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HONG KONG TO PERSIST WITH BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM: GOVERNOR

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HONG KONG MUST CONTINUE TO PERSIST WITH BOTH THE PRACTICAL AND THE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM UNTIL A SOLUTION IS FOUND, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS EVENING (MONDAY).

SIR DAVID SAID THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS MEANT FINDING ARRANGEMENTS TO LOOK AFTER THE BOAT PEOPLE WHILST THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS MEANT FINDING A LONG-TERM SOLUTION.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING A RECEPTION TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SING PAO NEWSPAPER, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "WHAT WE HAVE TO AIM AT IS DEALING FIRST WITH THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS, BECAUSE WE FACE AN EMERGENCY AND DEALING WITH THAT; AND THEN DEALING WITH THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH IS TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS AN EFFECTIVE LONG-TERM SOLUTION."

PART OF THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION WAS THE WORK TO BE DONE AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE PROBLEM COMING UP NEXT MONTH, SIR DAVID ADDED.

HE SAID THERE WAS NO INSTANT SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

"WE SIMPLY HAVE TO GET ON WITH IT AS QUICKLY AS WE POSSIBLY CAN WITHOUT ANY IDEAS THAT THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE SOLUTION IN SIGHT.

"WE JUST HAVE TO WORK AT THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION," SIR DAVID SAID.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR MARCH 1989

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ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH, BOTH HONG KONG DOLLAR AND FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW MORE RAPIDLY IN MARCH THAN IN FEBRUARY.

THE BROADER DEFINITIONS OF MONEY SUPPLY, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3, INCREASED IN MARCH COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY, WHILE THE NARROWEST DEFINITION, HK\$M1, REGISTERED A FALL DURING THE MONTH.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS SHOWED CONSIDERABLE INCREASE DURING MARCH.

/OFFSHORE LOANS

OFFSHORE LOANS AND OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW MORE RAPIDLY IN MARCH THAN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE ALSO RECORDED SOME INCREASE.

TABLE 1 SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR MARCH 1989 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS. TABLE 2 PRESENTS FIGURES FROM THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR.

DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS GREW BY 0.7 PER CENT IN MARCH FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 2.3 PER CENT AND 0.2 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY RESPECTIVELY.

OF THESE DEPOSITS, DEMAND AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS DROPPED BY 2.9 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE TIME DEPOSITS ROSE BY 5.1 PER CENT. DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1989, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 14.9 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS GREW BY 3 PER CENT IN MARCH 1989, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 2.8 PER CENT AND 0.6 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY RESPECTIVELY.

OF THESE DEPOSITS, US DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE BY 3.3 PER CENT WHILE NON-U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 2.7 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ROSE BY 33.7 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 7.4 PER CENT IN MARCH, AFTER INCREASES OF 4.2 PER CENT AND 4.9 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY RESPECTIVELY.

ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 1.5 PER CENT IN MARCH AND BY 22.3 PER CENT COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER. ON THE OTHER HAND, FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, ADJUSTED TO EXCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS, INCREASED BY 2.6 PER CENT IN MARCH AND BY 28.2 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

DEPOSITS OF ALL CURRENCIES WITH BANKS GREW BY 2 PER CENT IN MARCH WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 3 PER CENT. DURING THE 1 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1989, THE FORMER ROSE BY 25.8 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER GREW BY 21 PER CENT.

MONEY SUPPLY

HK\$M1 DECLINED BY 2.7 PER CENT IN MARCH WHILE HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 ROSE BY 0.2 PER CENT AND 0.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THESE COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING RATES OF -5.2 PER CENT, -0.5 PER CENT AND -0.3 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY.

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DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1989, HK\$M1, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 GREW BY 10.4 PER CENT, 13.4 PER CENT AND 14.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF SWAP DEPOSITS, HK\$M2 GREW BY 1 PER CENT WHILE HK\$M3 ROSE BY 1.1 PER CENT IN MARCH. COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER, THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 20.8 PER CENT AND 21 PER CENT.

TOTAL M1 FELL BY 4.1 PER CENT IN MARCH WHILE TOTAL M2 AND M3 GREW BY 1.9 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN FEBRUARY WERE -3.9 PER CENT, 0.1 PER CENT AND 0.3 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 10.6 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 25.2 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 24.8 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS GREW BY 5 PER CENT IN MARCH, COMPARED WITH INCREASES OF 1.9 PER CENT AND 5.7 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY RESPECTIVELY.

OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS, THOSE DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 5.3 PER CENT WHILE THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES GREW BY 4.8 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG GREW BY 2.2 PER CENT IN MARCH, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 2.1 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND A FALL OF 2.2 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 27.9 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW BY 3.9 PER CENT IN MARCH COMPARED WITH INCREASES OF 3.5 PER CENT AND 3.7 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 39.6 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG INCREASED BY 7.5 PER CENT IN MARCH, AFTER INCREASES OF 0.9 PER CENT AND 4.3 PER CENT IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 39.3 PER CENT.

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989, LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ROSE BY 11.6 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 4.5 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 36.9 PER CENT.

LOANS TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES INCREASED BY 9.5 PER CENT THIS QUARTER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 15.8 PER CENT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1988. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 47.9 PER CENT.

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LOANS TO FINANCIAL CONCERNS (OTHER THAN BANKS AND DTC'S) ROSE BY 20.2 PER CENT THIS QUARTER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 14.4 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 74.4 PER CENT.

LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (OTHER THAN FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME) GREW BY 6.4 PER CENT THIS QUARTER, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 7.9 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 33.3 PER CENT.

LOANS TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR INCREASED BY 43.1 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989, FOLLOWING A GROWTH OF 31.7 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS INCREASED BY 104.5 PER CENT.

IN DECEMBER 1988, THE RETURN FOR REPORTING LOANS FOR USE BY SECTOR WAS REVISED.

AS A RESULT OF THIS, SOME AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS HAVE NOW MORE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED THEIR LOANS ACCORDING TO INTENDED USAGE RATHER THAN THE BUSINESS OF THE LOAN RECIPIENTS.

THIS RECLASSIFICATION IS AN IMPORTANT REASON ACCOUNTING FOR THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN LOANS TO CERTAIN SECTORS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR AND FINANCIAL CONCERNS.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS AND LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 159 AND 35 RESPECTIVELY WHILE THAT OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY TWO TO 213.

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TABLE 1: MONETARY STATISTICS - MARCH 1989

	Mar 1989	Earlier months (% change to March 1989)			(HK\$mn)
		Feb 1989	Dec 1988	Mar 1988	
Money Supply					
M1 - HK\$	80,623	82,844 (-2.7 %)	79,257 (1.7 %)	73,024 (10.4 %)	
Foreign currency	8,734	10,331 (-15.5 %)	9,577 (-8.8 %)	7,740 (12.8 %)	
Total	89,357	93,175 (-4.1 %)	88,834 (0.6 %)	80,764 (10.6 %)	
M2 - HK\$	366,578	365,820 (0.2 %)	355,065 (3.2 %)	323,122 (13.4 %)	
Foreign currency	503,277	487,988 (3.1 %)	469,583 (7.2 %)	371,776 (35.4 %)	
Total	869,855	853,807 (1.9 %)	824,648 (5.5 %)	694,899 (25.2 %)	
M3 - HK\$	401,505	400,052 (0.4 %)	389,052 (3.2 %)	351,388 (14.3 %)	
Foreign currency	538,097	521,515 (3.2 %)	504,291 (6.7 %)	401,430 (34.0 %)	
Total	939,603	921,567 (2.0 %)	893,342 (5.2 %)	752,818 (24.8 %)	
Notes and coins in circulation	35,766	36,415 (-1.8 %)	34,087 (4.9 %)	32,253 (10.9 %)	
of which held by public	31,005	31,757 (-2.4 %)	29,877 (3.8 %)	28,642 (8.3 %)	
Total Deposits					
Total Demand deposits	58,352	61,418 (-5.0 %)	58,958 (-1.0 %)	52,122 (12.0 %)	
Total Savings deposits	163,008	170,136 (-4.2 %)	175,529 (-7.1 %)	181,924 (-10.4 %)	
Total Time deposits with banks	600,581	574,512 (4.5 %)	544,502 (10.3 %)	419,327 (43.2 %)	
Total Time deposits with dtcs	67,687	65,692 (3.0 %)	66,531 (1.7 %)	55,950 (21.0 %)	
HK\$ deposits	358,104	355,739 (0.7 %)	346,744 (3.3 %)	311,697 (14.9 %)	
US\$ deposits	279,663	270,733 (3.3 %)	266,561 (4.9 %)	217,406 (28.6 %)	
Other foreign currency deposits	251,861	245,285 (2.7 %)	232,216 (8.5 %)	180,219 (39.8 %)	
All deposits	889,628	871,758 (2.0 %)	845,520 (5.2 %)	709,322 (25.4 %)	
Foreign currency swap deposits	51,301	47,751 (7.4 %)	43,689 (17.4 %)	22,921 (123.8 %)	
Total Loans and advances					
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	58,199	56,955 (2.2 %)	57,022 (2.1 %)	45,505 (27.9 %)	
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	11,885	11,816 (0.6 %)	12,344 (-3.7 %)	5,210 (128.1 %)	
Other loans for use in H.K.	508,748	489,677 (3.9 %)	456,487 (11.4 %)	364,510 (39.6 %)	
Other loans for use outside H.K.	431,204	401,220 (7.5 %)	381,524 (13.0 %)	309,568 (39.3 %)	
Other loans where the place of use is not known	77,703	76,202 (2.0 %)	54,800 (41.8 %)	58,729 (32.3 %)	
Loans in HK\$	459,563	436,541 (5.3 %)	404,572 (13.6 %)	318,875 (44.1 %)	
Loans in foreign currencies	628,176	599,329 (4.8 %)	557,606 (12.7 %)	464,648 (35.2 %)	
Total loans and advances	1,087,739	1,035,870 (5.0 %)	962,177 (13.0 %)	783,523 (38.8 %)	

TABLE 2 : QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR - MARCH 1989 + #

(HK\$mn)

	Mar 1989 -----	Earlier quarters (% change to March 1989)		
		Dec 1988 -----	Sep 1988 -----	Mar 1988 -----
Manufacturing	43,529	39,011 (11.6 %)	37,324 (16.6 %)	31,795 (36.9 %)
Transport and transport equipment	26,608	23,380 (13.8 %)	23,140 (15.0 %)	20,156 (32.0 %)
Building, construction, property development and investment	84,243	58,864 (43.1 %)	44,697 (88.5 %)	41,187 (104.5 %)
Wholesale and retail trade	65,390	59,744 (9.5 %)	51,579 (26.8 %)	44,212 (47.9 %)
Financial concerns *	63,740	53,040 (20.2 %)	46,370 (37.5 %)	36,554 (74.4 %)
Individuals:				
to purchase flats in the Home Ownership Scheme and Private Sector Participation Scheme	8,887	8,656 (2.7 %)	8,147 (9.1 %)	7,498 (18.5 %)
to purchase other residential property	82,327	77,359 (6.4 %)	71,710 (14.8 %)	61,772 (33.3 %)
other purposes	50,920	48,050 (6.0 %)	52,100 (-2.3 %)	45,263 (12.5 %)
Others	83,103	88,383 (-6.0 %)	82,955 (0.2 %)	76,072 (9.2 %)
Total	508,748	456,487 (11.4 %)	418,022 (21.7 %)	364,510 (39.6 %)

Starting from December 1988, more detailed statistics on loans to the transport sector, to building, construction, property development and investment and to financial concerns are available. They will be published in the Monthly Digest of Statistics from the January 1989 issue onwards.

+ In December 1988, the return for reporting loans for use by sector was revised. As a result of this, some authorised institutions have now more properly classified their loans according to intended usage rather than the business of the loan recipients. This reclassification is an important reason accounting for the significant increase in loans to certain sectors, for example, the building, construction and property development sector and financial concerns.

* This excludes funds advanced to banks and deposit-taking companies

MORE OPEN SPACES FOR FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO DEVELOP OPEN SPACES IN FANLING AREAS 42 AND 44 TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATION FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS AT FANLING SOUTH.

THE WORKS, WHICH INVOLVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE THAN 2.3 HECTARES OF OPEN SPACES NEAR TIN SUM TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, ARE PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE AN ARTIFICIAL TURFED MINI-SOCCER PITCH, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS, JOGGING TRAIL, TOILET-CUM-CHANGING ROOM, BASKETBALL-CUM-VOLLEYBALL COURTS, VIEWING PAVILIONS AND GARDEN AREAS.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN AUGUST AND ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEPARTMENT'S NEW TERRITORIES NORTH EAST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THESE WORKS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON MAY 19.

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REGIONAL SECRETARY TOURS TUEN MUN

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, TODAY (MONDAY) TOURED TUEN MUN TO KEEP HIMSELF ABREAST OF THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, MR HSU FIRST VISITED NAI WAI VILLAGE. THE VILLAGE IS ABOUT 500 YEARS OLD AND ITS 2,000 INDIGENOUS INHABITANTS ARE SAID TO BE DESCENDENTS OF TO YUEN-MING, A FAMOUS POET OF THE JIN DYNASTY.

AS TO THE PRESENT, THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE URBAN FRINGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME WITH WORKS ON UPGRADING THE ROAD SYSTEM AND THE PROVISION OF COMMUNAL PARKING FACILITIES TO START LATER THIS YEAR.

MR HSU THEN WENT TO THE ROOFTOP OF A BUILDING IN TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE FOR A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS TAKING PLACE IN THE AREA.

LATER, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY OBSERVED MARKET GARDENING IN THE SO KWUN WAT AREA AND WAS SHOWN AROUND A CONTAINER STORAGE SITE.

/THE DEVELOPMENT

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MARINA IN AREA 57, WITHIN SO KWUN WAT, WAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO MR HSU.

THE SITE HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR LOW-DENSITY DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WILL INCLUDE 2,500 RESIDENTIAL UNITS, A COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, A SUPERMARKET, CARPARKS, WORKSHOPS FOR BOAT REPAIRING AND BERTHING FACILITIES FOR ABOUT 300 VESSELS.

MR HSU THEN WENT TO AREA 38B TO LOOK AT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMMISSIONED A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL INDUSTRIES IN THE AREA. THIS REPORT ON THE FUTURE USE OF THE 100-HECTARE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

MR HSU CONCLUDED HIS VISIT WITH A RECEPTION AT THE YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE WHERE HE WAS INTRODUCED TO THE DIRECTORS OF YAN OI TONG, TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, LOCAL PERSONALITIES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE YIN NGAI SOCIETIES.

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UPDATE ON TYPHOON SHELTER CLEARANCE

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THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HONG-HO, WILL BRIEF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) ON THE PROGRESS OF THE CLEARANCE OF BOAT DWELLERS IN YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER.

HE WILL ALSO OUTLINE THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP TO ASSIST THESE PEOPLE.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE DRAFT YAU MA TEI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WHICH INVOLVES THE RESUMPTION OF PORTLAND STREET AND YUNNAN LANE.

THEY WILL ALSO LEARN ABOUT THE WORK OF RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE SURVEILLANCE OF CLEARED LANES AND ENVIRONMENTAL BLACKSPOTS.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE THE DISTRICT BOARD'S BUDGET AND WORK PLAN FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, AND A MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN MAN MING LANE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD, SECOND FLOOR.

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TSUEN WAN DB TO DISCUSS ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED IN A REPORT BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH, DR JUDITH MACKAY, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TOBACCO INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG, MR LEE JARK-PUI, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS, MR ARTHUR GARCIA, WILL ALSO ATTEND THE MEETING TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE WORK OF HIS OFFICE.

THE MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMMES TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN TSUEN WAN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES FOR 1989-90; REPORTS ON THE WORK OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE VARIOUS DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES; AND A REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BY THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNCIL, MR CHAN LAU-FONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ON THE SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STORY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A CONSULTATION PAPER ON ANTI-SMOKING PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SMOKING AND HEALTH AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

ALSO, MEMBERS WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON ARRANGING AN EXHIBITION ON EYE CARE IN THE NORTH DISTRICT.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A PROPOSAL FOR A SURVEY ON ADULT EDUCATION AND A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON A STUDY ON THE DEMAND FOR MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE AREA.

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MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ICAC WORK PLAN

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE WORK PLAN OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION'S HONG KONG EAST REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE DISTRICT IN 1989-90 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

IT WILL CONSIDER THE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF REFERENCE, AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE FORMATION OF WORKING GROUPS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO ORGANISE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 4 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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SAI KUNG DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ANNUAL REPORT
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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS ITS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1988-89 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS, THE PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS IN 1989-90, AND REPORTS ON VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 AM.

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CASES FOR MANAGEMENT TRAINING PUBLISHED
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THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MDC) OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS JUST PUBLISHED A COMPENDIUM OF CASE STUDIES FOR MANAGEMENT TRAINING IN HONG KONG.

COMPILED BY MR ANDY WELSH, SENIOR ADVISOR OF THE MDC AND EDITED BY MR ROY LE HERISSER, CHAIRMAN OF THE CASE STUDY GROUP OF HONG KONG. THE COMPENDIUM CONTAINS A WIDE SELECTION OF CASES FROM THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT CASE CLEARING HOUSE - A CASE STUDY BANK SET UP BY MDC.

THE CASES COVER THE AREAS IN CORPORATE POLICY AND PLANNING, OPERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, MARKETING AND PERSONNEL POLICY AND INTERPERSONAL ISSUES.

"CASE METHOD IS BECOMING WIDELY RECOGNISED AS AN IMPORTANT TEACHING TOOL IN THE TERRITORY," MR WELSH SAID.

"PRESENTATION OF PROBLEMS AND SITUATIONS IN CASE FORM FACILITATES EXPERIENCE TRANSFER, THE LEARNING OF ANALYTICAL SKILLS AND DECISION MAKING, AND STIMULATES INDEPENDENT THINKING," HE ADDED.

PRICED AT \$100 A COPY, THE "COMPENDIUM OF HONG KONG CASES IN MANAGEMENT" IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MDC, 17TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI OR AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CENTRAL.

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MANY OF THE CASES IN THE COMPENDIUM WERE SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 1988 CASE WRITER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AND ORGANISED BY THE MDC AND THE CASE STUDY GROUP.

"THE 1989 COMPETITION HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AND SEVERAL HIGH QUALITY ENTRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. FURTHER CASES ARE WELCOMED AND DETAILS AND ENTRY FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRE," SAID MR WELSH.

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WATER SUSPENSION IN FOUR DISTRICTS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) DUE TO SUSPENSION OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SHUI HAU VILLAGE, TONG FUK VILLAGE, CHEUNG SHA AREA, SAN SHEK VILLAGE, PUI O KAU TSUEN, PUI O SAN TSUEN, LO UK TSUEN, WO LIU TSUEN, HOM TIN TSUEN AND LO WAI TSUEN.

ALSO, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WANG TAU HOM IN KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 3) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY JUNCTION ROAD BETWEEN WATERLOO ROAD AND WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD, KAM SHING ROAD, OSBORN BARRACKS, BLOCK 25 AND 26 OF WANG TAU HOM ESTATE, WANG TAU HOM JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, LOK FU MTR STATION AND LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CHEUNG SHA WAN, IN SHAM SHUI PO. WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THE SAME DAY (MAY 3) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, KIU KIANG STREET, CAMP STREET, PRATAS STREET, PO ON ROAD, SHUN NING ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, UN CHAU STREET, FUK WING STREET AND FUK WA STREET, INCLUDING SHEUNG LI UK ESTATE.

ALSO, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 4) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG HOI PONG STREET, SAI KUNG MAIN STREET AND SAI KUNG ROAD.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHA TAU KOK

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORK ON SHA TAU KOK ROAD (SHEK CHUNG AU) NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH SHUN LUNG STREET, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 3) FOR A PERIOD OF 10 DAYS.

THE SECTION OF SHA TAU KOK ROAD (SHEK CHUNG AU) BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH ROAD L1 AND SHUN LUNG STREET WILL BE CONVERTED TO A NO-THROUGH ROAD. ACCESS TO SHUN LUNG STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROAD L1 AND ROAD L4.

AT THE SAME TIME, KMB ROUTE 78K (SHEUNG SHUI TO SHA TAU KOK) AND NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 55K (SHEUNG SHUI KCR STATION TO SHA TAU KOK) WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROAD L1 AND ROAD L4 TO REJOIN SHUN LUNG STREET.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WHITTY STREET, WESTERN DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT WHITTY STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL BE CLOSED FROM 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 3) TO 5 PM ON MAY 9 FOR DRAINAGE WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS HEADING FOR QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA EASTERN STREET.

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LANE CLOSURE IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, THE SLOW LANE OF SHA TIN ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL AND TSANG TAI UK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 11 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO 6 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 34.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 202.155 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 179.144 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 30.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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