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1987 EXPORTS STATISTICS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN PUBLISHED

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THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 84 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE EXPORTS IN 1987.

THE SIX INDUSTRY GROUPS WERE: ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, TEXTILES, WEARING APPAREL, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS.

THIS IS SHOWN BY STATISTICS, RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY), ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR 1987.

THIS SERIES IS DERIVED BY REGROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE MERCHANDISE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED. TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE EXCLUDED.

AMONG ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, THOSE WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN ABSOLUTE VALUE OVER 1986 WERE: TEXTILES (+\$10,554 MILLION), ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+\$8,980 MILLION), WEARING APPAREL (+\$7,616 MILLION), PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (+\$2,954 MILLION) AND BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS (+\$2,026 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES OVER 1986 WERE LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS (+69 PER CENT), MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL (+57 PER CENT), CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+56 PER CENT) AND TOBACCO (+40 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, A DECREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH 1986 WAS RECORDED IN THE TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY (-\$12 MILLION OR -8 PER CENT).

BESIDES THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ORIGINATING FROM AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION RECORDED A SUBSTANTIAL PERCENTAGE INCREASE OVER 1986 (+\$4 MILLION OR +85 PER CENT). THOSE FROM OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING ROSE BY \$150 MILLION OR +40 PER CENT).

THE CLASSIFICATION OF MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (ISIC).

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THIS IS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

WHEN REFERRING TO THESE RE-CLASSIFIED FIGURES, SOME CAUTION IS NECESSARY. CERTAIN MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS MAY REQUIRE SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES FOR THEIR PRODUCTION.

IN SUCH CASES, THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH AN ITEM IS FINALLY PRODUCED IS NOT REALLY THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE EXPORT VALUE.

HOWEVER, IN THIS RECLASSIFICATION, THE OVERALL VALUE OF THE ITEM IS WHOLLY ALLOCATED TO THAT INDUSTRY.

BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF A MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEM TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE VALUE OF THE ITEM IS ACTUALLY PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE SOME MAY BE SECONDARY PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES.

FURTHER DETAILS OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS FOR MERCHANDISE RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE SEEN IN A TABLE WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 5-8234832).

A TABLE ON THESE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, DECEMBER 1987".

Value of domestic exports for merchandise,
reclassified by industrial origin for the whole year of 1987

(value in HK\$ million)

Industrial origin of the commodities exported	Merchandise domestic exports			
	1987 whole year	1986 whole year	Value change	% change
<u>Agricultural, Forestry and Fishing</u>				
Agricultural, livestock and poultry production	9	5	4	85
Ocean and coastal fishing	526	375	150	40
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	7	7	-0.2	-3
<u>Manufacturing</u>				
Food	1,324	1,317	7	1
Beverages	245	229	16	7
Tobacco	1,294	927	367	40
Textiles (including knitting)	41,471	30,918	10,554	34
Wearing apparel, except footwear and knitwear	40,959	33,343	7,616	23
Leather and leather products	720	427	293	69
Footwear	1,108	873	235	27
Wood and cork products, furniture and fixtures	874	766	108	14
Paper and paper products, printing and publishing	4,050	3,002	1,047	35
Chemicals and chemical products	2,507	1,604	903	56
Rubber products	180	147	33	23
Plastic products	13,647	12,307	1,340	11
Non-metallic mineral products	741	623	118	19
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	8,303	6,277	2,026	32
Machinery, except electrical	4,238	2,698	1,540	57
Electrical and electronic products	42,764	33,784	8,980	27
Transport equipment	147	159	-12	-8
Professional and optical equipment	16,432	13,478	2,954	22
Other manufacturing industries	13,147	10,196	2,950	29
<u>Electricity</u>	502	463	39	8
<u>Miscellaneous items</u> (e.g. developed photographic plates and film, antiques, and works of art)	60	58	2	3
Total	195,254	153,983	41,271	27

Individual entries of a column may not add up exactly to the corresponding total due to rounding.

Industrial Research Section, (Tel.: 5-8234832)
Census & Statistics Department,
Hong Kong

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FS TO PRESENT BUDGET WEDNESDAY
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HONG KONG'S BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1988-89 WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 2).

THE PROCEEDINGS WILL START AT 2.30 PM, WHEN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON PIERS JACOBS, MOVES THE FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1988 AND OUTLINES HONG KONG'S ESTIMATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1988-89.

THE ESTIMATED HEADS OF EXPENDITURE WILL BE SET OUT IN THE SCHEDULE OF THE BILL TO BE PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE THE SAME AFTERNOON.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WILL BE ADJOURNED UNTIL APRIL 20 AND 21, WHEN MEMBERS WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE BUDGET PROPOSALS.

ON MAY 4 OFFICIALS WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY MEMBERS.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING OF THE BILL ON MAY 11.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S SPEECH ON WEDNESDAY WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE OVER RTHK'S RADIO 1 (CHINESE) AND RADIO 3 (ENGLISH).

RTHK WILL ALSO BROADCAST LIVE THE OTHER BUDGET SITTINGS ON APRIL 20 AND 21 AND MAY 4 AND 11 ON RADIO 1 (CHINESE) AND RADIO 3 (ENGLISH).

NOTE TO EDITORS:

GIS WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 2) TO ENABLE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO START WORK ON THEIR BUDGET STORIES EARLY IN THE DAY. MEDIA ORGANISATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THAT NO PART OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S BUDGET SPEECH OR BUDGET RELATED DOCUMENTS WHICH THEY HAVE OBTAINED IN ADVANCE IS TO BE PUBLISHED OR BROADCAST BEFORE IT IS DELIVERED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FROM ABOUT 11 AM ON WEDNESDAY, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ABLE TO COLLECT THE FIRST, BACKGROUND, PART OF THE SPEECH AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEAONSFIELD HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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THOSE WHO WISH MAY STAY TO WORK ON THEIR COPIES, THERE WILL BE A CLOSED WORKING SESSION AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM AT 12.30 PM WHEN THOSE WHO THEMSELVES CHOOSE TO REMAIN WILL BE GIVEN THE SECOND PART OF THE SPEECH, WHICH CONTAINS THE REVENUE PROPOSALS. THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE ROOM UNTIL AFTER THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS CONCLUDED HIS SPEECH. CONTACTS OF ANY KIND WITH THE OUTSIDE, SUCH AS BY TELEPHONE OR COMPUTER LINKS, WILL NOT BE PERMITTED DURING THE "LOCK-IN". ALSO, MOBILE TELEPHONE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

OFFICERS FROM THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH AND FINANCE BRANCH WILL BE PRESENT FROM 11.30 AM TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION WHICH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE ON THE BACKGROUND TO THE SPEECH.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AND GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO OFFER HELP.

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DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT TALKS CONCLUDED

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THE FOURTH ROUND OF TALKS ON HONG KONG'S DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"DURING THE COURSE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, BOTH SIDES HAVE TABLED PROPOSALS. THE TALKS HAVE CENTRED ON RECONCILING OUTSTANDING ISSUES," HE SAID.

THE LEADER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT TEAM, MR BRIAN COUSINS, WILL REPORT TO BRITISH MINISTERS AND MR JACOBS WILL REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

"NO ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO HOLD FURTHER NEGOTIATING ROUNDS," HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO A PRESS QUESTION, MR JACOBS SAID NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED DURING THE CURRENT TALKS.

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FOREIGN COMPENSATION ORDER 1987 TO BECOME EFFECTIVE
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THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE FOREIGN COMPENSATION (PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA) ORDER 1987 WILL COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW (MARCH 1). COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM HER MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE.

A FUND OF ABOUT 20 MILLION POUND STERLING WILL BECOME AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THOSE WHO CAN SATISFY THE TERMS OF THE ORDER.

A CLAIM MAY BE MADE BY A CLAIMANT WHO SATISFIES THE BRITISH NATIONALITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDER OR BY A CORPORATION, FIRM OR ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED OR CONSTITUTED UNDER LAWS IN FORCE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR IN ANY COUNTRY OR TERRITORY FOR WHOSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE.

CLAIMS MAY BE MADE:

- * IN RESPECT OF BONDS ISSUED OR GUARANTEED BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1949; CLAIMANTS WILL NEED TO SHOW THAT THEY WERE BRITISH AND THE BENEFICIAL OWNER OF THE BONDS ON JUNE 4, 1987; AND
- * IN RESPECT OF PROPERTY OR OTHER ASSETS EXPROPRIATED IN CHINA BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1949, AND JANUARY 1, 1980; CLAIMANTS WILL NEED TO SHOW THAT THEY WERE BRITISH BOTH AT THE DATE OF THE LOSS AND ON JUNE 5, 1987.

IT IS LIKELY THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS WILL GREATLY EXCEED THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR COMPENSATION AND THAT DISTRIBUTIONS WILL BE ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE AMOUNTS CLAIMED.

APPLICATION FORMS AND EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS MAY BE OBTAINED BY WRITING TO THE FOREIGN COMPENSATION COMMISSION, C/O ERNST AND WHINNEY, ALEXANDRA HOUSE, KINGSWAY, LONDON WC2B 6TT (TELEPHONE: 01-379-7088).

CLAIMANTS WHOSE CLAIMS WERE ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE FOREIGN COMPENSATION (PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA) (REGISTRATION) ORDER 1980 WILL BE CONTACTED SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, BUT SHOULD NEVERTHELESS WRITE TO THE FOREIGN COMPENSATION COMMISSION AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS IN RESPECT OF BONDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 30 THIS YEAR. THOSE IN RESPECT OF PROPERTY, DEBTS AND OTHER CLAIMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 31 THIS YEAR.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE RETIRES

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A GUARD OF HONOUR WAS MOUNTED IN THE COMPOUND OF THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS AT NOON TODAY (MONDAY) AS THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE BADE FAREWELL TO THE RETIRING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MANAGEMENT, MR ERIC BLACKBURN.

HUNDREDS OF POLICE OFFICERS, AUXILIARY POLICE MEMBERS, CIVILIAN STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES, LED BY THE ACTING COMMISSIONER, MR LI KWAN-HA, ATTENDED THE TRADITIONAL CEREMONY TO WISH MR BLACKBURN HAPPINESS IN HIS RETIREMENT.

THE HIGHLY ESTEEMED POLICE VETERAN JOINED THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE IN JANUARY 1954 AS A SUB-INSPECTOR AND ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS TO DEPUTY COMMISSIONER IN 1981.

MR BLACKBURN HAS SERVED IN ALL MAJOR FORMATIONS OF THE FORCE INCLUDING UNIFORMED BRANCH, SPECIAL BRANCH, TRAFFIC, MARINE AS WELL AS THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH. HE HAS ACTED AS THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE LAST DECEMBER, AND IS REGARDED BY HIS COLLEAGUES AS A DISTINGUISHED OFFICER AND LEADER.

MR BLACKBURN WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE (CPM) AND A GOVERNOR'S HIGH COMMENDATION FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN DEALING WITH THE DISTURBANCES IN 1967. HE WAS ALSO AWARDED THE QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL (QPM) AND THE OBE FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE.

HE WILL SAY GOODBYE TO HONG KONG ON MARCH 14, TO GO ON LEAVE PRIOR TO RETIREMENT AFTER 34 YEARS' SERVICE IN THE FORCE.

TODAY'S GUARD OF HONOUR WAS DRAWN FROM THE BASIC TRAINING WING OF THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, UNDER THE COMMAND OF SUPERINTENDENT STUART WRINGE.

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HK TO BENEFIT FROM SYMPOSIUM ON INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

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MORE THAN 40 LOCAL DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF 14 ASIAN PACIFIC COUNTRIES WILL BENEFIT FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN CONSIDERING INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY SYSTEMS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AT A SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG BETWEEN MARCH 2 AND 4.

THE SYMPOSIUM, WHICH IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO), IN COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT, WILL BE ATTENDED BY A NUMBER OF EXPERTS FROM ABROAD.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL SPEAK AT THE OPENING OF THE SYMPOSIUM ON THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.

MISS AVERIL WATERS, THE HEAD OF THE PATENTS AND TRADE MARKS REGISTRY OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, WILL ALSO BE SHARING HER EXPERIENCES ON THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDERING AND DEVISING SERVICE MARKS LEGISLATION.

THE WIPO SYMPOSIUM WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ASIAN COUNTRIES IN CONSIDERING HOW INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS WILL ASSIST IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NOTED MR STEVE BARCLAY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY BRANCH.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS VERY INTERESTED IN A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION DURING THE SYMPOSIUM AS IT IS AT PRESENT CONSIDERING SEVERAL AREAS OF OUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW," HE SAID.

MR BARCLAY SAID DISCUSSIONS ON TOPICS SUCH AS PRODUCT DESIGNS, THE PROTECTION OF COMPUTER PROGRAMMES, PIRACY OF MICRO-CHIPS, AND VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PATENTS, ARE LIKELY TO BE USEFUL TO THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS DELIBERATIONS.

"INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW GENERALLY AIMS TO ENCOURAGE CREATIVE IDEAS BY ENSURING THAT INVENTORS ARE ABLE TO BENEFIT FULLY FROM THEIR OWN CREATIVE AND DEVELOPMENT WORK," HE ADDED.

ACCORDING TO MR BARCLAY, MANY OF THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANCE FOR MANUFACTURERS, DESIGNERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS, AS THE PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THESE AREAS.

LOCAL PARTICIPANTS AT THIS SYMPOSIUM WILL INCLUDE THOSE IN HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WHO DEAL WITH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MATTERS, AS WELL AS THE PRIVATE LEGAL SECTOR WHO ARE INTERESTED IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INDUSTRIALISTS WHO HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST.

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MR BARCLAY NOTED THAT THE LEVEL OF INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT WAS HIGH. "WIPO HAS HAD SUCH A STRONG RESPONSE THAT IT REQUESTED WE INCREASE THE NUMBER FROM A MAXIMUM OF 150 PARTICIPANTS ORIGINALLY EXPECTED. UNFORTUNATELY SPACE LIMITATIONS HAVE ONLY ALLOWED US TO PERMIT ANOTHER TEN DELEGATES FROM ABROAD," SAID MR BARCLAY.

MR BARCLAY FELT THAT IT WAS FURTHER RECOGNITION OF HONG KONG'S GOOD STANDING IN THE INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMUNITY FOR WIPO TO HOLD THIS PRESTIGIOUS EVENT IN HONG KONG.

"HONG KONG HAS AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION AS HAVING SOME OF THE BEST INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LEGISLATION IN THE ASIAN PACIFIC REGION AND WE HAVE RECEIVED MUCH CREDIT INTERNATIONALLY FOR BOTH THE STRINGENCY OF OUR LEGISLATION AND ITS EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT," MR BARCLAY SAID.

THE 3-DAY SYMPOSIUM, TO BE HELD AT THE PARK LANE RADISSON HOTEL FROM MARCH 2, WILL CONCENTRATE ON INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY.

WIPO BECAME A SPECIALISED AGENCY IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM OF ORGANIZATIONS IN 1974, WITH THE OBJECTIVES TO PROMOTE THE PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THROUGH COOPERATION AMONG STATES, AND WHERE APPROPRIATE, IN COLLABORATION WITH ANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION. IT ALSO AIMS TO ENSURE ADMINISTRATIVE COOPERATION AMONG THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY UNIONS.

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HK HOSTS PHAB INTERNATIONAL WEEK

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HONG KONG WILL HOST FOR THE FIRST TIME A PHAB (PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE BODIED) INTERNATIONAL WEEK FROM MARCH 4 TO 10 WITH PARTICIPATION FROM NINE COUNTRIES AND DISTRICTS.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION, ORGANISERS OF THE SEVEN-DAY EVENT.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION, MR ERIC LI, SAID THAT APART FROM THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE BODIED IN THE TERRITORY, ABOUT 120 DELEGATES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, CHINA, THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN, TAIWAN, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA AND MACAU WILL ARRIVE THIS WEEK FOR THE EVENT.

/THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION AND PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (RECREATION AND SPORT) OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, MR DICKEN YUNG, SAID THE PHAB INTERNATIONAL WEEK AIMED TO PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND INTEGRATION BETWEEN THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE BODIED; AND TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE PUBLIC THE BENEFITS AND IMPORTANCE OF THIS INTEGRATION.

A VARIETY OF SPORTING AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED. THESE INCLUDE A FUN DAY, WHEELCHAIR TENPIN BOWLING CONTEST, INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE NIGHT, PHAB GALA AND VISITS TO VARIOUS REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS.

THE PATRON OF THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION IS THE WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, LADY WILSON; AND THE THREE HONORARY PRESIDENTS ARE MR PIERS JACOBS, DR HARRY FANG AND MR LI KWAN-HUNG.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO ATTEND ELECTION FORUMS

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, TODAY (MONDAY) CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO ATTEND ELECTION FORUMS ORGANISED FOR DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) UNTIL SATURDAY.

"RESIDENTS ATTENDING THE TWO FORUMS HELD IN KENNEDY TOWN DURING THE WEEKEND HAVE BEEN FORTHCOMING IN ASKING QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS AS WELL AS THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE WORK OF ITS MEMBERS," HE SAID.

"THESE FORUMS HAVE ALSO PROVED TO BE AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION," HE ADDED.

FIVE MORE FORUMS, STARTING AT 8 PM, WILL BE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING DATES AND VENUES FOR DIFFERENT CONSTITUENCIES.

DATE ----	CONSTITUENCY -----	VENUE -----
TUESDAY (MARCH 1)	SHEUNG WAN	SHEUNG WAN BAPTIST CHURCH, THIRD FLOOR, 136-138 BONHAM STRAND.
WEDNESDAY (MARCH 2)	SAI YING PUN WEST	WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, THIRD FLOOR, 36A WESTERN STREET.

/THURSDAY

THURSDAY (MARCH 3)	MID-LEVELS AND PEAK	CARITAS RESTAURANT, HONG KONG CARITAS, CAINE ROAD.
FRIDAY (MARCH 4)	CHUNG WAN	KING'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL, 58 BRIDGES STREET.
SATURDAY (MARCH 5)	SAI YING PUN EAST	WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, THIRD FLOOR, 36A WESTERN STREET.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL ATTEND THE FORUM ORGANISED FOR THE CHUNG WAN CONSTITUENCY ON FRIDAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUMS.

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ISLANDS DISTRICT TO STEP UP DB ELECTION PUBLICITY

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE WILL STEP UP PUBLICITY ON THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS OVER THE NEXT 10 DAYS TO ENCOURAGE REGISTERED ELECTORS TO VOTE ON MARCH 10, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"THE DISTRICT HAS THE HIGHEST VOTER REGISTRATION RATE OF 91.7 PER CENT AMONG THE 19 DISTRICTS, AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE VOTERS' TURNOUT ON POLLING DAY WILL ALSO BE HIGH," HE SAID.

THREE ELECTION FORUMS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR CANDIDATES TO PRESENT THEIR PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

THE DATES AND VENUES OF THE ELECTION FORUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE/TIME	CONSTITUENCY	VENUE
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MARCH 3 (THURSDAY) 7.30 PM	PENG CHAU	PENG CHAU CHI YAN PUBLIC SCHOOL, 9 CHI YAN LANE, PENG CHAU

/MARCH 4 (FRIDAY)

MARCH 4 (FRIDAY)
7.30 PM

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SHEK TSAI PO,
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MARCH 8 (TUESDAY)
8 PM

CHEUNG CHAU WEST

CHEUNG CHAU CARITAS
SOCIAL CENTRE,
LUNG TSAI TSUEN,
CHEUNG CHAU

A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING A NUMBER OF POP SINGERS WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 6 AT PAK TEI PLAYGROUND, CHEUNG CHAU, TO HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF "VOTE ON MARCH 10".

"ELECTIONS WILL ONLY BE HELD IN FOUR OF THE SEVEN CONSTITUENCIES OF THE DISTRICT AS CANDIDATES OF THE OTHER THREE CONSTITUENCIES ARE UNOPPOSED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, EACH OF THE 12,400 REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE FOUR CONSTITUENCIES WHERE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD WILL RECEIVE BY MAIL A LEAFLET GIVING DETAILS OF THE VOTING PROCEDURES, A MAP SHOWING THE LOCATIONS OF THE POLLING STATIONS, ELECTION PLATFORMS OF CANDIDATES AND A POLL CARD.

"A VAN, A VILLAGE VEHICLE AND A TROLLEY EQUIPPED WITH LOUDSPEAKERS WILL TOUR DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE DISTRICT BOTH BEFORE AND ON POLLING DAY TO REMIND ISLANDERS TO CAST THEIR VOTES," HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALSO PUT UP BANNERS AND POSTERS CARRYING THE "VOTE ON MARCH 10" MESSAGE AND INFORMATION ON THE DATES AND VENUES OF THE ELECTION FORUMS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ELECTION FORUMS FOR DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

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NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE STEPS UP ELECTION PUBLICITY

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THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALLOCATED ADDITIONAL MANPOWER AND RESOURCES IN AN EFFORT TO BOOST VOTER TURNOUT AT THE MARCH 10 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

IN AN APPEAL LETTER SENT TO EACH ELECTOR IN THE DISTRICT, THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, URGED RESIDENTS NOT TO FORFEIT THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS TO CHOOSE ONE WHOM THEY THOUGHT COULD REPRESENT THEM ON THE DISTRICT BOARD.

"SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN APRIL 1982, THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN NORTH DISTRICT," HE SAID.

"IT HAS BEEN PLAYING A PIVOTAL ROLE IN ADVISING AND INFLUENCING GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT. IT ALSO MONITORS GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL," HE ADDED.

MR CHEUNG CALLED ON ELECTORS : "THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD IS YOURS, PLEASE VOTE AND MAKE NORTH DISTRICT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN."

IN ADDITION TO THE DISTRICT OFFICER'S APPEAL, OTHER ELECTION PUBLICITY MATERIALS INCLUDING CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS, AND NOTES TO REMIND VOTERS ARE BEING MAILED TO EVERY ELECTOR.

THREE ADDITIONAL CASUAL LABOURERS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED TO WRAP UP PUBLICITY MATERIALS FOR DESPATCH.

MEANWHILE, LIAISON OFFICERS CONTINUE TO PAY VISITS TO RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS, VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO VOTE ON THE POLLING DAY.

NINE FORUMS ARE BEING ORGANISED TO INTRODUCE CANDIDATES TO VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT, WHILE BUNTING AND BANNERS BEARING ELECTION SLOGANS ARE PUT UP BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO FOSTER AN ELECTION ATMOSPHERE.

LAISEE PACKETS AND CALENDAR CARDS CARRYING THE ELECTION MESSAGE HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC.

COPIES OF A DISTRICT NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT ON THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL RESIDENTS TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

TO REMIND RESIDENTS TO VOTE, A BROADCASTING VAN WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT ON MARCH 10.

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CLEANSING SERVICE AT KU HANG VILLAGE TO BE STEPPED UP

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE KU HANG SQUATTER AREA WHICH WILL BE CLEARED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE I OF THE PROPOSED SHING MUN VALLEY PARK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD AGREED TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF CLEANSING IN THE SQUATTER AREA.

MEANWHILE, TO ALLAY THE CONCERN OF THE VILLAGERS OVER THE DELAYED CLEARANCE, THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY DECIDED TO RECOMMEND THE EARLY CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE I OF THE PROPOSED PARK.

THE TSUEN WAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE HAS REARRANGED THE PLANS SO THAT PART OF THE VALLEY CONTAINING KU HANG VILLAGE CAN BE DEVELOPED INTO OPEN SPACE AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

IF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE APPROVED, THE SQUATTER AREA WOULD BE CLEARED IN LATE 1989 FOR THE PROVISION OF SOME RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UPON CLEARANCE, THOSE RESIDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE WOULD QUALIFY FOR TEMPORARY OR PUBLIC HOUSING, HE ADDED.

PHASE II OF THE DEVELOPMENT, WHICH INVOLVES MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, IS STILL UNDER REVIEW BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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CARNIVAL TO CELEBRATE SPRING LANTERN FESTIVAL

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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING TO CELEBRATE THE FORTHCOMING SPRING LANTERN FESTIVAL.

THE CARNIVAL, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ARTS, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION; THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE; AND URBAN COUNCIL AND SPONSORED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, WILL FEATURE SINGING PERFORMANCES, CHINESE ARTS AND CRAFTS DEMONSTRATIONS, AND VARIOUS GAME STALLS -- INCLUDING SOME FOR PALM READING AND LANTERN-RIDDLES GUESSING. THERE WILL ALSO BE A LOTTERY.

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ADMISSION TO THE CARNIVAL, WHICH WILL START AT 7.30 PM, IS FREE. LOTTERY TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPRING LANTERN FESTIVAL CARNIVAL TO BE HELD IN SOUTHOEN PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 7.30 PM.

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WONG TAI SIN DB TO HOLD LAST MEETING OF CURRENT TERM

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD THE LAST MEETING OF THE CURRENT TERM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE ARRANGEMENTS AFTER THE FIRE AT HA YUEN LENG LAST MONTH.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENTS AT DIAMOND HILL AND TAI HOM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE FUNG MING HALL OF WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS YOUTH SURVEY

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) A REPORT ON THE "SURVEY ON THE VALUE AND BEHAVIOURAL PATTERN OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN WAN CHAI UNDER SOCIAL CHANGE" CARRIED OUT LAST SUMMER.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXAMINE THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMMITTEE AND REVIEW THE WORK OF ITS WORKING GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, WAN CHAI. IT WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM.

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FIGHT PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION

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YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT ENTRIES TO THE COMBAT PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE ON FRIDAY (MARCH 4).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE COMPETITION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) AND THE QUEENSWAY JAYCEES AND WAS OPEN TO ALL YOUNGSTERS AGED 12 AND ABOVE.

IT WAS AIMED AT AROUSING THEIR AWARENESS TO THE PROBLEM OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE AND DISSEMINATING THE MESSAGE ON THE DANGERS OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE, HE ADDED.

"PARTICIPANTS SHOULD THROUGH THEIR DESIGNS PUT ACROSS THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE," HE SAID.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE QUEENSWAY JAYCESS AT FLAT C, 15/F, 272 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT SHOP 25, 2/F, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN; AND SING TAO CENTRES AT ROOM 108, PRINCE BUILDING, CENTRAL; G/F, 575 NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK AND G/F, 325 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, KWUN TONG.

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THE WINNER, FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP OF THE COMPETITION WILL EACH RECEIVE CASH CHEQUES OF HK\$1,000, \$500 AND \$300 RESPECTIVELY.

RESULTS OF THE CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN MID-MARCH.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT QUEENSWAY JAYCEES, ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND SUB-OFFICES, SCHOOLS, YOUTH CENTRES AND SING TAO CENTRES AT CENTRAL, MONG KOK AND KWUN TONG. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-438913.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AN EXHIBITION AND AN OPEN FORUM ON PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE WOULD ALSO BE HELD BETWEEN LATE-APRIL AND EARLY-MAY UNDER THE JOINT PROJECT BETWEEN THE ACAN AND QUEENSWAY JAYCEES.

WINNING ENTRIES WOULD BE DISPLAYED AT THE EXHIBITION, HE ADDED.

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MEDICAL STAFF AWARDED LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES

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A TOTAL OF 130 STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING DOCTORS, NURSES, PARA-MEDICAL STAFF, WORKERS, DRIVERS, WARD ATTENDANTS, AMAHS AND DARKROOM TECHNICIANS, WERE PRESENTED WITH LONG SERVICE MERIT CERTIFICATES TODAY (MONDAY).

UNDER THE LONG SERVICE MERIT CERTIFICATE SCHEME, STAFF WITH SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE WITHIN THE PAST 30 YEARS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD. LAST YEAR, 101 STAFF MEMBERS RECEIVED THE CERTIFICATES.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A PRESENTATION CEREMONY WAS HELD TODAY AT THE KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL ASSEMBLY HALL WHERE CERTIFICATES WERE PRESENTED TO THE STAFF BY THE DIRECTOR, DR K.L. THONG, AND OTHER DIRECTORATE STAFF.

PRAISING THE RECIPIENTS, DR THONG SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD ACHIEVED REMARKABLE RESULTS IN IMPROVING AND EXPANDING THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BEDS IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS HAD INCREASED FROM 9,181 IN 1977 TO 12,739 IN 1987, HE SAID.

"PEOPLE HERE ARE ENJOYING GOOD HEALTH IN GENERAL, WHICH IS COMPARABLE TO WORLD STANDARDS AS REFLECTED BY THE HEALTH INDEX OF THE COMMUNITY," DR THONG SAID.

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DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS, THE CRUDE DEATH RATE HAD DROPPED FROM 5.1 TO 4.8 PER THOUSAND POPULATION AND THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE HAD COME DOWN FROM 13.9 TO 7.5 PER THOUSAND LIVE BIRTHS. AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY WAS NOW 74 FOR MALES AND 79.6 FOR FEMALES.

"THE DEPARTMENT WILL, IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, UNDERGO MAJOR AND IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL RESULT IN FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN EFFICIENCY OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES," DR THONG SAID.

HE BELIEVED THAT ALL STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES AHEAD AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH A HIGH QUALITY SERVICE AS IT HAD DONE IN THE PAST.

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BLITZ OPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISPLAY OF POSTERS

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A TOTAL OF 16 SUMMONSES WERE ISSUED DURING A BLITZ OPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISPLAY OF POSTERS ON WALLS OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND AT PUBLIC PLACES OVER THE WEEKEND.

THE OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT SIMULTANEOUSLY BY THE STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS PAID TO POPULAR SHOPPING AREAS WHICH ARE THE BLACK SPOTS FOR THE ILLEGAL DISPLAY OF POSTERS.

THE COMMON PRACTICE OF DISPLAYING POSTERS OR SIMILAR FORM OF PUBLICITY MATERIALS ON WALLS OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS OR AT PUBLIC PLACES DURING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS HAD CAUSED GREAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

"THE TWO-DAY OPERATION IS PART OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AND IS CARRIED OUT AT A REGULAR BASIS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THE DISPLAY OF PUBLICITY MATERIALS AT PRIVATE PLACES WITHOUT THE OWNERS' CONSENT OR AT PUBLIC PLACES WITHOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORITY WAS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE. OFFENDERS WILL BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2,000.

"THE ENFORCEMENT OF LEGISLATION WAS JUST ONE WAY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY THE ADVERTISERS CONCERNED, SHOULD EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE TO HELP KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN," HE STRESSED.

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POSTFAX EXTENDED TO NEPAL AND YUGOSLAVIA

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED THAT THE POSTFAX SERVICE, A JOINT POST OFFICE AND CABLE AND WIRELESS (HK) LTD PUBLIC FACSIMILE SERVICE, WILL BE EXTENDED TO KATHMANDU IN NEPAL AND SLOVENIA IN YUGOSLAVIA FROM TOMORROW (MARCH 1).

POSTFAX ITEMS HANDED IN AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BEFORE 2 PM WILL BE ACCORDED SAME-DAY DELIVERY IN KATHMANDU, NEPAL. THOSE HANDED IN AT THE GPO BEFORE 4 PM WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE SAME DAY IN LJUBLJANA, YUGOSLAVIA. ITEMS FOR OTHER AREAS IN SLOVENIA WILL BE DELIVERED THE NEXT DAY.

DOCUMENTS (HAND-WRITTEN OR TYPED), DRAWINGS AND DIAGRAMS UP TO A4 SIZE ARE ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION.

ALL POSTFAX ITEMS ARE HANDLED WITH CARE AND CONFIDENTIALITY.

AFTER ACCEPTANCE, THEY WILL BE SCANNED, CONVERTED INTO HIGH-SPEED ELECTRONIC IMPULSES AND TRANSMITTED DIRECT TO THE RECEIVING GATEWAY IN THE DISTANT COUNTRY.

THE CHARGES FOR THE SERVICE WILL BE:

	NEPAL	YUGOSLAVIA
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	\$	\$
'SHORT MESSAGE' FACILITY	55	70
FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER	60	85
FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME	20	35

CUSTOMERS WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS SERVICE CAN HAND IN THEIR DOCUMENTS AT ANY ONE OF THE 30 ACCEPTANCE POST OFFICES OR THE TWO CABLE AND WIRELESS SALES OFFICES AT THE EXCHANGE SQUARE AND HERMES HOUSE.

POSTFAX SERVICE IS NOW OFFERING HIGH-SPEED FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND OVER 70 COUNTRIES.

ALL THE IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNERS OF HONG KONG ARE INCLUDED IN THE SERVICE NETWORK, SUCH AS THE U.S.A., THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CHINA, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA.

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FOR SPEEDIER TRANSMISSION AND AT NO EXTRA COST, FACSIMILE MACHINE OWNERS IN HONG KONG CAN FAX THEIR MESSAGES TO THE POST OFFICE UNDER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO ADDRESSEES ABROAD WHO DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN FACSIMILE EQUIPMENT.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE POSTFAX MANAGER ON 5-8471148.

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MANPOWER SURVEYS OF MERCHANT NAVY, PRINTING INDUSTRY

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THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT TWO SURVEYS BETWEEN MARCH 2 AND 29 TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE MANPOWER AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF THE MERCHANT NAVY AND THE PRINTING INDUSTRY.

THE MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE MERCHANT NAVY, CONDUCTED BY THE MERCHANT NAVY TRAINING BOARD OF THE COUNCIL, WILL COVER ALL THE SHIPPING COMPANIES AND CREWING AGENCIES OPERATING IN HONG KONG WHICH RECRUIT LOCAL SEAFARERS.

THE COUNCIL'S PRINTING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD WILL ALSO CARRY OUT A MANPOWER SURVEY DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEYS.

SURVEY OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

EMPLOYERS ARE URGED TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING ACCURATE INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE USED TO FORMULATE TRAINING PLANS.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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MORE SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT IN NT
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE SCHOOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE INCLUDE ONE SECONDARY SCHOOL EACH IN AREA 7, FANLING; AREA 2, TAI PO; AREA 6, TUEN MUN; AND FAIRVIEW PARK, YUEN LONG; AS WELL AS ONE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN AREA 6, YUEN LONG.

THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL EACH HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS, 12 SPECIAL ROOMS, ONE ASSEMBLY HALL, AND ONE BASKETBALL COURT.

FACILITIES FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL EXCEPT THAT IT WILL HAVE ONLY THREE SPECIAL ROOMS.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOLS WILL START IN MAY AND TAKE ABOUT ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS FOR THE PROJECTS IS NOON, MARCH 18.

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ROAD BRIDGE TO BE BUILT IN SHA TIN
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A ONE-KILOMETRE LONG ROAD BRIDGE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ACROSS SHING MUN RIVER IN SHA TIN AS PART OF THE ROAD NETWORKS TO TIE IN WITH THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL PROJECT.

THE ROAD BRIDGE WILL BE BUILT TO THE NORTH OF THE EXISTING SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

OTHER WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN/CYCLIST BRIDGES, SEAWALLS, ROADS, DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND SUBWAYS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JULY AND TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON MARCH 31.

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WATER CUTS IN WONG TAI SIN, CENTRAL AND WESTERN
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 3) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE ALL BLOCKS OF TSZ CHING AND TSZ OI ESTATES.

MEANWHILE, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE CUT OFF ON THURSDAY (MARCH 3) FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY ICE HOUSE STREET, GLENEALY, CAINE ROAD, BONHAM ROAD, POK FU LAM ROAD, SANDS STREET, KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 52.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 309.491 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

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