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TRADE IS THE CORNERSTONE OF HK'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS

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HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD HAS BEEN THE CORNERSTONE OF THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, BARONESS DUNN, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT OFFICES AT TRADE DEPARTMENT TOWER, MONG KOK, BARONESS DUNN SAID: "THE TRADE DEPARTMENT HAS CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THIS SUCCESS THROUGH THEIR ENLIGHTENED ATTITUDE IN CONSULTING AND INVOLVING TRADERS IN THE FORMULATION OF POLICIES, THEIR PROFESSIONALISM IN MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND THEIR EFFICIENCY IN ADMINISTERING THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK."

SHE SAID HONG KONG'S EFFECTIVENESS AS A TRADING AND TRADE SERVICES CENTRE WOULD ASSUME EVEN GREATER IMPORTANCE AS INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS INCREASED ITS LINKS WITH CHINA AND COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE WITHIN THE ASIAN REGION EXPANDED.

BARONESS DUNN SAID DEMANDS ON THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO GROW.

"THE TASK OF ADMINISTERING AND REGULATING THE MILLIONS OF INDIVIDUAL TRANSACTIONS THAT MAKE UP OUR COLLECTIVE TRADE PERFORMANCE MAY APPEAR ROUTINE TO SOME, BUT THE ACCURATE AND EFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION OF TRADE, WITH MINIMUM BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE, HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED ASSETS FOR WHICH THE TRADE DEPARTMENT CAN CLAIM FULL CREDIT.

"I KNOW THIS NEW FACILITY HAS BEEN DESIGNED WITH SPECIFIC FEATURES TO ENSURE THIS TRADITION WILL BE MAINTAINED, IN FACE OF THE GREATER TRADE VOLUMES EXPECTED IN THE YEARS TO COME," SHE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID TRADE WAS THE LIFEBLOOD OF HONG KONG AND THE TRADE DEPARTMENT EXISTED TO SERVE THE TERRITORY'S TRADERS.

"WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TO OUR NEW PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS, WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE OUR TRADERS WITH A BETTER SERVICE," HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID THE NEW OFFICES WERE CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN THE OLD ONES AND ALLOWED THE DEPARTMENT TO ORGANISE ITS WORK IN A MORE EFFICIENT WAY, RESULTING IN IMPROVEMENTS IN ITS SERVICES.

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT OFFICES AT TRADE DEPARTMENT TOWER, CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON TOP OF MONG KOK MTR STATION, BECAME OPERATIONAL ON AUGUST 28 LAST YEAR.

SEVERAL FEATURES HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED IN DESIGNING THE NEW OFFICES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING SERVICES TO THE TRADE, INCLUDING DECENTRALISATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECEIPT AND ISSUE COUNTERS TO THE RELEVANT LICENSING OFFICES ON THE RESPECTIVE FLOORS.

A DOCUMENT CONVEYOR HAS ALSO BEEN INSTALLED TO RUN FROM BASEMENT 2 TO THE SEVENTH FLOOR TO FACILITATE TRANSPORTATION OF LICENCES AND DOCUMENTS BETWEEN LICENSING OFFICES AND THE COMPUTER HALL.

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ISSUES OVER FOUR MILLION LICENCES AND CERTIFICATES EVERY YEAR, INCLUDING IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENCES FOR TEXTILES, CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN AND STRATEGIC COMMODITIES.

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STATEMENT CONCERNING HK/VIETNAM AIR SERVICES

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES CONCERNING A REPORT WHICH SAID THAT HONG KONG IS TO LIFT THE BAN ON SCHEDULED FLIGHTS TO VIETNAM, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY):

"THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENTS ON AIR SERVICES SINCE THE SUSPENSION OF AIR LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO PLACES IN THE MID-70'S.

"NO PROPOSALS FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN PUT TO THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES.

"THEREFORE THERE IS NO CLEAR INDICATION AT THIS STAGE AS TO WHEN CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS AND AIR HONG KONG LTD MAY BE PERMITTED TO FLY TO HANOI AND HO CHI MINH CITY OR WHEN VIETNAMESE AIRLINES MAY SERVE HONG KONG."

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APPOINTMENTS TO ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS RE-APPOINTED MR EDWARD HO SING-TIN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD FOR ONE YEAR UP TO DECEMBER 31, 1991, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR HO, A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD SINCE 1989. HE IS AN ARCHITECT AND A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO RE-APPOINTED FIVE MEMBERS AND APPOINTED SEVEN NEW MEMBERS FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 1991.

ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE URBAN COUNCIL AND ONE FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL HAVE ALSO BEEN RE-APPOINTED WITH THEIR TERMS EXPIRING ON MAY 31, 1991 TO TIE IN WITH THE EXPIRY OF THEIR CURRENT TERM WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNCIL.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD, AS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE:

- MR EDWARD HO SING-TIN, AN ARCHITECT AND MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (CHAIRMAN);
- DR SOLOMON BARD, A WELL-KNOWN LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGIST WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE FIELD SINCE THE LATE 1950'S;
- MISS CHENG CHEE-HING, SENIOR INSPECTOR IN HISTORY, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND A LOCAL HISTORIAN;
- MR AMBROSE LAU HON-CHUEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD;
- MR DAVID LUNG, SENIOR LECTURER IN ARCHITECTURE, HONG KONG UNIVERSITY;
- DR JANET LEE SCOTT, HEAD OF THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE;
- MR AU KA-FAT, AN ARCHAEOLOGIST ATTACHED TO THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY;
- MR STEVEN H.K. CHAN, DIRECTOR, PLANNING DIVISION OF LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION;
- MR BOSCO H.N. HO, AN ARCHITECT AND A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS;
- MR DOUGLAS KING, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION;
- DR MICHAEL LAU WAI-MAI, A RENOWNED ART HISTORIAN AND CURATOR OF FUNG PING SHAN MUSEUM;
- DR ELIZABETH SINN, RESOURCES OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, HONG KONG UNIVERSITY;
- DR DERIC DANIEL WATERS, A CONSULTANT IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION, TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT AND A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY;
- MR CHAN LAU-FONG, REPRESENTING THE REGIONAL COUNCIL; AND
- DR PHILIP KWOK CHI-KUEN, REPRESENTING THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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CONSTRUCTION OF LANTAU FIXED CROSSING GAZETTED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING EXTENDING FROM NORTHWEST TSING YI TO NORTHEAST LANTAU ISLAND.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE EXTENSIVE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW AIRPORT AND PORT ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE CROSSING WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE PROPOSED ROUTE 3, TSING YI NORTH COASTAL ROAD AND TO THE PROPOSED NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY WHICH LEADS TO CHEK LAP KOK, THE SITE OF THE NEW AIRPORT ON LANTAU ISLAND. APART FROM A DUAL THREE-LANE HIGHWAY, THE CROSSING WILL ACCOMMODATE A RAILWAY.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE CROSSING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED ROAD AND RAIL CONNECTIONS, AN EXTENSIVE AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORT NETWORK WILL BE PROVIDED TO LINK THE NEW AIRPORT WITH THE REST OF THE TERRITORY.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- * AN INTERCHANGE AND A TOLL PLAZA ON TSING YI WITH ROUTE 3;
- * A SUSPENSION BRIDGE BETWEEN TSING YI AND MA WAN (THE TSING MA BRIDGE);
- * CABLE SUPPORTED BRIDGE BETWEEN MA WAN AND LANTAU ISLAND (THE KAP SHUI MUN BRIDGE);
- * HIGH LEVEL VIADUCTS ACROSS MA WAN, AND A TOLL PLAZA ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE TSING MA BRIDGE, KAP SHUI MUN BRIDGE AND THE VIADUCTS ACROSS MA WAN WILL HAVE TWO DECKS, WITH A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY ON THE UPPER DECK, AND TWO SINGLE LANE SHELTERED CARRIAGEWAYS AND ACCOMMODATION FOR A TWO TRACK RAILWAY ON THE LOWER DECK.

THE SHELTERED TRAFFIC LANES ARE DESIGNED FOR USE IN EMERGENCY AND ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

THE LENGTH OF THE CROSSING, FROM THE TSING YI ANCHORAGE OF THE TSING MA BRIDGE TO THE WESTERN LIMIT ON LANTAU ISLAND NEAR TSING CHAU TSAI, IS ABOUT 4.95 KILOMETRES.

THE CROSSING IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPERATIONAL BY LATE 1996 BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE NEW AIRPORT.

CONDITIONS WILL BE IMPOSED UPON THE VARIOUS CONTRACTORS TO ENSURE THAT DISRUPTION TO MARINE TRAFFIC IS MINIMISED.

/THE PLANS

THE PLANS AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, CENTRAL;
- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG;
- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN; AND
- * KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MARCH 5 THIS YEAR.

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PROPOSED WORKS AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO MODIFY THE ENTRANCE TO THE BASIN AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND FOR THE REPROVISIONING OF HMS TAMAR.

THE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN ABOUT 2.47 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

A NEW ENTRANCE WILL BE BUILT WHILE THE EXISTING BREAKWATER WILL BE EXTENDED TO ENABLE SAFER MANOEUVRABILITY OF VESSELS ENTERING THE BASIN.

ALSO, A BOAT HOIST JETTY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE BASIN TO ENABLE THE HANDLING OF SMALL VESSELS FROM THE BASIN ONTO LAND FOR MAINTENANCE PURPOSES AND PARKING OF BOATS FOR TYPHOON PRECAUTIONS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE MARCH 3.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT IS TO CONSTRUCT ABOUT 950 METRES OF BREAKWATER AND SIX MOORING DOLPHINS WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 35 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TO KWA WAN IN KOWLOON.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMING A TYPHOON SHELTER WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 18 HECTARES.

THE WORK WILL BEGIN IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER 1992.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS ALSO DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THIS UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 3, 1992.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR MAINTENANCE WORKS AT AIRPORT
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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION OF MINOR CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THESE INCLUDE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT PAVEMENTS, MARKINGS, ROADS, BRIDGES, CARPARKS, DRAINAGE AND ASSOCIATED MISCELLANEOUS WORKS WITHIN THE AIRPORT BOUNDARY, TOGETHER WITH CONSTRUCTION OF MINOR NEW CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FROM TIME TO TIME.

THE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MAY FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER, DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SEVENTH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, 68 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 25.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WONG CHUK HANG PARK

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WONG CHUK HANG PARK IN ABERDEEN.

FACILITIES OF THE 2,197-SQUARE-METRE PARK WILL INCLUDE PLANTERS, PAVILION, ARBOUR, BENCHES AND A RUBBLE FENCE WALL.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN APRIL AND BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 25.

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ALLOCATION OF FREE QUOTAS FOR RETAINED IMPORTS OF CFC'S

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED APPLICATIONS FOR FREE QUOTAS FOR RETAINED IMPORTS OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (CFC'S).

THESE FREE QUOTAS ARE FOR THE CURRENT 12-MONTH CONTROL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1991.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE, A LICENSING AND QUOTA ALLOCATION SYSTEM HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED SINCE JULY 1, 1989 TO CONTROL THE AMOUNT OF CFC'S BEING IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO IMPORT ANY QUANTITY OF CFC'S CONTROLLED UNDER THE ORDINANCE MUST HAVE SUFFICIENT QUOTA TO COVER QUANTITY BEFORE HE CAN OBTAIN AN IMPORT LICENCE FROM THE TRADE DEPARTMENT.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE PREVIOUS ISSUE IN SEPTEMBER 1990 OF NORMAL QUOTA FOR THE CURRENT CONTROL YEAR, FREE QUOTAS, AMOUNTING TO A QUANTITY OF 404 TONNES OF CFC'S WEIGHTED BY THEIR OZONE DEPLETING POTENTIAL, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AND WILL BE ALLOCATED IN FEBRUARY.

UNLIKE THE NORMAL QUOTAS, THESE FREE QUOTAS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE AMONG IMPORTERS AND THERE ARE CONDITIONS ON THEIR UTILISATION WHICH AN APPLICANT MUST NOTE BEFORE ACCEPTANCE.

THESE QUOTAS WILL ONLY BE VALID FOR IMPORTS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 THIS YEAR.

ALL IMPORTERS OF CFC'S REGISTERED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 1991 UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE AND WHO HAVE NOT COMMITTED ANY OFFENCE UNDER THE ORDINANCE ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

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THE ALLOCATION OF FREE QUOTAS WILL BE BASED ON A POINT SYSTEM AND PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO SMALL QUANTITY APPLICANTS BUT THE ALLOCATION IS ENTIRELY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE ON SPECIFIED FORMS AND SUBMITTED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT BY FEBRUARY 4, 1991. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE AIR CONTROL GROUP OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AT 26TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 835 1089.

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FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS FOR THE ELDERLY
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ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE GIVEN FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS BY A MEDICAL TEAM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY), FROM 2.30 PM TO 5 PM, AT THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE.

THE TEAM WILL COMPRISE MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY AND THE DENTAL SOCIETY, HONG KONG UNIVERSITY-STUDENT UNION.

THEY WILL CHECK THE BLOOD PRESSURE AND ORAL CAVITY OF THE ELDERLY.

LECTURES AND EXHIBITIONS WILL ALSO BE HELD AT THE VENUE.

THE SERVICE IS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHEUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE, LIONS CLUB OF MOUNT CAMERON AND LIONS CLUB OF PHOENIX, AND IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 852 3488 OR 852 3492.

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SOCIAL DANCE OPEN COMPETITION ON SUNDAY

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SIXTY PAIRS OF AMATEUR DANCERS WILL TAKE PART IN THE TERRITORY-WIDE THIRD SOCIAL DANCE OPEN COMPETITION ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 6), FROM 3 PM TO 7.30 PM AT THE HONG KONG EXHIBITION AND CONVENTION CENTRE.

ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION, THE COMPETITION IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE ANNUAL SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH BEGAN LAST MONTH AND WILL LAST UNTIL JANUARY 13.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED SECTIONS. EACH PAIR OF CONTESTANTS WILL HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE MODERN OR LATIN STEPS SUCH AS RUMBA, JIVE AND TANGO.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES BY RENOWNED DANCERS AFTER THE COMPETITION.

THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; AND DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU MUN.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE THIRD SOCIAL DANCE OPEN COMPETITION TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 6), FROM 3 PM TO 7.30 PM AT THE CONVENTION HALL, SECOND FLOOR, HONG KONG EXHIBITION AND CONVENTION CENTRE, 1 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

FOLLOWING THE PRIZE PRESENTATION, THE WINNERS WILL PERFORM AGAIN AT 8.20 PM, AND A DEMONSTRATION PERFORMANCE WILL BEGIN AT 8.45 PM.

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OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS DECLARED INVALID

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT ALL OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1987 TO MEN BORN IN 1927 AND BEFORE WILL BECOME INVALID FROM JANUARY 14, 1991.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THIS IS THE NINTH BATCH OF IDENTITY CARDS DECLARED INVALID SINCE THE NEW IDENTITY CARD RE-ISSUE SCHEME STARTED ON JULY 1, 1987.

/A SPOKESMAN

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID: "ONCE AN OLD CARD IS DECLARED INVALID, IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PURPOSE.

"FOR EXAMPLE, MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP HOLDING AN INVALID OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR TRAVELLING ABROAD OR TO APPLY FOR A TRAVEL DOCUMENT."

THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED THEIR SPECIFIED CARD REPLACEMENT PERIODS DUE TO THEIR ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG OR ANY OTHER REASONS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY APPROACH ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES.

THESE CASES WILL BE LOOKED INTO THOROUGHLY AND DEALT WITH ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL MERITS.

THE SIZE OF THE NEW TYPE I.D. CARDS IS THE SAME AS THE OLD ONES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE OLD CARDS AND THE NEW ONES.

THE MAIN DIFFERENCES ARE:

- * THE IDENTITY CARD NUMBER IS PRINTED ON THE TOP RIGHT CORNER OF THE OLD CARD, BUT ON THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER OF THE NEW CARD.
- * THE HONG KONG CREST AT THE BACK IS REPLACED BY THE MULTICOLOUR BACKGROUND PRINTING.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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HUNG HOM EMPLOYMENT OFFICE CLOSED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL CLOSE DOWN ITS LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES) OFFICE IN HUNG HOM FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A MORE COST-EFFECTIVE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE FOR JOB-SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS.

AFTER THE CLOSURE, EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE TO EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI, YAU MA TEI AND HO MAN TIN AREAS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE LES (SHAM SHUI PO) OFFICE ON GROUND FLOOR, 234 TAI PO ROAD.

ENQUIRIES ON EMPLOYMENT CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 777 0189 OR 777 0296.

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RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYERS IN HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN AND KOWLOON CITY WILL BE SERVED BY THE LES (SAN PO KONG) OFFICE AT PARIS THEATRE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, 7 KING FUK STREET. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 326 5121-4.

THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE PROVIDES FREE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO BOTH JOB-SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS THROUGH A NETWORK OF 12 BRANCH OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

JOB-SEEKERS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING ALONG ONLY THEIR IDENTITY CARDS DURING OFFICE HOURS TO REGISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE AT THEIR RESPECTIVE LES OFFICES, WHILE EMPLOYERS CAN SIMPLY PLACE THEIR VACANCY ORDERS BY TELEPHONE.

VACANCY INFORMATION SO OBTAINED WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY AND SENT BY FACSIMILE TO ALL OTHER LES OFFICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF JOB-SEEKERS IN OTHER DISTRICTS.

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A CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT 'NOISE'

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RESIDENTS CAN NOW LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SUBJECT OF NOISE -- SUCH AS THE TYPICAL NOISE LEVEL OF A BUSY STREET AND THE AMOUNT OF DAILY NOISE EXPOSURE THAT WILL CAUSE DAMAGE TO HEARING ABILITY -- FROM AN INDOOR TV COMPUTER DISPLAY PANEL INSTALLED AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL LOBBY.

THE DISPLAY PANEL IS PART OF THE NOISE DISPLAY ACTIVITY ORGANISED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) AND SPONSORED BY THE STAR FERRY COMPANY LTD AND THE BRUEL AND KJAER HONG KONG LTD.

THE DISPLAY ACTIVITY CONSISTS OF AN INDOOR TV COMPUTER DISPLAY PANEL AND AN OUTDOOR DIGITAL NOISE DISPLAY UNIT

THE OUTDOOR DIGITAL NOISE DISPLAY UNIT IS INSTALLED ON TOP OF THE STAR FERRY TSIM SHA TSUI PIER FACING THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE.

THIS UNIT INDICATES THE INSTANTANEOUS ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE LEVEL IN THE SURROUNDING AREA, SUCH AS THE NOISE LEVEL OF A BUS PASSING BY.

THE INDOOR TV COMPUTER DISPLAY PANEL INDICATES THE NOISE LEVEL SHOWN ON THE OUTDOOR NOISE DISPLAY UNIT AS WELL AS THE NOISE DATA RECORDED ON THE PREVIOUS DAY.

IT IS ALSO EQUIPPED WITH VISUAL INFORMATION ON NOISE AND A NUMBER OF INTERESTING QUESTIONS ABOUT NOISE. VIEWERS CAN TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT BY SIMPLY PRESSING A BUTTON.

/THE INDOOR

THE INDOOR TV COMPUTER DISPLAY PANEL WHICH WAS INSTALLED IN THE OCEAN TERMINAL LOBBY TODAY, WILL REMAIN THERE UNTIL JANUARY 21.

THE PANEL WAS PREVIOUSLY SET UP AT THE UPPER CONCOURSE OF STAR FERRY TSIM SHA TSUI PIER.

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CENSUS EXHIBITION IN TSUEN WAN

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RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO VISIT THE 1991 POPULATION CENSUS MOBILE EXHIBITION FROM TODAY (FRIDAY) UNTIL SUNDAY (JANUARY 6) AT THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION.

ORGANISED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND DESIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT REMINDING THE PUBLIC OF THE FORTHCOMING POPULATION CENSUS AND TO CALL FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION.

APART FROM SETTING OUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT, THE EXHIBITION ELUCIDATES THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHS AND GRAPHICS THE ENUMERATION METHODS TO BE USED IN THE CENSUS AND HOW THE DATA COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

"THE SELF-ENUMERATION METHOD, IN PARTICULAR, WILL BE USED IN HONG KONG FOR THE FIRST TIME," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SIX OUT OF SEVEN HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE ENUMERATED THIS WAY WHILE THE OTHER ONE-SEVENTH HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE ENUMERATED BY THE TRADITIONAL INTERVIEWING METHOD.

"WE THEREFORE HOPE THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC WOULD GAIN A FAIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE METHODS THROUGH VISITING THE EXHIBITION," HE ADDED.

THE EXHIBITION AT THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF 11 MOBILE EXHIBITIONS TO BE HELD IN PROMINENT LOCATIONS, SUCH AS SHOPPING ARCADES AND MTR STATIONS, SO THAT THE MESSAGE CAN BE EFFECTIVELY CONVEYED TO THE LARGEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 11.30 AM TO 7.30 PM DAILY EXCEPT ON SUNDAY WHEN IT WILL CLOSE AT 4 PM. THE NEXT EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT SHUN TAK CENTRE IN SHEUNG WAN STARTING JANUARY 11.

THE 1991 POPULATION CENSUS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN MARCH 15 AND 24.

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LATEST CIVIC EDUCATION BULLETIN AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS

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THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE SCHOOL CIVIC EDUCATION BULLETIN BEING DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS CONTAINS TWO PAPERS ON CURRICULUM DESIGN FOR AND APPROACHES TO POLITICAL EDUCATION.

THE PAPERS ARE:

- * A FRAMEWORK OF DECISION MAKING ANALYSIS APPLICABLE TO, THE DESIGN OF CURRICULUM FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION, BY MR CHEUNG WING-HUNG, INSPECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS-CIVIC EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND
- * AN INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON OF APPROACHES TO POLITICAL EDUCATION, BY PROFESSOR IAN LISTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK.

THE BULLETIN IS PUBLISHED BY THE CIVIC EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

EACH SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE FOUR COPIES. COPIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR TEACHERS FOR REFERENCE AT THE CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS-CIVIC EDUCATION SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 839 2630 AND 839 2635.

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