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TRANSFER OF SENTENCED PERSONS POSSIBLE
LATER THIS YEAR : GOVERNOR

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR HONG KONG TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON THE TRANSFER OF SENTENCED PERSONS WOULD COME INTO EFFECT LATER THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

BY THEN A HONG KONG RESIDENT SERVING A SENTENCE IN A COUNTRY WHICH WAS ALSO A PARTY TO THE CONVENTION MIGHT APPLY TO COMPLETE HIS SENTENCE BACK IN THE TERRITORY, HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SIR DAVID SAID THE SCHEME HAD THE ADVANTAGE THAT THOSE WHO HAD COMMITTED CRIME OVERSEAS COULD BE REHABILITATED IN AN ENVIRONMENT FAMILIAR TO THEM.

TWO OTHER NEW REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES WOULD ALSO BE INTRODUCED THIS YEAR, NAMELY THE RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION SCHEME AND THE PRE-RELEASE EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE AIM OF THESE SCHEMES WAS TO HELP PRISONERS TO REINTEGRATE THEMSELVES SUCCESSFULLY INTO THE COMMUNITY AS LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS.

"UNDER THESE SCHEMES, THE PRISONERS WILL BE RELEASED UNDER CAREFUL SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE BEFORE COMPLETING THEIR SENTENCES," HE SAID.

"THE COMMUNITY CAN BE REASSURED THAT THOSE WHO HAVE NOT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THEIR SUITABILITY, OR WHO MIGHT BE A DANGER TO OTHERS, WILL NOT BE SELECTED," SIR DAVID STRESSED.

HE WAS ALSO PLEASED TO NOTE THAT MUCH MORE ATTENTION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE PROVISION OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL CLASSES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS IN THE TRAINING CENTRES.

"IT IS ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT SUCH PEOPLE HAVE PERFORMED WELL IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO LOOK INTO OTHER WAYS OF HELPING TO ENSURE THAT PRISONERS WOULD NOT REVERT TO CRIME WHEN THEY WERE RELEASED.

"BOTH THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE BENEFIT WHEN A FORMER CRIMINAL BECOMES A CONTRIBUTING AND PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY," HE ADDED.

ON THE WORK OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SIR DAVID ADDED THAT THERE WOULD BE OCCASIONS ON WHICH THE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED ON TO PERFORM DUTIES OUTSIDE ITS NORMAL SCOPE. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS WAS THE ROLE THAT THE DEPARTMENT PLAYED IN THE RUNNING OF THE CLOSED CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

/THE GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S SWIFT AND EFFECTIVE RESPONSE WHEN THE TERRITORY WAS SUDDENLY FACED WITH AN INFLUX OF MORE THAN 7,000 FORMER VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, WHO HAD SETTLED IN CHINA, SOME SIX MONTHS AGO.

FINALLY, SIR DAVID CONGRATULATED THE OFFICERS ON PARADE AND PRESENTED COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS TO NINE OFFICERS AND STAFF WHO HAVE EXEMPLARILY SERVED THE DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST 18 YEARS.

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CONTROL NEEDED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENTIFICALLY
ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION : COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFICALLY ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION AT A MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY) SHARED THE VIEW THAT SOME FORM OF CONTROL IS NECESSARY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENTIFICALLY ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

THIS WAS REVEALED BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, DR C.H. LEONG, WHEN HE MET THE PRESS AFTER THE MEETING TODAY.

CONTROL COULD EITHER BE IN THE FORM OF A STATUTORY LICENSING BODY OR AN ADVISORY AND MONITORING COMMITTEE WHICH COULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR MAKING THE NECESSARY LAW FROM TIME TO TIME.

"THE EXACT FORM OF CONTROL WOULD NEED TO BE DECIDED AT A LATER STAGE WHEN THERE HAS BEEN MORE DELIBERATIONS ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED," DR LEONG SAID.

ON THE QUESTION OF WHICH CATEGORIES OF PATIENTS SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR TREATMENT FOR SCIENTIFICALLY ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION, MEMBERS FELT THAT SUCH SERVICES SHOULD, AT THE PRESENT STAGE, BE PROVIDED ONLY TO LEGALLY MARRIED COUPLES, EXCEPT UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

AS FOR SURROGACY, THE PRELIMINARY VIEW WAS THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE COMPLETELY BANNED AND THAT THE DOOR SHOULD BE LEFT SLIGHTLY OPEN FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

THE SUBJECT WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN MORE DETAILS AT THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD IN TWO MONTHS.

IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT MEMBERS SHOULD PAY A FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY IN-VITRO FERTILISATION CENTRE AT THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

/DR C.H. LEONG

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DR. C.H. LEONG TOGETHER WITH A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, DR C.L. LAW, WILL HOLD A PRESS BRIEFING AT THE END OF THE MONTH TO EXPLAIN FACTS AND TECHNIQUE OF SCIENTIFICALLY ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION.

"THE COMMITTEE HOPES TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE SUBJECT SO THAT THEIR VIEWS CAN BE ASSESSED MORE ACCURATELY," DR LEONG SAID.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT BILL GAZETTED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO EMPOWER CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS WHO ARE ON AFTERCARE DUTIES TO ARREST SUPERVISEES AGAINST WHOM A RECALL ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED.

AT PRESENT ONLY POLICE OFFICERS HAVE THIS POWER.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (POWERS OF ARREST) BILL 1988 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AFTERCARE SERVICES WERE FIRST INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG IN 1953 FOR THE SUPERVISION OF INMATES RELEASED FROM TRAINING CENTRES.

LATER, THE SERVICES WERE EXTENDED TO COVER ALL INMATES DISCHARGED FROM DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES AND DETENTION CENTRES, AND TO SELECTED YOUNG PRISONERS UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE SUBJECT TO SUPERVISION ORDERS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, HE SAID.

"PERSONS RELEASED FROM THESE PROGRAMMES ARE SUBJECT TO SUPERVISION FROM THE DATE OF RELEASE FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PERSONS RELEASED FROM TRAINING CENTRES WHOSE SUPERVISION PERIOD IS THREE YEARS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"DURING THE STATUTORY SUPERVISION PERIOD, IF A SUPERVISEE MISBEHAVES OR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE SUPERVISION CONDITIONS, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES IS EMPOWERED BY LAW TO AUTHORISE THE RECALL OF SUCH A SUPERVISEE FOR FURTHER TREATMENT OR TRAINING.

"UNDER THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS, POLICE ASSISTANCE HAS TO BE CALLED UPON TO RENDER SUPPORT IN THE RECALL OF SUPERVISEES.

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"IN MANY CASES, POLICE OFFICERS MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH THE IDENTITIES OF SUPERVISEES AND WHERE THEY FREQUENT, AND IT WILL NORMALLY TAKE THEM LONGER TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND THE SUPERVISEES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING LEGISLATION WILL PROVIDE POWER TO AFTERCARE OFFICERS TO ARREST THE SUPERVISEES.

THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (POWERS OF ARREST) BILL 1988 IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 27, 1988.

INTERESTED PARTIES WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE AMENDMENT BILL SHOULD SEND THEIR VIEWS IN WRITING TO OMELCO, 8 JACKSON ROAD, HONG KONG OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL.

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BILL TO LIFT RESTRICTIONS ON ELECTED AND APPOINTED URBCO MEMBERS
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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON BOTH ELECTED AND APPOINTED URBAN COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM SEEKING ELECTION AS MEMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARDS (DB) IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AREA WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAND AS A CANDIDATE AND TO BE ELECTED AS A MEMBER FOR ONE CONSTITUENCY OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND ONE CONSTITUENCY FOR AN URBAN DB UNDER THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988.

"THE AMENDMENT BILL REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT FOR A MEMBER OF THE URBAN COUNCIL TO GIVE UP HIS MEMBERSHIP OF THE URBAN COUNCIL UPON ELECTION AS A MEMBER OF A DB, AND VICE VERSA," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"THE AMENDMENT WOULD ENABLE EXISTING URBAN COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO WISH TO CONTINUE TO SERVE ON DB'S AFTER MARCH 1989 TO SEEK ELECTION TO THE DB'S IN THEIR OWN RIGHT IN THE 1988 ELECTIONS."

THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 18, 1987, THAT THE EXISTING PRACTICE, WHEREBY URBAN COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AREA, SHOULD CEASE IN MARCH 1989 WHEN THE TENURE OF THE PRESENT URBAN COUNCIL EXPIRES.

/ "THAT ANNOUNCEMENT

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"THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE WHITE PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, AND BEFORE THE OPENING OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE DB ELECTIONS, BECAUSE IT WAS NECESSARY TO GIVE TIME FOR POTENTIAL CANDIDATES WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY THE CHANGES TO CONSIDER WHETHER THEY WISH TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO A DB AND TO PLAN THEIR ELECTIONEERING ACTIVITIES IF THEY DO SO.

"ANY FURTHER CHANGES TO THE CROSS-MEMBERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE URBAN DB'S WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE WHITE PAPER," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL ALSO SETS OUT CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS ORDINANCE.

IT REQUIRES A MEMBER OF THE URBAN COUNCIL WHO HAS SECURED ELECTION TO A DB TO GIVE UP HIS EX-OFFICIO DB SEAT WHILE RETAINING HIS ELECTED DB MEMBERSHIP.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES THAT, WHEN AN EX-OFFICIO DB SEAT IS VACATED BY AN APPOINTED URBAN COUNCIL MEMBER WHO HAS SECURED ELECTION TO A DB, THAT EX-OFFICIO DB SEAT SHALL BE LEFT UNFILLED.

THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 27.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE BILL SHOULD WRITE TO OMELCO AT 8 JACKSON ROAD OR TO THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL.

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CALL FOR MORE WOMEN CANDIDATES IN DB ELECTIONS

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NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON FEMALE RESIDENTS WHO ARE KEEN ON PROMOTING THE COMMUNITY'S WELL-BEING TO STAND FOR DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN MARCH.

HE SAID REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAD LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR 10 YEARS WERE ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION WHICH WOULD LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY 1.

HE MADE THE APPEAL AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEWLY FORMED NORTH DISTRICT LADIES' ASSOCIATION.

MR CHEUNG SAID IN NORTH DISTRICT THERE WAS A RATHER LOW LEVEL OF WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, YET A GOOD BEGINNING, HAD BEEN MADE.

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HE NOTED THAT A YIN NGAI SOCIETY, A WOMEN-BASED GRASSROOTS ORGANISATION, HAS BEEN SET UP IN CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI, TO HELP WOMEN MAKE FULL USE OF THEIR LEISURE AND FOSTER GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD RELATIONSHIP.

EFFORTS TO SET UP A YIN NGAI SOCIETY IN CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING, WERE BEING MADE, HE ADDED.

NOTING THAT THERE WERE 68,000 FEMALES IN NORTH DISTRICT REPRESENTING 47 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION THERE, MR CHEUNG CAUTIONED THAT TO NEGLECT OR STIFLE THEIR ABILITIES WOULD RENDER IMMEASURABLE LOSS TO SOCIETY.

UNDER TRADITIONAL INFLUENCE, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO FORM WOMEN ASSOCIATIONS IN THE DISTRICT WHICH WAS FORMERLY COMPOSED OF VILLAGES AND TOWNSHIPS, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS AND THE INFLUX OF NEW RESIDENTS, IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE NOT ONLY TO FOSTER TIES BETWEEN OLD AND NEW RESIDENTS, BUT ALSO TO ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIVERSIFIED COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS WOMEN ASSOCIATIONS, HE ADDED.

MR CHEUNG FELT THAT THE FORMATION OF THE NORTH DISTRICT LADIES' ASSOCIATION SIGNIFIED A STEP FORWARD IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE PRESENCE OF ABLE WOMEN LEADERS WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

IT WOULD ALSO CONSTITUTE AN IMPETUS AND A CATALYST IN ENCOURAGING WOMEN RESIDENTS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY, HE SAID.

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SUSTAINED EFFORTS TO HELP STREET SLEEPERS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE IN THE NEW YEAR TO STEP UP SERVICES FOR THE STREET SLEEPERS IN A SYSTEMATIC MANNER, ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SALVATION ARMY DAY RELIEF CENTRE FOR STREET SLEEPERS IN YAU MA TEI, MR LAW SAID A PILOT SCHEME WAS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION TO SET UP "URBAN HOSTELS" FOR THEM.

"THIS INVOLVES EITHER RENTING OR PURCHASING A NUMBER OF FLATS IN DISTRICTS WHERE STREET SLEEPERS CONGREGATE TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

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"IN THIS WAY, THEY WILL GRADUALLY GET USED TO LIVING OFF THE STREET AND CAN BE RESETTLED IN OTHER MORE PERMANENT HOUSING AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME," HE SAID.

LOOKING BACK AT THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN SOLVING THE STREET SLEEPERS PROBLEM IN 1987, MR LAW NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD SET UP A CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, TO DRAW UP POLICIES AND TO CO-ORDINATE SERVICES FOR STREET SLEEPERS.

ON THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FRONT, FOUR OUTREACHING TEAMS WERE SET UP AND, TOGETHER WITH VOLUNTEERS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, HAD BEEN ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH THE STREET SLEEPERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO WERE OLD AND FRAIL, IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, OF ILL HEALTH OR SUSPECTED TO BE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, SO AS TO PERSUADE THEM TO ACCEPT SERVICES.

"WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES AND OUTREACHING TEAM MEMBERS, OVER 200 STREET SLEEPERS HAD LEFT THE STREETS BETWEEN LAST APRIL AND DECEMBER WHILE ANOTHER 200-ODD CASES ARE BEING PROCESSED," MR LAW SAID.

"TO MEET THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF SOME STREET SLEEPERS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS IN CO-OPERATION WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES SET UP TEMPORARY SHELTERS AND DAY RELIEF CENTRES TO PROVIDE THEM WITH TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE," HE SAID.

"THE SETTING UP OF THIS DAY RELIEF CENTRE IN YAU MA TEI WHERE THERE ARE SOME 300 STREET SLEEPERS WILL ENHANCE COMMUNITY CARE FOR THEM AND PROVIDE THEM WITH HAIR CUTTING, BATHING AND OTHER PERSONAL CARE SERVICES.

"MOREOVER, AFTER WINNING THEIR TRUST THROUGH MORE CONTACTS AT THE CENTRE, SOCIAL WORKERS CAN HELP THEM APPLY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, OLD AGE OR DISABILITY ALLOWANCES, RENT ALLOWANCES OR HOUSING," HE ADDED.

MR LAW SAID HE WAS HEARTENED THAT MORE AND MORE RESIDENTS WERE PARTICIPATING IN THE WORK FOR STREET SLEEPERS, SHOWING THAT HONG KONG WAS A CARING COMMUNITY.

"THE STREET SLEEPERS PROBLEM CANNOT BE SOLVED OVERNIGHT AND IT REQUIRES EXTENDED AND APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING SERVICES TO MEET THE DIFFERENT NEEDS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF STREET SLEEPERS.

"THIS DAY RELIEF CENTRE IS ONE OF THE MUCH-NEEDED FACILITIES," HE SAID.

HE COMMENDED THE SALVATION ARMY FOR ITS UNTIRING AND TIMELY SERVICES FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.

THE DAY RELIEF CENTRE, FUNDED BY THE LOTTERIES FUND AND OTHER DONATIONS, STARTED OPERATION LAST SEPTEMBER.

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HK DELEGATION TO ATTEND BUSINESS SUMMIT

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HONG KONG IS TO BE REPRESENTED BY A TOP-LEVEL DELEGATION AT AN EXCLUSIVE WORLD BUSINESS SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN SWITZERLAND SOON.

THE DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

THE CONFERENCE IS THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM IN DAVOS, SWITZERLAND, WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER HIGH-RANKING BUSINESS AND OTHER LEADERS. IT WILL RUN FROM JANUARY 28 TO FEBRUARY 3.

THE MEETING AIMS TO ALLOW LEADERS FROM MANY COUNTRIES TO GET TOGETHER TO SHARE INFORMATION, OPINIONS AND EXPERTISE, AND TO DISCUSS BUSINESS, TRADING AND OTHER WORLD AFFAIRS.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WHO WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT HONG KONG HAD BEEN INVITED TO TAKE PART.

THE ECONOMIST MAGAZINE HAS DESCRIBED THE DAVOS MEETING AS "PROBABLY THE HARDEST WORKING AND CERTAINLY ONE OF THE BEST ORGANISED" OF THE VARIOUS SIMILAR INTERNATIONAL GATHERINGS.

IN RECENT YEARS THE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN ATTENDED BY INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS MR ALDEN W. CLAUSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BANK; MR SHRIDATH RAMPHAL, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH; MR CLAYTON YEUTTER, UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE; AND PRIME MINISTERS AND MINISTERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL BE: MR MARTIN BARROW, DIRECTOR, JARDINE MATHESON AND COMPANY; MR CHRISTOPHER CHENG, MANAGING DIRECTOR, WING TAI EXPORTERS; DR VICTOR FUNG, CHAIRMAN, PRUDENTIAL ASIA; MR H.M.P. MILES, CHAIRMAN, JOHN SWIRE AND SONS (HK) LTD; MR DAVID WONG, CHAIRMAN, DAH SING BANK; AND MR IAN HOWARD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

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NO CHANGE TO SIZE CRITERIA FOR BANKING LICENCE APPLICATIONS

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THE SIZE CRITERIA FOR BANKING LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR FOREIGN BANKS AND LOCALLY INCORPORATED COMPANIES ARE TO REMAIN UNCHANGED FOLLOWING THE LATEST ANNUAL REVIEW BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH.

THE ASSET THRESHOLD REMAINS AT US\$14 BILLION FOR FOREIGN APPLICANTS. FOR LOCAL APPLICANTS, THE SIZE CRITERIA REMAIN AT HK\$2,500 MILLION FOR TOTAL ASSETS AND AT HK\$1,750 MILLION FOR DEPOSITS FROM THE PUBLIC.

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT APPLICATIONS FOR BANKING LICENCES ARE JUDGED AGAINST CERTAIN SPECIFIED CRITERIA, ONE OF WHICH IS SIZE AS MEASURED BY TOTAL ASSETS (LESS CONTRA ITEMS) FOR FOREIGN APPLICANTS, AND TOTAL ASSETS (LESS CONTRA ITEMS) AND DEPOSITS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR LOCAL APPLICANTS.

THE SIZE CRITERIA FOR BOTH FOREIGN AND LOCAL APPLICANTS ARE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW.

"THE 1987 REVIEW HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND CONCLUDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO CHANGE TO THE SIZE CRITERIA," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SWEDISH BANK GRANTED LICENCE

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A SWEDISH BANK, SKANDINAVISKA ENSKILDA BANKEN, HAS BEEN GRANTED A BANKING LICENCE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS IS THE FIRST BANKING LICENCE GRANTED THIS YEAR AND IS ALSO THE FIRST LICENCE GRANTED TO A SWEDISH BANK.

SKANDINAVISKA ENSKILDA BANKEN IS THE LARGEST BANK IN SWEDEN. IT HAS HAD A PRESENCE IN HONG KONG IN THE FORM OF A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE SINCE 1983.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF FOREIGN BANKS IN OBTAINING HONG KONG BANKING LICENCES REFLECTED THE TERRITORY'S ROLE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

THE GRANTING OF THIS LICENCE BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG TO 156 OF WHICH 121 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

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TEACHERS NEED NEW IDEAS AND TEACHING TECHNIQUES

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TEACHERS NOT ONLY NEED FIRM THEORETICAL BASES TO APPROACH THEIR WORK SYSTEMATICALLY AND EFFICIENTLY BUT ALSO PLENTY OF PRACTICE IN IMPLEMENTING NEW IDEAS AND TEACHING TECHNIQUES, DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL OF EDUCATION OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR S.W. TAM, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

PROF TAM WAS SPEAKING AT THE JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE 11TH AND THE THIRD REFRESHER COURSE FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS RESPECTIVELY AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION (ILE).

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HE SAID THE COURSES HAD GIVEN THE GRADUATES THE OPPORTUNITIES TO REFRESH THEMSELVES INTELLECTUALLY BY READING, BY TALKING WITH TUTORS AND PEERS, AND BY JUST BEING AWAY FROM SCHOOL ROUTINE WITH TIME AND ENERGY TO THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT THEIR PROFESSION AND ITS PRACTICES.

WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENT COURSES, PROF TAM SAID, 2,898 PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH AND 277 LANGUAGE TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAD PARTICIPATED IN FULL-TIME, IN-SERVICE RETRAINING AT THE ILE.

APART FROM PLAYING A ROLE AS A CENTRE FOR IN-SERVICE LANGUAGE TEACHER EDUCATION, THE ILE CARRIED OUT RESEARCH INTO LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING, PROF TAM SAID.

"THE CURRENT PROGRAMME INCLUDES INVESTIGATIONS OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXTENSIVE READING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, ASPECTS OF CANTONESE PRONOUNCIATION, THE APPLICATION OF QUESTIONING IN THE TEACHING OF READING, TEXT ELICITATION TECHNIQUES, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF 'SPLIT-CLASS' TEACHING, SPEECH RATES AND THE STANDARD RANGE OF SPEECH RATES IN VARIETIES OF BRITISH ENGLISH, AND COMPUTER-ASSISTED LANGUAGE LEARNING," HE SAID.

LATER, PROF TAM OPENED THE END-OF-COURSE EXHIBITION OF LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING MATERIALS PRODUCED BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE COURSES.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TOMORROW (SATURDAY) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12 NOON; AND FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 18) TO THURSDAY (JANUARY 21) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM DAILY.

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SALE OF FIVE LOTS FETCHES \$142 MILLION

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THE SALE OF FIVE GOVERNMENT LOTS AT A PUBLIC AUCTION BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) FETCHED A TOTAL OF \$142 MILLION IN PREMIUM.

THE LOTS INCLUDED TWO RESIDENTIAL AND THREE INDUSTRIAL SITES, ALL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ONE OF THE RESIDENTIAL SITES IS SITUATED AT PAK SHEK WO IN SAI KUNG WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,900 SQUARE METRES.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$3.5 MILLION AND WAS BOUGHT BY J. & R. SPARKLE HOLDINGS LTD. FOR \$7.6 MILLION.

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ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE BUYER HAS TO DEVELOP AT LEAST 684 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE SITE BY JANUARY 31, 1991.

THE OTHER RESIDENTIAL SITE IS IN SHA TIN AREA 43 NEAR FO TAN, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,550 SQUARE METRES.

BIDDING STARTED AT \$4 MILLION AND WAS SOLD TO FRONT STEP LIMITED FOR \$10 MILLION.

A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 558 SQUARE METRES WILL HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED ON THE SITE BEFORE MARCH 31, 1991.

ONE OF THE THREE INDUSTRIAL SITES IS IN TUEN MUN AREA 40 NEAR BUTTERFLY ESTATE.

THE 8,124 SQUARE METRES SITE IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, INCLUDING CONCRETE AND/OR ASPHALT BATCHING.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$45 MILLION AND WAS SOLD AT \$109 MILLION TO CHU KONG SHIPPING COMPANY LIMITED, WHO IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 12,075 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1990.

THE SECOND SITE, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,120 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT ON LOK TSUEN IN FANLING.

IT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, BUT NOT FOR OFFENSIVE TRADES.

BIDDING STARTED AT \$6 MILLION AND WAS BOUGHT BY KARMAN INDUSTRIES LIMITED FOR \$8.9 MILLION.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST COMPLETE AT LEAST 3,360 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE SITE BY MARCH 31, 1992.

THE LAST INDUSTRIAL SITE IS AT TUI MIN HOI IN SAI KUNG.

IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,410 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN USES, BUT NOT FOR THE MANUFACTURE OR STORAGE OF PAINT PRODUCTS, RELATED PRODUCTS, OTHER DANGEROUS GOODS AND OFFENSIVE TRADES.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$5.5 MILLION AND WAS BOUGHT BY CONLEY INVESTMENT LIMITED FOR \$6.5 MILLION.

THE BUYER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 3,384 SQUARE METRES ON THE SITE BEFORE MARCH 31, 1992.

THE AUCTION WAS HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AND WAS CONDUCTED BY GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR TIM MILLS.

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TWO CHEUNG CHAU LOTS FOR TENDER

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TWO SITES ON CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES ARE BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

BOTH SITES ARE AT CHUNG HOK ROAD, MEASURING 187.3 SQUARE METRES AND 240 SQUARE METRES.

FORMS OF TENDER MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS FOR THE TWO SITES IS AT NOON ON FEBRUARY 12.

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HOTLINE FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT BN(O) PASSPORT

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED 336 ENQUIRIES SINCE THE HOTLINE FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) PASSPORT WAS INSTALLED ON NOVEMBER 17 LAST YEAR.

"FROM THE CALLS RECEIVED ON THIS HOTLINE AS WELL AS FROM ENQUIRIES MADE AT OUR INFORMATION OFFICE, IT IS CLEAR THAT HOLDERS OF BN(O) PASSPORTS ARE NOT HAVING PROBLEMS WHEN TRAVELLING OVERSEAS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"WE WISH TO REMIND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT ANYONE WHO HAS ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES WITH HIS BN(O) PASSPORT OR WHO WISHES TO MAKE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE PASSPORT MAY CALL THE HOTLINE 3-665665 DURING OFFICE HOURS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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JOINT SEMINAR ON POST-SECONDARY THREE CRAFT COURSES

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES), MR K.H. CHAN, TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED VOCATIONALLY-ORIENTED STUDENTS TO CHOOSE TRAINING COURSES OFFERED BY TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES AFTER COMPLETING SECONDARY THREE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE JOINT SEMINAR ON POST-SECONDARY THREE CRAFT COURSES, MR CHAN SAID CAREERS TEACHERS SHOULD HELP STUDENTS GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEMSELVES SO THAT THEY COULD PLAN THEIR FUTURE CORRECTLY AND PRAGMATICALLY.

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"TO A SECONDARY THREE STUDENT, CHOOSING BETWEEN SECONDARY FOUR IN A GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND OTHER FORMS OF STUDY IN A VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE IS AN IMPORTANT DECISION THEY WILL HAVE TO MAKE. IT IS THE DUTY OF THE TEACHERS TO GIVE THEIR STUDENTS GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE," MR CHAN SAID.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (BUILDING AND SYSTEMS), MR S.H. HSU, WHO ALSO SPOKE AT THE SEMINAR, GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE NEW METHOD OF PLACEMENT IN THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM INTRODUCED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE ONE-DAY SEMINAR WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

IT AIMED TO FAMILIARISE SECONDARY SCHOOL CAREERS MASTERS WITH POST-SECONDARY THREE CRAFT COURSES OFFERED BY TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES.

SOME 200 CAREERS TEACHERS PARTICIPATED IN THE SEMINAR WHICH WAS HELD AT THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX. THEY TOOK PART IN TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS ABOUT POST-SECONDARY THREE CRAFT COURSES IN THE MORNING SESSION AND WOULD VISIT SOME TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND TRAINING CENTRES IN THE AFTERNOON.

EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND 18 TRAINING CENTRES WILL OFFER A TOTAL OF 55 FULL-TIME VOCATIONAL TRAINING COURSES WITH SOME 6,600 PLACES THIS YEAR FOR SECONDARY THREE SCHOOL LEAVERS WHO CAN APPLY FOR ADMISSION IN MARCH IN THEIR OWN SCHOOLS.

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TAI PO DB GROUP VISITS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL
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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING VISITED THE C.C.C. MADAM FUNG LEUNG KIT MEMORIAL PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

THE SCHOOL, WHICH OPENED IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, IS THE FIRST AND THE ONLY PREVOCATIONAL INSTITUTE IN THE DISTRICT.

TODAY'S VISIT, WHICH WAS ARRANGED AFTER A DISCUSSION ON PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION AT THE COMMITTEE'S LAST MEETING, WAS AIMED AT ENHANCING MEMBERS' UNDERSTANDING ON THE SUBJECT.

LED BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL LAI, MEMBERS WERE MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE PRINCIPAL, MR CHAN TING-LAP.

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IN THE SCHOOL HALL THE PARTY FIRST VIEWED A SLIDE SHOW ON COURSES PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL, THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE AND THE PROSPECTS FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS.

AFTER THE SLIDE SHOW THE VISITORS TOURED THE SCHOOL AND WATCHED STUDENTS PERFORMING SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS AND LEARNING TYPING, METALWORK, FASHION DESIGN AND CLOTHING.

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STANDARDS FOR VEHICLE SAFETY GLASS GAZETTED

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THE SPECIFICATION OF SAFETY GLASS NOTICE 1988 SPECIFYING THE APPROVED SAFETY GLASS AND SAFETY GLAZING STANDARDS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER REGULATION 28 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, THE GLASS OR TRANSPARENT MATERIAL USED IN ALL WINDSCREENS, WINDOWS AND PARTITIONS OF A MOTOR VEHICLE SHOULD BE SAFETY GLASS OR SAFETY GLAZING OF A TYPE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

THE NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY SPECIFIES THAT THE SAFETY GLASS AND SAFETY GLAZING USED SHOULD COMPLY WITH ONE OF FOLLOWING STANDARDS:

- * BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATION BS 857 WITH AMENDMENTS UP TO AMD 3548 DATED FEBRUARY 15, 1981;
- * BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATION BS 5282;
- * BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATION BS AU 178;
- * ECONOMIC COMMISSION OF EUROPE REGULATION ECE 43; OR
- * IS HARD SAFETY PLASTIC.

THE GLASS OR TRANSPARENT MATERIAL USED IN THE REAR CABIN WINDOW OF A MOTOR VEHICLE USED TO CARRY DANGEROUS GOODS SHOULD BE WIRED SAFETY GLASS.

THE GLASS OR TRANSPARENT MATERIAL USED IN THE REAR WINDOW IN ANY REMOVABLE CANOPY TO THE DRIVER OR PASSENGER ACCOMODATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE MAY BE SAFETY PLASTIC.

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CONSULTANCY STUDY FOR SEWAGE STRATEGY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED A CONSULTANCY STUDY TO CONSIDER A STRATEGY FOR THE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF THE SEWAGE OF HONG KONG.

THE STUDY WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FUTURE TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT UP TO AND BEYOND 2001.

AN AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE TODAY (FRIDAY) BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND WATSON HAWKSLEY ASIA.

THE STUDY, AT A COST OF \$16 MILLION, IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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"HONG KONG OLD PAINTINGS" STAMP PACK ON SALE

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AN ATTRACTIVELY DESIGNED "HONG KONG OLD PAINTINGS" STAMP PACK WILL BE ON SALE FROM MONDAY, JANUARY 18, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE STAMP PACK, PRICED AT \$19 EACH, CONTAINS TWO SETS OF PREVIOUSLY ISSUED SPECIAL STAMPS FEATURING HISTORICAL SCENES AND 19TH CENTURY PORTRAITS OF HONG KONG.

"IT IS IDEAL AS A GIFT AS WELL AS FOR PERSONAL COLLECTION," A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PACK WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PHILATELIC COUNTERS AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, AND POST OFFICES AT BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, THE PEAK, TSIM SHA TSUI, GRANVILLE ROAD AND THE AIRPORT.

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SHANGHAI STREET ILLEGAL STRUCTURES FACE CLOSURE

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON FEBRUARY 29 FOR CLOSURE ORDERS TO BE MADE ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT 556 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON, AND ON THE FLAT ROOFS AT THE SECOND FLOOR AND FIRST FLOOR LEVELS OF 566-568 OF THE SAME STREET.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT 556 SHANGHAI STREET INVOLVE A NUMBER OF SHOPS AND TEMPORARY COOKED FOOD STALLS BUILT ON A PRIVATE LAND AT THE ADDRESS.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID CLOSING THE STRUCTURES WAS NECESSARY SO THAT DEMOLITION COULD BE CARRIED OUT SAFELY.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS HAVE BEEN POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES.

HE SAID ORDERS TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES WERE ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN SEPTEMBER, 1987, BUT THEY HAD NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

DEMOLITION WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS CLOSURE ORDERS WERE OBTAINED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FRINGE SHOW AND ORCHESTRA TO ENTERTAIN ISLANDERS

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THE HONG KONG FRINGE CLUB AND THE CHINESE ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL GIVE A TWO-HOUR PERFORMANCE AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SCHOOLS GET TOGETHER DAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

ABOUT 700 STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS ISLANDS WILL ATTEND THE SHOW WHICH IS AN ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE.

IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10.15 AM IN THE CARITAS COMMUNITY HALL, CAINE ROAD, CENTRAL.

ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG; ISLANDS DISTRICTS SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR KWOK WAI-CHIU; AND ISLANDS DISTRICT SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN KING-LUN; WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SCHOOLS GET TOGETHER DAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 10.15 AM IN THE CARITAS COMMUNITY HALL, CAINE ROAD, CENTRAL.

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CARNIVAL TO SPREAD FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE

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THE ANNUAL FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 17) AFTERNOON.

THE PROGRAMMES OF THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY THE POLICE MOTORCYCLE DISPLAY TEAM AND BY POLICE DOGS, TAI JI AND JUDO DEMONSTRATIONS, AND STALL GAMES.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE FAMILY QUIZ COMPETITION, BRAVE CITIZEN AWARD AND MODEL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONTEST HELD IN 1987.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE POLICE, MR E.H. EVANS; KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHOI HING-SHUN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CARNIVAL, MRS NANCY LAM.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WILL BE TV ARTISTE, MISS LIZA WANG, AND FOOTBALL COACH, MR KWOK KA-MING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL WHICH WILL START AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 17) AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND (NEAR KWAI FONG MTR STATION).

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WITHDRAWAL OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE IN YAU YAT CHUEN

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APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 4M OPERATING BETWEEN YAU YAT CHUEN AND MONG KOK MTR STATION IN KOWLOON TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM MONDAY, JANUARY 18, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE ROUTE HAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT VARIOUS FACTORS, INCLUDING CONTINUOUS LOW PATRONAGE AND FINANCIAL LOSSES SUFFERED BY THE OPERATOR," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED.

AFFECTED PASSENGERS CAN TAKE THE ALTERNATIVES OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 41M PLYING BETWEEN YAU YAT CHUEN AND SHEK KIP MEI MTR STATION; OR ROUTE NO. 4 OPERATING FROM YAU YAT CHUEN TO TSIM SHA TSUI.

AT THE SAME TIME, SERVICES OF ROUTE NO. 3 RUNNING BETWEEN TSIM SHA TSUI AND TAI TUNG SUN CHUEN WILL BE STEPPED UP BY INCREASING ITS FREQUENCY TO SIX AND SEVEN MINUTES DURING PEAK HOURS.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED
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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCES PASSED ON TONG CHI-HUNG AND CHEUNG WAI-YEE ON JULY 6, 1983, SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON WU CHI-KEUNG ON FEBRUARY 17, 1986, SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

TONG AND CHEUNG WERE FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF MR TANG KWONG-WAH.

WU WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF MISS NG TO-HAR.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WONG TAI SIN
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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC CHANGES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN WONG TAI SIN DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON JANUARY 18 (MONDAY) AND 19.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD BETWEEN MING TAK STREET AND SHATIN PASS ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

VEHICLES ON TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR SHATIN PASS ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHING TAK STREET, WHILE THOSE TRAVELLING ON SHATIN PASS ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD WILL HAVE TO USE CHING TAK STREET AND SHEUNG TAK STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, MOTORISTS DRIVING ALONG CHOI HUNG ROAD HEADING FOR TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA SHATIN PASS ROAD, CHING TAK STREET AND SHEUNG TAK STREET.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN HAPPY VALLEY

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THE SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD BETWEEN VENTRIS ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE CONVERTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 19).

THE RE-ROUTING WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE WATER MAIN LAYING WORK.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD HEADING FOR LINK ROAD CAN TRAVEL VIA BLUE POOL ROAD, VENTRIS ROAD AND BROADWOOD ROAD.

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTION IN SHAU KEI WAN

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 18), NAM HONG STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH NAM ON STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 46 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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