



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL: 5-233191

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
HK TO STAND FIRM AGAINST PROTECTIONISM	1
THREE-TIER SYSTEM WORKS EFFECTIVELY	3
GOVERNOR TO VISIT KWAI TSING	4
VIEWS SOUGHT IN CUSTOMARY LAW SUCCESSION	5
TERRITORY-WIDE CLEAN-UP TO BEGIN	6
PUBLIC URGED TO REPORT STRAYS	7
SURVEYS ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	8
REGISTRATION REVOKED FOR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY	9
EMPLOYMENT AGENCY FINED FOR OVERCHARGING	10
LEGCO TO DEBATE CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND	11
COURTESY CALL ON DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE	11
PO LEUNG KUK PRAISED FOR EDUCATION SERVICES	12
AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS	12
WAI CHING STREET ILLEGAL STRUCTURES FACE HAMMER	13
EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO MEET ON THURSDAY	14
COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WATER SEEPAGE PROBLEMS	15
MANPOWER SURVEY ON INSURANCE INDUSTRY TO BEGIN	15
PROPERTY OWNERS REMINDED TO FILE RETURNS	16
KO CHIU ROAD RE-ROUTED	17
CUL-DE-SAC TO BE CONVERTED	17
TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN MONG KOK	18
NO FLUSHING WATER	18

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

HK TO STAND FIRM AGAINST PROTECTIONISM
* * * * *

HONG KONG SHALL TAKE ALL THE STEPS IT CAN TO PROTECT THE TERRITORY'S TRADING INTERESTS AND TO ARGUE THE VIRTUES OF A FREE TRADING SYSTEM AGAINST THE THREAT OF PROTECTIONISM HANGING OVER THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CLOSELY MONITORING DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE UNITED STATES.

HE SAID IN RECENT YEARS GROWTH IN HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE HAD LED TO VERY HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

+OVER THE FIVE YEARS 1981/86 OUR TOTAL TRADE DOUBLED IN VALUE.

+IN RECENT MONTHS THE GROWTH HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING. IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 41 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. IMPORTS GREW BY A SIMILAR AMOUNT,+ HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DID NOT APPLY A TOTALLY HANDS-OFF POLICY TOWARDS THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES DESPITE ITS TRADITIONAL PRACTICE OF MINIMUM INTERFERENCE.

+HONG KONG OPERATES ON THE PHILOSOPHY THAT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO INTERFERE WITH THE OPERATION OF MARKET FORCES, OR ATTEMPT TO PLAN THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES BETWEEN DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES, IS LIKELY TO DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD,+ HE EXPLAINED.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THE NEED TO PROVIDE THE INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT VITAL TO THE EXISTENCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, THAT IS, AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF TREATED WATER, ENERGY, INDUSTRIAL LAND, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS.

+THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THIS KIND OF INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT,+ SIR DAVID SAID,+ IT WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO DO THE SAME.+

HE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT JUST INTERNAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT MADE THE ECONOMY DYNAMIC, IT WAS PEOPLE THAT MADE A SOCIETY AND IT WAS PEOPLE THAT MADE AN ECONOMY A SUCCESS OR A FAILURE. +HONG KONG HAS BEEN VERY FORTUNATE IN ITS PEOPLE.+

+BUT WE CANNOT REST ON OUR LAURELS. WE MUST PLAN FOR THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

- 2 -

+FOR OUR INDUSTRY TO GROW, WE NEED THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF SKILLED MANPOWER AVAILABLE AT THE RIGHT LEVELS,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT HAS THEREFORE PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON EDUCATIONAL AND MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAMMES.+

NOTING THAT THE WORK OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN THIS, SIR DAVID SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THIRD UNIVERSITY, WITH ITS EMPHASIS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WAS A FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE.

HE SAID THAT WHILE THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPLORE WAYS TO HELP THE INDUSTRIES MAINTAIN THEIR EXTERNAL COMPETITIVENESS, THEY WOULD NEED TO MAINTAIN THEIR USUAL RESPONSIVENESS AND FLEXIBILITY TO MEET CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE MARKET PLACE.

+TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION, COST REDUCTION, QUALITY DESIGN AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT ARE SOME OF THE KEY FACTORS WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

+ONLY BY THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN WE FOSTER THE GROWTH WHICH WILL SECURE OUR STABILITY AND PROSPERITY FOR THE FUTURE.+

TURNING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, SIR DAVID CONGRATULATED THE CORPORATION AND ITS ADVISERS, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, ON A JOB WELL DONE. HE SAID THE CORPORATION HAD COME A LONG WAY.

IN ITS FIRST YEAR, THE CORPORATION UNDERWROTE SOME 250 FIRMS AND \$300 MILLION WORTH OF EXPORTS. +NOW, 20 YEARS LATER, YOU HAVE A SOLID CLIENTELE OF 1 600 FIRMS AND LAST YEAR HAD INSURED EXPORTS OF \$7 BILLION,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

HE SAID THAT BY BUILDING UP A HEALTHY RATIO OF ASSETS TO RISK OVER RECENT YEARS, THE CORPORATION WAS WELL PLACED TO OFFER HONG KONG EXPORTERS NEW INSURANCE POLICIES THAT SUITED CHANGES IN THE TRADING ENVIRONMENT.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE CORPORATION WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE AS WELL AS IT HAD DONE THOSE IN THE PAST.

- - - - - 0 - - - - -

/3

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

- 3 -

THREE-TIER SYSTEM WORKS EFFECTIVELY

* * * *

THE THREE TIERS POLITICAL SYSTEM SEEMS TO BE WORKING VERY EFFECTIVELY AND IS NOW ACCEPTED AS BEING A VERY EFFECTIVE MECHANISM, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IN TSUEN WAN, SIR DAVID SAID THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TIERS WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE GREEN PAPER.

+BUT THE EXISTENCE OF THE THREE TIERS, I THINK, IS NOW ACCEPTED BY EVERYBODY AS BEING A VERY EFFECTIVE MECHANISM,+ HE SAID.

WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THAT WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GREEN PAPER.

ASKED IF THERE WAS TO BE DRASTIC CHANGES IN THE ROLE OF EACH OF THE THREE TIERS, HE SAID THAT WAS NOT FOR HIM TO SAY BECAUSE THAT WAS ONE OF THE THINGS TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE GREEN PAPER.

+IF YOU HAVE A GREEN PAPER EXERCISE, THE IDEA IS TO GET PEOPLE'S VIEW ON IT, NOT FOR ME TO SAY IN ADVANCE WHAT I THINK SHOULD BE DONE,+ HE ADDED.

DESCRIBING HIS VISIT TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AS +VERY INTERESTING+, SIR DAVID SAID THE COUNCIL DID NOT EXIST WHEN HE LAST WORKED IN HONG KONG AND +SO IT'S SOMETHING WHICH IS NEW AND TO LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT WHAT IT'S DOING IS VERY HELPFUL+.

+I WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE AMOUNT OF WORK IT'S ALREADY DOING AND BY THE CLOSE LIAISON THERE IS BETWEEN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND ALSO BETWEEN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON THE PROBLEM OF POLLUTION ON CERTAIN BEACHES.

+THERE ARE THREE BEACHES WHICH ARE NOW HEAVILY POLLUTED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THEY BELIEVE IT'S NOT RIGHT TO HAVE SWIMMING THERE ANY MORE AND NATURALLY ENOUGH THEY ARE ANXIOUS ABOUT THAT BECAUSE OF THE GREAT POPULARITY OF THOSE BEACHES AMONG SWIMMERS,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE TOPIC OF POLITICAL REFORMS WAS NOT RAISED AT THE MEETING. +WHAT WAS HAPPENING WAS THEY WERE BRIEFING ME ON THE WORK BEING DONE BY THE COUNCIL,+ HE ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/4

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

- 4 -

GOVERNOR TO VISIT KWAI TSING
* * * * *

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON WILL VISIT KWAI TSING DISTRICT ON THURSDAY (MAY 14) AFTERNOON TO SEE DEVELOPMENTS AND MEET COMMUNITY LEADERS.

THE TOUR WILL START AT 2.30 PM WHEN THE GOVERNOR WILL GO BY HELICOPTER TO TSING YI TO SEE DEVELOPMENTS THERE. HE WILL THEN FLY TO THE WO YEE HOP ROAD SPORTSGROUND IN NORTH KWAI CHUNG AND PROCEED BY CAR TO SHEK LEI ESTATE.

SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WILL TOUR A SHEK LEI ESTATE COMMERCIAL AREA AND VISIT BLOCK 14 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE BEFORE ATTENDING A TEA RECEPTION WITH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S AREA COMMITTEES, YIN NGAI LADIES AND SOME ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE ESTATE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO KWAI TSING THIS THURSDAY (MAY 14).

IN VIEW OF THE TIGHT SCHEDULE OF THE VISIT AND THE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS OF THE TSING YI BRIDGE, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT REPORTERS COVERING THE TSING YI PART OF THE VISIT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ARRIVE SHEK LEI ESTATE IN TIME TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR THERE. IT IS ADVISABLE THEREFORE FOR YOU TO SEND TWO SEPARATE TEAMS SHOULD YOU WISH TO COVER THE WHOLE TOUR.

FOR THOSE WISHING TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT ON TSING YI, THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 2.30 PM OUTSIDE THE MAIN GATE OF TSING YI GARDENS, (NEAR THE TSING YI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SOCCER PITCH) WHERE GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

THREE GOVERNMENT VANS WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 2.15 PM FOR THE WO YEE HOP ROAD SPORTSGROUND FOR THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO SHEK LEI ESTATE.

----- 0 -----

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

- 5 -

VIEWS SOUGHT IN CUSTOMARY LAW SUCCESSION
* * * * *

VIEWS OF INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG, WERE AN IMPORTANT ASPECT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE HIGHLY COMPLEX CUSTOMARY LAW WHICH SUCCESSION TRUSTEESHIPS AND THE MANAGEMENT OF 'TSOS' AND 'TONGS' ARE BASED, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, SAID TONIGHT (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A MEETING OF THE NEW TERRITORIES LIONS, DR HAYES SAID THERE WAS A NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE VILLAGES AND PEOPLE'S ATTITUDES TO THE CUSTOMARY LAW.

AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING PARTY SET UP UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER WOULD BE LOOKING INTO THE REVISION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ORDINANCE THAT DEALS WITH THE CUSTOMARY LAW, DR HAYES SAID.

+THERE IS ALSO A NEED TO ENSURE THAT ANY REVISIONS TO CAP. 97 OF THE ORDINANCE ARE DONE IN THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACTUAL SITUATION AND THE EXTENT OF THE NEED TO MAKE CHANGES.

+WE SHOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT ANY CHANGES ARE USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE,+ HE ADDED.

+THE COMPILATION OF MATERIALS ON DECISIONS IN VILLAGES AND CLANS OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS MIGHT HELP THOSE WHO DEAL WITH DISPUTES OVER PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE MAJOR CLANS,+ SAID DR HAYES.

DR HAYES POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR VILLAGES TO REGISTER THEIR SUCCESSION WITH THE AUTHORITIES SO THAT CLAIMS COULD BE DEALT WITH EASILY RATHER THAN TO ALLOW THE SITUATION TO DEVELOP INTO LONG-DRAWN DISPUTES.

+WE ARE NOT CHANGING CUSTOMARY LAW, WE ARE ONLY NOTING CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES HAVING ARISEN IN CONNECTION WITH IT.

+OUR MAIN AIM IS TO REVISE THE ORDINANCE AND TAKE WHATEVER STEPS SO THAT WE CAN IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CUSTOMARY LAW,+ DR HAYES SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

- 6 -

TERRITORY-WIDE CLEAN-UP TO BEGIN
*** * * * ***

A BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP OPERATION THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WILL BE LAUNCHED ON MONDAY (MAY 18) TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS IN STREETS AND BUILDINGS.

THE OPERATION, TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE URBAN AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, WILL MARK THE BEGINNING OF A NEW PHASE OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AND WILL LAST THROUGH JUNE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE SAID THAT THE CLEAN-UP WILL BE OPERATED ON A STREET-BY-STREET AND BLOCK-TO-BLOCK BASIS, COVERING LANES, BUILDINGS, HAWKER AREAS, MARKETS, AND CANOPIES, REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTION, ABATEMENT OF MOSQUITO AND OTHER PEST NUISANCES.

DISTRICT HEALTH INSPECTORS WILL BE INVOLVED ACTIVELY IN THE INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS, CARRYING OUT THE BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEANSING PROGRAMMES, ANTI-LITTER PATROL AND ENFORCEMENT OF CLEANSING AND HYGIENE LAWS.

TO SUPPORT THE NEW PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO CONDUCT INTENSIVE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COULD RENDER THEIR SUPPORT BY TAKING THE JUNK DIRECTLY TO A NEARBY COLLECTION POINT DURING ITS OPENING HOURS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

RESIDENTS OF EACH DISTRICT MAY CONTACT THEIR DISTRICT HEALTH INSPECTOR REGARDING DETAILS OF THE OPERATION, LOCATION AND OPENING HOURS OF THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD.

THEY MAY ALSO CALL UP THE TELEPHONE ENQUIRY NUMBER OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON 5-8680000 OR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON 0-4455555 FOR SUCH DETAILS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/7

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

- 7 -

PUBLIC URGED TO REPORT STRAYS

* * *

THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-RABIES EFFORTS BY REPORTING STRAY DOGS AND SURRENDERING UNWANTED ANIMALS TO THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THEY COULD DO SO SIMPLY BY CONTACTING THE DEPARTMENT'S RABIES CONTROL UNIT AT 3-624147 OR 0-902201, OR BY HANDING OVER THE ANIMALS TO ANY OF THE FOUR GOVERNMENT KENNELS SITUATED AT VICTORIA ROAD, HONG KONG ISLAND; AT SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, KOWLOON; AND AT SHA TIN AND SHEK WU HUI IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER, DR NORMAN CHENG, SAID THAT REGULAR STRAY SWEEPING OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY DOG CONTROL TEAMS HAD A STABILISING EFFECT ON THE LOCAL STRAY DOG PROBLEM. THERE WERE 12 980 STRAYS ROUNDED UP IN 1985 AND ANOTHER 15 218 IN 1986.

+HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL RISK POSED BY STRAY DOGS, THERE IS EVERY NEED TO RID THIS HEALTH THREAT SO AS TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF THE DEADLY DISEASE.

+AND OUR TASK TO WIPE OUT STRAYS IN THE TERRITORY WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT FULL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION,+ HE SAID.

DR CHENG SAID THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE STRAYS WERE THOSE LET LOOSE OR ABANDONED BY THEIR OWNERS. HE WARNED THAT ANY DOG OWNER WHO ALLOWS HIS DOG TO ROAM FREELY ON A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE IS COMMITTING AN OFFENCE UNDER THE DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE AND WOULD BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

DESPITE THE RECENT RESCISSION OF THE RABIES INFECTED AREA IN SO KWUN PO, SHEUNG SHUI, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS STRINGENT CONTROL MEASURES TO KEEP THE TERRITORY FREE FROM RABIES.

THESE MEASURES INCLUDE THE QUARANTINE OF IMPORTED DOGS AND CATS, THE COMPULSORY DETENTION AND OBSERVATION OF BITER ANIMALS, THE APPREHENSION OF STRAY DOGS, AND MOBILE INOCULATION SERVICES TO VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN MAY, THE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE INOCULATION TEAMS WILL VISIT SHA TIN, SAI KUNG AND YUEN LONG.

THE RURAL VILLAGES IN SHA TIN TO BE VISITED INCLUDE SAN TIN TSUEN, KAT TIN TSUEN, SHEUNG KENG HAU, HA KENG HAU, TIN SUM TSUEN, TAI WAI SAN TSUEN, PAK TIN TSUEN, TUNG LO WAN, MO FAN TSUEN, TO FUNG SHAN AREA, SHEUNG WO CHE AND HA WO CHE.

IN SAI KUNG, THE TEAMS WILL BE VISITING VILLAGES OF TSENG LAN SHUE, TAI PO TSAI, HANG HAU, SHUI PIN, SEUNG SZ WAN, SHEUNG YEUNG, HA YEUNG, MAU WU TSAI, MA YAU TONG, TSEUNG KWAN O, YAU YUE WAN, PO TOI O, TAI HANG HAU, MANG KUNG UK, PAN LONG WAN, TAI WAN TAU AND PIK SHUI SUN TSUEN.

THE YUEN LONG VILLAGES ARE TSEUNG KONG WAI, FUNG KONG TSUEN, SHEUNG PAK NAI, HA PAK NAI AND SHA CHAU LEI.

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

- 8 -

SURVEYS ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
*** * * * ***

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS FOR 1986.

THE SURVEY IS AN ANNUAL ENQUIRY TO COLLECT STATISTICS FOR ASCERTAINING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT; FOR STUDYING THE COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTPUT LEVELS OF DIFFERENT TRADES IN THE SECTORS; AND FOR ANALYSING THE COST AND OUTPUT OF VARIOUS TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

ABOUT 5 900 ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING TRADES WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE SURVEY, PROVIDING A FULL COVERAGE OF PROMINENT UNDERTAKINGS AND A RANDOM SAMPLE OF SMALLER ESTABLISHMENTS:

- * BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION;
- * REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT;
- * ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING; AND
- * REAL ESTATE LEASING, BROKERAGE AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT.

STATISTICS COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY ARE REQUIRED BY BOTH THE PUBLIC AND THE PRIVATE SECTORS FOR FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

A DIFFERENT VERSION OF THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE IS USED FOR EACH OF THE FOUR DIFFERENT TRADE CATEGORIES. WHERE APPLICABLE, PROJECT RETURNS TO OBTAIN DATA ON INDIVIDUAL CONSTRUCTION SITES AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ARE ALSO REQUIRED.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE SURVEY INCLUDES; TYPE OF OWNERSHIP; NUMBER OF DIRECT EMPLOYEES; COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES; CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES; PAYMENTS FOR SUB-CONTRACT WORK; OPERATING EXPENSES; VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED; VALUES OF PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND THE ASSOCIATED PROJECT OUTLAYS (INCLUDING LAND VALUES); OTHER FORMS OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS; CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY THE ESTABLISHMENTS SURVEYED; FLOOR AREA OCCUPIED FOR BUSINESS OPERATION; AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF INVESTMENT.

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS) ORDER 1984, WHICH WAS MADE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 316) AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 14 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE OF JANUARY 13, 1984.

/SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

- 9 -

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING MAILED TO THE SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS. MANagements OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY THE END OF JULY 1987. UPON REQUEST, CENSUS OFFICERS WILL VISIT ESTABLISHMENTS TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES. THESE OFFICERS CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND CERTIFICATION FOR THE SURVEY WHILE ON DUTY.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALED TO THE MANagements OF ALL SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES PROMPTLY AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH CENSUS OFFICERS IN THE COURSE OF ENUMERATION SO AS TO FULFILL THEIR LEGAL AS WELL AS SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

THE COMMISSIONER STRESSED THAT ALL INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE USED ONLY IN AGGREGATE FORM FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT, FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES, IT WAS NOT ESSENTIAL FOR ACCOUNTS TO BE AUDITED BEFORE BEING REFERRED TO IN THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION RELATING TO INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATES WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF RETURNS. THIS APPROACH IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DELAY THAT WOULD OTHERWISE RESULT FROM WAITING FOR AUDITED ACCOUNTS.

ANY FURTHER ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234855.

----- 0 -----

REGISTRATION REVOKED FOR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY

*** * * * ***

THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL FINANCE LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE 1986.

----- 0 -----

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

- 10 -

**EMPLOYMENT AGENCY FINED FOR OVERCHARGING
* * * * ***

AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY OPERATOR WAS FINED MORE THAN \$15 000 IN WESTERN MAGISTRACY RECENTLY FOR OVERCHARGING A JOB-SEEKER.

THE FINE INCLUDED \$7 500 FOR OVERCHARGING OF COMMISSION, \$5 000 FOR OVERCHARGING OF FEES AND \$2 500 COURT COSTS. THE DEFENDANT WAS ALSO ORDERED TO PAY \$702 TO THE JOB-SEEKER AS COMPENSATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY REGULATIONS, THE FEES CHARGEABLE BY AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY TO A JOB-SEEKER ON FIRST REGISTRATION, OR SUBSEQUENT RENEWALS, ARE LIMITED TO \$3 PER REGISTRATION.

THE COMMISSION CHARGEABLE TO A JOB-SEEKER ON SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT IS NOT TO EXCEED TEN PER CENT OF HIS FIRST MONTH'S SALARY.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO LIMIT THE FEES CHARGEABLE BY AN AGENCY TO AN EMPLOYER TO \$10 FOR EACH TYPE OF VACANCY REGISTERED ON FIRST REGISTRATION AND \$5 ON RENEWAL OF SUCH REGISTRATION.

HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION CHARGEABLE BY AN AGENCY TO AN EMPLOYER ON SUCCESSFULLY FINDING AN EMPLOYEE FOR HIM IS A MATTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES.

+OTHER THAN THE PRESCRIBED FEES AND COMMISSIONS, THE LICENSEE OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IS NOT ALLOWED TO RECEIVE ANY REWARD, PAYMENT OR ADVANTAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLACEMENT OF A JOB-SEEKER,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO REMINDED OPERATORS OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES TO DISPLAY THE FEE SCHEDULES AND LICENCE IN THE PLACE OF BUSINESS, TO SUBMIT QUARTERLY RETURNS TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AND TO MAINTAIN FOR INSPECTION BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR REGISTERS BEARING PARTICULARS OF EVERY PERSON WHO REGISTERS FOR EMPLOYMENT OR PROCUREMENT OF EMPLOYEES.

ENQUIRIES ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES MAY BE MADE TO THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 5-8523535 OR 5-8523537.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/11

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

- 11 -

LEGCO TO DEBATE CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND
*** * * * ***

TWENTY-ONE MEMBERS WILL SPEAK DURING AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE AND THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER WILL ANSWER THE POINTS RAISED.

TWO BILLS, TWO MOTIONS AND SEVEN QUESTIONS ARE AMONG OTHER MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.

THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 AND THE FRANCISCAN MISSIONAIRES OF MARY INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

IN ADDITION, THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL MOVE TWO MOTIONS; ONE ON THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ORDINANCE AND THE OTHER ON THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION (INCREASE) ORDINANCE.

----- 0 -----

COURTESY CALL ON DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE
*** * * * ***

MEMBERS OF THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PO LEUNG KUK TODAY (TUESDAY) PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TO DISCUSS WELFARE PROJECTS PLANNED BY THE KUK IN THE COMING YEAR.

KUK CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHAN, SAID THAT A NUMBER OF PROJECTS, INCLUDING A SMALL GROUP HOME IN SHA TIN, A NURSERY IN TSUEN WAN AND A SHELTERED WORKSHOP AND A HOSTEL IN JUNK BAY FOR THE MODERATE GRADE MENTALLY-RETARDED, WERE IN THE PIPELINE.

MEANWHILE, IT WOULD EXPEDITE THE BUILDING OF A DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE AND HOSTEL IN SHA TIN AND PROCEED ACTIVELY WITH THE PLANNING OF A PURPOSE-BUILT ELDERLY PROJECT AT WONG CHUK HANG, HE ADDED.

MRS WONG PAID TRIBUTE TO THE KUK FOR THEIR CONTINUED PROVISION OF HIGH-QUALITY SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC AND ASSURED BOARD MEMBERS THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM TO IMPLEMENT THESE SERVICES.

----- 0 -----

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

- 12 -

PO LEUNG KUK PRAISED FOR EDUCATION SERVICES
* * * * *

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, TODAY (TUESDAY) PRAISED THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PO LEUNG KUK FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.

MR LI WAS SPEAKING DURING A COURTESY CALL TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY THE DIRECTORS OF THE NEW BOARD OF THE KUK, LED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL H.K. CHAN.

MR LI PLACED ON RECORD HIS THANKS TO THE KUK FOR RUNNING SEVEN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, 10 PRIMARY SCHOOLS, THREE SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS AND SIX KINDERGARTENS WITH A TOTAL ENROLMENT OF MORE THAN 20 000 PUPILS.

NOTING THAT A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS WERE IN THE PIPELINE OF THE KUK'S LONG-TERM PLANS, MR LI SAID THE KUK WOULD BE HELPING TO PROVIDE MORE SCHOOL PLACES IN THE NEW TOWNS AND URBAN AREA.

AMONG THE NEW PROJECTS ARE THE PO LEUNG KUK FONG WONG KAM CHUEN PRIMARY SCHOOL AT LEUNG KING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN, THE PO LEUNG KUK LUK HING TOO PRIMARY SCHOOL AT PO LAM ESTATE AT JUNK BAY AND PO LEUNG KUK TANG YUK TIEN COLLEGE AT WU KING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN. ALL THESE SCHOOLS WILL BE OPERATIONAL IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

OTHER PROJECTS UNDER PLANNING OR CONSTRUCTION ARE THE YU LEE MO FAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN NORTH POINT, THE PO LEUNG KUK KAP TZE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT JUNK BAY, THE PO LEUNG KUK LEI MUK SHU SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL AT LEI MUK SHU IN KWAI CHUNG, AND TWO KINDERGARTENS AT BOTH JUNK BAY AND MA ON SHAN NEW TOWNS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS
* * * * *

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (MAY 16) AT 10 AM AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

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

/DM812

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

- 13 -

DM812	8938	DP188	CC13
DM6989	DN322	DM3807	BJ8881
DM1323	HK331	DM920	DP6828
DD8787	DP338	DK14	DN618
DM943	CK333	DP3228	125
DP228	HK7351	DN113	DN168
AA8881	DM3836	DM2928	BE951
CK99	DN836	DM33	DN2928
DM809	DM2026	DN3083	CC1313
AK1018	DK1	CG988	DN318

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR 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.

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

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 114TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

- - - - 0 - - - -

**WAI CHING STREET ILLEGAL STRUCTURES FACE HAMMER
* * * * ***

AN APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE IN THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JULY 7 FOR CLOSURE ORDERS TO BE MADE IN RESPECT OF SOME ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN WAI CHING STREET, YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON.

IN DECEMBER 1985, THE BUILDING AUTHORITY ISSUED ORDERS TO THE INHABITANTS OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE FLAT ROOFS ADJOINING FLATS B4 AND B5 ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF 14 - 44, WAI CHING STREET, TO HAVE THEM DEMOLISHED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE.

/NOW, 17

NOW, 17 MONTHS LATER, WITH THE WORK NOT HAVING BEEN CARRIED OUT, THE AUTHORITY HAS DECIDED TO SEEK THE HELP OF THE COURTS IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM.

THE AUTHORITY TODAY (TUESDAY) POSTED NOTICES ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES NOTIFYING OCCUPANTS OF ITS INTENTION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID CLOSURE OF THE STRUCTURES IN ADVANCE OF DEMOLITION WAS NECESSARY SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DANGER TO OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHEN THE WORK WAS BEING CARRIED OUT.

HE SAID THEY WOULD BE DEMOLISHED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER WAS OBTAINED.

- - - - - 0 - - - - -

EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO MEET ON THURSDAY
*** * * * ***

MEMBER OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE FIVE-YEAR URBAN COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME (1987-1992) IN THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY (MAY 14).

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF MORE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS IN THE COMING YEARS, INCLUDING THE CHAI WAN PARK EXTENSION, ALDRICH BAY PLAYGROUND (PHASE I), QUARRY BAY PARK AND JAVA ROAD PLAYGROUND.

THERE WILL ALSO BE MORE INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDING AN INDOOR GAMES HALL IN CHAI WAN AND VARIOUS INDOOR GAMES CENTRES IN MARKET COMPLEXES SUCH AS THE UC QUARRY BAY COMPLEX, UC SAI WAN HO COMPLEX AND UC JAVA ROAD COMPLEX.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE DRAFT FILM CENSORSHIP BILL 1987 AND THE LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY DURING THE MEETING.

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY TWO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNING THE BN(O) PASSPORT, THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR LEE LAP-SUN, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO CLARIFY QUERIES.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY (MAY 14) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, 880-886, KING'S ROAD.

- - - - - 0 - - - - -

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

- 15 -

COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WATER SEEPAGE PROBLEMS

* * * * *

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS WATER SEEPAGE PROBLEMS IN THE WU KING AND BUTTERFLY ESTATES.

AFTER RECEIVING A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS CONCERNING NOISE NUISANCE AND WATER SEEPAGE PROBLEMS FROM RESIDENTS LIVING ON THE TOP FLOORS OF WU KING ESTATE, COMMITTEE MEMBERS INTERVIEWED 90 HOUSEHOLDS OF THE ESTATE IN APRIL TO FIND OUT THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEMS. AT THE SAME TIME, ANOTHER SURVEY WAS CARRIED OUT IN BUTTERFLY ESTATE TO PROBE INTO SIMILAR COMPLAINTS AND MORE THAN 200 HOUSEHOLDS WERE INTERVIEWED.

OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE INCLUDE UNLICENSED HAWKERS IN TUEN MUN, PARTICULARLY ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY COOKED FOOD STALLS IN SHAN KING ESTATE- IMPROVEMENT TO THE PATH LEADING TO THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL THROUGH THE ACCESS ADJACENT TO CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD. AND MARINE LICENSING OFFICE- AND RESULTS OF A SEMINAR RECENTLY HELD ON INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS.

MEANWHILE, MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF DB FUNDS IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND THE PROGRESS OF LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE 3RD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

----- 0 -----
MANPOWER SURVEY ON INSURANCE INDUSTRY TO BEGIN

* * * * *

THE INSURANCE TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A MANPOWER SURVEY BETWEEN MAY 18 AND JUNE 9 TO COLLECT UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE INDUSTRY'S MANPOWER AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATIONS.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO UNDERWRITERS, BROKERS, LOSS ADJUSTERS AND THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY.

/EMPLOYERS ARE

EMPLOYERS ARE URGED TO CO-OPERATE AS THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE USED TO FORMULATE MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

SURVEY OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO HELP COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE INFORMATION WILL BE DEALT WITH IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

- - - - 0 - - - -

PROPERTY OWNERS REMINDED TO FILE RETURNS
* * * * *

PROPERTY OWNERS ARE TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED TO FILE THEIR PROPERTY TAX RETURN WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR INLAND REVENUE, MR A.K. GILL, SAID THAT BY NOW ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAD LET OUT THEIR PREMISES SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A PROPERTY TAX RETURN.

+IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE LET THEIR PROPERTIES TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE IN WRITING IF THEY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED SUCH A RETURN,+ HE STRESSED.

+WITH EFFECT FROM 1983/84, PROPERTY TAX IS CHARGED ON THE OWNER FOR THE ACTUAL RENT RECEIVABLE IN THE YEAR OF ASSESSMENT,+ MR GILL SAID.

HE ADVISED PROPERTY OWNERS TO KEEP SUFFICIENT RENT RECORDS, SUCH AS DUPLICATES OF RENT RECEIPTS, FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS TO ENABLE THEIR LIABILITIES TO BE READILY ASCERTAINED.

+UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE, OWNERS HAVE TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR OWNERSHIP WITHIN ONE MONTH,+ HE SAID.

THOSE WHO HAD BEEN EXEMPTED FROM PROPERTY TAX MUST ALSO NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IF A CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR OF USE TOOK PLACE AFFECTING SUCH EXEMPTION.

HE WARNED THAT HEAVY PENALTIES MAY BE INCURRED FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE.

ANY OWNER REQUIRING FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES CAN TELEPHONE 5-8945178 OR WRITE TO THE PROPERTY TAX GROUP, 17TH OR 30TH FLOOR, WINDSOR HOUSE, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

- 17 -

**KO CHIU ROAD RE-ROUTED
* * ***

KO CHIU ROAD BETWEEN KO LONG ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD IN KWUN TONG WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 13).

MOTORISTS ON KO CHIU ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR SAM KA TSUEN OR KWUN TONG WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA KO LONG ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD.

- - - - - 0 - - - - -

**CUL-DE-SAC TO BE CONVERTED
* * * ***

A CUL-DE-SAC IN KWAI CHUNG IS TO BE TURNED INTO A THROUGH-ROAD TO RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

WHEN THE WORK IS COMPLETED, MOTORISTS WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL FROM TAI WO HAU ROAD INTO CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE CUL-DE-SAC WHICH WILL BE CONVERTED IS LOCATED AT KIN CHUEN STREET. IT WILL ALSO BE WIDENED TO 11 METRES TO ENABLE TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC.

OTHER WORK CONNECTED WITH THE PROJECT INCLUDES WIDENING A SECTION OF TAI WO HAU ROAD AND WO TONG TSUI STREET; WIDENING A SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT WHAT WILL BECOME ITS JUNCTION WITH KIN CHUEN STREET; CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE AND SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROAD WORKS; AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNAL CONTROL SYSTEMS.

DURING CONSTRUCTION, TRAFFIC ALONG WO TONG TSUI STREET AND KIN CHUEN STREET THROUGH THE WORKS AREA WILL BE MAINTAINED.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED WORK SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY JULY 7.

- - - - - 0 - - - - -

/18

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN MONG KOK

* * *

THE SECTION OF PORTLAND STREET BETWEEN BOUNDARY STREET AND YU CHAU STREET WILL BE REROUTED FROM TWO WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 15).

THE MOVE IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

- - - - 0 - - - -

NO FLUSHING WATER

* * * * *

SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM TO 9 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 14) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREAS INCLUDE KWUN TONG, SAU MAU PING, LAM TIN, CHA KWO LING ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK, AND PART OF NGAU CHI WAN INCLUDING CHOI WAN ESTATE, FUNG SHING STREET AND NGAU CHI WAN STREET.

- - - - 0 - - - -