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QUEEN AND GOVERNOR CONGRATULATE SERVICEMEN IN THE GULF

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THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES HONG KONG, MAJOR GENERAL PETER DUFFELL, HAS RECEIVED MESSAGES FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, CONGRATULATING BRITISH SERVICEMEN IN THE GULF.

ABOUT 200 GURKHA SOLDIERS FROM THE GURKHA TRANSPORT REGIMENT IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO THE GULF SINCE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER LAST YEAR AS PART OF THE ALLIED FORCES. THEY ARE AT PRESENT STILL OPERATING IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE MESSAGE FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN READS: "I AM DELIGHTED BY THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE MILITARY CAMPAIGN IN THE GULF. THE ARMED FORCES HAVE DONE US PROUD. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PASS MY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE HERE AT HOME WHO, LIKE YOU, HAVE WORKED UNREMITTINGLY TO ENSURE THIS SUCCESS. AT THE SAME TIME, MY DEEP SYMPATHY GOES TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO DIED OR ARE MISSING, AND TO THEIR WOUNDED COMRADES."

THE MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, READS: "HONG KONG HAS FOLLOWED CLOSELY EVENTS IN THE GULF OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. IN PARTICULAR THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE GARRISON HAS BEEN VERY MUCH IN ALL OUR MINDS.

"YOU WILL BY NOW HAVE SEEN THE MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND TO THIS I SHOULD LIKE TO ADD MY OWN CONGRATULATIONS TOGETHER WITH THE BEST WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOR ALL THAT THOSE MEMBERS OF THE GARRISON HAVE ACHIEVED. THEY CAN BE VERY PROUD OF THE PART THAT THEY HAVE PLAYED IN BRINGING THIS CAMPAIGN TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION."

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PERSISTENT NEGLECT A THREAT TO GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

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PERSISTENT NEGLECT AND CREEPING INCREMENTAL DETERIORATION ARE A GREATER THREAT TO THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT THAN HEADLINE-GRABBING POLLUTION INCIDENTS SUCH AS THOSE CAUSED BY THE WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST, SERIOUS AS THEY CERTAINLY ARE, THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG, DR REED SAID: "THE OIL AND SMOKE PROBLEMS IN THE GULF ARE EXTREMELY SERIOUS AND MAY WELL PERSIST FOR SOME TIME, BUT THEY ARE A LONG WAY FROM BEING A GLOBAL DISASTER.

"THE NATURE OF GLOBAL DISASTERS IS RATHER DIFFERENT," HE SAID. "THEY CREEP UP INCREMENTALLY, OFTEN ARISING FROM MANY DIFFERENT SOURCES AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS THAT EXPAND AND PROLIFERATE IN THE SHADOWS, OUTSIDE OF THE GLARE OF PUBLICITY."

A GOOD EXAMPLE WAS THAT IT TOOK ONLY A COUPLE OF DECADES FOR CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (CFC'S) TO TEAR A GIANT HOLE IN THE OZONE LAYER, BUT EVEN IF THERE WERE A COMPLETE HALT TODAY IN THE USE OF CFC'S, IT WOULD BE THE MIDDLE OF NEXT CENTURY BEFORE WE SAW THE HOLE BEGINNING TO SHRINK.

"LOOKING CLOSER TO HOME, IN HONG KONG, THE SAME SLOW INSIDIOUS DETERIORATION HAS TAKEN PLACE IN OUR SEWERAGE SYSTEMS AND WASTE DISPOSAL ARRANGEMENTS AS A RESULT OF THE PAST NEGLECT," DR REED SAID.

"THE CONDITION WILL NOT CHANGE UNLESS THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE DEEP-ROOTED ATTITUDE THAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND POLLUTION CONTROL ARE SOMETHING THAT HONG KONG CANNOT AFFORD.

"IF WE WANT A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG WE CANNOT HAVE DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT AT THE SAME TIME TAKING FULL ACCOUNT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS," DR REED SAID.

ON THE ATTITUDE OF HONG KONG COMMUNITY TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, DR REED SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THERE HAD BEEN QUITE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS.

"A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FACTOR HAS BEEN THE CREATION OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN 1982, WHICH HAVE PROVIDED A NATURAL FOCUS, NOT TO MENTION A NATURAL POLITICAL PLATFORM, FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.

"THE DB ELECTIONS HELD THIS WEEK SHOWED THAT QUITE A NUMBER OF CANDIDATES HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR CONCERN ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

"A SURVEY OF CANDIDATES THAT WAS MADE AHEAD OF THE ELECTIONS BY A LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP REPORTED THAT 36 PER CENT OF THOSE WHO RESPONDED TO THE SURVEY WERE CLASSIFIED AS 'GREEN CANDIDATES'.

"THIRTY-SIX PER CENT IS A GREAT STEP FORWARD AND IMPROVEMENT ON, SAY, 10 YEARS AGO WHEN I SUSPECT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN LITTLE OR NO INTEREST IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL IN MOST DISTRICTS," DR REED SAID.

DR REED URGED THESE NEW OR RE-ELECTED DB MEMBERS WHO CLASSIFIED THEMSELVES AS "GREEN" TO MAINTAIN THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGHOUT THEIR TERM OF OFFICE.

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY FOR DECEMBER RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN DECEMBER 1990, ESTIMATED AT \$10,987 MILLION, INCREASED BY 9% WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1989 WHILE THEIR VOLUME INCREASED BY 2%, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES REFER TO CHANGES IN THE VALUES OF RETAIL SALES AFTER DISCOUNTING ESTIMATED CHANGES IN PRICES.

THE INDICATORS OF PRICE CHANGES USED FOR THE PURPOSE ARE THE RESPECTIVE COMPONENTS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE BROAD CATEGORY OF GOODS IN QUESTION.

COMPARING WITH DECEMBER 1989, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS INCREASED BY 28% IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY 5% IN VOLUME, WHILE THAT OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 9% IN VALUE AND 1% IN VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES WENT UP BY 11% IN VALUE AND 5% IN VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS, HOWEVER, DROPPED BY 3% IN SALES VALUE AND 10% IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS ROSE BY 11% IN VALUE AND 6% IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF "CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS" AND SUPERMARKETS BOTH INCREASED BY 14% IN VALUE, AND ROSE BY 8% AND 3% RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME.

SALES IN DEPARTMENT STORES WENT UP BY 11% IN VALUE AND 4% IN VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 5% IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY 4% IN VOLUME.

COMPARING THE YEAR 1990 WITH THE YEAR 1989, TOTAL RETAIL SALES ROSE BY 7% IN VALUE AND 1% IN VOLUME. FUELS WENT UP BY 23% IN SALES VALUE AND 1% IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 12% IN VALUE AND 5% IN VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, CONSUMER DURABLES WENT UP BY 10% IN SALES VALUE AND 5% IN SALES VOLUME, WHILE SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY 4% IN VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 3% IN VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 3% IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY 3% IN VOLUME. THE DECREASE IN VOLUME WAS LARGELY DUE TO THE DECREASE IN RETAIL SALES OF JEWELLERY AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS WENT UP BY 16% IN VALUE AND 6% IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 13% IN SALES VALUE AND 9% IN SALES VOLUME.

DEPARTMENT STORES SALES ROSE BY 13% IN VALUE AND 5% IN VOLUME. MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WENT UP BY 6% IN SALES VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 1% IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING WITH NOVEMBER 1990, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR DECEMBER 1990 INCREASED BY 12% IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

FUELS ROSE BY 10% IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT UP BY 7% IN VALUE AND 5% IN VOLUME.

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ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 18% IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME, WHILE THAT OF CONSUMER DURABLES REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN VALUE BUT ROSE BY 1% IN VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS WENT UP BY 19% IN VALUE AND 20% IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SUPERMARKET SALES INCREASED BY 25% IN VALUE AND 23% IN VOLUME. SALES IN DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 24% IN VALUE AND 25% IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WENT UP BY 12% IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND SALES VOLUME.

HOWEVER, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DECREASED BY 19% IN VALUE AND 20% IN VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR NOVEMBER 1990 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR DECEMBER 1990.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN NOVEMBER 1990 AND DECEMBER 1990 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF DECEMBER 1990 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR NOVEMBER 1990 AND WITH THOSE FOR DECEMBER 1989, AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE YEAR 1990 WITH THE YEAR 1989, ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF DECEMBER 1990 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 802 1258).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for December 1990 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$10,987 million  
for November 1990 (Revised Figure) = HK\$9,784 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES  
FOR NOVEMBER 1990 AND DECEMBER 1990

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	November	December	December 1990		December 1990		Jan.-Dec. 1990	
		1990	1990	compared with	compared with	compared with	compared with	compared with	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	November	November	December	December	Jan.-Dec.	Jan.-Dec.
				1990	1990	1990	1989	1989	1989
				Points	Points	%	%	Points	%
<b>(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES</b>									
	Value	175	196	+21	+12	+17	+9	+12	+7
	Volume	123	138	+15	+12	+3	+2	+1	+1
<b>(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS</b>									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	169	181	+12	+7	+15	+9	+18	+12
	Volume	124	131	+7	+5	+1	+1	+6	+5
Fuels	Value	151	166	+15	+10	+36	+28	+26	+23
	Volume	107	118	+11	+10	-6	-5	+1	+1
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	194	230	+36	+18	-7	-3	+8	+4
	Volume	123	145	+23	+18	-17	-10	-4	-3
Consumer durables	Value	172	172	-1	#	+17	+11	+15	+10
	Volume	122	123	+1	+1	+6	+5	+6	+5
Other consumer goods	Value	178	213	+35	+19	+21	+11	+5	+3
	Volume	126	150	+25	+20	+8	+6	-4	-3
<b>(C) BY SELECTED TRADES</b>									
(see note 1 below)									
Supermarkets	Value	189	235	+47	+25	+29	+14	+29	+16
	Volume	130	160	+30	+23	+5	+3	+8	+6
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	298	241	-57	-19	+11	+5	+17	+6
	Volume	179	143	-36	-20	-5	-4	-2	-1
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	134	150	+17	+12	+18	+14	+14	+13
	Volume	104	117	+13	+12	+9	+8	+8	+9
Department stores	Value	258	320	+62	+24	+33	+11	+27	+13
	Volume	166	208	+42	+25	+9	+4	+8	+5

NOTES : 1. In order to analyse the sales of certain trades WITHIN major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :

(a) "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.

(b) "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.

(c) "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.

(d) "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.

2. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.

3. "#" denotes a figure within  $\pm 0.5$ .

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PUBLIC SUPPORT CALLED FOR MENTAL-ILLNESS REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES  
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, TODAY (TUESDAY) APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO SUPPORT THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES FOR MENTAL PATIENTS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF LEI CHENG UK HOSTEL OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MR CARTLAND SAID IT WAS THE MARK OF A STRONG COMMUNITY AND A MATURE COMMUNITY TO SHOW COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING, SYMPATHY AND TOLERANCE, TOWARDS THE LESS FORTUNATE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

"SUCH PERSONS BELONG TO THIS COMMUNITY AND WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THEIR WELL-BEING," HE SAID.

BOTH GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES PROVIDING REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR DISCHARGED MENTAL PATIENTS HAD IN RECENT YEARS TRIED VERY HARD TO PROMOTE A BETTER PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN GOOD MENTAL HEALTH, HE NOTED.

"IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO HAVE ADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONCEPTS INVOLVED IN MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AS A BASIS FOR SECURING THEIR SYMPATHY, SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES DESIGNED FOR THE REHABILITATION OF DISCHARGED MENTAL PATIENTS," HE ADDED.

IN THE PROCESS OF REHABILITATION, MR CARTLAND POINTED OUT THAT THE PATIENTS NEEDED SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT AND CONCERN OF THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

IN CONCLUSION, HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, WHICH HAD PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICES TO MENTAL AND MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED PATIENTS.

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FUND-RAISING EFFORTS OF HELPING HAND PRAISED  
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LADY WILSON TODAY (TUESDAY) ATTENDED THE HELPING HAND PRESENTATION CEREMONY DURING WHICH SOUVENIRS WERE PRESENTED TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAD WORKED HARD FOR THE ORGANISATION'S ANNUAL COOKIE CAMPAIGN.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, LADY WILSON NOTED THAT SOME TREMENDOUSLY CREATIVE THINKING HAD GONE INTO HELPING HAND'S FUND-RAISING EFFORTS OVER THE YEARS, HOWEVER, IT WAS THE ANNUAL COOKIE CAMPAIGN FOR WHICH HELPING HAND HAD PERHAPS BECOME BEST KNOWN.

"IT IS A TIME EACH YEAR WHEN A GREAT DEAL OF WELL-DIRECTED VOLUNTARY EFFORT IS PUT INTO RAISING FUNDS.

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"TODAY WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE EFFORTS AND GIVE RECOGNITION TO MANY WHO WORKED PARTICULARLY HARD," LADY WILSON SAID.

LADY WILSON SAID HELPING HAND WAS AN ORGANISATION SHE WAS VERY PROUD TO BE PATRON OF.

"IT STANDS FOR SO MUCH THAT IS GOOD ABOUT HONG KONG: IN PARTICULAR THE SENSE OF PURPOSE, THE GENEROSITY AND THE RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON SAID SHE HAD WATCHED WITH ADMIRATION AT THE WAY THE ORGANISATION HAD GROWN SINCE IT WAS FOUNDED IN 1978.

"SO MANY DEDICATED, GENEROUS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED THAT I HESITATE TO MENTION ANY OF THEM BY NAME.

"SOME OF THEIR NAMES ARE WELL-KNOWN TO US ALL, SOME HAVE WORKED QUIETLY BEHIND THE SCENES. SOME WERE HONG KONG PEOPLE; OTHERS MADE THEIR HOMES HERE.

"THEY HAVE SHARED A DETERMINATION TO REACH OUT AND HELP. THEIR EFFORTS CONTINUE TO INSPIRE OTHERS AND 'HELPING HANDS' ARE STEADILY GROWING IN NUMBER," LADY WILSON SAID.

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#### CLEAN SQUATTER AREA/VILLAGE PHASE LAUNCHED

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THE CLEAN SQUATTER AREA/VILLAGE PHASE OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN IS BEING LAUNCHED THIS MONTH TO IMPROVE THE HYGIENIC CONDITION IN THESE AREAS.

THE TERRITORY-WIDE PHASE IS ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE.

"DURING THIS PHASE, CLEANSING STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT CONDUCT CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS ON BLACK SPOTS SUCH AS STREAMS AND DITCHES, AS WELL AS IN OTHER PUBLIC PLACES," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

ADDITIONAL REFUSE AND JUNK COLLECTION POINTS WERE BEING SET UP TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED OUTPUT OF LITTER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 293 TONNES OF REFUSE AND JUNK WAS COLLECTED, AND 86 PROSECUTIONS WERE ISSUED AGAINST LITTERING DURING THE OPERATIONS," HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT DETAILS OF THE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HOTLINE 868 0000 OR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HOTLINE 414 5555, AND RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES OF BOTH DEPARTMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THAT THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR LITTERING IS A FINE OF \$10,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF FNCB FINANCIAL LIMITED AND OF PRATT FINANCE (ASIA) LIMITED AS DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAS BEEN REVOKED AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THEIR OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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STUDENTS WIN TOUR TO SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA

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FOUR STUDENTS FROM THE CNEC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE WHO WON AN INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE IN KWAI TSING WILL GO ON A FREE TRIP TO SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA THIS SUMMER.

THEY WERE ALSO AWARDED A \$3,000 BOOK COUPON, ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE OCEAN PARK AND BUFFET COUPONS AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE DEBATE WAS ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO ENHANCE STUDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF CRIME RELATED ISSUES AND CURRENT AFFAIRS.

A TOTAL OF EIGHT TEAMS FROM SIX LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN THE COMPETITION WHICH WAS HELD IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD RUNNERS-UP OF THE DEBATE ALSO RECEIVED BOOK COUPONS AND OTHER PRIZES.

AT THE SAME CEREMONY, THREE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WERE AWARDED GIFT COUPONS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE MODEL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNIT ELECTION.

THE ELECTION WAS ORGANISED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' CO-OPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH THE POLICE IN COMBATTING CRIME.

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NEW AMS HEADQUARTERS TO SERVE MUI WO RESIDENTS  
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A NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FOR THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES IS TO BE BUILT IN MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND, TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TO SERVE AS A FIRST-AID POST ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE SINGLE-STOREY BUILDING WILL BE BUILT ON A 400-SQUARE-METRE SITE TO HOUSE A DUTY ROOM, A PANTRY, A STORE ROOM, A METER ROOM, OFFICES AND TOILETS.

AN OPEN YARD FOR TRAINING PURPOSES WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN MAY AND TO BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 22.

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