



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL.: 5-8428777

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1988

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
GOOD PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT DECLARATION	1
APPOINTMENT OF NEW AG ANNOUNCED	4
MATHEWS APPOINTED AS AG	4
EXPERT MEETING ON RETURN OF FUGITIVE OFFENDERS	5
TAC ACCEPTS NEW LANTAO BUS COMPANY'S FIVE YEAR PLAN	6
TWO-TO-ONE RATIO SOON FOR DRIVING CONTAINER TRACTORS	7
SUPPORT FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES INCREASED IN 1987	8
MEMBERS TO ASK EIGHT QUESTIONS IN LEGCO	11
COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER WIDENING OF SHA TAU KOK ROAD	12
HA REORGANISATION ON COMMITTEE AGENDA	12
DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SEX EDUCATION	13
CLEAN HK CAMPAIGN COLOURING COMPETITION	13
'SPORTS AND HEALTH' CARNIVAL IN SAI YING PUN	14
QUICK GUIDES ON EMPLOYMENT LAW	14
SLOGAN AND BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION	15
CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR NEW BORDER CONTROL FACILITIES	15
'NO ENTRY' FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES	16
WATER CUT IN KWAI CHUNG AND KOWLOON CITY	16

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1988

- 1 -

GOOD PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT DECLARATION

* * * *

GOOD PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION SINCE IT CAME INTO FORCE ON MAY 27, 1985, AND ACHIEVEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE IN A WIDE RANGE OF IMPORTANT SUBJECTS, THE SECRETARY FOR GENERAL DUTIES, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST, MR WIGGHAM SAID: "THE GOOD PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF CAREFUL PREPARATION BY BOTH SIDES, AND BECAUSE OF CLOSE CONSULTATION AND CO-OPERATION SINCE THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE JOINT DECLARATION."

MR WIGGHAM NOTED THAT AN EXTENSIVE EXERCISE OF EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS WAS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND A SMOOTH TRANSFER IN 1997.

"CONSULTATION CAN BE SEEN AS A SIGN OF CONFIDENCE IN AND A COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, AND IS MANIFESTLY THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE A SMOOTH TRANSITION, AND HENCE THE MAINTENANCE OF STABILITY AND PROSPERITY," HE SAID.

"I AM AWARE THAT THIS CONSULTATION CAN BE MISUNDERSTOOD: SOME HAVE CRITICISED THE PROCESS AS RENDERING THE CURRENT HONG KONG ADMINISTRATION IMPOTENT IN THE CONDUCT OF OUR OWN AFFAIRS; OTHERS HAVE REPRESENTED IT AS UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE BY CHINA IN WHAT IS HONG KONG BUSINESS.

"SUCH CRITICS SHOULD ASK THEMSELVES WHETHER THEY WOULD PREFER THE TWO SIDES NOT TO TALK TO EACH OTHER AT ALL.

"I SUGGEST SUCH A COURSE WOULD NOT BE IN ANYONE'S INTEREST."

MR WIGGHAM POINTED OUT THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF IMPORTANT SUBJECTS THROUGH A VARIETY OF CHANNELS, IN PARTICULAR THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP (JLG), AND THOSE MEETINGS HELD UNDER ITS UMBRELLA; AND THE LAND COMMISSION WHICH MEETS IN HONG KONG.

"SOME ACHIEVEMENTS RECORDED IN THESE VARIOUS MEETINGS MAY NOT BE ALWAYS AS EYE CATCHING AS OTHERS, AND ARE SOMETIMES OVERSHADOWED BY OTHER APPARENTLY MORE NEWSWORTHY ITEMS.

"THIS IS PERHAPS BECAUSE MANY OF THE ISSUES ARE SOMEWHAT SPECIALISED: THE MAN IN THE STREET MAY BE FORGIVEN FOR NOT ALWAYS APPRECIATING THEIR IMPORTANCE."

MR WIGGHAM CITED TWO EXAMPLES TO SHOW HOW THE JLG OPERATES AND HOW IN PRACTICE THE TWO SIDES WORK TOGETHER TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS WHICH CAN OFTEN INVOLVE SENSITIVE POINTS OF PRINCIPLE.

/THE FIRST

THE FIRST EXAMPLE WAS A SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO ENSURE HONG KONG'S FUTURE TRADING POSITION IN THE WORLD, RETAINING ITS OWN QUOTAS AND SIGNALLING TO THE WORLD COMMUNITY THAT IT WOULD REMAIN A TRADING ENTITY OPERATING SEPARATELY FROM ANY OTHER REGIME.

"NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION WAS NOT EASY," SAID MR WIGGHAM.

"A GREAT MANY DETAILED QUESTIONS WERE ASKED, A GREAT MANY ANSWERS WERE GIVEN, AND LARGE AMOUNTS OF INFORMATION EXCHANGED, BOTH ORALLY AND IN WRITING.

"THE DISCUSSIONS WERE MARKED THROUGHOUT BY MUTUAL CO-OPERATION, FOSTERED BY A GENUINE WILL ON BOTH SIDES TO ACHIEVE THE SAME OBJECTIVE, THAT IS TO SAY THE SOLUTION BEST SUITED TO PRESERVING HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY."

THE RESULT WAS THE ENHANCEMENT OF HONG KONG'S STATUS IN THE GATT - AS A FULL CONTRACTING PARTY, NO LONGER SPEAKING AS A MEMBER OF THE UK DELEGATION; NOR, AFTER 1997, SPEAKING AS A MEMBER OF THE CHINESE DELEGATION, BUT WITH OUR OWN VOICE, SAID MR WIGGHAM.

"AN ISSUE WHICH WAS BOTH COMPLICATED AND SENSITIVE WAS THUS RESOLVED TO THE SATISFACTION OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, THROUGH CONSTRUCTIVE CONSULTATION," HE SAID.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE WAS THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS TO HONG KONG AFTER 1997 AND HONG KONG'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO).

"THE CASE OF THE ILO IS ANOTHER GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW BOTH SIDES, IN RECOGNITION OF HONG KONG'S PRACTICAL NEEDS, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO WHAT AT FIRST SEEMED INSURMOUNTABLE DIFFICULTIES.

"THE RESULT OF LONG AND PATIENT CONSULTATION IS THAT THE 48 INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS WHICH CURRENTLY APPLY TO HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY, EVEN THOUGH THEY DO NOT APPLY TO CHINA AS A WHOLE."

MR WIGGHAM SAID HE HAD QUOTED TWO OF MANY EXAMPLES TO ILLUSTRATE THE SPIRIT IN WHICH CONSULTATION TOOK PLACE.

"THE PROCESS WAS (AND IS) NOT A CONFRONTATIONAL NEGOTIATION.

"IT INVOLVES A JOINT EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A MUTUAL GOAL IN WAYS AS ACCEPTABLE AS POSSIBLE TO BOTH SIDES."

TURNING TO THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, MR WIGGHAM SAID: "THE LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS RECORDED BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN THE JLG IS GROWING STEADILY LONGER.

"THE GROUP HAS SO FAR MET ON EIGHT OCCASIONS, THREE TIMES EACH YEAR SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT, BY ROTATION IN LONDON, PEKING AND HONG KONG.

"THIS MEANS THAT WITH THE NINTH MEETING HERE IN HONG KONG IN MARCH, WE SHALL HAVE COMPLETED THREE CYCLES OF MEETINGS."

INCREASINGLY, HE SAID, DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN TEAMS OF EXPERTS FROM BOTH SIDES ON AN AD HOC BASIS, AND AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN EXPERTS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED IN THE PLENARY OF THE JLG.

IN ADDITION TO THESE AD HOC MEETINGS, A STANDING GROUP OF EXPERTS HAD ALSO BEEN FORMED TO DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS (IRO), WHICH HAD ALREADY DEALT SUCCESSFULLY WITH HONG KONG'S FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC.

"THROUGH THE AGREEMENTS REACHED IN THE IRO SUB-GROUP, WE ARE GRADUALLY BUILDING UP A NETWORK OF INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ARE TO BE PRESERVED AND WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT, AFTER 1997, HONG KONG WILL REMAIN AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, DIFFERENT IN MANY RESPECTS FROM THE REST OF CHINA, WITH ITS OWN SEPARATE SYSTEMS AS PART OF THE PROMISED 'HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY'," SAID MR WIGGHAM.

MEANWHILE, THE JLG ALSO REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE COMPLEX SUBJECT OF TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAVEL AND IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION TO BE USED BEFORE AND AFTER 1997, CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES RELATED TO THE LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION, A NEW PENSION SCHEME FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER, AND THE PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES FOR SEPARATED HONG KONG AIR SERVICE AGREEMENTS.

THE JLG HAD ALSO BEGUN TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF DIFFICULT AND SENSITIVE SUBJECTS SUCH AS DEFENCE AND PUBLIC ORDER.

FINALLY, ON THE LAND COMMISSION, MR WIGGHAM SAID BOTH SIDES HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON A WIDE RANGE OF VERY COMPLEX LAND ISSUES, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NEW LEASES AND THE EXTENSION OF NEW TERRITORIES LEASES TO THE YEAR 2047, AS WELL AS ON THE SHARING OF PREMIUM INCOME FROM LAND TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE FUTURE SAR GOVERNMENT.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1988

- 4 -

APPOINTMENT OF NEW AG ANNOUNCED

* * * *

THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, WILL BE LEAVING THE SERVICE OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN MAY 1988 ON COMPLETION OF HIS CURRENT CONTRACT.

MR THOMAS WAS APPOINTED AS ATTORNEY GENERAL IN MAY 1983.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS HAS APPROVED THE PROMOTION OF MR JEREMY MATHEWS TO SUCCEED MR THOMAS.

MR MATHEWS IS 46 YEARS OF AGE. FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF ABOUT THREE YEARS' PRIVATE PRACTICE IN LONDON, HE JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN FEBRUARY 1968 AS A CROWN COUNSEL.

DURING HIS CAREER IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, MR MATHEWS SERVED MAINLY IN THE LAW DRAFTING DIVISION UNTIL HE WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY CROWN SOLICITOR IN FEBRUARY 1981.

MR MATHEWS WAS APPOINTED LAW OFFICER, CROWN SOLICITOR, ON APRIL 2, 1982. HE HAS ACTED AS ATTORNEY GENERAL ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS.

MR MATHEWS IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO DAUGHTERS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MATHEWS APPOINTED AS AG

* * * * *

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS HAS BEEN PLEASED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR JEREMY MATHEWS, AT PRESENT THE CROWN SOLICITOR, AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF HONG KONG TO SUCCEED MR MICHAEL THOMAS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

COMMENTING ON HIS APPOINTMENT, MR MATHEWS SAID: "I AM GREATLY HONOURED TO BE ASKED TO TAKE OVER AS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. IT IS AN EXCITING JOB WHICH CARRIES WITH IT VERY HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGE.

"I AM VERY FORTUNATE TO BE WORKING IN A DEPARTMENT THAT HAS A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED HISTORY AND I ALSO HAVE THE IMMENSE BENEFIT OF WORKING WITH LAWYERS OF A VERY HIGH CALIBRE."

HE SAID ONE OF HIS PRIORITIES ON TAKING OVER AS ATTORNEY GENERAL WOULD BE TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY OF LOCALISATION.

/PAYING TRIBUTE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1988

- 5 -

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR THOMAS, MR MATHEWS SAID: "MR THOMAS HAS MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAW IN HONG KONG. I WILL BE SORRY TO SEE HIM LEAVE."

FOLLOWING IS A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF MR MATHEWS:

MR MATHEWS IS 46 YEARS OF AGE. HE QUALIFIED AS A SOLICITOR IN LONDON IN 1963 AND STARTED HIS LEGAL CAREER IN LONDON WHERE HE WAS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS. HE THEN WENT TO AUSTRALIA AND WORKED FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS A DEPUTY REGISTRAR IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA IN SYDNEY FROM 1966 TO 67. HE JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN FEBRUARY 1968 AS A CROWN COUNSEL.

IN HIS 20 YEARS WITH THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, MR MATHEWS HAS SERVED MAINLY IN THE LAW DRAFTING DIVISION UNTIL HE WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY CROWN SOLICITOR IN FEBRUARY 1981.

HE WAS APPOINTED A LAW OFFICER ON APRIL 2, 1982, SERVING AS THE CROWN SOLICITOR. AS HEAD OF THE CIVIL DIVISION WHICH PROVIDES LEGAL ADVICE TO ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, MR MATHEWS WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN ADVISING THE GOVERNMENT ON LEGAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE SINO-BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG IN THE PERIOD LEADING UP TO THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

MR MATHEWS IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO DAUGHTERS.

HE IS A MEMBER OF A NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT, AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND OF THE DIOCESAN WELFARE COUNCIL.

- - - - 0 - - - -

EXPERT MEETING ON RETURN OF FUGITIVE OFFENDERS

* * * * *

AN EXPERT MEETING WILL BE HELD BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND THE BRITISH SIDES ON JANUARY 20 AND 21 IN PEKING TO EXCHANGE VIEWS CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF FUGITIVE OFFENDERS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

THE BRITISH TEAM IS LED BY THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL, MR FRANK STOCK, Q.C., WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY OTHER EXPERTS FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1988

- 6 -

TAC ACCEPTS NEW LANTAO BUS COMPANY'S FIVE YEAR PLAN

* * * * *

THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) TODAY (TUESDAY) ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE THE FIVE YEAR PLAN OF THE NEW LANTAO BUS COMPANY (NLB) FOR 1987-88 TO 1991-92.

THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THAT THE BUS COMPANY'S PLAN WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE.

IN RESPECT OF THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE PROPOSALS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THREE NEW BUS SERVICES ARE: ROUTE NO. 6 (TAI O - TUNG CHUNG), WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR; ROUTE NO. 9 (MUI WO FERRY PIER - MUI WO OLD TOWN) AND ROUTE NO. 10 (KEUNG SHAN - SHA LO WAN) WHICH ARE DUE TO START IN APRIL 1990.

NLB ALSO AGREED TO CONSIDER AND INCLUDE IN ITS 1988-89 TO 1992-93 PLAN THE POTENTIAL TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR TWO MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON LANTAU: THE BUDDHA STATUE PROJECT AT NGONG PING AND THE FEASIBILITY STUDY ON DEVELOPING NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON SOUTH LANTAU.

THE COMPANY PROPOSED TO PURCHASE 29 REPLACEMENT BUSES INCLUDING 27 SINGLE-DECKERS AND TWO DOUBLE-DECKERS AT A TOTAL COST OF \$9.7 MILLION DURING THE COMING FIVE YEARS.

TO IMPROVE ITS DEPOT AND MAINTENANCE PROVISIONS, NLB ACQUIRED BY SHORT-TERM TENANCY A SITE AT MUI WO FOR DEVELOPMENT INTO A BUS DEPOT. THE COMPANY PROPOSED TO DEVELOP THIS SITE BY PHASES INTO A CENTRAL MAINTENANCE DEPOT IN 1987-88 AND 1988-89 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$1.1 MILLION.

THE TAC ALSO ENDORSED THE PATRONAGE AND FINANCIAL FORECASTS MADE BY THE COMPANY.

THE COMMITTEE REACHED NO CONCLUSIONS ON THE ISSUES OF SEATING CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND THE OPERATION OF COACH SERVICES BY FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES, BECAUSE A NUMBER OF MEMBERS WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND TODAY'S MEETING AND FURTHER INFORMATION WAS REQUIRED.

IT WAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO FURTHER EXAMINE THESE COMPLEX ISSUES WHICH COULD THEN BE FURTHER CONSIDERED AT A FULL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONTH.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/7

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1988

- 7 -

TWO-TO-ONE RATIO SOON FOR DRIVING CONTAINER TRACTORS

* * *

THE RATIO OF TWO ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVERS TO ONE CONTAINER TRACTOR WILL BE ACHIEVED BY AUGUST THIS YEAR AT THE END OF THE GRACE PERIOD FOR GOODS VEHICLE DRIVERS TO DRIVE CONTAINER TRACTORS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"THIS RATIO, ENDORSED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE OMELCO TRANSPORT PANEL, IS CONSIDERED ADEQUATE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONTAINER TRADE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A TOTAL OF 4,707 ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING TESTS, WITH AN AVERAGE PASSING RATE OF 40 PER CENT.

AS AT THE END OF DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 7,303 DRIVERS HOLDING A VALID ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING LICENCE, WHILE THE NUMBER OF LICENSED CONTAINER TRACTORS WAS ABOUT 4,290. THE FIGURES REPRESENTED A RATIO OF 1.7 DRIVERS TO ONE TRACTOR.

"IT IS ESTIMATED THAT UNTIL AUGUST THIS YEAR, A FURTHER 3,810 DRIVERS WILL BE ABLE TO GET THEIR ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING LICENCES, EITHER THROUGH EXEMPTION OR BY PASSING THE DRIVING TEST," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT WITH THE OPENING OF THE TEMPORARY DRIVING TEST CENTRE IN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN EARLY DECEMBER, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO CONDUCT MORE DRIVING TESTS AND THE AVERAGE WAITING TIME FOR ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING TESTS HAS BEEN CUT SHORT BY HALF TO LESS THAN FIVE MONTHS.

"MOREOVER, THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO ARRANGE FASTER DRIVING TESTS FOR THOSE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVERS," HE ADDED.

A THREE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD WAS ORIGINALLY PROVIDED UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES) REGULATIONS TO ALLOW HOLDERS OF "ALL GOODS VEHICLES" DRIVING LICENCES ISSUED BEFORE AUGUST 25, 1984, TO DRIVE ARTICULATED VEHICLES UP TO AUGUST 24 LAST YEAR.

HOWEVER, AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ADDITIONAL TIME REQUIRED BY THE CONTAINER TRADE TO TRAIN MORE DRIVERS TO COPE WITH AN UNFORESEEN AND RAPID RISE IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER TRACTORS, THE GOVERNOR AGREED IN AUGUST LAST YEAR TO EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD FOR 12 MONTHS.

MEANWHILE, THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR ANTHONY COOPER, MET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTAINER TRACTOR OWNER ASSOCIATION THIS AFTERNOON TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS ON MATTERS RELATING TO ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING LICENCES.

AT THE MEETING, THERE WAS A WIDE RANGING AND USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE APPROACHING EXPIRY DATE OF THE GRACE PERIOD, WHILE MR COOPER REMINDED THEM THAT THE GRACE PERIOD WOULD EXPIRE ON AUGUST 24, 1988, AS SCHEDULED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/8

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1988

- 8 -

SUPPORT FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES INCREASED IN 1987

* * * * *

THE YEAR 1987 SAW A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT NEW INITIATIVES FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, ACCORDING TO A REVIEW PRESENTED TO THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB) TODAY (TUESDAY).

ON THE ADVICE OF THE BOARD, A SERIES OF PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING THE LEVEL OF INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AND ENDORSED FOR ACTION.

INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT

DURING THE YEAR, INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT WAS MAINLY CONCERNED WITH THE SUPPLY OF INDUSTRIAL LAND FOR INDUSTRIES WITH SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS, SUCH AS SPECIAL HEIGHT AND FLOOR LOADING REQUIREMENTS.

SALES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AT THE TAI PO AND YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES WILL AMOUNT TO 18 HECTARES IN 1987-88, COMPARED WITH 11 HECTARES IN BOTH 1985-86 AND 1986-87. A TOTAL OF 55 HECTARES OF LAND REMAINS TO BE SOLD ON THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES.

AS THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION (HKIEC) FORECASTS SALES OF MORE THAN 10 HECTARES A YEAR IN THE MEDIUM TERM, THE IDB ENDORSED IN PRINCIPLE PROPOSALS FOR PLANNING A THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WITH PROJECTED OCCUPATION BY THE END OF 1992.

HONG KONG'S TEXTILES FINISHING INDUSTRY IS MAINLY LOCATED IN THE OLDER INDUSTRIAL AREAS, AND THE 1987 TECHNO-ECONOMIC STUDY ON THE TEXTILES AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES IDENTIFIED INADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF WATER AND WASTE TREATMENT FACILITIES AS A SERIOUS CONSTRAINT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS VITAL SUPPORTING INDUSTRY.

THE HKIEC HAS AGREED TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FROM THE FINISHING INDUSTRY FOR THESE SITES, AND THE NEEDS OF THIS INDUSTRY WILL ALSO BE BORNE IN MIND WHEN PLANNING THE THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

MANPOWER TRAINING

SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WAS ALSO MADE IN 1987 IN THE AREA OF MANPOWER TRAINING.

THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AGREED TO INTRODUCE IN THE 1988-91 TRIENNIUM A MORE MODULAR ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING CURRICULUM AND TO PRODUCE MORE GRADUATES FAMILIAR WITH COMPUTER AND MICROPROCESSOR TECHNIQUES.

THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC) INTRODUCED AN APPLICATION SPECIFIC INTEGRATED CIRCUIT (ASIC) DESIGN ENGINEERS TRAINING SCHEME TO ENCOURAGE THE WIDER ADOPTION OF ASIC IN HONG KONG.

THE VTC'S MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE HAS DECIDED TO INTRODUCE AN EXPERIMENTAL SUPERVISORY DEVELOPMENT COURSE FOR BUSINESS OWNERS AND MANAGERS.

THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL (HKPC) DESIGNED A ONE-YEAR PART-TIME EVENING COURSE ON PLASTICS MOULD AND DIE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE, FOR TECHNOLOGISTS AND HIGHER TECHNICIANS IN THE PLASTICS CONVERSION AND TOOLING INDUSTRIES.

DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPORT

DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPORT HAS CONCENTRATED ON ENCOURAGING PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, DESIGN INNOVATION AND THE ABSORPTION OF USEFUL TECHNOLOGIES BROUGHT INTO HONG KONG BY OVERSEAS INVESTORS.

THE MAIN ORGANISATION FOR PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT SERVICES IS THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL.

IN ADDITION TO IMPLEMENTING AN EXISTING PROGRAMME OF EXPANSION (1986-87 TO 1988-89) INVOLVING THE PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION AND METALS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, A FURTHER THREE-YEAR EXPANSION PROGRAMME WITH A COST OF \$73 MILLION WAS DEVELOPED IN 1987 WHICH WILL AUGMENT THE COUNCIL'S EXISTING MANUFACTURING-WIDE SERVICES WITH SERVICES AND FACILITIES AIMED MORE DIRECTLY AT THE ELECTRONICS AND METALS INDUSTRIES.

THE IDB ALSO ENDORSED A PROPOSAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPECIAL PURPOSE BUILDING FOR THE HKPC TO BRING ALL OF ITS ACTIVITIES IN ONE BUILDING AND TO ACCOMMODATE ITS PLANNED EXPANSION. CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN 1988-89 AND BE COMPLETED IN 1990-91.

ARISING FROM THE 1985-86 TECHNO-ECONOMIC STUDY OF THE PLASTICS CONVERSION INDUSTRY, A CAPITAL SUBVENTION OF \$12.8 MILLION TO HELP TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE CENTRE IS EXPECTED TO BE FORMED EARLY THIS YEAR AND TO BECOME SELF-FINANCING OVER A PERIOD OF EIGHT YEARS.

AS REGARDS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SERVICES, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU RECEIVED 1,318 ENQUIRIES IN 1987, COMPARED WITH 520 ENQUIRIES IN 1986.

THE STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY DEVELOPED ADDITIONAL STANDARDS IN MASS AND NEW STANDARDS IN LENGTH, PRESSURE, VOLUME AND FORCE, TO COMPLEMENT THE ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC, TEMPERATURE AND MASS STANDARDS WHICH IT ALREADY HOLDS.

IT IS INTENDED TO INTRODUCE THESE STANDARDS IN 1988-89, PARTLY TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE AND PARTLY TO MEET NEW DEMAND.

THE NUMBER OF CALIBRATIONS IN 1987-88 IS EXPECTED TO RISE TO ABOUT 300, FROM 236 IN 1986-87. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 360 CALIBRATIONS WILL BE MADE IN 1988-89.

NINE LABORATORIES WERE ACCREDITED IN 1987 UNDER THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME IN RESPECT OF TESTING ASSOCIATED WITH MANUFACTURING.

ON THE ADVICE OF THE IDB, THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONSIDERING THE MERITS OF A LONG-TERM QUALITY STRATEGY FOR A SUSTAINED TERRITORY-WIDE QUALITY DRIVE TO PERSUADE MANUFACTURERS TO INTRODUCE QUALITY ASSURANCE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

THE HONG KONG DESIGN INNOVATION COMPANY LTD (HKDIC) BEGAN OPERATION IN APRIL 1986 WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A \$8 MILLION GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION TO COVER ITS FIRST THREE YEARS OF OPERATION AND WITH THE OPTION OF A \$1.2-MILLION INTEREST-FREE LOAN IN ITS FOURTH YEAR.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE COMPANY WILL ACHIEVE FINANCIAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY THE END OF THIS PERIOD AND THE PROSPECTS OF ACHIEVING THIS AIM ARE GOOD.

CONSIDERATION WAS ALSO GIVEN IN 1987 TO THE NEED FOR A TECHNOLOGY CENTRE OR SCIENCE PARK. THE PURPOSE OF SUCH A FACILITY WOULD BE TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION UNDER ONE ROOF FOR COMPANIES ENGAGED IN INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCT AND PROCESS IMPROVEMENT, MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES AND VENTURE CAPITAL OPERATIONS, AND THEREBY TO FACILITATE THE COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF INDUSTRIAL IDEAS.

THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT COMMITTEE OF THE IDB IS EXAMINING IN DETAIL THE ROLE OF A FACILITY OF THIS KIND IN HONG KONG AND ITS CONCLUSIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD IN MID-1988.

OVERSEAS INVESTMENT

IN 1987, BOTH THE QUANTITY AND THE QUALITY OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT WAS ENCOURAGING. THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S LATEST SURVEY IDENTIFIED 541 ESTABLISHMENTS CONTAINING OVERSEAS INVESTMENT AT THE END OF MARCH 1987, COMPARED WITH 509 ESTABLISHMENTS A YEAR EARLIER.

INVESTMENT IS CONTINUING TO FLOW IN AND THE DEPARTMENT WAS DEALING WITH A FURTHER 56 PROMISING OR COMMITTED PROJECTS AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 1987.

IN TERMS OF QUALITY, THE COMMITTED AND COMPLETED INVESTMENTS ARE NEARLY ALL USING TECHNOLOGIES AND PROCESSES NEW TO HONG KONG, SUCH AS THE PRODUCTION OF SURFACE MOUNTED DEVICES, MINI-SWITCHES, AND TELEPHONE DIALLING INTEGRATED CIRCUITS.

THERE WAS ALSO A GREATER DEGREE OF INVESTMENT IN THE SUPPORTING INDUSTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THOSE WHICH PRODUCE PRECISION PARTS AND COMPONENTS - PRODUCTS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION.

GREATER ATTENTION WAS ALSO GIVEN IN 1987 TO THE MARKETING OF ALL THE INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES, PARTICULARLY TO SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED MANUFACTURERS, WHICH ACCOUNT FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF MANUFACTURERS IN HONG KONG AND HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN LESS WILLING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RANGE OF SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE THAN THE LARGER MANUFACTURERS.

ON THE ADVICE OF THE IDB, A PILOT INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION SERVICE (IES) WAS LAUNCHED LAST SEPTEMBER TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR A PERMANENT SERVICE AND TO IDENTIFY THE RESOURCES REQUIRED TO MOUNT SUCH A SERVICE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MEMBERS TO ASK EIGHT QUESTIONS IN LEGCO

* * * * *

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ASK EIGHT QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER SIX BILLS AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

OF THE SIX BILLS, THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING, WHILE DEBATE WILL BE RESUMED ON THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, DENTISTS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1987, NURSES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, MIDWIVES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 AND NEW TERRITORIES LEASES (EXTENSION) BILL 1987.

THE LATTER FIVE BILLS WILL ALSO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

- - - - 0 - - - -

COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER WIDENING OF SHA TAU KOK ROAD

* * * *

THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF SHA TAU KOK ROAD TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING CROSS BORDER TRAFFIC AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE SECTION OF SHA TAU KOK ROAD INVOLVED IS FROM PING CHE ROAD TO SHA TAU KOK.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON TWO ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND AT TSUN FU STREET IN SHEK WU HUI, SHEUNG SHUI.

THE PROPOSAL FOR THE EARLY INTRODUCTION OF AN EXPRESS BUS ROUTE 76X PLYING BETWEEN TIN PING ESTATE IN SHEUNG SHUI AND CHEUNG SHA WAN IN KOWLOON WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE DEMOLITION OF A TEMPORARY VEHICULAR BRIDGE SPANNING OVER THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY LINE AND THE FANLING BY-PASS, AND THE PROPOSED PROVISION OF RAILINGS ALONG THE SECTION OF A FOOTPATH BETWEEN A SUBWAY ENTRANCE NEAR SAM YUK KINDERGARTEN AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND THE ENTRANCE TO SHEUNG SHUI VILLAGE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

----- 0 -----

HA REORGANISATION ON COMMITTEE AGENDA

* * * *

THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE REORGANISATION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE REVISED PUBLICITY PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR THE 1988 DB ELECTIONS WILL BE TABLED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN MTR STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

----- 0 -----

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1988

- 13 -

DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SEX EDUCATION

* * * *

PROMOTION OF SEX EDUCATION AT SCHOOLS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 21).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON OTHER ISSUES RELATING TO EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION, LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY OF STUDENTS, THE EXPATRIATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS' PILOT SCHEME AND CIVIC EDUCATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 21) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

----- 0 -----

CLEAN HK CAMPAIGN COLOURING COMPETITION

* * *

SCHOOL CHILDREN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A COLOURING COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY AND KINDERGARTEN SECTIONS, THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF KEEPING THE COUNTRYSIDE AND THE BEACHES CLEAN AS WELL AS URGING THEM TO MAKE USE OF THE LITTER BIN.

A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ARTISTS WILL SELECT FOUR WINNERS AND 10 OUTSTANDING ENTRIES FROM EACH SECTION.

ENTRY FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A CLEAN HONG KONG CALENDAR POSTER.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO ANY OF THE ABOVE OFFICES BY FEBRUARY 13 (SATURDAY) AND A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 5.

----- 0 -----

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1988

- 14 -

'SPORTS AND HEALTH' CARNIVAL IN SAI YING PUN
* * * *

A CARNIVAL AIMED AT PROMOTING SPORTS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHINESS AMONG RESIDENTS WILL BE STAGED AT THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK IN SAI YING PUN ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24) AFTERNOON.

THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING ROPE SKIPPING AND GOAL SHOOTING COMPETITIONS, AS WELL AS DEMONSTRATIONS OF TRICK CYCLING AND TECHNIQUES IN THE SHUTTLECOCK GAME.

RESIDENTS CAN ALSO TAKE PART IN A FITNESS TEST AND A QUIZ ON "SPORTS AND HEALTH".

THE CARNIVAL WILL START AT 2 PM. IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, CARITAS, YWCA, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG TRUE LIGHT COLLEGE.

FREE ADMISSION COUPONS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523002.

- - - - 0 - - - -

QUICK GUIDES ON EMPLOYMENT LAW
* * * *

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT RECENTLY PUBLISHED A SET OF FOUR PAMPHLETS TO HELP THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND BETTER SOME OF THE MAIN PROVISIONS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

THE ORDINANCE APPLIES TO ALL MANUAL WORKERS IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND TO NON-MANUAL WORKERS EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$11,500 A MONTH.

THE PAMPHLETS, IN CHINESE ONLY, COVER MATERNITY PROTECTION, STATUTORY HOLIDAYS WITH PAY, END-OF-YEAR PAYMENT AND SICKNESS ALLOWANCE.

EACH PAMPHLET CONTAINS SIMPLE ILLUSTRATIONS AS WELL AS USEFUL EXPLANATIONS OF THE RIGHTS AND ENTITLEMENTS OF WORKERS.

THE FOUR PAMPHLETS ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/15

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1988

- 15 -

SLOGAN AND BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION

* * * * *

A SLOGAN AND BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION ON THE THEME OF "CONSUMERS' RIGHT TO KNOW" IS NOW OPEN TO ALL SECONDARY AND SENIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PROMOTE THE AWARENESS OF THE RIGHT OF CONSUMERS.

ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE CONSUMER COUNCIL AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) SECTION, THE COMPETITION WILL CONSIST OF THREE DIVISIONS: THE SENIOR SECONDARY FOR SECONDARY 4 TO 7 STUDENTS, THE JUNIOR SECONDARY FOR SECONDARY 1 TO 3 STUDENTS, AND THE SENIOR PRIMARY FOR PRIMARY 5 AND 6 STUDENTS.

THE DESIGN OF THE BOOKMARK SHOULD BE ORIGINAL AND SHOULD EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE CONSUMER AWARENESS OF THE RIGHT TO KNOW, WHILE THE SLOGAN ON THE BOOKMARK SHOULD KEEP TO THE THEME OF THE COMPETITION.

IT CAN EITHER BE IN BLACK AND WHITE OR IN COLOUR AND SHOULD BE DRAWN ON ONE SIDE OF A PIECE OF PAPER MEASURING 6.5 CM BY 19.5 CM. ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CYC SECTION BEFORE FEBRUARY 29.

THE BEST THREE ENTRIES FOR EACH DIVISION WILL BE AWARDED BOOK AND STATIONERY PRIZES EACH WORTH \$300 TO \$500 AND TROPHIES. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE 10 MERITORIOUS PRIZES IN EACH DIVISION.

- - - - 0 - - - -

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR NEW BORDER CONTROL FACILITIES

* * * * *

WORK ON THE FIRE SERVICES, ELECTRICAL AND AIR-CONDITIONING INSTALLATIONS FOR BORDER CONTROL FACILITIES AT LOK MA CHAU HAS COMMENCED FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF THREE CONTRACTS AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN \$12.3 MILLION BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE PROCESSING OF VISITORS AND CARGOES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA WILL BE SPEEDED UP BY THE END OF THIS YEAR WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW BORDER CONTROL FACILITIES.

THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE A MAIN TERMINAL BUILDING, TWO CARGO EXAMINATION BUILDINGS, AN ANIMAL INSPECTION STATION, A WEIGH-BRIDGE, A HELICOPTER PAD AND A POLICE POST.

THE TERMINAL BUILDING WILL HAVE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF ABOUT 4,000 SQUARE METRES TO ACCOMMODATE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

/IN THE

- 16 -

IN THE TWO SEPARATE INCOMING AND OUTGOING CARGO EXAMINATION BUILDINGS, THERE WILL BE 18 COUNTERS FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AND 14 FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

THE ANIMAL INSPECTION STATION WILL BE STAFFED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDINGS IS WELL IN PROGRESS UNDER A \$58.9-MILLION CONTRACT.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOK MA CHAU CROSSING WILL BE ENHANCED WITH THE COMPLETION OF A NEW BRIDGE ACROSS SHENZHEN RIVER AND A NEW TRUNK ROAD JOINING THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD, BOTH EXPECTED TO OPEN BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

- - - - 0 - - - -

'NO ENTRY' FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES

* * * * *

TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN HUNG HOM AND SHA TAU KOK WILL BE MADE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 22).

IN HUNG HOM, NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER HUNG HOM ROAD FROM THE SECTION OF HOK YUEN STREET EAST BETWEEN MAN LOK STREET AND HUNG HOM ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONE ON THE SECTION OF HOK YUEN STREET EAST OF MA TAU WAI ROAD WILL BE LIFTED.

IN SHA TAU KOK, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF ROAD L4 SOUTH OF ROAD L1 AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY.

- - - - 0 - - - -

WATER CUT IN KWAI CHUNG AND KOWLOON CITY

* * * * *

SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 21) FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT LEI MUK SHU ESTATE, SHEK YAM ESTATE, SHEK LEI ESTATE AND WO YI HOP ROAD.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 22) TO 6 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CARPENTER ROAD, JUNCTION ROAD, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, GRAMPAN ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST AND NGA TSIN LONG ROAD, INCLUDING FUK LO TSUN ROAD, LION ROCK ROAD AND HAU WONG ROAD.

- - - - 0 - - - -