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HK CONTRIBUTES TO DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ECONOMY
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HONG KONG HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE ASIA PACIFIC, CONTRIBUTING TO THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL AS WELL AS THE GLOBAL ECONOMY, OMELCO MEMBER DR DANIEL TSE SAID IN SEOUL TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATION TO THE 47TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR THE ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP), DR TSE SAID ONE NOTABLE EXAMPLE WAS OBVIOUSLY HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ESCAP.

"WE ALSO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, (ADB), THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP) AND THE ASIA PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (APDC), CONTRIBUTING TO THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL AS WELL AS THE GLOBAL ECONOMY.

"WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE PACIFIC ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION CONFERENCE (PECC), A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION SET UP IN 1980 WITH THE AIM OF DEVELOPING CLOSER CO-OPERATION IN REGIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC POLICY ISSUES.

"WE WILL JOIN AS A FULL MEMBER WHEN THE PECC MEETS FOR ITS EIGHTH GENERAL MEETING IN SINGAPORE NEXT MONTH.

"IT IS ALSO OUR WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC CONFERENCE (APEC) SHORTLY," HE SAID.

DR TSE SAID THE PACIFIC REGION WOULD NO DOUBT HAVE A PRIVOTAL ROLE TO PLAY IN THE WORLD ECONOMY HAVING REGARD TO THE GROWTH POTENTIAL OF ASIAN COUNTRIES.

"HONG KONG SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION IN THE PACIFIC RIM TO BRING ABOUT TRADE LIBERALISATION, TO SUPPORT THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM BASED ON THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) AND TO FOSTER THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION," HE SAID.

DR TSE SAID HONG KONG SAW THE 1990'S AS A DECADE IN WHICH THE CONTINUED SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY OF ITS ECONOMY WOULD INCREASINGLY DEPEND ON ITS TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY, THE AVAILABILITY OF A POOL OF ENGINEERING EXPERTISE AND A WELL TRAINED LABOUR FORCE.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS TAKING POSITIVE MEASURES BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF UNIVERSITY PLACES, IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF TERTIARY EDUCATION AND PROVIDING MORE TECHNICAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SKILLS REQUIRED.

"TO FURTHER FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE. THE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION TO STIMULATE THE GROWTH OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES, TO ASSIST THEM WITH PRODUCT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT AND TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY RELEVANT TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY.

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"IN ADDITION, WE ARE STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A SCIENCE PARK.

"THEY BOTH SERVE THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS," HE SAID.

ON HONG KONG-CHINA ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP, DR TSE SAID AS A MANUFACTURING CENTRE, HONG KONG HAD DEVELOPED A "SYMBIOTIC" RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOUTHERN REGION OF CHINA, SPECIFICALLY WITH THE GUANGDONG, GUANGXI AND FUJIAN PROVINCES.

"OUR MANUFACTURERS ARE USING HONG KONG TO DO PRODUCT DESIGN AND ENGINEERING WHILE PART OF THE LABOUR INTENSIVE OPERATIONS ARE PERFORMED ACROSS THE BORDER.

"THEY NOW EMPLOY OVER TWO MILLION WORKERS IN CHINA WHICH IS THREE TIMES HONG KONG'S OWN INDUSTRIAL LABOUR FORCE," HE SAID.

DR TSE SAID GIVEN HONG KONG'S UNIQUE GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION, THE TERRITORY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE GATEWAY TO CHINA.

"CHINA IS NOW THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS AND THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

"CHINA, IN TURN, SENDS OVER ONE-THIRD OF ITS MERCHANDISE EXPORTS TO HONG KONG OR THROUGH HONG KONG TO OTHER DESTINATIONS," HE SAID.

DR TSE SAID CHINA AND HONG KONG WERE ALSO CLOSE INVESTMENT PARTNERS.

"ON THE ONE HAND, CHINA IS THE THIRD LARGEST NON-LOCAL INVESTOR IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AFTER THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, HONG KONG ACCOUNTS FOR TWO-THIRDS OF DIRECT FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CHINA, ESTIMATED AT US\$11 BILLION, MOST OF WHICH ARE IN SOUTHERN CHINA.

"THIS ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE COMING YEARS," HE ADDED

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HK DELEGATION MAKES SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN
UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE HEARING

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SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WAS MADE YESTERDAY (APRIL 1 IN NEW YORK) DURING THE FIRST OF A THREE-DAY HEARING BY THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE IN EXPLAINING THE SIGNIFICANT STEPS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN TO ENSURE HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, MR FRANK STOCK.

MR STOCK, WHO LED A FIVE-MEMBER SENIOR LEVEL DELEGATION TO NEW YORK, SAID A NUMBER OF MISCONCEPTIONS WERE CLEARED UP AS THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WAS PRESENTED TO THE 18-MEMBER COMMITTEE.

MR STOCK REPORTED THAT THERE WAS INTENSE INTEREST IN HONG KONG BY THE COMMITTEE, ALTHOUGH THE HEARING IS BEING HELD TO REVIEW HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND DEPENDENT TERRITORIES.

HE SAID THE OPPORTUNITY HAD BEEN TAKEN TO MAKE TWO POINTS IN PARTICULAR TO THE COMMITTEE IN ANSWER TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. THESE WERE:

- * EXTREME CARE HAD BEEN TAKEN IN DRAFTING THE BILL OF RIGHTS TO ENSURE ITS COMPATIBILITY WITH THE BASIC LAW SO THAT HONG KONG HAD A BILL OF RIGHTS THAT NOT ONLY LASTED UNTIL 1997, BUT SURVIVED 1997.
- * THE JOINT DECLARATION WAS A LEGALLY BINDING TREATY WHICH ENSURED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (ICCPR) -- INCLUDING REPORTING OBLIGATIONS -- WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE POST-1997. THE PRECISE MECHANICS OF HOW IT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS SUB-GROUP OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

MR STOCK SAID THESE TWO POINTS ADDRESSED QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS RAISED BY MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, WHICH COMPRISED LAWYERS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SPECIALISTS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH ARE PARTIES TO THE ICCPR. THE COVENANT HAS BEEN APPLIED TO HONG KONG SINCE 1976.

MR STOCK EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR HONG KONG IT DEMONSTRATED THROUGH ITS QUESTIONS.

HE SAID HE WOULD CONVEY TO THE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATION THE COMMENTS BY THE COMMITTEE AND STRESSED: "THE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATION VIEWS THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE SERIOUSLY AND WITH THE UTMOST RESPECT."

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, MR STOCK EXPLAINED WHY THE DRAFT BILL OF RIGHTS WOULD NOT BE ENTRENCHED IN HONG KONG LAW.

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"WHAT WILL BE ENTRENCHED, WILL BE THE ICCPR AS APPLIED TO HONG KONG BY AMENDING THE LETTERS PATENT, WHICH IS HONG KONG'S CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT," MR STOCK SAID.

"WE HAVE TO ENSURE THE BILL OF RIGHTS IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE BASIC LAW, WHICH HAS PROVISIONS TO STRIKE DOWN INCOMPATIBLE LAWS.

"WE HAVE TO HAVE REGARD TO THE FACT THAT UNDER HONG KONG LAWS, NONE HAS BEEN ENTRENCHED.

"WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE COURSE WE HAVE ADOPTED WILL HAVE THE DESIRED EFFECT BECAUSE IT WILL BE TRUE TO THE JOINT DECLARATION AND WILL NOT CONTRAVENE THE BASIC LAW," HE SAID.

ON THE QUESTION OF THE SO-CALLED FREEZE ON THE BILL OF RIGHTS, MR STOCK ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE HAD BEEN REPRESENTATIONS IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL.

THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THESE REPRESENTATIONS WAS EXPECTED TO BE REVEALED. HE NOTED THE SUGGESTION THAT HAD BEEN MADE TO THE GOVERNMENT TO FREEZE ONLY A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF ORDINANCES.

IN RESPONSE TO OTHER QUESTIONS, MR STOCK ALSO OUTLINED THE STEPS THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN IN RECENT YEARS TO DEVELOP REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND THE STEPS THAT ARE PLANNED DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AS WELL AS THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN THE BASIC LAW.

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GAS INSTALLERS MUST REGISTER NOW

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GAS INSTALLERS IN HONG KONG HAVE TO REGISTER WITH THE GOVERNMENT NOW UNDER NEW REGULATIONS AIMED AT ENSURING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF GAS-USERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE GAS SAFETY (REGISTRATION OF GAS INSTALLERS AND GAS CONTRACTORS) REGULATIONS 1990, WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION YESTERDAY (MONDAY), STATED THAT ALL GAS INSTALLERS MUST REGISTER WITH THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (EMSD) BY MARCH 31 NEXT YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EMSD SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE PURPOSE OF REGISTRATION IS TO ENSURE THAT ONLY COMPETENT OPERATIVES, WHO HAVE COMPLETED APPROVED TRAINING AND GAINED NECESSARY WORK EXPERIENCE, UNDERTAKE GAS INSTALLATION WORK.

THERE ARE EIGHT CLASSES OF REGISTRATION. THEY INCLUDE WORK ASSOCIATED DIRECTLY WITH GAS SERVICE PIPES, ALL DOWNSTREAM PIPEWORK AND APPLIANCE INSTALLATIONS.

"TO BE AWARDED A CLASS OF REGISTRATION, THE APPLICANT MUST POSSESS THE PRESCRIBED LEVELS OF FORMAL TRAINING AND WORK EXPERIENCE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"AS FROM APRIL 1, 1992, ONLY GAS INSTALLERS WHO HAVE BEEN REGISTERED BY THE GOVERNMENT MAY CARRY OUT GAS INSTALLATION WORK, AND CONSUMERS WILL BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO ONLY EMPLOY REGISTERED GAS INSTALLERS FOR SUCH WORK," HE SAID.

"ANY UNREGISTERED PERSON WHO UNDERTAKES GAS INSTALLATION WORK FROM THAT DATE COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$25,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

"IN THE CASE OF A CONTINUING OFFENCE, HE IS SUBJECT TO A DAILY PENALTY OF \$2,000," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

A LEAFLET ON HOW TO APPLY AS A REGISTERED GAS INSTALLER IS NOW AVAILABLE FREE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE EMSD'S REGISTRATION AND COLLECTION OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, 98 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

IT OUTLINES THE PROCEDURES AND PRESCRIBED QUALIFICATIONS FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF GAS INSTALLATION WORK.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE EMSD'S REGISTRATION AND COLLECTION OFFICE.

ENQUIRIES ON THE REGISTRATION SCHEME CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 895 8683.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF KB INTERNATIONAL (HONG KONG) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (TUESDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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SIX NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR SHUN LEE BY-ELECTION

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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF SIX NOMINATIONS FOR THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SHUN LEE CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION ON APRIL 21.

NO NOMINATION WAS RECEIVED ON THE LAST DAY OF THE NOMINATION PERIOD TODAY (TUESDAY).

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THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE SIX CANDIDATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	CONTACT TEL. NO.
LAW LAI-KUEN	F	39	SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER	754 6644
CHEUNG KWOK-KUEN (ALIAS CHEUNG KUEN)	M	43	MERCHANT	342 6891 OR 112 8663 A/C 3426
TAM YIU-WANG	M	28	SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER	116 8922 A/C 3301
HO SHUK-YI	F	26	COUNSELLOR	342 4474 AND 527 9121 EXT 46
HAU CHI-CHIU	M	36	ROOM ATTENDANT	344 1140 OR 111 0088 A/C 7888
LAU HON-MAN	M	46	ASSISTANT SALES MANAGER	386 4231 344 6621 116 8238 A/C 125

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EXPERIMENT ON NEW ON-STREET PARKING DEVICES
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A SIX-MONTH EXPERIMENTAL SCHEME TO ASSESS THE APPLICABILITY OF TWO NEW ON-STREET PARKING DEVICES AFTER AUGUST THIS YEAR WHEN LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

AS THE EXISTING STOCK OF COIN-OPERATED PARKING METERS ARE BECOMING OBSOLETE AND DUE FOR REPLACEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO INTRODUCE NEW PARKING TECHNOLOGY FOR APPLICATION IN THE TERRITORY'S ON-STREET PARKING SPACES.

THE NEW EQUIPMENTS INCLUDE THE "CARD-OPERATED ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS" AND THE "PAY AND DISPLAY MACHINES".

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY) TO ANNOUNCE THE SCHEME, THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT (MANAGEMENT AND LICENSING), MR ERNEST LEE SHU-WING, SAID THE 14,200 COIN-OPERATED METERS NOW IN USE ARE APPROACHING THE END OF THEIR WORKING LIFE AND NEED TO BE REPLACED.

"THROUGH THE EXPERIMENTAL SCHEME, THE DEPARTMENT WILL TEST THE DIFFERENT MAKES AND MODELS OF NEW PARKING DEVICES, AND OBSERVE THEIR RELIABILITY, MAINTENANCE, REVENUE COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT IMPLICATIONS," MR LEE SAID.

"THEIR PUBLIC ACCEPTABILITY IS ALSO ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR CONSIDERATION AS WE SET OUT TO IDENTIFY THE MOST EFFICIENT AND SUITABLE MAKES AND MODELS GIVEN THE LOCAL CLIMATIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.

"THE NEW DEVICES CAN OFFER A NUMBER OF ADVANTAGES INCLUDING CONVENIENCE TO MOTORISTS, CASH COLLECTION AND REDUCED SECURITY RISKS.

"FLEXIBILITY IN ADJUSTING TO DIFFERENT PARKING RATES TO REGULATE AN AVAILABILITY OF PARKING SPACES CAN BE ADOPTED EASILY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVAILING CONDITION AND THE DEMAND IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS."

IN EXPLAINING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE TWO DEVICES, MR LEE SAID THE CARDS USED IN THE ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS ARE PRE-ENCODED WITH A NUMBER OF PARKING UNITS WHICH MOTORISTS CAN PURCHASE IN ADVANCE.

AFTER INSERTING THE CARD INTO THE METER, THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF UNITS WILL BE DEDUCTED AND THE CARD WILL BE RETURNED. THE METER THEN SHOWS THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR WHICH PARKING IS ALLOWED.

HE SAID THE PAY AND DISPLAY MACHINES ARE BASED ON THE AUTOMATIC TICKET VENDING CONCEPT WHICH CAN BE COIN-OPERATED, BANK-NOTE OPERATED OR CARD-OPERATED.

ONE MACHINE CAN SERVE A NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES WHERE IT IS LOCATED NEARBY AND MOTORISTS ARE REQUIRED TO DISPLAY A TICKET BEHIND THE WINDSCREEN AFTER PURCHASING IT FROM THE MACHINE.

THE TICKET SHOWS THE LOCATION OF THE PARKING SPACE AND THE PARKING TIME ALLOWED FOR INSPECTION BY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

TSUEN WAN, CAUSEWAY BAY AND TSIM SHA TSUI HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY SELECTED AS AREAS FOR THE EXPERIMENTAL SCHEME AND THE RELEVANT DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE CONSULTED.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS GIVEN APPROVAL FOR THE SCHEME TO GO AHEAD AND ENDORSED LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW ON-STREET PARKING TECHNOLOGY AND TO REGULATE THE USE OF NEW DEVICES.

TO ALLOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN ADJUSTING PARKING FEES ACCORDING TO DEMAND, REGULATIONS WOULD ALSO BE MADE TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO DETERMINE THE FEES WITHIN A MAXIMUM CEILING SET BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR FOR COMING INTO OPERATION OF THE AMENDED LEGISLATION AND THE LAUNCHING OF THE SCHEME UPON BEING PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR APRIL - JUNE
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY DURING THE QUARTER FROM APRIL TO JUNE 1991.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED MONTHLY SINCE AUGUST 1981, COLLECTS INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE GENERAL SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

IN ADDITION, QUESTIONS ON HONG KONG RESIDENTS' EXPENDITURE ABROAD, INSTALLATION AND USE OF ANTI-THEFT DEVICES IN MOTOR VEHICLES, MEDICAL BENEFITS PROVIDED BY EMPLOYER/COMPANY AND MEDICAL INSURANCE, HONG KONG RESIDENTS MARRIED IN CHINA AND THEIR FERTILITY, AND HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE ON RENT WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THIS QUARTER'S SURVEY.

SOME 4,000 HOUSEHOLDS ARE SELECTED AT RANDOM EACH MONTH FROM ALL DISTRICTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.

ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED THREE MONTHS AGO WILL BE SURVEYED AGAIN TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SAMPLE HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR VOLUNTARY CO-OPERATION IN PARTICIPATING.

CENSUS OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, EACH CARRYING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY, WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IS CONDUCTED UNDER PART IIIA OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE GAZETTED ON JANUARY 19, 1990.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, DATA RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL PERSONS OR HOUSEHOLDS COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC, ANY PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS OR OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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PARTIAL SERVICE AT TUEN MUN NEW ID CARD ISSUE OFFICE ON THURSDAY
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT DUE TO SUSPENSION OF POWER SUPPLY, THE TUEN MUN NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICE AT SHOP 69-74, CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE WILL NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS ON THURSDAY (APRIL 4).

NEVERTHELESS, RESIDENTS MAY STILL COLLECT THE IDENTITY CARDS THAT THEY HAD APPLIED FOR AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

NORMAL SERVICE WILL RESUME ON SATURDAY (APRIL 6).

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS TO BE CLOSED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AT FLAT B ON THE FIRST FLOOR AND PORTIONS OF THE FLAT ROOF OF PEARL COURT AT 183 BOUNDARY STREET, KOWLOON CITY SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON APRIL 26 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (TUESDAY).

DEMOLITION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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