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GOVERNOR TO PRESS FOR GENEROUS PACKAGE FOR HONG KONG

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TONIGHT (TUESDAY) THAT HE WILL BE PRESSING FOR A GENEROUS PACKAGE FOR HONG KONG ON THE RIGHT OF ABODE ISSUE WHEN HE MEETS GOVERNMENT MINISTERS IN LONDON.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT, SIR DAVID SAID THIS WOULD ENABLE US TO KEEP IN HONG KONG SOME OF THE KEY PEOPLE TO ENSURE THAT THE TERRITORY KEPT GOING BOTH IN TERMS OF THE ECONOMY AND THE GOVERNMENT.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON COMPLAINTS FROM CIVIL SERVANTS THAT THE PLANS WOULD GIVE MORE PLACES TO PEOPLE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "WHAT WE NEED IS A BALANCED PACKAGE. WE NEED TO COVER ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY."

"OF COURSE, WE HAVE A CONCERN FOR PEOPLE IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE. THEY'RE ESSENTIAL FOR KEEPING HONG KONG AS A WHOLE GOING, BUT WE'VE GOT AN EQUAL CONCERN FOR OTHER PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY." HE SAID.

"WHAT WE WANT IS A BALANCED PACKAGE, AND AS I WAS SAYING EARLIER, WE WANT A GENEROUS PACKAGE AS WELL, AND THAT'S WHAT I SHALL BE ARGUING FOR." HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID ALSO DESCRIBED UK PRESS REPORTS THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS ONLY WILLING TO OFFER A MAXIMUM OF 150,000 PASSPORTS TO HONG KONG PEOPLE AS HIGHLY SPECULATIVE AT THE MOMENT.

ANOTHER ISSUE THE GOVERNOR WILL BE DISCUSSING WHILE IN LONDON IS THAT OF THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT THERE WAS A NEED, DURING THE WINTER PERIOD, TO GET IN PLACE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ORDERLY RETURN OF PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT REFUGEES TO VIETNAM UNDER ACCEPTABLE MONITORING CONDITIONS.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON A UK NEWSPAPER REPORT THAT BRITAIN HAD GIVEN A SECRET PROMISE TO PEKING THAT IT WOULD MAKE NO MAJOR CHANGES TO HONG KONG'S POLITICAL SYSTEM BEFORE 1997, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "THAT ALLEGATION THAT THERE WAS SOME SECRET AGREEMENT IN 1984 IS ABSOLUTE NONSENSE. THERE WAS NO SUCH SECRET AGREEMENT."

SIR DAVID SAID THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT TO LONDON WAS TO MEET THE NEW FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR DOUGLAS HURD, AND THE NEW HOME SECRETARY, MR DAVID WADDINGTON, AND TO BRING THEM UP-TO-DATE ON HONG KONG VIEWS ON MATTERS THEY WERE DEALING WITH.

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"THEN I WILL, AS USUAL, TAKE THE CHANCE TO MEET WITH OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, AND I WILL BE MEETING SOME MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND THE HOUSE OF LORDS WHO ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HONG KONG AFFAIRS." HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 18).

HE WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY LADY WILSON, AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD.

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#### 1988 OVERSEAS INVESTMENT GROWS BY 24 PER CENT

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OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES GREW BY 24 PER CENT LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST SURVEY REPORT RELEASED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY).

ANNOUNCING RESULTS OF THE SURVEY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AT THE END OF 1988 HAD RISEN TO \$26,172 MILLION -- 24 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN 1987 AND MORE THAN DOUBLE THE FIGURE RECORDED AT SEPTEMBER 1984.

THE 1989 SURVEY OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF SURVEYS UNDERTAKEN ANNUALLY BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO ASSESS THE LEVEL AND TYPE OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING.

THE SURVEY IDENTIFIED 605 MANUFACTURING COMPANIES WITH OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN 1988 COMPARED WITH 593 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

MR BARMA SAID THE UNITED STATES CONTINUED TO BE THE LEADING SOURCE OF INVESTMENT, CONTRIBUTING 34 PER CENT OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENT.

"JAPAN, CHINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM REMAINED IN SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH PLACES, WITH 27 PER CENT, 11 PER CENT AND NINE PER CENT OF TOTAL INVESTMENT RESPECTIVELY," HE SAID.

"HOWEVER, JAPAN INVESTED MORE IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN 1988 THAN ANY OTHER INVESTING COUNTRY AND, IF ITS PRESENT RATE OF INVESTMENT CONTINUES, IT MAY SOON CHALLENGE THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIRST PLACE," HE ADDED.

MR BARMA SAID THE MAIN AIM OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME WAS TO ENCOURAGE OVERSEAS INVESTORS TO INTRODUCE TO HONG KONG, THROUGH THEIR INVESTMENTS, NEW OR IMPROVED PRODUCTS, PROCESSES, DESIGNS AND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

"THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE ENCOURAGING IN THIS RESPECT," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID 242 COMPANIES WITH AN OVERSEAS INTEREST. OR 40 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL, WERE JOINT VENTURES WITH LOCAL PARTNERS. A FORM OF CO-OPERATION WHICH PROVIDED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

"IN ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE COMPANIES, STAFF HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED FROM THE PARENT COMPANIES OVERSEAS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE OR ASSISTANCE IN AREAS SUCH AS COMPANY MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS, AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

"THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY COMPANIES, OR 55 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL, REPORTED THAT THEY EITHER HAD LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE OVERSEAS PARENT COMPANY, OR HAD RECEIVED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR HELP IN ACQUIRING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FROM THEM," MR BARMA SAID.

HE SAID THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED THAT OVERSEAS INVESTORS HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFER OF ONE OR MORE TYPES OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, ESPECIALLY IN THE ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY OF GENERAL APPLICATION TRANSFERRED WERE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS, TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN SYSTEMS AND MATERIAL REQUIREMENT PLANNING SOFTWARE SYSTEMS.

IN INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES, OVERSEAS INVESTORS HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFER OF SURFACE MOUNT TECHNOLOGY (SMT), MULTI-LAYER PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD, AND APPLICATION SPECIFIC INTEGRATED CIRCUIT (ASIC) DESIGN IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY; COMPUTER AIDED ENGINEERING (CAE) PACKAGES IN ENGINEERING ANALYSIS AND AUTOMATED ASSEMBLY IN THE ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY; PROPRIETY QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEMS IN THE CHEMICAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY; AND REAL TIME DATA COLLECTION IN THE TEXTILES AND CLOTHING INDUSTRY.

MR BARMA SAID THAT DESPITE THE IMPACT OF RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA, 62 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDING COMPANIES CONSIDERED THE MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG TO BE FAVOURABLE.

"MOST COMPANIES COMMENTED FAVOURABLY ON HONG KONG'S BANKING AND FINANCIAL FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC POLICY, BUSINESS LAWS AND REGULATIONS, CORPORATE TAXES AND REGIONAL LOCATION," HE SAID.

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO COMPANIES HAD PLANS TO EXPAND THEIR PRODUCTION. SIXTY-THREE COMPANIES PLANNED TO INTRODUCE NEW PRODUCTION PROCESSES AND 89 WERE DEVELOPING NEW PRODUCTS. HE ADDED.

COPIES OF THE SURVEY REPORT ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

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ACHIEVING BETTER UNDERSTANDINGS A MAJOR CHALLENGE

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ONE OF THE MAJOR CHALLENGES THAT HONG KONG FACES DURING THE 1990'S IS ACHIEVING BETTER UNDERSTANDINGS WITH CHINA BASED ON MUTUAL TRUST, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ASIAN BUSINESS FORUM, MRS CHAN SAID THAT FOR THE GOOD OF HONG KONG, IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT WE LEARNT TO MANAGE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR FUTURE SOVEREIGN POWER.

"THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAVE BEEN A TRYING AND SOBERING EXPERIENCE FOR US ALL BUT IT IS TIME TO PUT THAT BEHIND US AND TO GET ON WITH LIFE," SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT A PROSPEROUS AND STABLE HONG KONG WAS, HAD BEEN, AND ALWAYS WOULD BE IN THE INTERESTS OF CHINA.

CURRENTLY HONG KONG AND CHINA WERE EACH OTHER'S MOST IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNERS AND HONG KONG WAS CHINA'S MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND EXTERNAL INVESTMENT, SHE POINTED OUT.

"THIS DOES NOT, HOWEVER, MEAN THAT THERE IS NOT SCOPE FOR US TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONSHIPS," SHE ADDED.

SHE SAID THE AMBITIOUS PROGRAMMES ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.

"OUR INNATE GOOD SENSE, OUR UNDAUNTING SPIRIT, PRAGMATISM AND RESILIENCE HAVE SEEN US THROUGH PREVIOUS TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS. THEY WILL DO SO AGAIN," SHE SAID.

TURNING TO THE ROLE OF HONG KONG AS A MAJOR REGIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE, MRS CHAN SAID THAT SINCE THE MID-1970'S, EXPANSION IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, FINANCIAL INNOVATIONS AND THE GLOBAL LIBERALISATION OF FINANCIAL MARKETS HAD ALL FACILITATED THE GROWTH OF HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL SECTOR.

"THE OPENING UP OF CHINA'S ECONOMY HAS PRESENTED ADDITIONAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND HAS ALSO ATTRACTED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FROM ELSEWHERE TO OPERATE IN HONG KONG.

"NOTWITHSTANDING COMPETITION FROM OTHER FINANCIAL CENTRES IN THE REGION, SUCH AS TOKYO AND SINGAPORE, THE PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL SECTOR ARE ENCOURAGING," SHE SAID.

"WE SHALL NEVERTHELESS NEED TO KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE ON DEVELOPMENT ELSEWHERE TO ENSURE HONG KONG CONTINUES TO REMAIN AN ATTRACTIVE AND COMPETITIVE REGIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE," SHE POINTED OUT.

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MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT IN MANAGING OUR AFFAIRS OVER THE NEXT DECADE IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL NOT TO DEVIATE FROM THOSE POLICIES THAT HAVE SERVED US SO WELL IN THE PAST.

"IN ESSENCE THIS MEANT: REMAINING A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF FREE TRADE AND FREE ENTERPRISE, NONINTERFERENCE BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR - EXCEPT WHERE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, MAINTAINING A FIRST CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTAINING LOW CORPORATE AND INCOME TAXES, AND SUSTAINING THE PROGRAMME RECENTLY ANNOUNCED TO EXPAND EDUCATION AT THE TERTIARY LEVEL TO MEET THE DEMAND CAUSED, NOT ONLY BY EMIGRATION, BUT BY THE CHANGING STRUCTURE OF OUR ECONOMY IN WHICH THE SERVICE SECTOR IS GAINING PROMINENCE," SHE SAID.

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UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR JULY - SEPT

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED AT A LOW LEVEL, WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE DECLINED FURTHER DURING THE PERIOD JULY - SEPTEMBER 1989.

THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INDICATE THAT THE TIGHT LABOUR MARKET SITUATION CONTINUED.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1989 WAS 1.4 PER CENT, WHICH WAS THE SAME AS THAT FOR APRIL - JUNE 1989 BUT WAS LOWER THAN 1.6 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE DECREASE OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN JULY - SEPTEMBER 1989 WAS ESTIMATED AT 37,500, COMPARED WITH 38,600 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1989 AND 43,800 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1988.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1989 WAS 0.6 PER CENT, WHICH WAS LOWER THAN 0.8 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1989 BUT WAS THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1988.

THE DECREASE OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1989 WAS 17,400, COMPARED WITH 22,800 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1989 AND 15,400 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1988.

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CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

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

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY.

THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 1989 WAS 1.4 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 0.7 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS SURVEY COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 51,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1989 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AROUND DECEMBER 20 AT \$10 PER COPY.

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EIGHTH MEETING OF PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

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THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (PHA) REVIEWED THE PROGRESS OF PREPARATORY WORK ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (HA) BY APRIL 1, 1990 AT ITS EIGHTH MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AFTER THE MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PHA, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, SAID THAT ACTIVE DRAFTING WORK OF THE PHA REPORT IS NOW IN HAND.

"THE REPORT WILL CONTAIN THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PHA ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, AND IS EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT BY THE END OF THIS YEAR."

THE REPORT WILL COVER SUCH MAJOR ISSUES AS THE AUTHORITY STRUCTURE, NEW HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT, THE FINANCING OF HOSPITAL SERVICES, THE STATUTORY POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY, THE INTEGRATION OF EXISTING GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS, THE NEW TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR HOSPITAL AUTHORITY STAFF AND SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TEACHING HOSPITALS.

SIR S.Y. EMPHASISED THAT THE PHA CAN ONLY MAKE BROAD RECOMMENDATIONS IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED TIME FOR DELIBERATIONS. SUBJECT TO THESE RECOMMENDATIONS BEING ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT, IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WHEN SET UP WILL DEVELOP IN MORE DETAIL THE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE PHA.

SIR S.Y., WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PHA STAFFING COMMITTEE, SAID THAT THE DRAWING UP OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE NEW HA TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE BASED ON THE CONSULTANTS' PROPOSALS IS NEARING COMPLETION AND THEY WILL CERTAINLY BE INCLUDED IN THE PHA REPORT.

THE NEW TERMS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON A DATE TO BE SPECIFIED FOR THE TAKEOVER OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL PUBLIC HOSPITALS BY THE HA. THIS DATE WILL BE SOME MONTHS AFTER THE FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HA, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE IN APRIL 1990, SUBJECT TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION.

"UNTIL THE TAKEOVER BY THE HA, THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS WILL CONTINUE TO BE RUN BY THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS RESPECTIVELY AND EXISTING TERMS AND CONDITIONS WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY TO STAFF.

"THERE IS THEREFORE NO QUESTION OF THE NEW TERMS BEING INTRODUCED ON THE FIRST DAY WHEN THE HA IS ESTABLISHED BECAUSE THE EMPLOYERS OF HOSPITAL STAFF WILL REMAIN THE GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITAL BOARDS AT THAT TIME."

THE NEW HA TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE WILL REQUIRE A NEW PAYROLL SYSTEM TO BE DEvised FOR THE FUTURE AUTHORITY. THE PHA IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING THE DESIGN OF A NEW SYSTEM, INVOLVING EXPERTISE FROM THE TREASURY AND OUTSIDE FIRMS.

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THIS IS ONLY BUT ONE OF THE MANY DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES WHICH THE HA WILL NEED TIME TO WORK OUT BEFORE IT CAN TAKE OVER THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM.

THE CONSULTANTS ENGAGED TO VALIDATE THE PHA HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE NEW HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC HOSPITALS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR ASSIGNMENT.

DURING THE CONSULTANCY, BRIEFING SESSIONS WERE HELD WITH HOSPITAL STAFF. THE RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED NEW HA HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE WAS GENERALLY FAVOURABLE.

VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF THE NEW SYSTEM WERE MADE BY STAFF AND WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE CONSULTANTS IN PRESENTING THEIR FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PHA.

"IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT STAFF ARE GENERALLY RECEPTIVE TO THE IMPENDING CHANGES WHICH ARE MEANT TO PROMOTE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE HOSPITALS AND TO IMPROVE PATIENT SERVICE," SIR S.Y. SAID.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN A PHASED MANNER INVOLVING A NUMBER OF HOSPITALS IN BATCHES SPREAD OVER SEVERAL PHASES LASTING THREE TO FOUR YEARS. CAREFUL SELECTION OF THE FIRST BATCH OF PILOT HOSPITALS IS BEING MADE.

CONSULTANTS HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED TO DRAW UP THE NEW PERSONNEL REGULATIONS AND PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL SYSTEM.

THE ASSIGNMENT IS DUE TO START LATER THIS MONTH AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT FOUR MONTHS' TIME. THE PA CONSULTING GROUP HAS BEEN ENGAGED FOR THIS CONSULTANCY.

"AS THE FUTURE AUTHORITY WILL BE AN INDEPENDENT STATUTORY BODY SEPARATE FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE, A NEW SYSTEM OF PERSONNEL REGULATIONS AND PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL IS NECESSARY.

"AS IT IS INEVITABLE THAT A MIXED STAFF SITUATION, CONSISTING OF CIVIL SERVANTS WORKING IN THE HA, HA EMPLOYEES AND FORMER SUBVENTED HOSPITAL STAFF RETAINING THEIR PREVIOUS STATUS, WILL EXIST FOR SOME TIME AFTER THE HA IS SET UP, THE NEW SYSTEM TO BE DRAWN UP SHOULD NOT DEVIATE TOO MUCH FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE MODEL SO THAT DISPARITY IN THE TREATMENT OF HA STAFF ON DIFFERENT TERMS CAN BE REDUCED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE." SIR S.Y. SAID.

"THERE WILL BE FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES AT A LATER STAGE FOR HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT AND STAFF TO BE MORE FULLY BRIEFED ON THE PHA'S RECOMMENDATIONS," HE CONCLUDED.

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11 QUESTIONS ON LEGCO AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 11 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER SIX BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

TWO BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THEY ARE THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 AND THE STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989.

SECOND READING DEBATES ON FOUR BILLS WILL BE RESUMED, AND EACH BILL IS THEN DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

THEY ARE THE CONTROL OF EXEMPTION CLAUSES BILL 1989, THE RECOGNITION OF TRUSTS BILL 1989, THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, AND THE HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES AND MATERNITY HOMES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989.

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PROPOSED COMPOSITE INDUSTRIAL-OFFICE BUILDINGS

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAS ENDORSED THE CONCEPT OF COMPOSITE INDUSTRIAL-OFFICE BUILDINGS TO CATER FOR THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IN HONG KONG.

THE CONCEPT IS DEEMED NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING DEMAND AMONG INDUSTRIAL FIRMS FOR MORE FLOOR SPACE TO BE SET ASIDE FOR MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION, DESIGN, QUALITY CONTROL, STORAGE AND OTHER QUASI-INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES WHICH CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED IN NORMAL COMMERCIAL OFFICE BUILDINGS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS TREND WILL CONTINUE, RESULTING IN THE NEED TO GIVE FLEXIBILITY IN PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION FOR BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE PURPOSES.

A TOWN PLANNING BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID SINCE THE COMPOSITE INDUSTRIAL-OFFICE BUILDING CONCEPT IS A NEW ONE, ITS IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE REGULARLY MONITORED AND REVIEWED. INITIALLY, ITS APPLICATION WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THE EXISTING METROPOLITAN AREA, THAT IS, HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND TSUEN WAN.

THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAD REQUESTED THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE TO CONDUCT FURTHER STUDIES TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE SITES IN EXISTING METROPOLITAN INDUSTRIAL AREAS FOR SPECIFIC REZONING FOR INDUSTRIAL/OFFICE USE.

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MEANWHILE, APPLICATIONS TO BUILD COMPOSITE INDUSTRIAL-OFFICE BUILDINGS ON INDUSTRIAL SITES CAN BE CONSIDERED ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL MERITS THROUGH THE PLANNING PERMISSION SYSTEM.

THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAD CONSULTED VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATIONS AS WELL AS RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES BEFORE ENDORSING THE COMPOSITE INDUSTRIAL-OFFICE BUILDING PROPOSAL.

"THE PROPOSAL HAS GAINED GENERAL SUPPORT IN VIEW OF ITS FLEXIBILITY IN MEETING CURRENT ACCOMMODATION DEMAND OF THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WITH RESPECT TO THE BOARD'S CURRENT GUIDELINE TO PERMIT WITHOUT PLANNING APPLICATION AN INDUSTRIAL FIRM TO USE UP TO 30 PER CENT OF ITS USABLE FLOOR SPACE IN AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING FOR ANCILLARY OFFICE PURPOSE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS "30 PER CENT RULE" WOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE TO THE PROPOSED COMPOSITE INDUSTRIAL-OFFICE BUILDINGS.

HOWEVER, IT WOULD STILL BE ENFORCED IN EXISTING BONA FIDE INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS TO PROVIDE CONTROL AGAINST ANY UNWARRANTED INFILTRATION OF NON-INDUSTRY-RELATED ACTIVITIES INTO SUCH BUILDINGS.

UNDER THE PROPOSAL OF COMPOSITE INDUSTRIAL-OFFICE BUILDINGS, EVERY UNIT SHOULD BE DESIGNED, CONSTRUCTED AND MADE SUITABLE FOR BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE USES.

TO SERVE BOTH PURPOSES, THIS NEW TYPE OF BUILDING MUST COMPLY WITH ALL THE RELEVANT BUILDING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE BUILDINGS, INCLUDING FLOOR LOADING, COMPARTMENTATION, LIGHTING VENTILATION, PROVISIONS OF MEANS OF ESCAPE, AND SANITARY FITMENTS.

MOREOVER, THERE SHOULD BE SEPARATE ENTRANCES AND LIFT LOBBIES FOR BOTH GOODS AND PASSENGERS IN THE COMPOSITE BUILDING.

PARKING AS WELL AS LOADING/UNLOADING FACILITIES FOR GOODS VEHICLES WITHIN THE BUILDING, INCLUDING VERTICAL TRANSFER OF GOODS, SHOULD ALSO MEET THE STANDARDS REQUIRED FOR INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL-OFFICE BUILDING WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THOSE RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL AND QUASI-INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HEAVY AND NOXIOUS INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS.

OWING TO FIRE SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS, GENERAL COMMERCIAL USES SUCH AS RESTAURANTS AND SUPERMARKETS WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE ALLOWED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT TOWN PLANNER, DR PETER PUN, WILL EXPLAIN DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL TO MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA TODAY (TUESDAY) AT HIS FOURTH FLOOR OFFICE, IN MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL. THE SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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CHIEF FIRE OFFICER TO RETIRE AFTER 35 YEARS' SERVICE

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THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR JOHN MARCH, TODAY (TUESDAY) PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO CHIEF FIRE OFFICER TAM YUK-FAN WHO WILL BE RETIRING SHORTLY AFTER 35 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MR MARCH PRESENTED THE SOUVENIR ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT AND MR TAM'S COLLEAGUES AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

MR TAM YUK-FAN IS AT PRESENT HEAD OF THE HONG KONG COMMAND. BORN IN 1932, MR TAM JOINED THE FIRE SERVICES AS A SUB-OFFICER IN 1954 AND WAS PROMOTED TO STATION OFFICER IN 1962. HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER FIVE YEARS LATER AND DIVISIONAL OFFICER IN 1975.

MR TAM ROSE TO THE RANK OF SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER IN 1980 AND DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER IN 1985. HE REACHED HIS PRESENT RANK IN 1987.

HE WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN 1976 AND THE QUEEN'S FIRE SERVICES MEDAL THIS YEAR.

DURING HIS LONG SERVICE WITH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR TAM HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS OPERATIONAL AND FIRE PROTECTION FORMATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

HE WAS AWARDED THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES' COMMENDATION FOR FORTITUDE, DEVOTION TO DUTY AND DISREGARD OF HIS PERSONAL SAFETY IN A SPECIAL SERVICE IN 1967 AT THE HONG KONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY IN TO KWA WAN WHERE A PERSON WAS FOUND TRAPPED INSIDE A WATER SEALED GASHOLDER.

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RELICS UNEARTHED AT LUNG KWU TAN EXCAVATION

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A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT RELICS HAVE BEEN UNEARTHED DURING THE RESCUE EXCAVATION AT LUNG KWU TAN IN TUEN MUN SINCE WORK STARTED EARLY LAST MONTH.

IT IS ESTIMATED THE RELICS WOULD DATE BACK TO THE LATE NEOLITHIC PERIOD, AND SHED LIGHT ON THE PREHISTORIC PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE RELICS INCLUDE ARTISTIC OBJECTS SUCH AS POLISHED QUARTZ RINGS, COARSE CORDED POTS AND A WIDE RANGE OF STONE IMPLEMENTS SUCH AS HAMMERS, GRINDING STONES, CRYSTAL FLAKES AND SPLITTERS.

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ALSO, A POSSIBLE LATE NEOLITHIC BURIAL HAS BEEN REVEALED INITIALLY, AND IT IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION. OTHER RESCUE EXCAVATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS.

THE EXCAVATION IS BEING CONDUCTED JOINTLY BY THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH AND THE INSTITUTE OF CHINESE STUDIES OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE EXCAVATION ARE THE CURATOR (ARCHAEOLOGY) OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE, MR S.T. CHIU, AND THE RESEARCH ASSOCIATE OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHINESE STUDIES, MR TANG CHUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A MEDIA VISIT TO THE LUNG KWU TAN EXCAVATION SITE HAS BEEN ARRANGED ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 16) MORNING, AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE UNEARTHED RELICS AND THE EXCAVATION.

A PRESS COACH TAKING THE MEDIA TO THE SITE WILL LEAVE MIDDLE ROAD, NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH HANKOW ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 9.30 AM SHARP.

AN INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE VISIT.

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ARTS FESTIVAL FOR EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS

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EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A VARIETY OF CULTURAL PROGRAMMES DURING A TWO-WEEK ARTS FESTIVAL FROM SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19) TO DECEMBER 3.

THE FESTIVAL WILL OPEN ON SUNDAY WITH A CARNIVAL IN VICTORIA PARK WHICH WILL INCLUDE A CHINESE PAINTING EXHIBITION, CALLIGRAPHY DEMONSTRATION, FLOWER ARRANGEMENT AND HANDICRAFT, AND A VARIETY SHOW.

OTHER FESTIVAL EVENTS WILL BE SCREENING OF A JAPANESE CARTOON FILM, ENTITLED "TOTORO", TO BE SHOWN ON NOVEMBER 25 AT THE GOLDEN HUNG KAI THEATRE, AND A CONCERT BY THE 70-STRONG EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON NOVEMBER 26.

FOR CANTONESE OPERA LOVERS, THE WAN MAN OPERA TROUPE WILL GIVE A PERFORMANCE IN THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON DECEMBER 2.

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THE FESTIVAL WILL CLOSE WITH A CONCERT BY THE LIM KEH HAN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA AT THE DR SEAKER CHAN MEMORIAL HALL ON DECEMBER 3.

EXCEPT FOR THE FILM SHOW, ADMISSION TO ALL EVENTS IS FREE. TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL IS BEING JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

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MUSICAL TREAT FOR WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS

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MUSIC LOVERS IN WONG TAI SIN WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO ENJOY PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 17).

THE ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE A CONCERT AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE IN HUNG HOM IN SUPPORT OF THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE CONCERT, BEGINNING AT 8 PM, WILL FEATURE POPULAR FOLK SONGS.

TICKETS AT \$10, \$20 AND \$30 ARE ON SALE AT URBTX OUTLETS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONCERT BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE IN HUNG HOM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 17). IT WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

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DB TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORT SITE

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SIX MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL RAISE QUESTIONS AT THE BOARD'S MEETING ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 16) ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE KAI TAK AIRPORT SITE FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY AND THE PROVISION OF CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE TO KWA WAN NORTH AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 16) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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DB COMMITTEE TO BE BRIEFED ON NEW EXHIBITION SERVICE CENTRE

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THE INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S NEW EXHIBITION SERVICE CENTRE IN THE DISTRICT AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TDC WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO BRIEF MEMBERS.

ALSO, THERE WILL BE A PRESENTATION ON THE USE OF COMPUTER IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 16) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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TEMPORARY SWITCH-OFF OF RTHK FM FREQUENCIES

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THE FM FREQUENCIES OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL BE SWITCHED OFF BETWEEN 8.10 AM AND 11 AM ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 16 AND 17) TO ENABLE THE POST OFFICE TO CONDUCT NEW RADIO FREQUENCIES TESTS. A SPOKESMAN FOR RTHK ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

"THE TESTS ARE TO FACILITATE THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW WAVE-LENGTHS WHICH WILL COME INTO OPERATION AT MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3.

"THE CHANNELS TO BE AFFECTED ARE RADIO ONE (FM 92 AND 93), RADIO TWO (FM 94 AND 103), RADIO THREE (FM 101), RADIO FOUR (FM 91 AND 100) AND RADIO FIVE (FM 96 AND 105)." HE SAID.

TO MARK THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF THE NEW FM FREQUENCIES, RTHK WILL HOLD A "NEW WAVES NITE" WHICH WILL START AT 11.15 PM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 2) AND LAST UNTIL 1 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 3).

THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUEST OF THIS SPECIAL PROGRAMME TO BE BROADCAST ON RADIO 1 AND 2. DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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WINNERS IN ESSAY COMPETITION RECEIVE PRIZES

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TWENTY-ONE WINNERS IN THE LOCAL ROUND OF THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY ESSAY COMPETITION 1988-89 RECEIVED THEIR PRIZES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR LI SAID THE CONTEST WAS ORGANISED ANNUALLY TO PROMOTE AMONG STUDENTS THE USE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AS WELL AS A KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

THIS YEAR, THE HONG KONG CONTEST ATTRACTED 110 ENTRIES FROM 18 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

"IT IS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT ALL ENTRIES WERE OF A VERY HIGH STANDARD AND THAT THE PARTICIPATING STUDENTS DISPLAYED MUCH THOUGHT AND CARE IN PREPARING THEIR ESSAYS," MR LI SAID.

"HONG KONG STUDENTS COMPETE WITH SOME 4,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM OVER 40 OTHER COMMONWEALTH TERRITORIES, MANY OF WHICH ARE PREDOMINANTLY ENGLISH-SPEAKING.

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"RECORDS SHOW THAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE ALWAYS EXCELLED THEMSELVES IN THE LONDON-BASED INTERNATIONAL CONTEST AND THEIR NAMES HAVE ALWAYS APPEARED ON THE LISTS OF MERITORIOUS AWARDS."

AMONG THE 21 ENTRIES SELECTED TO COMPETE IN THE LONDON-BASED CONTEST, HONG KONG STUDENTS WON TWO SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS, FOUR HIGH COMMENDATIONS AND TWO COMMENDATIONS.

MR LI SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT LOCAL STUDENTS WOULD MAINTAIN THE GOOD RECORD IN THE COMING YEARS.

WINNERS IN THE LOCAL COMPETITION WERE AWARDED BOOK PRIZES AMOUNTING TO \$6,250 DONATED BY THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE FIRST PRIZE OF \$1,000 IN CLASS A FOR CANDIDATES AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 18 WENT TO JENNIFER TSANG CHIU-CHUN OF DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL. SHE ALSO EARNED A ROUND TRIP TO KUALA LUMPUR AND \$2,000 SPENDING MONEY DONATED BY THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN HONG KONG.

THE SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES OF CLASS A WENT TO ALICE CHAN SAU-WAI OF SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE AND ESTHER TSANG OF ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE.

WINNERS IN CLASS B FOR STUDENTS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 15 WERE KAISER FUNG KAI-SZE OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE (FIRST PRIZE), AMY NG OF DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL (SECOND PRIZE) AND AILEEN WONG TSANG-YU (THIRD PRIZE).

IN CLASS C FOR STUDENTS AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 13, REGGIE LI OF ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE WON THE FIRST PRIZE, WHILE CARMEN LAI OF MARYMOUNT SECONDARY SCHOOL AND LUNG EN-TING OF ST PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE WERE AWARDED THE SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES RESPECTIVELY.

THE WINNERS IN CLASS D FOR STUDENTS AGED BELOW 12 WAS ALBY TSANG OF DIOCESAN PREPARATORY SCHOOL, FOLLOWED BY GENEVIEVE CHAN HOY-WON OF ST STEPHEN'S GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL AND MICHAEL CHAN OF DIOCESAN PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

THERE WERE ALSO CONSOLATION PRIZES IN EACH CLASS.

ALSO PRESENTING PRIZES TO WINNERS AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR HARRY GARLICK, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN HONG KONG, MRS OPHELIA CHEUNG-MACPHERSON.

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HAWKER AND RETAILER FINED FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS

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A VEGETABLE HAWKER AND A FRUIT RETAILER WERE FINED \$1,000 AND \$2,000 RESPECTIVELY AT THE WESTERN MAGISTRACY TODAY (TUESDAY) AFTER THEY PLEADED GUILTY TO THE CHARGES OF USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS.

THEY WERE PROSECUTED BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE COURT HEARD THAT THE TWO CASES HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AFTER COMPLAINTS FROM CUSTOMERS AGAINST THE DEFENDANTS WERE RECEIVED.

ON JUNE 21 THIS YEAR, OFFICERS OF THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT AN INSPECTION IN THE VEGETABLE HAWKER'S STALL AT CHUN YEUNG STREET MARKET, NORTH POINT.

AS A RESULT, A SET OF CHINESE STEELYARD WAS SEIZED AND REFERRED TO THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION.

SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATION REVEALED THAT THE READING OF THE WEIGHING INSTRUMENT WAS 25 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHT OF THE GOODS.

IN THE SECOND CASE, OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU INSPECTED THE FRUIT RETAILER'S SHOP ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF 6-9 CANAL ROAD EAST, HONG KONG ON JULY 14 THIS YEAR.

THE OFFICERS SEIZED FROM THE SHOP THREE SPRING BALANCES WHICH WERE SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION.

TEST RESULTS SHOWED THAT THE HIGHEST ERRORS IN THESE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS RANGED FROM 18.9 PER CENT TO 96.7 PER CENT. IT MEANT THAT THE READING IN THE BALANCES WERE 18.9 PER CENT TO 96.7 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHT.

THE CHIEF TRADE CONTROL OFFICER OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, MR ANDREW WONG, SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 72 COMPLAINTS ABOUT WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DURING THE INITIAL 10-MONTH IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD OF THE ORDINANCE.

"OF THESE COMPLAINTS, 39 ARE NOT SUBSTANTIATED, 30 ARE SUBSTANTIATED AND THREE OTHERS ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

"AS FOR THE COMPLAINTS WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIATED, WRITTEN WARNINGS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO 19 TRADERS, FOUR TRADERS HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED AND SEVEN OTHER CASES WERE EXPECTED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE COURT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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"THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT," MR WONG SAID.

IF ANY PERSON WANTS TO MAKE ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT MALPRACTICES IN RESPECT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, HE MAY CONTACT EITHER THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 3-7146146) OR THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

COMPLAINTS MAY ALSO BE MADE TO THE DUTY OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON 5-8523185 AFTER NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

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MORRISON HILL POST OFFICE RE-OPENS ON MONDAY

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RENOVATION WORK AT THE MORRISON HILL POST OFFICE IN WAN CHAI HAS COMPLETED AND THE OFFICE WILL BE RE-OPENED FOR BUSINESS ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 20), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE MORRISON HILL POST OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 28 OI KWAN ROAD.

ALL POSTAL FACILITIES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED AT THE OFFICE WILL RESUME NORMAL OPERATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID.

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HK JOINS WORLD STAMP EXPO '89

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THE POST OFFICE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD STAMP EXPO '89 IN WASHINGTON, USA.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, COMMEMORATIVE COVERS AFFIXED WITH A SET OF "HONG KONG PEOPLE" SPECIAL STAMPS AND CANCELLED WITH A SPECIAL POSTMARK WILL BE PUT ON SALE AT \$11.50 EACH FROM FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 17) AT THE FOLLOWING PHILATELIC OFFICES:

GENERAL POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE, PEAK POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE, AIRPORT POST OFFICE, AND SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE.

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MUSIC OFFICE RECRUITS PROFESSIONAL STAFF

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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS RECRUITING FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL STAFF IN GEHU/BASS GEHU AND MUSIC PROMOTION.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL ENTER AS AN ASSISTANT MUSIC OFFICER II WITH A PAY SCALE BETWEEN \$7,815 AND \$12,725 PER MONTH.

APPLICANTS FOR THE AMO II (GEHU/BASS GEHU) POST SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED MUSICAL TRAINING IN AN ACCEPTABLE INSTITUTION, CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC OR HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS' RELEVANT EXPERIENCE IN AN ACCEPTABLE PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING GROUP OR ACADEMY. DIPLOMA AND DEGREE HOLDERS MUST BE MAJOR IN GEHU/BASS GEHU.

APPLICANTS FOR THE AMO II (MUSIC PROMOTION) POST SHOULD BE GRADUATES OF THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS OR THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE; OR HAVE A DEGREE IN MUSIC FROM A RECOGNISED UNIVERSITY; OR POSSESS LRSM, LRAM, LTCL, ARCM, LGSM, DRAM, GRAM, GGSM, GRNCM OR EQUIVALENT.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE ON G.F. 340 AND FORWARDED TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER (PERSONNEL AND GENERAL) OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH, 25TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 20.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 5-8235340.

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LAST CALL FOR ENTRIES TO ANTI-DRUG SYMBOL DESIGN CONTEST

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RESIDENTS WISHING TO ENTER THE ANTI-DRUG SYMBOL DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) ARE TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED TO SEND IN THEIR DESIGNS BY TOMORROW (NOVEMBER 15).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID SO FAR MORE THAN 300 ENTRIES HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

THE CONTEST, ORGANISED WITH THE SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTION OF \$100,000 FROM THE ORIENTAL DAILY NEWS, WAS HELD TO LOOK FOR AN ANTI-DRUG SYMBOL TO COMMEMORATE ACAN'S SILVER JUBILEE NEXT YEAR.

"SUBJECT TO THE FINAL DECISION OF THE ORGANISERS, THE WINNING SYMBOL WILL BE USED ON VARIOUS SOUVENIR ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC NEXT YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ALL ENTRIES MUST BE AN ORIGINAL DESIGN BY THE PARTICIPANTS AND SHOULD NOT BE AN IMITATION OF ANY REGISTERED SYMBOLS.

THE DESIGNS (25 CM BY 25 CM) SHOULD BE MADE IN ONE OR TWO COLOURS WITH A WHITE BACKGROUND ON A DRAWING PAPER.

IN ADDITION TO A TROPHY, THE TOP THREE WINNERS OF THE CONTEST WILL EACH BE AWARDED CASH COUPONS OF \$5,000, \$3,000 AND \$2,000 RESPECTIVELY.

THE ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED EITHER IN PERSON OR BY POST TO THE NARCOTICS DIVISION AT 23RD FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CENTRAL, NOT LATER THAN TOMORROW. RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON NOVEMBER 30.

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#### AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 18) AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL. THE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING.

THEY ARE:

EB8882	EC8	ED133	EC2168
ED986	ED688	EE3233	EC881
HK1931	EE3228	ED983	EE14
CY99	ED932	HK72	EE7773
ED386	5201	ED8898	EE1283
EC8836	ED286	489	EB678
ED5	ED3833	EC866	ED2398
EE229	ED899	BG1313	ED890
EE6388	ED2628	EE201	EE3306
EC118	EB3	CC2223	EC1622

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

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THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 144TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT FOR MOVEMENT OF PLANE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 16) FOR TRANSPORTING A DC-3 PLANE FROM THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PROMENADE TO THE HONG KONG SCIENCE MUSEUM VIA SALISBURY ROAD WESTBOUND, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH (NORTHBOUND) AND GRANVILLE ROAD.

THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SALISBURY ROAD BETWEEN THE U-TURN SLIP ROAD ADJACENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE AND ITS JUNCTION WITH CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 4 AM AND 6 AM.

TRAFFIC ON SALISBURY ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO HONG CHONG ROAD NORTHBOUND VIA THE U-TURN SLIP ROAD AND ALL SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC IN MODY LANE WILL BE DIVERTED TO SALISBURY ROAD EASTBOUND VIA AN ENFORCED LEFT TURN.

THE SECTION OF GRANVILLE ROAD BETWEEN SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD AND THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO THE GRANVILLE SQUARE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 6 AM TO 7 AM.

THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH ONCE THE DC-3, WHICH WILL BE TOWED BY A TRACTOR, ENTERS THIS SECTION OF THE ROAD:

THE LEFT TURN FROM SALISBURY ROAD EASTBOUND ONTO CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH (NORTHBOUND) WILL BE BANNED AND ACCESS TO THIS SECTION OF CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH (NORTHBOUND) WILL BE PROHIBITED UNTIL AFTER THE PLANE ENTERS GRANVILLE ROAD.

ALL TRAFFIC APPROACHING THIS SECTION OF CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH (NORTHBOUND) WILL BE TEMPORARILY STOPPED UNTIL AFTER THE PLANE HAS PASSED THROUGH THE PARTICULAR ROAD JUNCTIONS. THE ROAD WILL BE RE-OPENED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

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