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TALKS ON U.S. ORIGIN RULES END
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CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG OVER THE RULES OF ORIGIN CONTROVERSY ENDED ON THURSDAY, (MARCH 14, U.S. TIME), AFTER THREE DAYS OF TALKS.

THE TALKS WERE A RESUMPTION OF EARLIER CONSULTATIONS IN FEBRUARY, HELD TO FOLLOW UP A RULING BY THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY (TSB) IN GENEVA. THE TSB HAS RULED THAT HONG KONG'S COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES' UNILATERAL CHANGE IN THE RULES OF ORIGIN OF KNITWEAR ARE JUSTIFIED.

+THE CONSULTATIONS CONFIRMED OUR FEARS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NO INTENTION OF SOFTENING THE EFFECT OF THE FINAL REGULATIONS ON HONG KONG'S KNITWEAR INDUSTRY, DESPITE THE CLEAR FINDING BY THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY IN GENEVA THAT THE U.S. ACTION HAS UPSET THE BALANCE OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT+, SAID THE LEADER OF HONG KONG'S DELEGATION, DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, ON THURSDAY (U.S. TIME) IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

+WHILE THE PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL REGULATIONS ON MARCH 5, INVOLVING NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE OVER THE INTERIM REGULATIONS, HAD SIGNALLED NO COMPROMISE WAS LIKELY, WE ARE NEVERTHELESS MOST UPSET THAT REASON HAS NOT PREVAILED,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

+EVEN OUR PROPOSAL THAT TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS BE AGREED TO GIVE INDUSTRY TIME TO ADJUST, UNDER PROTEST, BROUGHT NO POSITIVE RESPONSE.+

+THE U.S. HAD NO PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD ADDRESS THE TEXTILE SURVEILLANCE BODY'S RECOMMENDATIONS, NOR WAS IT ABLE TO ACCEPT H.K.'S PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTING THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS.

+HONG KONG INDICATED ITS STRONG DISSATISFACTION WITH THE FINAL REGULATIONS. IN PARTICULAR HONG KONG EXPRESS SERIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT AND CONCERN AT THE ABSENCE OF ANY U.S. PROPOSALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TSB RECOMMENDATIONS.

+HONG KONG MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT DID NOT ACCEPT THAT THE U.S. HAD THE RIGHT TO MAKE UNILATERAL CHANGES TO RULES OF ORIGIN WHICH AFFECT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE H.K./U.S. BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT AND THE BALANCE OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS THEREUNDER.+

MR MACLEOD STRESSED THAT H.K. COULD NOT ACCEPT THE FINAL REGULATIONS, AND RESERVED ITS RIGHTS UNDER THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT, THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT AND THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.

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+CLEARLY OUR MAIN AIM NOW MUST BE TO ENSURE OUR INDUSTRY IS PUT IN THE BEST POSITION TO ADJUST QUICKLY TO THE NEW SITUATION.

+WHILE WE SHALL AND MUST CONTINUE TO ARGUE OUR CASE IN THE TEXTILE SURVEILLANCE BODY, THERE IS A PRACTICAL LIMIT TO HOW MUCH LONGER OUR INDUSTRY CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO TRY TO OPERATE UNDER TWO DIFFERENT SETS OF RULES.

+ANY CHANGE IN THIS DIRECTION SHOULD IN NO WAY BE INTERPRETED AS ACCEPTING THE U.S. POSITION. WE DO NOT, AND WE HAVE MADE THIS VERY CLEAR.

+WE SHALL NOW BE CONSIDERING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SITUATION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE INDUSTRY AND THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD. WE SHALL THEN ISSUE AN EXPLANATORY CIRCULAR TO THE INDUSTRY,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

PREVIOUSLY, UNDER BOTH HONG KONG AND U.S. RULES, SWEATERS ASSEMBLED IN HONG KONG FROM CHINESE PARTS WERE REGARDED AS OF HONG KONG ORIGIN, AND WERE EXPORTED TO THE U.S. UNDER HONG KONG QUOTA.

UNDER INTERIM TEXTILE IMPORT REGULATIONS PUBLISHED IN AUGUST 1984, THE U.S. UNILATERALLY REVERSED THIS RULE, SO THAT THESE PRODUCTS WOULD IN FUTURE REQUIRE CHINESE QUOTA. SOME 70 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S SWEATER EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WERE AFFECTED.

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NT HAWKER LICENCE, PITCH FEES REVISED
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HAWKER AND PITCH FEES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE BEEN REVISED WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY, UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE.

NOTICE OF THIS IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE REVISED FEES APPLY TO ALL ITINERANT HAWKERS AND FIXED PITCH OPERATORS, TRADESMEN, TEMPORARY LICENCE HOLDERS, OPERATORS OF COOKED FOOD STALLS, LIGHT REFRESHMENT STALLS AND NEWSPAPER PITCHES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FEES WERE LAST REVISED TWO YEARS AGO, IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THERE ARE NOW 5 000 LICENSED HAWKERS AND PITCH TRADERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES COMPARED WITH 7 300 TWO YEARS AGO. NOT ALL OF THESE WERE ACTUALLY TRADING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, AS SOME HOLDERS OF ITINERANT HAWKER LICENCES HAD OTHER JOBS AND DID NOT CARRY ON BUSINESS AS HAWKERS.

THE DECREASE OF LICENSED NT HAWKERS AND ON-STREET PITCH OPERATORS DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT MANY OF THEM HAD MOVED INTO NEW MARKETS AND COOKED FOOD MARKETS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

REFERRING TO THE REVISION OF FEES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WOULD BE THE LONG-TERM AIM TO COVER THE FULL COST TO THE PUBLIC OF ADMINISTERING THE LICENSING SYSTEM AND MANAGING AND CLEANSING LICENSED HAWKER AREAS, WHICH STOOD AT AROUND \$17 MILLION.

THE PRESENT INCREASES, WHICH WOULD BRING IN A TOTAL REVENUE OF ABOUT \$5 MILLION, MUST BE SEEN AS A REASONABLE STEP IN THAT DIRECTION.

THE LEVEL OF FEES WOULD BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY, AND EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO KEEP THE LICENSING AND OTHER COSTS DOWN TO A MINIMUM, HE SAID.

WITH THE FEE INCREASE, IT WOULD COST A COOKED FOOD STALL OPERATOR \$5.5 MORE THAN THE OLD FEE EACH DAY, 40 CENTS TO \$1.24 MORE FOR A FIXED PITCH TRADER AND 13 CENTS TO 38 CENTS MORE FOR AN ITINERANT HAWKER DEPENDING ON THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF TRADE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE AMOUNT OF THE INCREASE IN MONEY TERMS WAS THUS SMALL, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN REVEALED THAT A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR INDICATED THAT THE AVERAGE COOKED FOOD STALL OPERATOR IN THE NEW TERRITORIES EARNED A PROFIT OF \$5 980 A MONTH.

THE AVERAGE EARNING OF A FIXED PITCH TRADER WAS AT ABOUT \$2 810 WHILE AN ITINERANT HAWKER NETTED \$2 190.

THE LICENCE AND PITCH FEE INCREASES SHOULD HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON THE LIVELIHOOD OF MOST HAWKERS, THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REVISED AND OLD FEES OF VARIOUS HAWKER LICENCES AND PITCHES:

	OLD FEES	NEW FEES
	\$	\$
(1) FIXED PITCH HAWKER LICENCES	300	410

(2) ITINERANT

(2)	ITINERANT HAWKER LICENCES --		
(A)	MOBILE VAN	5 700	7 700
(B)	FROZEN CONFECTIONARY	400	540
(C)	TRADESMAN	400	540
(D)	OTHER CLASSES AND NEWSPAPER	150	200
(3)	TEMPORARY LICENCES	50	70
(4)	CONSENT FOR DEPUTY	ONE HALF OF THE FEE OF HIS PRINCIPAL'S LICENCE	ONE HALF OF THE FEE OF HIS PRINCIPAL'S LICENCE
(5)	DUPLICATES LICENCE OR PITCHCARD	50	70
(6)	COOKED FOOD PITCH	5 400	7 290
(7)	LIGHT REFRESHMENT PITCH	5 400	7 290
(8)	NEWSPAPER PITCH	300	410
(9)	TRADESMAN PITCH	300	410
(10)	BARBER PITCH	100	135
(11)	BOOTBLACK PITCH	100	135
(12)	WALL STALL --		
(A)	NOT EXCEEDING 1.1 SQUARE METRES	160	220
(B)	EXCEEDING 1.1 SQUARE METRES	1 580	2 130
(13)	OTHER CLASSES --		
(A)	NOT EXCEEDING 1.1 SQUARE METRES	480	650
(B)	EXCEEDING 1.1 SQUARE METRES BUT NOT EXCEEDING 1.7 SQUARE METRES	720	970
(C)	EXCEEDING 1.7 SQUARE METRES BUT NOT EXCEEDING 2.2 SQUARE METRES	960	1 300

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\$160M IN 14 PUBLIC HOUSING CONTRACTS SIGNED
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY SIGNED 14 CONTRACTS TOTALLING OVER \$160 MILLION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC HOUSING WORKS INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION, PILING, SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENTS, LIFT INSTALLATION AND LANDSCAPING.

OF THE CONTRACTS SIGNED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (CONSTRUCTION), MR DEREK NESSLING, THE LARGEST IS A 30-MONTH TERM CONTRACT WORTH \$52.8 MILLION FOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO UPGRADE LIVING CONDITIONS AT SQUATTER AREAS.

THE WORKS COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIREBREAKS AND THE INSTALLATION OF FIRE-FIGHTING MAINS, STREET-LIGHTING AS WELL AS DRAINAGE AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AT SQUATTER AREAS.

THE SECOND LARGEST CONTRACT IS VALUED AT \$32.9 MILLION UNDER WHICH AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, A CARPARK AND TWO FOOTBRIDGES WILL BE BUILT AS ADDITIONAL FACILITIES IN THE FINAL PHASE OF MEI LAM ESTATE.

FOUR OTHER CONTRACTS, TOTALLING OVER \$32.6 MILLION, ARE FOR PILING WORKS FOR NINE DOMESTIC BLOCKS AND FOUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE ESTATES OF LEUNG TIN, YIU ON, TAI HANG TUNG AND HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME SIU HEI COURT.

TOGETHER THESE NINE BLOCKS WILL PROVIDE MODERN HOMES FOR 24 000 PEOPLE IN 5 100 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS WHEN THEY ARE READY BY 1987-88.

IN THREE OTHER CONTRACTS WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF \$23 MILLION, 42 PASSENGER LIFTS AND 13 ESCALATORS WILL BE INSTALLED ON SEVEN NEW BLOCKS AND TWO COMMERCIAL CENTRES AT LAM TIN NORTH EXTENSION PROJECT, HOS PO LAI COURT AND HANG ON ESTATE.

ANOTHER CONTRACT OF \$14.7 MILLION IS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF PIPED LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS FOR THE NEW BLOCKS AT TIN PING ESTATE, WHICH WILL BECOME A SELF-SUPPORTING COMMUNITY FOR 22 000 PEOPLE UPON FULL COMPLETION BY 1987.

THE LAST FOUR CONTRACTS TOTALLING OVER \$3.8 MILLION ARE FOR LANDSCAPING WORKS, SITE INVESTIGATION AND INSTALLATION OF VENTILATION SYSTEM AT VARIOUS ESTATES, AS WELL AS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF A MARK II BLOCK AT LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE FOR FURTHER REDEVELOPMENT.

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DELEGATES TO GATHER IN HK
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THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY (MARCH 18) MORNING.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS; THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS; AND THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

OVER 60 DELEGATES FROM 28 COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THREE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS WILL ATTEND THE MEETING, TO BE HELD HERE BETWEEN MARCH 18 AND 22.

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CONCESSIONS FOR TRAVELLERS TO BE REDUCED
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LOCAL RESIDENTS RETURNING TO HONG KONG WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO BRING IN ONE LITRE OF STILL WINE AND 100 CIGARETTES OR 25 CIGARS OR 125 GRAMS OF TOBACCO FREE OF DUTY FROM APRIL 1.

HOWEVER, THE DUTY FREE CONCESSION FOR PERFUME AND TOILET WATER WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. LOCAL RESIDENTS CAN STILL BRING IN 60 MILLILITRES OF PERFUME AND 250 MILLILITRES OF TOILET WATER FREE OF DUTY AS BEFORE.

THIS NEW MEASURE WILL APPLY TO LOCAL RESIDENTS ONLY. VISITORS COMING TO HONG KONG CAN STILL CLAIM THE ENTITLED DUTY FREE CONCESSION FOR LIQUOR, TOBACCO, PERFUME AND TOILET WATER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SAID, +THE PERMITTED DUTY FREE STILL WINE INCLUDES WHITE WINE, RED WINE, PORT, SHERRY, ROSE, ETC.

+CHAMPAGNE AND OTHER SPARKLING WINES AND BRANDY, WHISKY, GIN ETC. CARRIED BY RETURNING RESIDENTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DUTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE FROM APRIL 1.+

HE EXPLAINED THAT A LOCAL RESIDENT WAS ANY PERSON WHO HAD THE RIGHT TO LAND IN HONG KONG AND TO REMAIN FREE OF CONDITIONS OF STAY, OR WHO HAD BEEN PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN HONG KONG FOR SIX MONTHS OR MORE, OR WHO IS A HOLDER OF IDENTITY CARD OR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION ISSUED UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE.

PERSONS WHO CLAIM TO BE VISITORS AND WISH TO HAVE ENTITLEMENT TO FULL DUTY FREE CONCESSIONS MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR INSPECTION BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, HE SAID.

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UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION IMPROVED WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION REMAINED STABLE IN THE QUARTER NOVEMBER 1984 - JANUARY 1985, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1984 - JANUARY 1985 WAS 3.3 PER CENT, AS COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 3.8 PER CENT FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 1984. THE RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1983 - JANUARY 1984 WAS 3.7 PER CENT. THE DECREASES OF 0.5 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND 0.4 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE YEAR WERE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT, THAT IS, THEY ARE GREATER THAN MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO ARISE FROM SAMPLING ERROR.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1985 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 86 300, AS COMPARED WITH 99 900 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 1984 AND 95 200 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1984.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1984 - JANUARY 1985 WAS 1.1 PER CENT, AS COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 1.0 PER CENT FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. THE RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1983 - JANUARY 1984 WAS 1.5 PER CENT. THE INCREASE IN THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER WAS NOT STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1985 WAS 27 700, AS COMPARED WITH 26 500 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 1984.

THE NUMBER FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1984 WAS 38 700.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE SEEKING MORE WORK OR WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED MORE WORK WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WHICH HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FOR THE VARIATION IN FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

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THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST MOVING THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR DECEMBER 1984 - FEBRUARY 1985 WAS 3.0 PER CENT, AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.3 PER CENT. THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1984 - JANUARY 1985 WAS 3.4 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 53 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG. PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 1984 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE LATER THIS MONTH.

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MORE MEMBERS FOR BOARD

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THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOARD WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USERS AND COMPETITIVE SUPPLIERS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT, AND HK MANUFACTURERS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT TODAY THAT THE ENLARGED MEMBERSHIP WOULD ENSURE THAT THE INTEREST OF THESE GROUPS, WHOSE ACTIVITIES HAVE GREATLY EXPANDED IN RECENT YEARS, WOULD BE REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD.

AT PRESENT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOARD, CHAIRED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, HAS SIX EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: THE MANAGING DIRECTORS OF CABLE AND WIRELESS (HONG KONG) LIMITED AND THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT SIGNALS BOARD AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BRITISH FORCES.

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THERE WILL NOW BE FOUR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, REPRESENTING THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS OF HIGH-QUALITY AND SOPHISTICATED TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT; THE COMPANIES WHICH PROVIDE COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, SUCH AS PUBLIC MOBILE RADIOTELEPHONE AND PUBLIC PAGING SERVICES; THE TELECOMMUNICATION USERS GROUP OF THE HK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, WHO ARE MAINLY BUSINESS EXECUTIVES OF COMPANIES WHICH USE THE EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES; AND THE HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

UNDER ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOARD ADVISES THE GOVERNMENT ON ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE OPERATION OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN HONG KONG. IT ALSO CO-ORDINATES CIVIL AND MILITARY TELECOMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE ASSIGNMENT OF RADIO FREQUENCIES AND SITES, AND ADVISES ON THE USE OF ALL RADIO FREQUENCIES IN HONG KONG.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TELEPHONE SERVICES, WHICH HAS NOT MET SINCE 1977, HAS BEEN DISBANDED. +HOWEVER, SHOULD MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANCE CONCERNING THE TELEPHONE SERVICE ARISE, THEY COULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOARD, + HE SAID.

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SHARE DISCLOSURE
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THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS UNDER RULE 29 OF THE HONG KONG CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS ADVISES THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERS TO BE MADE TO ACQUIRE THE WHOLE OF THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL OF WHELOCK MARDEN AND CO LTD ('WHELOCK MARDEN'), THE FOLLOWING DISCLOSURES HAVE BEEN MADE TO HIM:

WARDLEY LTD ADVISES THAT A TOTAL OF 6 514 744 'A' SHARES IN WHELOCK MARDEN WERE PURCHASED ON MARCH 14, 1985 ON BEHALF OF THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO LTD AT PRICE RANGE OF \$7.35 - 7.40 PER 'A' SHARE.

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MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROJECTS LAUNCHED

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THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OF HONG KONG OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS LAUNCHED A SERIES OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES TO MEET THE TRAINING NEEDS OF MANAGEMENT TEACHERS AND TRAINERS, GENERAL MANAGERS AND OWNER-MANAGERS IN PARTICULAR.

OUTLINING THE WORK OF THE CENTRE AT THE THIRD ANNUAL CO-ORDINATION CONFERENCE ON MANAGEMENT TRAINING, MR PETER F. BARRETT, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY TRAINING, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT ONE OF THE PRIME CONCERNS OF THE CENTRE WAS TO ORGANISE PROJECTS AND SEMINARS TO HELP DEVELOP SKILLS AND TEACHING MATERIALS FOR MANAGEMENT TEACHERS AND TRAINERS.

THE PROJECTS AND SEMINARS, PROMOTED BY THE CENTRE SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN JUNE LAST YEAR, INCLUDE TOPICS ON DISTANCE LEARNING, ACTION LEARNING AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH, MR BARRETT SAID.

THE CENTRE ALSO OFFERED PROGRAMMES FOR THE TRAINING OF GENERAL MANAGERS AND OWNER-MANAGERS FROM ENTREPRENEURIAL FIRMS, HE SAID.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONFERENCE, MR ALEX WU, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL TOLD SOME 50 REPRESENTATIVES OF 18 EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS THAT THE COUNCIL FULLY SUPPORTED THE VIEWS THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO UPDATE AND EXPAND MANAGEMENT TRAINING, IF HONG KONG WAS TO REMAIN A THRIVING MANUFACTURING, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL CENTRE.

ALTHOUGH CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN RECENT YEARS, MUCH WAS STILL LEFT TO BE DONE FOR THE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGEMENT TEACHERS AND TRAINERS, MR WU SAID.

+MANAGEMENT TEACHERS AND TRAINERS NEED TO KEEP ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS IN NOT ONLY THE SUBJECTS OF MANAGEMENT BUT ALSO IN THE TECHNIQUES OF TEACHING MANAGEMENT.

+ONE AREA OF CO-OPERATION THAT THE CONFERENCE HOPES TO EXPLORE IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SYSTEM BY WHICH INFORMATION THAT IS IMPORTANT AND RELEVANT TO MANAGEMENT TEACHERS AND TRAINERS CAN BE AVAILABLE TO THEM,+ HE SAID.

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A CLOSER LOOK AT CAS TRAINING
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR MARTIN ROWLANDS TODAY TOOK A CLOSER LOOK AT THE TRAINING ACTIVITIES OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AND HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STAFF ON THEIR WORK AND WELFARE.

MR ROWLANDS TOURED THE CAS'S KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE WHERE THE TRAINING STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT WERE UNDERGOING REFRESHER COURSES.

THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, MR JOHN FORTUNE, TOLD MR ROWLANDS THAT THE TRAINING STAFF BESIDES RECEIVING TRAINING LOCALLY, ALSO ATTENDED COURSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IN AUSTRALIA TO LEARN THE LATEST CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND ADVANCED RESCUE TECHNIQUES. AT PRESENT, THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING THE 3 600 ADULTS AND 2 600 CADETS IN THE SERVICE.

IN 1984, THE CAS PERFORMED 289 OPERATIONAL DUTIES RANGING FROM FIGHTING FOREST FIRES, TYPHOON DUTIES, CROWD CONTROL DURING PUBLIC FUNCTIONS, AND MOUNTAIN RESCUES, TO PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO CIVIC ORGANISATIONS IN THEIR CHARITY DRIVES, SPORTING EVENTS AND FESTIVITIES.

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GOOD HEALTH AND HYGIENE -
PREREQUISITE FOR A DYNAMIC SOCIETY
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URBAN COUNCILLOR MR FREDERICK FUNG TODAY CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR HEALTH AND WORK TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1985 SCHOOLS' HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT EXHIBITION COMPETITION AT THE CITY HALL TODAY, MR FUNG SAID THAT AFTER A PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY, HONG KONG NOW KNOWS WHERE ITS FUTURE WILL LEAD.

+FROM NOW ON, WE SHALL HAVE TO PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE, TO CONTINUE TO SHOULDER THE MISSION OF BRIDGING THE EAST AND THE WEST,+ HE SAID.

+IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THIS GRAVE CHALLENGE, WE NEED TO HAVE A SOCIETY FULL OF VITALITY AND DRIVE. THIS DYNAMIC SOCIETY HAS TO BE BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD HYGIENE.+

AS A RESULT OF INCESSANT EFFORTS MADE BY THE AUTHORITIES IN THE PAST TO IMPROVE OUR CONDITIONS, MR FUNG SAID, HONG KONG IS NOW A MUCH CLEANER PLACE.

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HE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE WORK OF THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED AS WELL AS TO THE FACT THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE ARE ATTACHING MORE AND MORE IMPORTANCE TO PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

HE EXPRESSED HOPES THAT THROUGH THE ANNUAL HEALTH PROJECT COMPETITION, SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE MADE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THIS YEAR 24 SECONDARY SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT.

YUEN LONG MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION SECONDARY SCHOOL, WINNER OF LAST YEAR'S COMPETITION, AGAIN TOPPED THE WINNING LIST THIS YEAR. THE SECOND AND THE THIRD PRIZES WENT TO HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AND VALTORTA COLLEGE RESPECTIVELY.

A JOINT EXHIBITION OF THE WINNING ENTRIES IS NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL UNTIL MARCH 18. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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SKILLED LABOUR IS HK'S INVALUABLE ASSETS
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A SKILLED WORK FORCE IS THE INVALUABLE ASSETS ACCOUNTING FOR THE SUCCESS OF HONG KONG, SAID MRS SELINA CHOW TODAY.

MRS CHOW WAS SPEAKING AT THE GOVERNMENT APPRENTICE'S GRADUATION CEREMONY JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

SHE TOLD THE 104 GRADUATES THAT THEY WERE THE LUCKY MEMBERS OF A MINORITY WHO WERE ABLE TO JOIN A SCHEME WHICH OFFERED THEM THE OPPORTUNITY OF A JOB AS WELL AS RECEIVING THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL TRAINING.

+THE EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE GAINED IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS HAS BEEN UNIQUE IN THAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY AND OFFICIAL SUPPORT TO COMBINE WORK AND STUDY. THIS EXPERIENCE HAS HELPED YOU TO BECOME HIGHLY IN DEMAND IN THE JOB MARKET,+ SHE SAID.

MRS CHOW LATER PRESENTED THE BROWN CUP, THE LAISHLEY CUP, AND THE HOWES PLAQUE TO THE THREE MOST OUTSTANDING GRADUATES.

THE GOVERNMENT APPRENTICE SCHEME, A FOUR-YEAR TRAINING COURSE DESIGNED FOR CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP, HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE 1950'S AND WAS OVERHAULED AND EXPANDED IN 1969.

SINCE THEN, 1 445 APPRENTICES HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING.

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COVERED FOOTBRIDGE FOR TUEN MUN HOSPITAL
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD A 140-METRE-LONG COVERED FOOTBRIDGE RUNNING FROM THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, ACROSS THE TUEN MUN NULLAH AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO TSENG TAU TSUEN HA TSUEN.

THE PROPOSED WORK WILL ALSO INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE BUS BAYS WITH FOOTWAYS LEADING TO THE RAMPS AND STAIRS OF THE FOOTBRIDGE.

THE NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE, HONG KONG- AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, 201 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY MAY 14.

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REFRESHER COURSE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS
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GRADUATE AND NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A BLOCK-RELEASE REFRESHER TRAINING COURSE TO BE CONDUCTED AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION BETWEEN THIS SEPTEMBER AND JUNE 1986.

THE AIMS OF THE COURSE ARE TO ACQUAINT SERVING TEACHERS WITH CONTEMPORARY METHODS AND APPROACHES TO TEACHING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND TO PROMOTE FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF THE USE OF RESOURCES AND A KNOWLEDGE OF NEW CONCEPTS IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT.

THE COURSE WILL BE SUBJECT BASED AND OPERATED IN FIVE BLOCKS EACH SPANNING SEVEN CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

CONTENTS WILL INCLUDE LECTURES, GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND SEMINARS.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED ARE TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS, ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT, CURRICULUM PLANNING AND INNOVATION, CHILD GUIDANCE, VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE AND STUDENT COUNSELLING, MORAL EDUCATION, CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT AND CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE.

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THE ELEMENTARY USE OF THE MICROCOMPUTER WITH POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS IN EDUCATION WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE PROJECTS AND ASSIGNMENTS AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN SEMINARS AND TUTORIALS. THOSE WHO SHOW SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE THROUGHOUT THE COURSE WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO NOMINATE TEACHERS WHOSE BASIC TRAINING WAS COMPLETED AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AGO, TO ATTEND THE COURSE.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD REACH THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (FURTHER EDUCATION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 2ND FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE APRIL 17.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON 5-8171281.

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NEW SUB-OFFICE FOR TAI PO RESIDENTS
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A NEW SUB-OFFICE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE HAS BEEN OPENED TO SERVE RESIDENTS OF KWONG FUK ESTATE AND WANG FUK COURT.

LOCATED AT THE KWONG FUK COMMUNITY HALL IN KWONG FUK ESTATE, THE SUB-OFFICE PROVIDES SUCH SERVICES AS ADMINISTERING STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, GIVING ADVICE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES, DISTRIBUTING GOVERNMENT FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS, HANDLING OF ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS, AND REFERRAL OF CLIENTS WHO REQUIRE FREE LEGAL ADVICE.

THE SUB-OFFICE IS OPEN FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM ON MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS; FROM 1.45 PM TO 10.15 PM ON THURSDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE SUB-OFFICE IS 0-6586520.

APART FROM THE NEW SUB-OFFICE, THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE HAS A SUB-OFFICE IN TAI YUEN ESTATE, AND A PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE IN THE SHUEN WAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

THE KWONG FUK ESTATE SUB-OFFICE REPLACES THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE IN WANG FUK COURT.

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SAMPLE FLATS OPEN ON WEEKEND
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PROSPECTIVE HOME-BUYERS WILL BE ABLE TO GET FULL DETAILS OF AND SEE FOR THEMSELVES DURING THE WEEKEND THE FOUR PROJECTS CURRENTLY ON SALE UNDER PHASE VIIB OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SAID TODAY: +THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN, WHERE AN EXHIBITION ON FULL DETAILS OF THE FOUR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME PROJECTS FOR SALE ARE BEING STAGED, WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY.

+APPLICATION FORMS AND COPIES OF A COLOURFUL SALES BROCHURE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE,+ HE ADDED.

WITH A TOTAL OF 4 120 FLATS, THE FOUR PSPS PROJECTS ARE AT PRIME VIEW GARDEN IN TUEN MUN, HOLFORD GARDENS IN SHA TIN, SUN LAI GARDEN IN NGAU CHI WAN AND GREENWOOD TERRACE IN CHAI WAN.

FLATS ARE PRICED FROM \$103 500 TO \$380 000, WITH GROSS AREAS BETWEEN 41.5 AND 69.4 SQUARE METRES.

PRICES FOR THE LARGEST TYPE OF FLATS AT GREENWOOD TERRACE, WITH A SIZE OF 81.3 SQUARE METRES, RANGE FROM \$340 800 TO \$403 600 EACH.

MEANWHILE, SAMPLE FLATS WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPEN ON SITE IN THE WEEKEND TO ENABLE ASPIRING HOME-OWNERS TO TAKE A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE PROJECTS.

+THEIR OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 10.30 AM TO 5.30 PM TOMORROW AND ON SUNDAY AND BETWEEN NOON AND 5.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IN ADDITION TO THE OPENING OF SAMPLE FLATS AT PRIME VIEW GARDEN IN WEEKENDS, MOCK UP FLATS ARE OPEN DAILY ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF OI MAN COMMERCIAL CENTRE FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM.

+A NUMBER OF VENUES ARE ALSO OPEN UP FOR ESTATE TENANTS AND THE PUBLIC TO GET DETAILS OF THE PROJECTS CURRENTLY ON SALE.

+FEATURING A VIDEO PRESENTATION, EXHIBITIONS WILL BE STAGED IN THE WEEKEND AT THE WO CHE COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN SHA TIN, WAN TSUI COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN CHAI WAN, LUNG HANG ESTATE IN SHA TIN AND THE MTR MONG KOK STATION BETWEEN 10 AM AND 7 PM.+

APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON MARCH 25.

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ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING NEEDS STUDIED
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A MANPOWER SURVEY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY BEGAN TODAY (FRIDAY) AND WILL LAST TILL MARCH 28.

THE SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BASED ON THE SURVEY FINDINGS, THE TRAINING BOARD WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANPOWER PLANNING AND TRAINING TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY.

SOME 900 ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE INDUSTRY WILL BE COVERED IN THE SURVEY.

DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD, INTERVIEWERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT EMPLOYERS AND HELP COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

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

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PLANT LOVERS URGED TO GET IN ENTRIES EARLY FOR FLOWER SHOW
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HORTICULTURISTS ARE REMINDED THAT APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY INTO THIS YEAR'S URBAN COUNCIL ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW WILL CLOSE NEXT FRIDAY (MARCH 22).

LAST YEAR, THE SHOW ATTRACTED A RECORD NUMBER OF 1 345 ENTRIES OF COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS FROM 553 INDIVIDUALS.

TO AVOID A LAST MINUTE RUSH, ALL ENTRY FORMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SENT BACK TO THE SECRETARY, FLOWER SHOW ORGANISING COMMITTEE, CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ICE HOUSE STREET, BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE.

+AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, PARTICIPANTS MAY CALL THE GARDENS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 5-95598 OR 5-95741 TO BE REGISTERED FIRST BEFORE SENDING IN THEIR ENTRY FORMS,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN.

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ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- + CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 13/F, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), ICE HOUSE STREET
- + URBAN COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING, ICE HOUSE STREET
- + RECREATION AND AMENITIES TRAINING SCHOOL, BLOCK S4, KOWLOON PARK, HAI PHONG ROAD
- + GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, G/F, GPO BUILDING, CENTRAL AND
- + ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

THIS YEAR'S FLOWER SHOW, THE 18TH TO BE HELD, WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MEMORIAL GARDEN AND THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE CITY HALL BETWEEN APRIL 19 AND 21.

THERE WILL BE 13 COMPETITIVE SECTIONS PROVIDING PLANT LOVERS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS IN THE ART OF CULTIVATION.

THEY INCLUDE CUT FLOWERS, SCENTED CUT FLOWERS, ORCHIDS, AFRICAN VIOLETS, POT PLANTS, BONSAI TYPE PLANTS, FLORAL ARRANGEMENT, FLORAL ART BY CHILDREN, USD GARDENS COMPETITION, SCHOOLS CHILDREN POT FLOWER GROWING COMPETITION AND SCHOOL GARDEN COMPETITION.

TO ATTRACT INTEREST AMONG PARTICIPANTS, THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT SECTION WILL BE SPLIT INTO WESTERN AND ORIENTAL STYLES.

FURTHERMORE, A +MINIATURE BONSAI+ CLASS IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE BONSAI TYPE PLANTS SECTION.

EXCEPT FOR THE USD GARDENS SECTION AND COMPETITIONS IN THE SCHOOL SECTIONS, CASH AWARDS UP TO \$200 WILL BE GIVEN TO PRIZE WINNERS.

ALL SECTION WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED A CHALLENGE CUP WHILE THE OVERALL BEST EXHIBIT WILL BE PRESENTED THE URBAN COUNCIL CUP.

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SAI KUNG RECLAMATION TO BE EXTENDED
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO USE THE MATERIAL EXCAVATED FROM THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF THE PROPOSED PAK KONG WATER TREATMENT WORKS AS FILL MATERIAL TO EXTEND THE RECLAMATION AREA ON THE NORTH-EASTERN SIDE OF SAI KUNG TOWN.

TO PREVENT ANY POSSIBILITY OF POLLUTING THE SURROUNDING WATERS DURING RECLAMATION, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY ROCK BUND IS ALSO PROPOSED TO ENCLOSE THE DUMPING AREA.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSAL WILL BE THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING SEAWALL ON THE NORTH-EASTERN SIDE OF THE NEW SAI KUNG PUBLIC PIER FOR A DISTANCE OF 260 METRES, AND THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE.

IN ADDITION, THE EXTENSION OF A SEAWALL AND THE PROVISION OF A MAN-MADE BEACH TO THE NORTH-EAST OF THE RECLAMATION AREA ARE PROPOSED. THE WORKS ARE PLANNED TO START TOWARDS THE END OF 1988.

THE EXTENT OF THE AFFECTED AREA, WHICH WILL INVOLVE ABOUT 6.8 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED, IS DESCRIBED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH ITS PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE. THE PLAN IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL AND/OR CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS BY MAY 15.

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YOUTHS INVITED TO JOIN TRAINING CAMP
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YOUTHS 15 YEARS OLD OR ABOVE ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A YOUTH TRAINING CAMP ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON MARCH 23 AND 24, AT THE HONG KONG PHAB CENTRE IN POK FU LAM.

HANDICAPPED YOUTHS AT THE CENTRE WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE CAMP, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, AND IS ONE OF THE MANY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON THE 1985 IYY.

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THERE WILL BE TALKS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, GROUP DISCUSSIONS LED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS MARCH 20. APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRIES COUNTERS IN ABERDEEN CENTRE, AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN WAH FU ESTATE AND STANLEY.

THE FEE, FOR THE OVERNIGHT CAMP IS \$25 PER PERSON, AND FOR THE DAY CAMP \$19.

PARTICIPANTS MAY APPLY IN PERSON AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT 7-11, NAM NING STREET, 2ND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE OR RETURN THEIR APPLICATION FORMS TOGETHER WITH CROSSED CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO THE +SOUTHERN DISTRICT COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR+ AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

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MUSIC, DANCE SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED
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YOUNG MUSICIANS AND DANCERS MAY NOW APPLY FOR OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND FOR THE YEAR 1985-86.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE INTENDED FOR EXCEPTIONALLY TALENTED CANDIDATES TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN ADVANCED INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDIES OR BALLET AT OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC FUND SAID THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL COVER TUITION FEES AND INCLUDE A TECHNICAL ALLOWANCE. A MONTHLY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE MAY ALSO BE GRANTED ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL NEED.

CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR ADVANCED INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDIES SHOULD NOT BE OVER THE AGE OF 23 ON SEPTEMBER 1, AND SHOULD HAVE ALREADY STUDIED MUSIC UP TO THE STANDARD OF THE DIPLOMA GRANTED BY THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC OR EQUIVALENT.

AS FOR THE BALLET SCHOLARSHIPS, CANDIDATES SHOULD BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD ON SEPTEMBER 1, AND SHOULD HAVE ALREADY STUDIED BALLET UP TO THE STANDARD OF THE DIPLOMA GRANTED BY THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET OR EQUIVALENT.

IN ADDITION, ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S RESIDENCE IN HONG KONG.

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APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

- A) HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT,
11/F., HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI-
- B) MUSIC OFFICE HEADQUARTERS, 11/F., WING ON CENTRE,
111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL; AND
- C) MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE (FOR ADDRESSES,
PLEASE CALL 5-740409)

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY THE APPLICANTS IN PERSON TO THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT. THE CLOSING DATE IS MARCH 23.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 5-740409.

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SPEEDPOST EXTENDED TO PHILIPPINES

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE PHILIPPINES FROM MONDAY (MARCH 18), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

SPEEDPOST ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION TO MANILA, MAKATI (METRO MANILA), SAN JUAN (METRO MANILA), MANDALUYONG (METRO MANILA), QUEZON CITY, PASAY CITY AND CALOOCAN CITY.

ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEES ON THE NEXT WORKING DAY. BOTH 'CONTRACT' AND 'ON DEMAND' SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE.

THE SERVICE WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ITEMS ACCEPTED IN THE LETTER POST SERVICE WITH A MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT PER ITEM OF 2 KG AND THE POSTAGE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ITEMS WEIGHING UNDER 250 G	\$55
ITEMS WEIGHING BETWEEN 250 G AND 500 G	\$65
EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500 G	\$10

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108.

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TRAFFIC CHANGE IN KOWLOON CITY

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED AT THE JUNCTION OF NGA TSIN LONG ROAD WITH CARPENTER ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY FOR WATER MAIN REPAIRS.

THE ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS, ARE:

- * NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM CARPENTER ROAD EASTBOUND INTO NGA TSIN LONG ROAD.
- * NGA TSIN LONG ROAD BETWEEN CARPENTER ROAD AND NGA TSIN WAI ROAD HAS BEEN REROUTED TWO WAYS. MOTORISTS HEADING FOR THE REROUTED ROAD SECTION SHOULD PROCEED VIA NGA TSIN WAI ROAD.

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FRESH, SALT WATER MAINS WORKS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SHEUNG WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (MARCH 18) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY SHING WONG STREET, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, LADDER STREET AND CIRCULAR PATHWAY, INCLUDING 270-276 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND 1-2 TSUI ON LANE.

MEANWHILE, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS IN KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 48 HOURS BETWEEN 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 18) AND 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE: HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON CITY, LOK FU, FUNG WONG VILLAGE, TSZ WAN SHAN, KAI TAK, WANG TAU HOM, TUNG TAU ESTATE AND WONG TAI SIN.

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTION
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SPRING GARDEN LANE BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND JOHNSTON ROAD IN WAN CHAI WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL VEHICLES OVER 4 TONNES GROSS FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 18).

THE BAN IS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK THERE.

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TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD (SAN HUI) IN TUEN MUN, THE FOLLOWING RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENTS WILL BE BANNED FROM 10.30 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 18) FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH :

- * FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD (SAN HUI) SOUTHBOUND INTO YAN OI TONG CIRCUIT WESTBOUND;
- * FROM YAN OI TONG CIRCUIT EASTBOUND INTO CASTLE PEAK ROAD SOUTHBOUND.

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