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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1988

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HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS RECORDED A SMALL DECLINE IN MARCH THIS YEAR OVER THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE STRONG PERFORMANCE IN FEBRUARY, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988 AS A WHOLE WAS STILL SIGNIFICANT.

THIS IS SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF RE-EXPORTS IN MARCH, WHILE STILL SUBSTANTIAL, WAS CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

AGAIN ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON, THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS ROSE ABOVE THAT IN FEBRUARY, BUT WAS MUCH BELOW THAT IN JANUARY.

CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN INTERPRETING THE TRADE FIGURES FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL MONTH IN ISOLATION, IN VIEW OF THE FLUCTUATIONS THAT MAY OCCUR FROM MONTH TO MONTH.

FAIRLY WIDE FLUCTUATIONS HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCED DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, REFLECTING IN PART THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN MARCH 1988 WAS \$14,052 MILLION, THREE PER CENT OR \$431 MILLION LOWER THAN IN MARCH 1987, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 34.1 PER CENT OR \$4,726 MILLION TO \$18,590 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS), AT \$32,642 MILLION IN MARCH 1988, WAS 15.2 PER CENT OR \$4,295 MILLION HIGHER THAN IN MARCH 1987.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 21.2 PER CENT OR \$6,515 MILLION OVER THE YEAR, TO \$37,246 MILLION IN MARCH 1988.

AS THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN MARCH 1988 WAS LARGER THAN THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$4,604 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 12.4 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THAT MONTH.

THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$2,384 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 7.8 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN MARCH 1987.

PUTTING THE FIGURES FOR MARCH INTO PERSPECTIVE, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988 WAS \$97,037 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$44,169 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$52,868 MILLION.

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COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$22,025 MILLION OR 29.4 PER CENT, THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$5,641 MILLION OR 14.6 PER CENT, AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS BY \$16,384 MILLION OR 44.9 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$20,501 MILLION OR 26.2 PER CENT, TO \$98,867 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$1,830 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 1.9 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988.

THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$3,354 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 4.3 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SETBACK IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS GREATER THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. THIS SETBACK MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A SLOWER GROWTH IN THE DEMAND FOR IMPORTS IN HONG KONG'S MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS, AND TO A GRADUAL REDUCTION OF THE EFFECT OF THE DEPRECIATION OF HONG KONG DOLLAR DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

GIVEN THE SLOW GROWTH IN RETAINED IMPORTS SINCE JANUARY, THE PERFORMANCE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS SEEMED LIKELY TO REMAIN MODERATE IN THE COMING MONTHS.

HOWEVER, MORE OBSERVATIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE ANY TREND CAN BE SAID TO HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1988:-

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$14,052 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$18,590 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$32,642 MILLION	
	IMPORTS	:	\$37,246 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 4,604 MILLION	[IN DEFICIT]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	JAN 88	JAN 87	INCREASE	
	TO	TO		
	MAR 88	MAR 87	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	44,169	38,528	5,641	14.6
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(45.5%)	(51.4%)		
RE-EXPORTS	52,868	36,484	16,384	44.9

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TOTAL EXPORTS	97,037	75,012	22,025	29.4
IMPORTS	98,867	78,366	20,501	26.2
TRADE BALANCE	-1,830	-3,354	1,524	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	MARCH	MARCH	INCREASE	
	1988	1987	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	14,052 (43.0%)	14,483 (51.1%)	-431	-3.0
RE-EXPORTS	18,590	13,864	4,726	34.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	32,642	28,347	4,295	15.2
IMPORTS	37,246	30,731	6,515	21.2
TRADE BALANCE	-4,604	-2,384	-2,220	

LAST MONTH	MARCH	FEBRUARY	INCREASE	
	1988	1988	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	14,052 (43.0%)	13,641 (46.2%)	441	3.0
RE-EXPORTS	18,590	15,914	2,676	16.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	32,642	29,555	3,087	10.4
IMPORTS	37,246	28,470	8,776	30.8
TRADE BALANCE	-4,604	1,085	-5,689	

LAST 12 MONTHS	APR 87	APR 86	INCREASE	
	TO	TO	HK\$ MN.	%
	MAR 88	MAR 87		
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	200,895	163,365	37,530	23.0
RE-EXPORTS	199,164	135,026	64,138	47.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	400,059	298,391	101,668	34.1
IMPORTS	398,449	298,648	99,801	33.4
TRADE BALANCE	1,610	-257	1,867	

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR MARCH PUBLISHED
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR MARCH 1988.

THE CPI (A) AND CPI (B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR MARCH 1988 WERE BOTH 114.5, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 7.1 PER CENT AND 7.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER MARCH 1987.

COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE CPI (A) INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT AND THE CPI (B), BY 0.4 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE CPI (A) AND AVERAGE CPI (B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 1988, AT 111.2 AND 111.3 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 6.1 PER CENT AND 5.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 1987.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED MARCH 1988, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI (A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.3 PER CENT PER MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI (B), AT 0.4 PER CENT PER MONTH.

THE CPI (A) AND THE CPI (B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI (A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE CPI (B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

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CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR MARCH 1988 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988 AND MARCH 1987, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR MAR.88	% CHANGE OVER FEB.88	% CHANGE OVER MAR.87	INDEX FOR MAR.88	% CHANGE OVER FEB.88	% CHANGE OVER MAR.87
FOODSTUFFS	112.9	+0.7	+9.2	113.7	+0.8	+9.3
HOUSING	111.7	+0.1	+2.9	109.2	+0.1	+2.4
FUEL AND LIGHT	93.2	-0.3	+1.5	93.7	-0.4	+1.4
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	122.9	+4.7	+6.0	123.4	+4.6	+6.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	117.6	+0.4	+9.2	118.8	+0.4	+9.8
DURABLE GOODS	115.6	+0.9	+6.2	114.8	+1.2	+6.1
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	119.6	+0.1	+6.4	119.7	+0.2	+6.8
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	118.0	+0.3	+4.3	117.2	+0.4	+4.8
SERVICES	124.1	-0.5	+8.4	123.8	-0.7	+8.9
ALL ITEMS	114.5	+0.5	+7.1	114.5	+0.4	+7.0

COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1988, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT IN CPI (A) AND BY 0.8 PER CENT IN CPI (B).

THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT AND RICE AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, LIVE POULTRY AND FRESH-WATER FISH.

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THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) INCREASED BY 4.7 PER CENT IN CPI (A) AND BY 4.6 PER CENT IN CPI (B) DUE TO INCREASED DUTIES ON ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO.

THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS INCREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT IN CPI (A) AND BY 1.2 PER CENT IN CPI (B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES OF FURNITURE, PERSONAL COMPUTERS, TRAVEL AND SPORTS GOODS.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES DECREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN CPI (A) AND BY 0.7 PER CENT IN CPI (B) DUE TO LOWER CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING AND PACKAGE TOURS AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR MARCH 1988, WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED AT \$3.50 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

IT CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES MAY BE MADE TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 118.3 IN MARCH 1988, UP BY 0.8 PER CENT OVER FEBRUARY 1988 AND UP BY 7.8 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1987.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT \$10,000-24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF AIR COMMODORE VIVIAN LLOYD WARRINGTON AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL SUCCEEDING SIR MARK HEATH.

SIR MARK WILL PROCEED ON END-OF-AGREEMENT LEAVE FROM MAY 18.

AIR COMMODORE WARRINGTON WAS BORN IN SWANSEA, UK, AND IS 53 YEARS OLD.

HE OBTAINED A M.A. DEGREE FROM MAGDALENE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY IN 1960 AND IS ALSO A GRADUATE OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE STAFF COLLEGE, THE NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE AND THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF DEFENCE STUDIES.

HE JOINED THE ROYAL AIR FORCE IN SEPTEMBER 1957 AND HAS BEEN DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT EUROPE, THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, THE NEAR AND FAR EAST, AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA.

HIS CURRENT APPOINTMENT WITH THE ROYAL AIR FORCE IS DIRECTOR OF PERSONAL SERVICES WHERE HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTOCOL AND CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE. HE LAST VISITED HONG KONG IN 1982.

AIR COMMODORE WARRINGTON IS MARRIED WITH ONE SON AND ONE DAUGHTER. HE WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON MAY 13.

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EMERGING MIDDLE CLASS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO HK'S FUTURE

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THE SINGLE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG SOCIETY DURING THE PAST 20 YEARS HAS BEEN THE EMERGENCE OF A LOCAL HONG KONG CHINESE MIDDLE CLASS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR PETER JOHNSON, SAID YESTERDAY (APRIL 25 SAN FRANCISCO TIME).

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ASIAN BUSINESS LEAGUE AND THE CALIFORNIA EXPORT FINANCE OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR JOHNSON SAID HE BELIEVED THIS SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT HAD GONE LARGELY UNNOTICED UNTIL RECENTLY.

"IT IS, HOWEVER, OF PROFOUND SIGNIFICANCE FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE, FOR THIS IS THE GROUP WHO ARE ALSO GOING TO PROVIDE THE MOTOR AND THE BACKBONE FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE PROGRESS.

"THEY ARE ALSO THOSE WITH EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS WHICH ARE MARKETABLE ELSEWHERE," HE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE OF FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, BANKERS AND BUSINESS EXECUTIVES.

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REITERATING THE VIEWS EXPRESSED RECENTLY BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, MR JOHNSON SAID THE FUTURE POLITICAL SYSTEM SHOULD TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THEIR VIEWS AND THEIR ASPIRATIONS.

WITH THE PUBLICATION SOON OF THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE BASIC LAW FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, DEBATE OVER CURRENT AND FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG WOULD NO DOUBT CONTINUE AND EVEN INTENSIFY, MR JOHNSON SAID.

"WE HAVE SEEN IN THE RECENT PAST THE EMERGENCE OF INCREASING SUPPORT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. THIS IS NATURAL AND RIGHT. IT IS BOUND UP WITH, AND A NATURAL OUTCOME OF PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS.

"HONG KONG PEOPLE TODAY ARE SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER PAID, BETTER FED, BETTER EDUCATED, BETTER HOUSED AND BETTER TRAVELLED THAN THEY WERE, SAY, 20 YEARS AGO.

"THIS ALL MEANS THAT THEY ARE MORE AWARE OF WHAT GOES ON ELSEWHERE, MORE AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS, MORE CONSCIOUS OF THEIR ASPIRATIONS, MORE ARTICULATE AND MORE READY TO MAKE THEIR VIEWS HEARD BY THE AUTHORITIES. THIS AGAIN IS TO BE EXPECTED," MR JOHNSON SAID.

NOTING THAT THIS EMERGENCE OF A POLITICAL AWARENESS IN HONG KONG IS A VERY RECENT DEVELOPMENT, MR JOHNSON SAID: "ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS STRANGE TO SAY SO TODAY, THE INITIATIVE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MORE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM IN THE EARLY 1980'S CAME AS MUCH, OR MORE FROM THE GOVERNMENT AS FROM THE PUBLIC."

HE POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE PAST SEVEN YEARS HONG KONG HAD MOVED FROM A SITUATION IN WHICH THERE WAS NO ELECTED MEMBERSHIP IN ANY OF THE MAJOR ORGANS OF GOVERNMENT (EXCEPT FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL) TO ONE IN WHICH THERE WAS AN ELECTED ELEMENT IN THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS, IN THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS, AND IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"THE CHANGES IN 1991 WILL NOT BE THE END OF THE STORY," MR JOHNSON CONTINUED.

"THE JOINT DECLARATION ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE LAYS DOWN THAT ALL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS WILL BE ELECTED AFTER 1997.

"ALTHOUGH THE PRECISE METHOD OF ELECTION IS NOT SPECIFIED, AND WILL NO DOUBT BE THE SUBJECT OF MUCH DEBATE IN THE COMING MONTHS, THIS ALONE IMPLIES FURTHER CHANGES."

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HE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID RECENTLY THAT "WHATEVER THE SYSTEM AFTER 1997 IT MUST MEET THREE REQUIREMENTS IF IT IS TO WORK EFFECTIVELY.

- * IT MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH HONG KONG'S FUTURE STATUS AS A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA.
- * IT MUST BE DESIGNED TO PRESERVE THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY ON WHICH HONG KONG DEPENDS.
- * AND IT MUST COMMAND CREDIBILITY IN AN INCREASINGLY WELL EDUCATED AND POLITICALLY AWARE SOCIETY; IN OTHER WORDS, IT MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF HONG KONG'S SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT."

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MEMBERS TO ASK 15 QUESTIONS IN LEGCO

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 15 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER EIGHT BILLS AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

OF THE EIGHT BILLS, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ELECTORAL PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, THE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, THE SECURITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 AND THE POST OFFICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING.

THE REMAINING TWO BILLS - THE HEUNG YEE KUK (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 AND THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 - WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR SECOND READING AND ALSO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

IN ADDITION, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL MOVE FIVE MOTIONS COVERING THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ORDINANCE, MAGISTRATES ORDINANCE, CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ORDINANCE, COMPANIES ORDINANCE AND BANKRUPTCY ORDINANCE.

HE WILL ALSO PRESENT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT 1987, WHILE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR THE HON SELINA CHOW WILL PRESENT THE CONSUMER COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 1986-87.

THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND ANNUAL REPORT 1986-87 AND THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT'S REPORT NO. 11 WILL BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

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13TH AIDS CASE CONFIRMED

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ANOTHER MAN HAS BEEN CONFIRMED TO BE SUFFERING FROM AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME), BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIDS CASES IN HONG KONG TO 13.

THE LATEST CASE IS A KNOWN CARRIER WHO WAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE AIDS ANTIBODY LAST AUGUST.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE THREE SURVIVING AIDS PATIENTS - ALL MALE AND TWO ARE NON-CHINESE. ONE OF THE PATIENTS IS UNDER TREATMENT IN HOSPITAL.

IN MARCH THIS YEAR, 3,378 PERSONS WERE TESTED AND ONE WAS FOUND TO BE A CARRIER.

ANNOUNCING THE LATEST STATISTICS OF THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THAT UP TO THE END OF LAST MONTH, A TOTAL OF 118 PERSONS HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE INFECTED BY THE AIDS VIRUS. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES THE 13 CONFIRMED AIDS CASES.

OF THE 118 CARRIERS, 52 ARE HAEMOPHILIACS, NINE WERE PATIENTS OF THE SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS, 28 WERE REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS AND 29 WERE REFERRALS FROM GOVERNMENT CLINICS AND HOSPITALS.

UNDER THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME WHICH WAS STARTED IN 1985 TO MONITOR THE AIDS SITUATION IN HONG KONG, A TOTAL OF 85,908 PERSONS HAVE BEEN TESTED.

THE HIGH RISK GROUPS COVERED IN THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSERS, SEXUALLY PROMISCUOUS PERSONS AND PEOPLE WHO USE BLOOD PRODUCTS.

SINCE AUGUST 1985, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO TESTED 387,381 BLOOD DONORS FOR THE AIDS ANTIBODY. SO FAR, SIX BLOOD UNITS HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE POSITIVE.

UP TO THE END OF LAST MONTH, A TOTAL OF 26,533 CALLS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE AIDS COUNSELLING AND EDUCATION SERVICE OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SINCE IT WAS OPENED IN NOVEMBER 1985.

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愛滋病抗體檢驗
 AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing
 醫務衛生署
 Medical & Health Department
 病毒組
 Virus Unit

	<u>April 85 - Feb 88</u>		<u>Mar 88</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>檢驗人數</u> <u>No. tested</u>	<u>陽性人數</u> <u>No. +ve</u>	<u>No. tested</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>	<u>No. tested</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>
經由政府醫院及診所介紹 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics	4 800	28	322	1	5 122	29
經由私家醫生及開辦醫院介紹 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	1 520	28	38	0	1 558	28
到社會衛生科求診人數 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	73 494	9	2 877	0	76 371	9
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	301	52	9	0	310*	52
濫用注射藥物者 IV drug abusers	1 859	0	117	0	1 976	0
經由家庭計劃指導會介紹 Referrals from Family Planning Association	123	0	0	0	123	0
保健護理人員 Health care personnel	433	0	15	0	448	0
Total 總數	82 530	117	3 378	1	85 908	118

* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.

此乃驗血樣本數字並非人數，因某些個別人士之檢驗乃重複。

	<u>April 85 - Feb 88</u>		<u>Mar 88</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>No. tested</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>	<u>No. tested</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>	<u>No. tested</u>	<u>No. +ve</u>
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service	373 198	6	14 183	0	387 381	6

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香港愛滋病患者分析
Analysis of AIDS cases in Hong Kong

	<u>as of</u> <u>29.3.88</u>	<u>as of</u> <u>26.4.88</u>
1. Total no. of cases 個案總數	12	13
2. Total no. of deaths 死亡總數	10	10
3. Risk factor 感染因素		
sexually acquired 性接觸	9	10
unknown 不詳	3	3
	<hr/> 12	<hr/> 13
4. Sex 性別		
male 男	11	12
female 女	1	1
	<hr/> 12	<hr/> 13
5. Age 年齡		
Adult 成人	12	13
6. Nationality 國籍		
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13 SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS PROMOTED

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POLICE TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THE PROMOTION OF 13 SENIOR OFFICERS WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF THE FORCE.

AT A CEREMONY IN THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING, PERSONALLY PRESENTED LETTERS OF PROMOTION TO 12 OF THE OFFICERS AND CONGRATULATED THEM ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.

THE PROMOTED OFFICERS INCLUDED FOUR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE. THEY ARE PEDRO CHING OF THE TRAFFIC WING; MR TOBY EMMET OF THE INSPECTION SERVICES WING; MR BRIAN WIGLEY OF THE SUPPORT WING; AND MR BOB STEELE OF THE SPECIAL BRANCH.

NINE OFFICERS WERE ADVANCED TO THE RANK OF CHIEF SUPERINTENDENTS. THEY ARE MR MIKE HARPER; MR EVAN EVANS; MR PETER FERRY; MR JIM WALKER; MR DAVE HODSON; MR PETER HALLIDAY; MR CLIVE BUTLER; MR MARCUS PELLY AND MR MICHAEL BALL.

MR MIKE HARPER IS ON VACATION LEAVE AT THE MOMENT.

AT ANOTHER CEREMONY, MR ANNING PRESENTED A COMMENDATION AND A ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY BRONZE MEDAL TO INSPECTOR RICHARD HARDING OF THE MARINE REGION, IN RECOGNITION OF HIS BRAVERY IN RESCUING HIS COLLEAGUE WHO WAS IN IMMINENT DANGER OF DROWNING IN ROUGH SEAS OFF SAI KUNG IN JANUARY 1987.

THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED ON JANUARY 28 IN PORT SHELTER WHERE TWO EXPATRIATE INSPECTORS IN A 'SEA RIDER' WERE THROWN OVERBOARD WHEN THE INFLATABLE CRAFT TURNED SHARPLY. ONE OF THE OFFICERS WAS FATALLY INJURED BY THE PROPELLER AS HE ATTEMPTED TO RE-BOARD THE UN-MANNED DINGHY, WHICH WAS STILL POWERING ON A CIRCULAR COURSE. ANOTHER OFFICER ATTEMPTED TO HOLD ON TO THE BODY OF HIS COLLEAGUE BUT SOON BECAME EXHAUSTED IN THE COLD WATER.

INSPECTOR HARDING, WHO WAS ON DUTY IN A POLICE LAUNCH SOME 200 METRES FROM THE SCENE, WITNESSED THE MISHAP AND IMMEDIATELY JUMPED INTO THE WATER AND SWAN TO RESCUE THE OFFICER IN SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES. THE BODY OF THE FATALLY INJURED OFFICERS WAS RECOVERED LATER.

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HK'S FIRST INFIRMARY HOSPITAL TO BE BUILT

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CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE FIRST INFIRMARY HOSPITAL IN HONG KONG WILL START NEXT WEEK IN SHA TIN.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR JOSE LEI, WHO WILL SIGN A \$183 MILLION CONTRACT ON FRIDAY (APRIL 29) TOWARDS BUILDING THE 10-STOREY, "H" SHAPED HOSPITAL BUILDING.

PILING ON THE SHA TIN CONVALESCENT AND INFIRMARY HOSPITAL WAS COMPLETED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR ON A SITE LOCATED NEAR THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF MA ON SHAN ROAD.

FACING THE SHING MUN RIVER CHANNEL AND SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB RACECOURSE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE RIVER CHANNEL, THE SITE IS RELATIVELY LONG AND NARROW BOUNDED BY THE ROAD TO THE WEST AND SLOPES TO THE EAST.

THIS FIRST INFIRMARY HOSPITAL TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE 700 BED SPACES TO ALLEVIATE THE SHORTAGE OF INFIRMARY BEDS AND REDUCE THE OCCUPATION OF ACUTE BEDS IN DISTRICT AND REGIONAL HOSPITALS BY CONVALESCENT AND INFIRM PATIENTS.

THE WARDS, DESIGNED TO CATER FOR THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF LONG-TERM PATIENTS, WILL BE ARRANGED IN THE SHAPE OF AN "H".

THEY WILL BE ORIENTATED TO PROVIDE VIEWS TO THE SEA IN THE NORTH AND COUNTRYSIDE TO THE SOUTH, AND UTILISING A CENTRAL SERVICE ZONE TO SERVE THE WARDS ON EACH FLOOR.

THE CONTRACT ALSO PROVIDES FOR EXTENSIVE LANDSCAPING THAT WILL BE CONDUCIVE FOR THE RELAXATION OF PATIENTS IN GARDENS AND PLANTED AREAS.

A SECOND CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STAFF QUARTERS AND RELATED FACILITIES, WHICH WILL COMMENCE IN ABOUT 12 MONTHS, WITH BOTH CONTRACTS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AT THE SAME TIME IN MAY 1990.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE \$183 MILLION CONTRACT SIGNING OF THE PROJECT SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 29) IN THE TRAINING ROOM OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 41ST FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR JOSE LEI, WILL SIGN ON BEHALF OF HIS DEPARTMENT. HE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAIN CONTRACTOR - SHUI ON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED - AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA AFTERWARDS.

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REGIONAL SECRETARY TOURS LANTAU

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED MUI WO AND TAI O ON LANTAU AND HAD A MEETING WITH ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE DISTRICT.

MR SUEN STARTED OFF TO LANTAU IN THE MORNING AFTER A BRIEF INSPECTION OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE IN CENTRAL.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, SOME MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND SENIOR STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

ON ARRIVAL AT TAI O, MR SUEN WAS GREETED BY THE TAI O RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR YU YUEN-HEI.

THE PARTY TOURED THE STILTED STRUCTURES ON BOTH SIDES OF TAI O CREEK TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF RESIDENTS THERE.

MR SUEN LEARNT THAT DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR TAI O ARE ALREADY IN THE PIPELINE. THESE INCLUDE THE COMPLETION OF THE LUNG TIN ESTATE PHASE II AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SHELTERED ANCHORAGE IN THE EARLY 1990'S.

THE PARTY THEN WENT TO MUI WO WHERE THEY WERE GREETED BY THE MUI WO RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR TSANG LIN.

MR SUEN VISITED THE RECENTLY COMPLETED NGAN WAN ESTATE WHICH WOULD START TAKING IN RESIDENTS IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME. HE NOTED THAT THIS IS THE THIRD RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN THE DISTRICT PROVIDING MORE THAN 430 FLATS FOR ABOUT 2,200 PEOPLE.

IN MUI WO, MR SUEN WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE POLLUTION SITUATION AT SILVERMINE BAY AND THE MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM.

AFTER THE TRIP TO LANTAU, MR SUEN RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE AFTERNOON AND HAD A MEETING WITH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

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ONE MORE WEEK FOR EMPLOYER RETURNS

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EMPLOYERS ARE REMINDED THEY MUST SUBMIT THE COMPLETED EMPLOYER'S RETURN OF REMUNERATION AND PENSIONS TO THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT BEFORE MAY 5 THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT MORE THAN 81,000 RETURNS FOR 1987-88 HAD BEEN ISSUED TO EMPLOYERS ON APRIL 6.

"FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE COMPLETED RETURNS BEFORE MAY 5 IS AN OFFENCE AND MAY RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES," HE POINTED OUT.

"MAKING AN INCORRECT OR FALSE RETURN WITH A FRAUDULENT INTENT TO EVADE TAX, OR TO ASSIST ANY OTHER PERSON TO DO SO, IS ALSO AN OFFENCE.

"ON CONVICTION, AN OFFENDER SHALL BE LIABLE TO HEAVY PENALTY, THE MAXIMUM BEING IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE YEARS AND A FURTHER FINE OF TREBLE THE AMOUNT OF TAX UNDERCHARGED.

"THE COURT OF APPEAL HAS WARNED THAT, ON CONVICTION, THE DEFENDANT SHALL BE LIABLE TO AN IMMEDIATE CUSTODIAL SENTENCE."

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT IT WAS THE EMPLOYER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE NOTICE IN WRITING OF THE COMMENCEMENT OR CESSATION OF ANY EMPLOYMENT, OR THE DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG, OF ANY EMPLOYEE, WHO WAS OR WAS LIKELY TO BE CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX.

HE REITERATED THAT UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE ANYONE WHO FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS ABOVE WOULD BE LIABLE TO HEAVY PENALTIES.

ANY EMPLOYER WHO HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE RETURN FORMS OR WHO HAS ANY ENQUIRY IS ADVISED TO TELEPHONE 5-8942030, OR WRITE TO GPO BOX 132, HONG KONG.

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TENANCY SOUGHT FOR GOVERNMENT LAND

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A PIECE OF GOVERNMENT LAND ON HONG KONG ISLAND IS TO BE LET BY TENDER ON SHORT TERM TENANCY BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE LAND AT POK FU LAM ROAD, MEASURING ABOUT 2,140 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORAGE OF GOODS/VEHICLES AND/OR WORKS AREA, EXCLUDING THE OPERATION OF CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT.

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THE INITIAL TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON MAY 13.

TENDER FORM AND NOTICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG SOUTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

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THE SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WILL OFFER TWO IDENTICAL IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STARTING SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE TWO-YEAR COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED BOTH IN THE COLLEGE'S MAIN CAMPUS AT 6 CALDECOTT ROAD, PIPER'S HILL, KOWLOON, AND IN ITS ANNEXE AT 8 YUEN CHAU KOK ROAD, SHA TIN.

THERE WILL BE A 16-WEEK BLOCK-RELEASE PERIOD IN WHICH THE TRAINEES WILL BE RELEASED FROM NORMAL SCHOOL DUTIES TO ATTEND THE COURSES ON A FULL-TIME BASIS.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS' SUPERVISED TEACHING PRACTICE IN THE TRAINEES' OWN SCHOOLS. DURING THIS PERIOD THERE WILL ALSO BE LECTURES, SEMINARS AND DISCUSSIONS.

THE CURRICULUM OF THE COURSES WILL INCLUDE STUDIES IN PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND PROVISION, LEARNING AND BEHAVIOURAL ASPECTS AND NEEDS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THE ORGANISATION AND OPERATION OF SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES.

IN ADDITION, EACH TRAINEE WILL BE REQUIRED TO STUDY IN DEPTH, ON AN ELECTIVE BASIS, ONE AREA OF SPECIALISATION IN SPECIAL AND ADAPTED CURRICULA AND TEACHING TECHNIQUES FOR ONE TYPE OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

THE AREAS OF SPECIALISATION OFFERED ARE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES, MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, VISUALLY HANDICAPPED, HEARING-IMPAIRED, MALADJUSTED AND SOCIALLY DEPRIVED AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, AS WELL AS MANAGEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PROBLEMS.

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A CERTIFICATE FOR TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS WILL BE AWARDED ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

QUALIFIED NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS WITH A RECOGNISED INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING QUALIFICATION AND AT PRESENT TEACHING HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS OR SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR ENTRY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, AND ITS SUB-OFFICE AT THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, SEVENTH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI; AND THE SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 6 CALDECOTT ROAD, KOWLOON, AND ITS ANNEXE AT 8 YUEN CHAU KOK ROAD, SHA TIN.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS MAY 31 THIS YEAR.

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REMINDER ON EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS OF THE LAW GOVERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS.

THE CALL WAS MADE FOLLOWING A COURT CASE IN WHICH THE PROPRIETOR OF A HAIR-DRYER MANUFACTURING COMPANY WAS FINED \$6,000 FOR EMPLOYING THREE CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 14.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS WAS A VERY SERIOUS OFFENCE AND OFFENDERS WERE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS, PERSONS BELOW 15 YEARS OF AGE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WORK IN FACTORIES OR INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

HOWEVER, CHILDREN WHO ARE AGED 13 OR ABOVE MAY, WITH THE CONSENT OF THEIR PARENTS, BE ENGAGED ON PART-TIME BASIS IN NON-INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS.

"THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED SECONDARY THREE EDUCATION SHOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED DURING THEIR NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS AND THAT THEIR HOURS OF WORK BE LIMITED TO TWO HOURS ONLY ON ANY SCHOOL DAY OR FOUR HOURS ON ANY OTHER DAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"THE REGULATIONS ALSO STIPULATE THAT CHILDREN WHO HAVE ATTAINED 13 YEARS OF AGE BUT HAVE NOT COMPLETED SECONDARY THREE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WORK IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS INCLUDING THE KITCHEN OF AN EATING PLACE, HAIR-DRESSING SALOON AND MASSAGE PARLOUR.

"LABOUR INSPECTORS WILL PAY ROUTINE INSPECTIONS TO THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO DETECT ANY ILLEGAL EMPLOYMENT OF CHILD WORKERS."

ENQUIRIES ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 5-8524144.

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'AN OUTLINE OF STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT' PUBLISHED

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AN ANNUAL BOOKLET ENTITLED "AN OUTLINE OF STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT, 1988", HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE BOOKLET CONTAINS TWO PARTS. PART I DESCRIBES THE ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WHILE PART II DELINEATES THE MAIN LINES OF CURRENT STATISTICAL ACTIVITY AS WELL AS FORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MATERIAL DESCRIPTIVE OF THE PAST IS ALSO INCLUDED.

THE REPORT, WHICH INCLUDES INFORMATION ON THE DISPOSITION OF STATISTICAL STAFF AND A LIST OF STATISTICAL PUBLICATIONS, IS A USEFUL REFERENCE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GOVERNMENT STATISTICAL SERVICES.

THE PUBLICATION IS NOW ON SALE AT \$12 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WAN CHAI TOWER I, 19TH FLOOR, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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COURTESY CALL ON DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE

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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 SERVICES PLANNED BY THE KUK IN THE COMING YEAR.

KUK CHAIRMAN, MR CHAO KING-LIN, SAID THESE PROJECTS INCLUDED A SMALL GROUP HOME IN TAI PO, THREE NURSERIES IN TAI KOK TSUI, POK FU LAM AND HUNG HOM AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF WELFARE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY.

MRS WONG COMMENDED THE KUK FOR ITS UNCEASING EFFORTS IN PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY AND ASSURED BOARD MEMBERS THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM TO IMPLEMENT THESE SERVICES.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL TO BE BUILT IN SHEK WU HUI

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TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STANDARD PRIMARY SCHOOL IN FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES IS BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE SCHOOL WILL BE LOCATED AT A 4,700 SQUARE METRE SITE IN AREA 29, SHEK WU HUI, FANLING.

THE DESIGN CALLS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SCHOOL BLOCK COMPRISING 24 CLASSROOMS AND THREE SPECIAL ROOMS PROVIDING TEACHING FACILITIES ON THE UPPER FLOORS AND AN ASSEMBLY HALL AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICES ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

ON THE GROUND FLOOR WILL BE A COVERED PLAY AREA WITH CHANGING ROOMS.

OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES INCLUDE MENIAL STAFF QUARTERS, A BASKETBALL COURT, CAR PARKING AND PLANTING AREAS.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON MAY 13 (FRIDAY).

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE AND URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION

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TO FACILITATE ROADWORKS, THE SLIP ROAD ADJACENT TO BLOCK 6 OF SAN PO KONG FACTORY ESTATE IN WONG TAI SIN LEADING FROM KING HONG STREET TO EASTBOUND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 28).

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST UNTIL MAY 12.

MOTORISTS ON KING FUK STREET HEADING FOR EASTBOUND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KING FUK STREET, KING TAI STREET AND EASTBOUND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 29), THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KAU HUI CHIK STREET IN TAI PO FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WANG TAU KAI TO A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

THE MEASURE IS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW. NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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LANE CLOSURES IN LION ROCK TUNNEL

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TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF ANTI-SKID MATERIAL, THE SLOW LANE OF THE KOWLOON-BOUND TUBE OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO 5 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD ON BOTH THURSDAY (APRIL 28) AND FRIDAY (APRIL 29), THE FAST LANE OF THE TUNNEL'S KOWLOON-BOUND TUBE WILL BE CLOSED.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE.

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