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HONG KONG MISSION TO JAPAN A SUCCESS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID IN SAPPORO THAT THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE MISSION TO JAPAN HAS ACHIEVED ITS PURPOSE OF RAISING THE PROFILE OF HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE END OF THE VISIT, SIR DAVID SAID HE THOUGHT THE DISCUSSIONS BOTH IN TOKYO AND IN SAPPORO HAD GONE WELL.

"BUT WE MUST CONTINUE THE WORK OF TALKING TO THE JAPANESE ABOUT WAYS OF IMPROVING OUR TRADE IN JAPAN.

"WE GENUINELY WANT TO ENCOURAGE TWO-WAY TRADE. THERE IS NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT OUR TRADE WITH JAPAN IS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN JAPAN'S TRADE WITH HONG KONG AND WE WANT TO FIND WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN IMPROVE OUR OWN PERFORMANCE."

SIR DAVID SAID RAISING THE PROFILE OF HONG KONG IN JAPAN WAS ALL PART OF A WIDER PLAN TO ENCOURAGE JAPAN TO CONTINUE TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMY.

"WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TO BUILD UP HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL TRADING, BUSINESS AND FINANCE CONNECTIONS AS MUCH AS WE CAN BECAUSE THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS OF MAKING SURE THE TERRITORY CONTINUES TO PROSPER.

"IF HONG KONG CONTINUES TO PROSPER THAT IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS OF CREATING THE RIGHT FOUNDATION FOR THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE UP TO 1997 AND BEYOND."

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT HONG KONG CONTINUED TO BE AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE WAS WRITTEN INTO THE JOINT DECLARATION.

DURING THE FOUR DAYS, THE GOVERNOR HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT LEADERS IN TOKYO.

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GOVERNOR IN SAPPORO TO PROMOTE HONG KONG

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JAPAN'S NORTHERNMOST ISLAND OF HOKKAIDO HAS BEEN THE SCENE OF INTENSE HONG KONG ACTIVITY TODAY (FRIDAY) FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE MISSION LED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON.

IT IS THE FIRST VISIT BY SIR DAVID TO SAPPORO, THE CAPITAL OF HOKKAIDO, AND HE HAS CONTINUED HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT AND CIVIC LEADERS PROMOTING TWO-WAY TRADE AND INVESTMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN.

HOKKAIDO'S LEADING DEPARTMENT STORE, MARUI IMAI, IS STAGING THE FIRST EVER HONG KONG PROMOTION WHERE THE STORE'S TOP FLOOR HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A MINI HONG KONG BAZAAR, FEATURING A WIDE RANGE OF THE TERRITORY'S PRODUCTS, INCLUDING A FOOD FAIR.

MARUI IMAI TURNED ON AN IMPRESSIVE WELCOME FOR THE GOVERNOR WHEN HE VISITED THE STORE THIS AFTERNOON.

IT WAS JUST ONE OF A NUMBER OF VISITS AND MEETINGS SIR DAVID HAS CRAMMED IN TO HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE.

EARLIER SIR DAVID HAD A MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR OF HOKKAIDO, MR TAKAHIRO YOKOMICHI, AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON PROMOTION OF REGIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION.

"IN TERMS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN HOKKAIDO AND HONG KONG, I FEEL WE ARE JUST AT THE BEGINNING."

HE SAID THERE WAS SOMETHING EXCITING ABOUT BEING AT THE START BECAUSE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT COULD BE OPENED UP.

IN PROMOTING THE NEW DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SAPPORO, THE GOVERNOR SAID THERE COULD BE ADVANTAGES FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN HOKKAIDO UTILISING THE SERVICE AS A SETTING OFF POINT FOR FLIGHTS TO EUROPE.

SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD THERE WERE LONG WAITING LISTS FOR BOOKINGS FOR FLIGHTS TO EUROPE THROUGH TOKYO'S MAIN AIRPORT.

AS A RESULT, HE SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE MUCH EASIER FOR PEOPLE TRAVELLING FROM HOKKAIDO TO FLY DIRECT TO HONG KONG AND THEN MAKE ONWARD BOOKINGS TO EUROPE FROM THE TERRITORY.

GOVERNOR YOKOMICHI SAID HE HOPED THE DIRECT SERVICE, WHICH HAD NOW BEEN IN OPERATION FOR ONE MONTH, WOULD LEAD TO INCREASED EXCHANGES IN TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN HOKKAIDO AND HONG KONG.

SIR DAVID ALSO HAD MEETINGS WITH THE MAYOR OF SAPPORO, MR TAKESHI ITAGAKI, AND IS TONIGHT ATTENDING A GALA FASHION SHOW JOINTLY HOSTED BY MARUI IMAI INC AND THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

CONINCIDING WITH THE VISIT OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATION IS THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAPPORO'S FAMOUS WHITE ILLUMINATION CEREMONY, WHEN THE CITY'S CHRISTMAS DECORATIVE LIGHTS ARE SWITCHED ON.

IN HONOUR OF THE OCCASION, LADY WILSON FLICKED THE SWITCH TO LIGHT UP THE FESTIVE SEASON IN SAPPORO.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE GOVERNOR, WHEN SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY MR YOKOMICHI, SAID HONG KONG AND HOKKAIDO, BOTH BEING PART OF THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING ASIA PACIFIC REGION, HAD TREMENDOUS FUTURE POTENTIAL.

"TO REALISE THAT POTENTIAL, WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE REGIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION," SIR DAVID SAID.

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HE SAID HONG KONG AND HOKKAIDO HAD MUCH IN COMMON, DESPITE THE DIFFERENCES IN SIZE.

"WE ARE COMMUNITIES OF ABOUT SIX MILLION PEOPLE WHICH HAVE GROWN RAPIDLY OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS AS A RESULT OF PEOPLE ARRIVING TO MAKE A NEW LIFE.

"WE HAVE BOTH EXPERIENCED DRAMATIC ECONOMIC GROWTH," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID PAID TRIBUTE TO GOVERNOR YOKOMICHI WHO HAD BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN ENCOURAGING REGIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION.

HE SAID GOVERNOR YOKOMICHI WHO VISITED HIM TWICE IN HONG KONG AS LEADER OF A DELEGATION FROM HOKKAIDO, PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ESTABLISHING THE RECENTLY INAUGURATED DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN HOKKAIDO AND HONG KONG.

"AND HE HAS ENCOURAGED THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S PROMOTION OF HONG KONG GOODS THIS WEEK IN SAPPORO," SIR DAVID ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH HAS BEEN SENT BY FACSIMILE.

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HK WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AS OUTPOST FOR SUBVERSION: SIR DAVID FORD  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO INTENTION OF ALLOWING HONG KONG TO BE USED AS AN OUTPOST FOR SUBVERSION, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, REITERATED TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT A TOPPING OUT CEREMONY FOR THE PHASE ONE BUILDINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SIR DAVID SAID: "OUR POSITION ON THIS IS VERY WELL KNOWN.

"IF PEOPLE OPERATE WITHIN THE LAW AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES WITHIN THE LAW, EXPRESS THE FREEDOMS WITHIN THE LAW, THEY ARE SAFE AND SECURE TO DO SO.

"IF THEY BREAK THE LAW, THEN WE WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST THEM," HE SAID.

"THAT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR SYSTEM HERE. IT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ONE COUNTRY AND TWO SYSTEMS," SIR DAVID STRESSED.

"THAT IS THE PRINCIPLE WE WILL STICK BY IN THE FUTURE," HE ADDED.

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ASKED IF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE DECISION FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, SIR DAVID SAID: "THE DECISIONS WHICH WE ARE TAKING ARE WITHIN OUR OWN AUTONOMY NOW AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING THOSE DECISIONS ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WILL FORM THE BACKBONE OF THE ADMINISTRATION AFTER 1997, MY CHINESE COLLEAGUES; AND THEY ARE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT NOW AND WILL BE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FUTURE, SO I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM IN THAT REGARD."

ASKED WHETHER HE WAS HAPPY WITH POSTAL WORKERS WHO SCALED DOWN THEIR INDUSTRIAL ACTION, SIR DAVID SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT IT HELPED THEIR CAUSE TO TAKE INDUSTRIAL ACTION TO PURSUE THEIR CAUSE.

"THE DECISION WILL BE MADE IN DUE COURSE AND WILL NOT BE INFLUENCED BY WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

"WE SHALL CONTINUE WITH OUR CURRENT PROCESS AND THE OUTCOME WOULD BE KNOWN BY THE END OF THE YEAR," SIR DAVID SAID.

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#### HKUST TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN FUTURE TERTIARY EDUCATION

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS AT THE HEART OF GOVERNMENT POLICY TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES IN HONG KONG AND TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF OUR TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW UNIVERSITY, WHICH HAD A PLANNED STUDENT CAPACITY OF 7,000 STUDENTS BY 1993/94, WOULD ALSO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN ASSISTING IN THE ECONOMIC AS WELL AS THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG, SAID SIR DAVID WHEN ADDRESSING THE TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY OF THE PHASE I BUILDING OF THE UNIVERSITY.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE PROJECT, UNDER THE EXPERIENCED AND DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP OF SIR S.Y. CHUNG, MOVED FROM THE PLANNING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION STAGE IN A MATTER OF MONTHS AND IT TOOK A MERE 18 MONTHS FROM THE INCORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY IN APRIL 1989, TO THE TOPPING OUT OF THE IMPRESSIVE COMPLEX OF BUILDINGS.

THE UNIVERSITY WHICH HAS THE FULL SUPPORT AND BACKING OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, WILL HAVE THE FIRST INTAKE OF BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS IN OCTOBER 1991, THREE YEARS AHEAD OF THE ORIGINAL 1994 PLANNING DEADLINE.

AS OF TODAY, THE CLOSING DATE FOR UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATIONS FOR 1991, SOME 10,000 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

"THIS UNIVERSITY WILL NOT BE SHORT OF QUALITY STUDENTS IN ITS UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES," SIR DAVID SAID.

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HE SAID HE HAD ALSO OBSERVED WITH INTEREST AND SATISFACTION THE ENTHUSIASTIC WAY IN WHICH THE UNIVERSITY WAS APPROACHING ITS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ROLE AND THE MAJOR DONATIONS TOWARDS THE SETTING UP OF RESEARCH INSTITUTES IN BIOTECHNOLOGY FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FROM HONG KONG TELECOM ALREADY ACHIEVED.

"IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE SUBSTANTIAL GRANTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT.

"SO THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT FIRST CLASS RESEARCH FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED WITHIN THESE BUILDINGS," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THIS PROGRESS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITHOUT THE DEDICATED EFFORTS OF ALL CONCERNED, SUCH AS THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY.

HE ALSO THANKED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AS DONOR AND PROJECT MANAGER, THE CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS WHO HAD WORKED SO HARD TO MEET VERY TIGHT DEADLINES.

JOINING SIR S.Y. TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE JOCKEY CLUB ROLE, SIR DAVID SAID: "I ALSO BELIEVE THAT, APART FROM THE GENEROSITY OF THE DONATION TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COST OF THE CAMPUS, WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT, THE 1991 OPENING COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY OWN THANKS TO MR MACWHINNIE AND THE STEWARDS OF THE CLUB."

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FULL TEXT OF SIR DAVID'S SPEECH WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE. COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY WILL BE BOXED.

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FOUR MORE DAYS TO ENTER SINGING CONTEST

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AMATEUR SINGERS FROM CENTRAL AND WESTERN HAVE FOUR MORE DAYS TO ENTER THE DISTRICT'S SINGING COMPETITION SCHEDULED FOR EARLY NEXT YEAR.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF ENTRY FORMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S THREE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES AT HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) IN ICE HOUSE STREET, AND IN 71-77 SMITHFIELD ROAD.

FORMS CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE'S HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, 2 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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THE FORMS, TOGETHER WITH THE LYRICS AND MUSICAL NOTATIONS OF THE SONGS TO BE PERFORMED, SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE ABOVE ADDRESSES ON OR BEFORE TUESDAY (DECEMBER 4).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID RESIDENTS AGED 15 TO 30 ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE SINGING COMPETITION, NOW IN ITS NINTH YEAR.

THE CONTEST WILL BE DIVIDED INTO CLASSICAL SONG SOLO, POP AND FOLK SONG SOLO AND POP AND FOLK SONG ENSEMBLE GROUPS.

THE FINALS WILL BE HELD AT THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE THEATRE NEXT MONTH.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 852 3499 OR 528 3257.

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TELEMATCHES TO CLOSE CENTRAL AND WESTERN SPORTS FESTIVAL  
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THREE TELEMATCHES WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 2) AFTERNOON TO MARK THE FINALE OF THIS YEAR'S CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVAL.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES, COMMERCIAL FIRMS, SCHOOLS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL PARTICIPATE.

BEFORE THE START OF THE TELEMATCHES, A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR WINNERS OF THE DISTRICT'S SQUASH AND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM.

THE AUDIENCE WILL BE TREATED TO A PIPE AND DRUM BAND PARADE BY THE AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LEUNG SIK-WAH, AND A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MISS ESTHER CHAN.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVAL PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND TELEMATCHES WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 2) AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

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ELECTION BUS TO TOUR ROUND TUEN MUN

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A "1991 ELECTION BUS" WILL TOUR ROUND TUEN MUN ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 2) TO PUBLICISE THE THREE-TIER ELECTIONS TO BE HELD NEXT YEAR.

CONVERTED FROM AN OPEN-TOP DOUBLE-DECKER, THE BUS WILL START OFF AFTER A CEREMONY IN LEUNG KING ESTATE AT 10 AM.

IT WILL BE DRIVEN THROUGH DIFFERENT CONSTITUENCIES IN THE DISTRICT, SPREADING MESSAGES TO LURE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTIONS.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED ON BOARD.

WINNING ENTRIES OF THE "HONG KONG IS OUR HOME" ESSAY, DRAWING AND COLOURING COMPETITIONS HELD EARLIER THIS YEAR WILL BE EXHIBITED ON THE BUS.

THE BUS PARADE IS ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND IS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN CIVIC EDUCATION DAY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 2) AT 10 AM AT THE SQUARE ADJACENT TO LEUNG CHI HOUSE, LEUNG KING ESTATE, TUEN MUN.

THE TUEN MUN DB CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT AND THE SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, MISS ROSA CHAN, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER.

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NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN IN 1935-40

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WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1935 AND 1940 WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM DECEMBER 10 TO FEBRUARY 2 NEXT YEAR, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP CAN CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAY.

ALL OFFICES CLOSE ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI  
TEL. NO. 574 7070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD,  
NGAU TAU KOK  
TEL. NO. 755 3669

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,  
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI  
TEL. NO. 723 2424

TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET  
TEL. NO. 498 0117

SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,  
11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET  
TEL. NO. 605 9108

YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD  
TEL. NO. 477 1543

TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
CHI LOK FA YUEN  
TEL. NO. 458 0646

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,  
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI  
TEL. NO. 672 7191

APPLICANTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE BY DIALLING 824 0303 TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED.

HE REMINDED WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1941 AND 1946 WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ONE MORE WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON DECEMBER 8.

FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000.

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

FS WILL NOT PROPOSE WHOLESAL TAX IN 1991

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HE WILL NOT BE PROPOSING A WHOLESAL TAX IN 1991 BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT READY TO INTRODUCE IT.

TAKING QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA AFTER THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SIR PIERS EXPLAINED THE RATIONALE BEHIND THIS IDEA.

"I HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN DISCUSSING THIS TAX EVER SINCE MY FIRST BUDGET IN 1987. I BELIEVE AS I HAVE SAID MANY TIMES BEFORE THAT OUR EXISTING TAX SYSTEM IS VULNERABLE. BY THAT I MEAN WE MAY FROM TIME TO TIME FIND OURSELVES SHORT OF REVENUE IF THE ECONOMY WERE TO TURN DOWN. OUR YIELD ON TAX, DIRECT TAX, COULD WELL BE AT RISK.

"ONE ADVANTAGE OF A BROAD-BASED CONSUMPTION TAX IS THAT WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS LESS VULNERABLE TO DOWNTURNS IN THE ECONOMY," HE SAID.

THEREFORE OUR WHOLE TAX-BASE WOULD BE MORE STABLE AND WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO SUPPORTING OUR PROGRAMME OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE OVER THE YEARS AHEAD, HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT HIS TAX PROPOSALS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, SIR PIERS SAID: "NORMALLY AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR I AM ASKED MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT MY TAX PROPOSALS ARE FOR MARCH. INVARIABLY I TELL JOURNALISTS THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE TIME I DELIVER MY BUDGET.

"AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME I AM PUTTING TOGETHER VARIOUS TAX PROPOSALS. THEY WILL HAVE TO BE REFINED AND THEN NEXT YEAR WHEN I DELIVER MY BUDGET YOU WILL INDEED HAVE FULL DETAILS," HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THERE WERE ANY PLANS TO SET UP ANY GUIDELINES ON PROFITS SOURCED FROM OVERSEAS FOLLOWING THE PRIVY COUNCIL DECISION ON THE HANG SENG CASE, SIR PIERS SAID GUIDELINES WERE PROBABLY REQUIRED.

"WE HAVE REQUESTS FOR GUIDELINES FROM AT LEAST TWO SOURCES.

"THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I AM PURSUING WITH THE COMMISSIONER (OF INLAND REVENUE) AND SUBJECT TO ANY ADVICE I GET, I THINK WE WOULD HAVE TO ISSUE GUIDELINES.

"I DON'T LIKE TO SEE UNCERTAINTIES IN RELATION TO OUR TAX SYSTEM," HE SAID.

AS FOR THE PROGRESS OF THE STUDY INTO RAISING GOVERNMENT BONDS TO SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS, SIR PIERS SAID HE HAD SAID PREVIOUSLY THAT HE BELIEVED THE PROGRAMME OF GOVERNMENT BONDS MIGHT SUIT HONG KONG'S NEEDS.

"WE ARE CARRYING OUT SOME WORK ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE APPROPRIATE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT. I HAVE NO SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE TODAY. I WILL CERTAINLY HAVE MORE TO SAY ABOUT THIS ISSUE WHEN I DELIVER MY BUDGET AS YOU WILL EXPECT. BUT WHEN AND IN WHAT AMOUNTS I CANNOT AT THIS STAGE TELL YOU."

HK'S STATUS AS BUSINESS HUB ENHANCED

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THE INCREASING ORIENTATION TO SERVICES HAS ENHANCED HONG KONG'S POSITION AS A BUSINESS HUB FOR TRADE, FINANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SIR PIERS FOCUSED UPON THE CONTINUOUS STRUCTURAL CHANGES WHICH HONG KONG HAD BEEN UNDERGOING TO MEET THE CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE WORLD ECONOMY.

"SEVERAL CHANGES WHICH GAINED MOMENTUM IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE 1980'S ARE WORTH MENTIONING, AS THEY ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO SHAPE OUR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE 1990'S," HE SAID.

SIR PIERS SAID THE FIRST DEVELOPMENT WAS RELATED TO THE RE-EMERGENCE OF HONG KONG AS AN IMPORTANT ENTREPOT FOR THE REGION.

"THE OPENING UP OF CHINA SINCE THE LATE 1970'S WAS THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR," HE SAID, POINTING OUT THAT ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF OUR RE-EXPORTS INVOLVED GOODS GOING INTO AND OUT OF CHINA.

"HOWEVER, RE-EXPORTS NOT INVOLVING CHINA HAVE ALSO BEEN INCREASING RAPIDLY, IN LINE WITH THE FAST ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE REGION."

REFLECTING THIS DEVELOPMENT, RE-EXPORTS NOW ACCOUNTED FOR NEARLY 65 PER CENT OF OUR TOTAL EXPORTS, WHEREAS IN 1980 THE CORRESPONDING SHARE WAS MUCH LOWER, AT 31 PER CENT, SIR PIERS SAID.

HE SAID THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT WAS RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS.

"TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CHEAPER LAND AND LABOUR COSTS IN SOUTH CHINA, THE MORE LABOUR-INTENSIVE PRODUCTION PROCESSES ARE CONTINUOUSLY BEING SHIFTED ACROSS THE BORDER," HE SAID.

"AS A RESULT, LOCAL MANUFACTURERS AND WORKERS CAN CONCENTRATE ON THE HIGHER VALUE-ADDED AND MORE SKILL-INTENSIVE ACTIVITIES."

THE THIRD DEVELOPMENT RELATED TO THE TRANSFORMATION OF HONG KONG INTO A MORE SERVICE-ORIENTED ECONOMY.

"THE RE-EMERGENCE OF HONG KONG'S ROLE AS AN ENTREPOT FOR THE REGION HAS PROVIDED ABUNDANT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE TRADING, FINANCE AND TRANSPORT SECTORS.

"THE AVAILABILITY OF OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES HAS ALSO FACILITATED THE SHIFT OF MANPOWER RESOURCES FROM MANUFACTURING TO SERVICES. THIS DEVELOPMENT IS IN LINE WITH THE TENDENCY TOWARDS REGIONAL DIVISION OF LABOUR," HE SAID.

SIR PIERS SAID THE TENDENCY WAS FOR THE MORE LABOUR-INTENSIVE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES TO CONCENTRATE IN AREAS WHERE LAND AND LABOUR COSTS WERE RELATIVELY LOWER AND THE SERVICE-TYPE ACTIVITIES TO EXPAND IN AREAS WHICH WERE BETTER LOCATED AND HAD A BETTER EDUCATED WORKFORCE AND RELATIVELY ABUNDANT CAPITAL RESOURCES.

THE SHARE OF THE SERVICE SECTORS IN HONG KONG'S TOTAL EMPLOYMENT ROSE FROM 47 PER CENT IN 1980 TO 62 PER CENT IN 1990. IN CONTRAST, THE CORRESPONDING SHARE OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR FELL FROM 41 PER CENT TO 28 PER CENT.

IN TERMS OF CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, THAT OF THE SERVICE SECTORS ROSE FROM 64 PER CENT IN 1980 TO 67 PER CENT IN 1988, WHILE THAT OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR FELL FROM 24 PER CENT TO 20 PER CENT.

"SO HONG KONG IS DEVELOPING FAR MORE AS A CENTRE OF MANUFACTURING AND MARKETING AND FINANCING.

"I ACTUALLY THINK THIS IS A VERY EXCITING AND IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE IT SUGGESTS TO ME THAT IN THE YEARS AHEAD THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE.

"A LOT OF THE VALUE-ADDED WILL BE COMING INTO HONG KONG AND THAT IS GOING TO SERVE US VERY WELL IN THE YEARS AHEAD," HE SAID.

ON THE FINANCIAL SERVICES SIDE, SIR PIERS SAID HONG KONG HAD DONE A GREAT DEAL TO IMPROVE ITS BANKING-SECTOR.

"REGULATION OF OUR BANKING SECTOR HAS EVOLVED OVER THE YEARS. WE FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE WITH IT. WE ARE NOW DOING A GREAT DEAL ON THE SECURITIES SIDE.

"I THINK HONG KONG HAS NOW DEVELOPED CONSIDERABLY MORE MATURITY AND MORE DEPTH THAN IT HAD MANY YEARS AGO. AGAIN THAT IS GOING TO SERVE US WELL IN THE FUTURE," HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE LABOUR SHORTAGE AND THE BRAIN DRAIN, SIR PIERS SAID THESE WERE OF COURSE MATTERS OF CONCERN.

"WE FELT THAT THE LABOUR SHORTAGE WOULD, OVER NOT TOO LONG A PERIOD OF TIME, ABATE.

"BUT I MUST CONFESS THAT IT NOW SEEMS TO BE ALMOST STRUCTURAL - THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HAS HOVERED BETWEEN 1.3 PER CENT AND 1.7 PER CENT FOR MANY MONTHS, AND I DON'T SEE ANY RELIEF THERE.

"WE HAVE AS YOU KNOW RECENTLY MODIFIED OUR POLICIES IN RELATION TO THE IMPORTATION OF LABOUR, SO WE DO TAKE MORE PEOPLE IN NOW.

"I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO WATCH CAREFULLY. I BELIEVE MYSELF THAT WE MAY NEED SOME MORE PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE IF WE ARE GOING TO TAKE SOME OF THE PRESSURE OFF THE LABOUR MARKET.

"BUT OBVIOUSLY WE MUST NOT GO TOO FAR. WE DON'T WISH TO DAMAGE THE EARNINGS OF OUR OWN LABOUR FORCE HERE. NEITHER DO WE WISH TO PUT UNDUE STRAIN ON OUR VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICES AND OUR HOUSING PROGRAMMES," HE SAID.

"ONE HAS TO STRIKE THE RIGHT BALANCE. BUT CERTAINLY THE SHORTAGE OF LABOUR IS REALLY AT THE ROOT OF OUR INFLATION PROBLEM IN HONG KONG. I THINK THE TWO CANNOT BE VIEWED IN ISOLATION," HE ADDED.

"IF I WERE ASKED TO SAY WHAT WILL PRESERVE OUR POSITION IN THE YEARS AHEAD, I WOULD EMPHASISE YET AGAIN THE PEOPLE," SIR PIERS POINTED OUT.

"WE REALLY DO HAVE TO CONCENTRATE A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT ON ENSURING THAT WE HAVE THE RIGHT SORT OF PEOPLE, THE RIGHT SORT OF LABOUR FORCE TO CONTINUE THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT THAT I HAVE DESCRIBED, HENCE THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS IN RELATION TO EDUCATION," HE SAID.

SIR PIERS SAID THE GOVERNMENT SPENT QUITE A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF TOTAL PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION.

"WE REGARD THAT AS OF CONTINUING AND GROWING IMPORTANCE.

"WE WILL OVER THE YEARS HAVE MANY MORE TERTIARY EDUCATION PLACES IN HONG KONG. AND WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT SORT OF PEOPLE TO FILL THE SORT OF JOBS THAT WILL BE EMERGING IN HONG KONG IN THE YEARS AHEAD," HE SAID.

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APPLICATION UNDER BRITISH NATIONALITY SCHEME STARTS TOMORROW  
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APPLICATIONS FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP UNDER THE BRITISH NATIONALITY SELECTION SCHEME WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WHEN APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM MORE THAN 200 OUTLETS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THESE OUTLETS INCLUDE ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, IMMIGRATION OFFICES, POST OFFICES, THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, AND SING TAO CENTRES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED APPLICANTS THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE AVAILABLE ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND REFERENCE MATERIALS BEFORE THEY START TO FILL IN THEIR FORMS.

"THESE INCLUDE THE APPLICATION FORM BN(HK) 1 ITSELF, A GUIDANCE NOTE TO HELP APPLICANTS FILL IN THE FORM, THE REFERENCE MANUAL RELATING TO THE APPLICANT'S OCCUPATION, AND A COPY OF THE INFORMATION PAMPHLET 'A GENERAL GUIDE TO THE BRITISH NATIONALITY SELECTION SCHEME'.

"THE GUIDANCE NOTE WILL BE HANDED OUT TOGETHER WITH THE APPLICATION FORM. IN ADDITION, A SEPARATE SHEET GIVING DETAILS OF QUOTAS ALLOCATED TO THE 20 OCCUPATION GROUPS AND THE APPROVED OCCUPATION UNDER THE FIRST PHASE OF THE SCHEME WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THE SAME TIME FOR APPLICANTS' INFORMATION.

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"THE REFERENCE MANUALS, DESIGNED TO HELP APPLICANTS FIND VARIOUS COMPUTER CODES RELATING TO THEIR OCCUPATION, EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS ETC WHICH THEY HAVE TO PUT IN THE APPLICATION FORMS, WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM TOMORROW AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, IMMIGRATION OFFICES AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR THE REFERENCE OF APPLICANTS.

"THEY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE, AT \$20 PER COPY, AT MORE THAN 80 OUTLETS INCLUDING ABOUT 40 DISTRICT OFFICES, ABOUT 20 POST OFFICES, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, 20 SING TAO CENTRES AND FIVE TV WEEK SERVICE CENTRES.

"A TOTAL OF NINE REFERENCE MANUALS ARE PUBLISHED TO COVER THE 20 OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS, THE APPROVED OCCUPATIONS, AND THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES CLASS, BUT NO APPLICANT WILL NEED TO BUY ALL NINE MANUALS.

"IN MOST CASES, ALL HE NEEDS IS THE MANUAL COVERING HIS OCCUPATION.

"OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS OR OCCUPATIONS COVERED BY EACH MANUAL ARE LISTED ON THE COVER OF THE MANUALS," HE SAID.

AS FOR THE INFORMATION PAMPHLET 'A GENERAL GUIDE TO THE BRITISH NATIONALITY SELECTION SCHEME', THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT HAS BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC SINCE NOVEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

"THE GENERAL GUIDE PROVIDES DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE POINTS SYSTEM, APPLICATION PROCEDURES, OCCUPATIONS COVERED ETC AND APPLICANTS SHOULD READ IT TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE SCHEME OPERATES BEFORE FILLING IN THEIR FORMS.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THOSE WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP UNDER THE SCHEME THAT THEY MUST BE HONG KONG BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENS, BRITISH NATIONALS (OVERSEAS), BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIZENS, BRITISH PROTECTED PERSONS, OR BRITISH SUBJECTS AND SETTLED IN HONG KONG.

THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR NATURALISATION OR REGISTRATION AS BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENS BEFORE JUNE 26, 1990 MAY ALSO APPLY, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE APPLICATION PERIOD WOULD RUN FOR THREE MONTHS AND THERE WAS NO NEED TO HURRY TO GET ONE'S APPLICATION IN EARLY.

"ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 28, 1991 WILL BE PROCESSED IN THE SAME WAY AND THERE IS NO ADVANTAGE TO BE GAINED BY SUBMITTING AN EARLY APPLICATION.

"THE ONLY EXCEPTION APPLIES TO APPLICANTS WITH CHILDREN NEARING THE AGE OF 18 SINCE ONLY CHILDREN UNDER 18 -- AT THE TIME OF THEIR APPLICATION -- WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION AS BRITISH CITIZENS IF THEIR OWN APPLICATIONS ARE SUCCESSFUL.

"APPLICANTS WITH CHILDREN APPROACHING THE AGE OF 18 SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THEY FILL IN THE SECTIONS IN THE APPLICATION FORM TO APPLY FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO BE REGISTERED AS BRITISH CITIZENS, AND TO SUBMIT THE FORM BEFORE THEIR CHILD'S 18TH BIRTHDAY," HE SAID.

"IF AN APPLICANT HAS DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING COPIES OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION, FOR EXAMPLE, COPIES OF CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA, HE MAY SEND THESE TO IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE APPLICATION PERIOD PROVIDED HE HAS RETURNED HIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT BY THE END OF FEBRUARY 1991."

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY REGISTERED MAIL OR PERSONAL DELIVERY TO THE BRITISH NATIONALITY DIVISION, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.

A CHEQUE, BANK DRAFT OR CASHIER ORDER FOR \$200 TO COVER THE COST FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT IN TOGETHER WITH THE APPLICATION FORM.

THE SPOKESMAN AGAIN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING FULL AND ACCURATE INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION FORMS SINCE INITIAL SCORES WILL BE BASED ON THIS INFORMATION.

"IT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO SIGN AND DATE THE APPLICATION FORM SINCE IT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS IT IS SIGNED AND DATED.

"BEFORE SUBMITTING THE FORM, APPLICANTS SHOULD ALSO CAREFULLY GO THROUGH THE CHECK-LIST AT THE END OF THE FORM TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE DONE ALL THAT IS REQUIRED," HE SAID.

TO FACILITATE APPLICANTS IN FILLING IN THE FORMS, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IS OPERATING A SPECIAL HOTLINE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC RELATING TO THE SCHEME. ITS NO. IS 802 3300.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE APPLICATION FORM, GUIDANCE NOTES FOR THE APPLICATION FORM, THE SINGLE SHEET GIVING VARIOUS QUOTAS, AND A FULL SET OF NINE REFERENCE MANUALS WILL BE BOXED THIS EVENING.

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CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO EDUCATE PUBLIC ON AIDS

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MANY MISCONCEPTIONS EXIST ABOUT AIDS, AND ONLY WITH INCREASED KNOWLEDGE CAN PEOPLE LOOK AT THE DISEASE RATIONALLY AND WILL THEN DEVELOP THE COMPASSION AND TOLERANCE NEEDED TO UNDERSTAND AND CARE FOR AIDS PATIENTS.

THIS WAS SAID BY LADY FORD TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE 1990/91 EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS CAMPAIGN CUM EXHIBITION HELD AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY, SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF AIDS REQUIRED THE CONCERTED AND SUSTAINED EFFORTS OF ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

"THIS EXHIBITION AND EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IS THE FIRST CONCERTED EFFORT IN PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ON AIDS TO BE INITIATED BY THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG.

"IT INVOLVES VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, PROFESSIONAL BODIES, BUSINESS CORPORATIONS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND IS COORDINATED BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AIDS," SHE SAID.

AS PROMULGATED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION, THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S WORLD AIDS DAY IS 'WOMEN AND AIDS'.

LADY FORD STRESSED THAT IT WAS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT WOMEN WERE PROPERLY INFORMED ABOUT AIDS SO THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD HOW IT WAS TRANSMITTED AND WHERE THEY THEMSELVES MIGHT BE AT RISK.

"THEY WILL THEN BE ABLE TO HELP THEIR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO UNDERSTAND THE DISEASE MORE CLEARLY," SHE SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WAS DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AIDS, DR S.H. LEE.

DR LEE POINTED OUT THAT THIS YEAR THE GOVERNMENT REINFORCED ITS COMMITMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS BY UPGRADING THE FORMER EXPERT COMMITTEE ON AIDS TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AIDS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL WAS CHARGED WITH THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES TO ADVISE ON THE POLICY ON AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL AND TO ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE AIDS PREVENTIVE PROGRAMME.

HE SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF AIDS CASES AND HIV INFECTIONS IN HONG KONG WAS STILL SMALL BUT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION HAD WARNED THAT THE NUMBER WAS EXPECTED TO INCREASE IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION.

"IF WE ARE TO PREVENT AN ESCALATION OF THE DISEASE IN HONG KONG, IT IS TIME FOR US TO ACT NOW," HE STRESSED.

DR LEE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS AT PRESENT NO CURE OR VACCINE AVAILABLE TO PREVENT AIDS.

"FOR THE MOMENT, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REMAIN THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS," HE SAID.

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HE SAID THAT IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, THERE WOULD BE A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING EXHIBITIONS, WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN, SEMINARS FOR INTERMEDIARIES SUCH AS SOCIAL WORKERS, HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND TARGET GROUP LIKE DRUG ABUSERS, AND A CONCERT FOR YOUTHS.

"THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES WE AIM TO REINFORCE AND CONSOLIDATE OUR PAST ACHIEVEMENTS, CHANGE COMMUNITY COMPLACENCY INTO COMMUNITY COMMITMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS," HE SAID.

DR LEE SAID THE COUNCIL HAD PROPOSED TO ESTABLISH A HONG KONG AIDS FOUNDATION WHICH WOULD BE A NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION TO COMPLEMENT THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS AGAINST AIDS.

"THE SETTING UP OF THIS FOUNDATION WILL BE THE GREATEST DEMONSTRATION OF THE PUBLIC'S SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT IN OUR AIDS EFFORTS. IT WILL ALSO BE REGARDED AS HONG KONG'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD'S EFFORTS TO TACKLE THE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM OF AIDS," HE SAID.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, MRS PEGGY LAM AND MR HO SAI-CHU, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS AND CHAIRMAN OF PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP ON AIDS RESPECTIVELY.

DURING THE CEREMONY, PRIZES WERE PRESENTED BY MRS LAM TO WINNERS OF THE AIDS POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION HELD EARLIER BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AIDS. GUESTS THEN TQURED THE EXHIBITION ON AIDS SET UP AT THE VENUE.

THE EXHIBITION FEATURES 40 DISPLAY BOARDS CONTAINING COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF AIDS. VIDEO SHOWS AND COMPUTER GAMES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO HELP FURTHER INCREASE VISITORS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISEASE.

IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UP TILL DECEMBER 3 BEFORE MOVING TO THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE EXHIBITION GALLERY ON DECEMBER 7.

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NEW WATER CONTROL ZONES DECLARED AND TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM INTRODUCED  
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DEEP BAY AND MIRS BAY HAVE BEEN DECLARED WATER CONTROL ZONES UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE) ORDER 1990 AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (MIRS BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE) ORDER 1990 WHICH WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ALSO GAZETTED WERE AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (GENERAL) REGULATIONS WHICH INTRODUCED SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUE OF LICENCES UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE, AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THIS ORDINANCE ARISING FROM THE REPEAL OF THE EXEMPTION PROVISIONS IN THE ORDINANCE.

THE REVISED REGULATIONS ALSO PROVIDED FOR A DOUBLING OF FINES WHICH COULD PRESENTLY BE IMPOSED FOR OFFENCES UNDER THE REGULATIONS, AND A REVISED FEE STRUCTURE FOR LICENCES ISSUED UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

ANOTHER ITEM GAZETTED TODAY UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE WAS A TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM (TM) ON EFFLUENT STANDARDS WHICH SET OUT THE PERMISSIBLE LIMITS OF EFFLUENT DISCHARGES IN A WATER CONTROL ZONE (WCZ).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE WCZ ORDERS, MADE UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE, WERE AIMED AT CONTROLLING THE DISCHARGES AND DEPOSITS FROM ALL SOURCES IN THE TWO ZONES, OTHER THAN DISCHARGES AND DEPOSITS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ORDERS WOULD ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY AND PROTECT THE BENEFICIAL USES OF THE TWO WATER CONTROL ZONES INCLUDING SEA BATHING, FISHERIES, SECONDARY CONTACT RECREATION (FOR EXAMPLE WATER-SKIING, BOATING AND CANOEING) AND GENERAL AMENITIES.

THE RELATED APPOINTED DAYS ORDERS BY WHICH THE GOVERNOR APPOINTED THE RESPECTIVE DATES FOR THE CONTROLS TO TAKE EFFECT WERE ALSO GAZETTED TODAY.

A LICENCE WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR DISCHARGES OR DEPOSITS WHICH BEGIN AFTER DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

THE DECLARATION OF THE WCZ'S HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE REGIONS AFFECTED BY THE NEW WCZ'S.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TM WAS ALSO AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD GUIDE THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WHEN LAYING DOWN STANDARDS FOR EFFLUENTS THAT WOULD BE LICENSED FOR DISCHARGE IN A WCZ.

THE TM SET DIFFERENT DISCHARGE STANDARDS DEPENDING ON THE RATE AND AREA OF DISCHARGE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID INDUSTRY WOULD FIND THE TM A USEFUL DOCUMENT AS IT WOULD GIVE THEM A CLEAR INDICATION OF WHAT STANDARDS THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MEET TO GET A DISCHARGE LICENCE.

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY (ENVIRONMENT) OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH, MR MARTIN LEWIS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) OFFICERS TODAY BRIEFED THE OMELCO PANEL ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ON THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE AND THE TM. LATER THEY ALSO BRIEFED KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN MR LEE WING-TAT AND OTHER DB MEMBERS.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE STANDARDS WERE GEARED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AIM OF ACHIEVING HONG KONG'S WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES.

"THE TM IS VERY COMPREHENSIVE, AND STANDS UP WELL COMPARED TO THE OTHER COUNTRIES," MR LEWIS SAID.

"WE WOULD NOT AGREE OF ANY STANDARD OR PROCEDURE THAT DID NOT ACHIEVE THIS AIM," HE SAID.

FURTHER INFORMATION OF THE WATER CONTROL ZONES AND CONTROL MEASURES, AND THE TM, IS AVAILABLE FROM THE EPD.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY), MR PAUL HOLMES, ON TEL. 835 1234, OR THE PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (LIQUID WASTE CONTROL), DR MIKE CHIU TAK-LUN, ON TEL. 835 1184.

NEW INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LAW TO COME INTO OPERATION

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THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1989, WHICH SPELS OUT THE GENERAL DUTIES OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IN ENSURING SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK, WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15.

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

"THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECES OF LEGISLATION ENACTED IN RECENT YEARS TO PROMOTE A SELF-REGULATION APPROACH TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, BACKED UP BY STIFF PENALTY ON RECKLESS OFFENDERS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID.

"UNDER THE ORDINANCE, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE PROPRIETOR OF AN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM OF SAFETY MANAGEMENT, SAFETY TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AND SO FAR AS IS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE, TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORKING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL PERSONS EMPLOYED BY HIM IN THE INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING.

"THE LAW ALSO REQUIRES EVERY EMPLOYEE WHILE AT WORK TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE PROPRIETOR IN IMPLEMENTING SUCH MEASURES, AND TO TAKE REASONABLE CARE FOR THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF NOT ONLY HIMSELF BUT ALSO OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY HIS ACTS OR A NEGLIGENCE AT WORK."

THE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE PROVIDES CUSTODIAL PENALTIES FOR OFFENCES WHICH ARE LIABLE TO CAUSE FATAL OR SERIOUS ACCIDENTS OR RISK TO HEALTH, WHICH ARE COMMITTED WILFULLY AND WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE AND WHICH ARE WITHIN THE OFFENDER'S ABILITY TO PREVENT.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT MAY BE IMPOSED AS AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY FOR OFFENCES WHICH CURRENTLY CARRY A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000, AND A MAXIMUM OF 12 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR THOSE WHICH CURRENTLY CARRY A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000.

"THESE PENALTIES APPLY TO BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES WHO BLATANTLY DISREGARDS THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THOSE WORKING IN AN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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GOOD MANAGEMENT OF EMPLOYEES IMPORTANT

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GOOD MANAGEMENT OF EMPLOYEES IS THE KEY TO HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY, WHILE HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY IS THE KEY TO HONG KONG'S FUTURE, EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED, MR WILLIAM PURVES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "HONG KONG LABOUR RELATIONS CONFERENCE '90", MR PURVES SAID HONG KONG HAD BECOME A SOPHISTICATED, DEVELOPED ECONOMY AND ITS FUTURE RESTED ON ITS ROLE AS A SERVICE CENTRE.

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"IT NEEDS TO PROVIDE ITS PEOPLE WITH SPECIALISED SKILLS AND EXPERTISE IN TECHNOLOGY, IN MANUFACTURING, IN FINANCIAL SERVICES, IN LOGISTICS, AND IN ENGLISH," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT TRAINING EMPLOYEES WAS AN INVESTMENT AS CRITICAL AS INVESTING IN PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS.

"INSTEAD OF REGARDING IT AS A COSTLY LUXURY, EMPLOYERS SHOULD CONSIDER TRAINING AN ESSENTIAL PART OF ANY BUSINESS PLAN," MR PURVES SAID.

"WITHOUT A WELL-TRAINED, WELL-MOTIVATED WORKFORCE, WE WILL NEVER REALISE ACCEPTABLE RETURNS ON OUR INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND EQUIPMENT; NOR WILL WE BE IN A POSITION TO MAINTAIN THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHERN CHINA ON A REGIONAL BASIS," HE ADDED.

WHILE DESCRIBING LABOUR RELATIONS IN HONG KONG AS "TRADITIONALLY GOOD", MR PURVES SAID "WE CANNOT TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE SO UNLESS WE PAY ATTENTION TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF OUR WORKFORCE."

ALSO SPEAKING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION HAD BECOME ONE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S GOAL IN ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HARMONIOUS LABOUR RELATIONS.

"WE SEE OURSELVES NOW MORE AS A 'CATALYST', A FACILITATOR, OR AN AGENT FOR CHANGE THAN A TRADITIONAL PROTECTOR OF LABOUR CONCERNED MERELY WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE PROVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES.

"WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS A CAPACITY TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF ITS RESOURCES IF PROPER ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE KEY AREAS," HE SAID.

MR HAMMOND SAID THE CONFERENCE WITH ITS THEME OF "PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVED LABOUR RELATIONS" WAS ONE OF THE WAYS OF BRINGING INTO FOCUS SOME AREAS OF CONCERN TO BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES, AND OF PROVIDING A VENUE AND OCCASION FOR THOSE DIRECTLY AFFECTED TO MEET AND DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

THE CONFERENCE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE ATTRACTED MORE THAN 600 EMPLOYERS, PROPRIETORS, BUSINESS EXECUTIVES, PERSONNEL MANAGERS, EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES, TRADE UNION LEADERS, ACADEMICS AND PROFESSIONALS.

TWO SETS OF MERCHANT SHIPPING REGULATIONS GAZETTED

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TWO SETS OF REGULATIONS CONCERNING A NEW LICENSING SYSTEM FOR HOLDERS OF FOREIGN CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY TO SERVE AS MASTERS AND OFFICERS ON SHIPS ON THE NEW HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THESE ARE THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (CERTIFICATION OF OFFICERS) REGULATIONS 1990 AND THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (FEES) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS 1990.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THESE REGULATIONS WOULD COME INTO OPERATION ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 3) WHEN THE NEW HONG KONG REGISTER WOULD BE OPENED.

THE FIRST SET OF REGULATIONS INCORPORATES THE NEW LICENSING SYSTEM FOR HOLDERS OF FOREIGN CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AND SIMPLIFIES THE SYSTEM OF CLASSIFYING CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY, WHILE MAINTAINING COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING.

THE SECOND SET OF REGULATIONS MAKES CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE NEW LICENSING SYSTEM.

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TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1990 GAZETTED

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THE TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1990, WHICH ENABLE SHIPOWNERS AND SHIP MANAGERS GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN MAKING THEIR MANNING ARRANGEMENTS, IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REGULATIONS PUT INTO EFFECT CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STEERING GROUP ON THE HONG KONG REGISTER OF SHIPPING, WHICH WERE ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN JUNE AS THE BASIS FOR THE NEW HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER.

THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE REGULATIONS IS TO PROVIDE FOR A SYSTEM WHEREBY RADIO OFFICERS AND RADIO OPERATORS WITH QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OBTAINED OVERSEAS WILL BE ISSUED WITH A LICENCE, CALLED AN AUTHORITY TO OPERATE, TO SERVE ON HONG KONG REGISTERED SHIPS IN THE FUTURE.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE CHARGING OF FEES TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF ISSUING THE LICENCES AND ADMINISTERING VALIDATION TESTS WHERE NECESSARY AND FOR A REQUIREMENT TO MAKE A DECLARATION OF SECRECY TO CONFORM WITH THE RADIO REGULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION.

THE STEERING GROUP ON THE HONG KONG REGISTER OF SHIPPING INCLUDED A WIDE RANGE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MARITIME COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE SEAFARERS' ORGANISATIONS AND MARITIME EDUCATION INSTITUTES.

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ELDERLY DESERVE TO BE CARED FOR

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OUR SENIOR CITIZENS DESERVE TO BE CARED FOR WITH DIGNITY AND COMPASSION WHEN THEY CAN NO LONGER LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, WHEN OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE HELPING HAND KWAI SHING WEST CARE HOME.

THE GOVERNMENT POLICY ON ELDERLY SERVICES REMAINED, AS EXPLAINED IN THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE, TO ENCOURAGE THE ELDERLY TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE WITH THE HELP OF THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES, HE ADDED.

"THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER LOOKS AHEAD TO A TIME, WITHIN THE NEXT 10 YEARS, WHEN SUFFICIENT RESIDENTIAL PLACES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR ELDERLY POPULATION," MR CARTLAND SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ONLY FOR THOSE WHO COULD NO LONGER REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY WHETHER BY REASON OF FRAILTY OR NEED FOR CONSTANT ATTENTION WOULD RESIDENTIAL CARE BE THE APPROPRIATE SOLUTION.

"THESE ARE VERY FAR FROM BEING LEECHES ON SOCIETY, RATHER, THEY ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEIR LIVES TO BUILDING UP HONG KONG AND DESERVE TO BE CARED FOR WITH DIGNITY AND COMPASSION WHEN THEY CAN NO LONGER LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES IN THEIR OLD AGE," HE CONTINUED.

HE STRESSED THAT THE COMMUNITY HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE SATISFACTORILY AND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE FOR THIS MOST NEEDY GROUP OF ITS ELDERLY CITIZENS.

"THERE IS NO QUESTION THEREFORE THAT ADEQUATE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR THE ELDERLY MUST REMAIN A HIGH PRIORITY," MR CARTLAND SAID.

AS REGARDS CONTROL OF HOMES, MR CARTLAND WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE NEED FOR INTRODUCING LEGISLATION WAS CLEAR GIVEN THE LARGE NUMBERS OF PRIVATE PROFIT-MAKING HOMES, SOME WITH A POOR QUALITY OF SERVICES, AND THE OBVIOUS VULNERABILITY OF THE ELDERLY TO THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPLOITATION.

"WHILST SUCH LEGISLATION WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE TO APPLY TO ALL HOMES, IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT IT WOULD NECESSITATE ANY CHANGES FOR SUBVENTED OR NON-PROFIT-MAKING HOMES," HE SAID.

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TRADERS FINED FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS

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FINES TALLING MORE THAN \$100,000 HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON TRADERS USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS SINCE THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO.

ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, 45 OFFENDERS, INCLUDING 38 FOOD RETAILERS AND SEVEN SCRAP DEALERS, HAVE PAID A TOTAL OF \$106,550 TO DATE.

THE FIGURES ALSO SHOW THAT, OF THE FOOD RETAILERS CONVICTED, 15 WERE FRUIT RETAILERS AND NINE WERE SEAFOOD RETAILERS. THE REST WERE RETAILERS SELLING VEGETABLES, ROAST MEAT AND POULTRY, AND GROCERIES.

AN ACTING PRINCIPAL TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR WONG CHUN-KWONG, SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD SO FAR RECEIVED 301 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

"OF THESE COMPLAINTS, 140 WERE NOT SUBSTANTIATED, 119 WERE SUBSTANTIATED AND 42 ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION," HE SAID.

HE REMINDED PRODUCE RETAILERS SUPPLYING GOODS BY WEIGHT OR MEASURE TO CHECK WEIGHING OR MEASURING EQUIPMENT REGULARLY TO ENSURE ACCURACY.

TWO FRUIT RETAILERS, A FISH RETAILER, A POULTRY RETAILER AND A GROCERIES HAWKER WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$7,000 THIS MONTH AFTER TESTS BY OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY SHOWED THAT THE READINGS OF THEIR WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS WAS FROM 5.7 TO 21.88 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHT.

ANY PERSON WANTING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MALPRACTICES IN RESPECT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SHOULD CONTACT EITHER THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 714 6146) OR THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

COMPLAINTS MAY ALSO BE MADE TO DUTY OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 852 3185 AFTER NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

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DREDGING OF SEABED AT EAST OF TUNG LUNG CHAU

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO PROCEED WITH DREDGING WORK WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,630 HECTARES OF SEABED EAST OF TUNG LUNG CHAU.

THE DREDGING IS TO PROVIDE MATERIALS FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION AND FUTURE RECLAMATIONS.

IN CONNECTION WITH ANOTHER PROJECT, THE GOVERNMENT IS TO GRANT A LEASE TO HOI KONG CONTAINER SERVICES COMPANY LTD WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 1.25 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED OFF THE EAST COAST OF TSING YI ISLAND.

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THIS WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR THE COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT AN OFFLOADING JETTY TO THE SEAWALL OF AN ADJACENT LOT EARMARKED FOR SHORT-TERM TENANCY.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN SEPARATE NOTICES OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE PROJECTS MAY SUBMIT A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BEFORE NOVEMBER 29, 1991.

THE NOTICES TOGETHER WITH RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER) AND AT THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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#### LIONS CLUB PRAISED FOR SOCIAL SERVICES

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING PRAISED THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303 FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

MR LAN SAID THIS WHEN WELCOMING A GROUP OF LIONS CLUB MEMBERS WHO PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

HE NOTED THAT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CLUB INCLUDE THE ONLY EYE BANK IN HONG KONG, AN EDUCATION CENTRE AND STUDY FOUNDATION ON KIDNEY DISEASES, THE NATURE CENTRE IN SAI KUNG AND A SCHOOL FOR THE MENTALLY-RETARDED.

HE ALSO SAID THAT DISTRICT 303 HAD RECENTLY CO-OPERATED WITH THE CNTA IN PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION BY ORGANISING SEMINARS AND CALLING UPON ITS MEMBERS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

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#### TUNG LUNG ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY TO BE EXTENDED

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THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO EXTEND TUNG LUNG ROAD EASTWARD TO LINK UP WITH TUNG KWONG ROAD NEAR NGA TSIN WAI TSUEN IN KOWLOON CITY.

THE ROAD EXTENSION PLAN IS PART OF THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF TUNG TAU ESTATE PHASE 7 WHICH, WHEN COMPLETED IN 1992, WILL PROVIDE 840 FLATS FOR ABOUT 2,700 PEOPLE.

THE PROPOSED ROAD WORKS WILL START IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

DURING CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, A PEDESTRIAN WAY NEXT TO NGA TSIN WAI TSUEN WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED.

THE NORTH-SOUTH SECTION OF THE EXISTING TUNG LUNG ROAD WILL BECOME A HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATE ROAD AFTER THE TUNG LUNG ROAD EXTENSION IS COMPLETED AND OPEN TO TRAFFIC.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED ROAD EXTENSION WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- \* WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, FOURTH FLOOR, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS 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 JANUARY 22, 1991.

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#### NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS NEAR AIRPORT

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THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT WITH THE PROVISION OF A NEW ROUNDABOUT, A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AT THE JUNCTION OF OLYMPIC AVENUE, DAKOTA DRIVE AND CONCORDE ROAD WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) STARTING FROM 10 AM. THEY ARE:

#### EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG OLYMPIC AVENUE

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THE EXISTING EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG OLYMPIC AVENUE TOWARDS CONCORDE ROAD FOR KWUN TONG DISTRICT, TO THE PASSENGER TERMINAL DEPARTURE PODIUM, AND TO ARRIVALS ROAD, WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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WESTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM ARRIVALS ROAD/PUBLIC CAR PARK/DEPARTURES  
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THE U-TURN FACILITY ON OLYMPIC AVENUE EAST OF THE NEW  
ROUNDBOUT WILL BE PERMANENTLY WITHDRAWN.

VEHICLES FROM THE ARRIVALS ROAD/PUBLIC CAR PARK/WEST  
DEPARTURES DOWN RAMP SHOULD FOLLOW THE ROUNDBOUT TO TRAVEL WEST  
ALONG OLYMPIC AVENUE OR JOIN CONCORDE ROAD TO GO TO DEPARTURES  
CIRCUIT OR KWUN TONG DISTRICT.

DAKOTA DRIVE

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AIRLINE VEHICLES, AFTER LEAVING THE RESTRICTED AREA FROM  
POLICE POST GATE 5, CAN NOW TRAVEL ALONG DAKOTA DRIVE, USE THE NEWLY  
CONSTRUCTED ROUNDBOUT AND PROCEED TO DEPARTURES CIRCUIT, ARRIVALS  
ROAD AND THE MAINTENANCE AREA.

A FAST LANE IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC TO SUNG  
WONG TOI ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS AND MARKINGS WILL BE PROVIDED TO  
GUIDE MOTORISTS.