"EXCEPT HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS, PERSONS WITH SUCH IDENTITY CARDS CAN CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

- HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.
TEL. NO.: 5-747070
- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.
TEL. NO.: 3-7553679
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393
CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.
TEL. NO.: 3-7232424
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37
TSUEN FU STREET.
TEL. NO.: 0-4981259
- SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,
11-17 SHA TIN CENTRE STREET, SHA TIN.
TEL. NO.: 0-6059108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.
TEL. NO.: 0-4771543
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA
YUEN.
TEL. NO.: 0-4580862
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG
AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.
TEL. NO.: 0-6727191

PERSONS WHO ARE HOLDING JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS WHICH BEAR THE RENEWAL DATE OF APRIL, 1989 SHOULD APPLY FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS AT ONE OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THEIR 18TH BIRTHDAY.

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