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SIR WILLIAM HARDING TO VISIT HK

THE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, SIR WILLIAM HARDING, WILL VISIT HONG KONG FROM FEBRUARY 23 TO 26 AS PART OF HIS TOUR OF THE FAR EAST.

WHILE IN HONG KONG, SIR WILLIAM WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF UMELCO. HE WILL VISIT THE BOWRING CLOSED CENTRE FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND TWO URBAN DISTRICTS.

SIR WILLIAM LAST VISITED HONG KONG IN NOVEMBER 1984. HIS PRESENT TOUR WILL COVER NEW DELHI AND CHINA APART FROM HONG KONG.

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U.S. ASKS FOR TEXTILE TALKS

THE UNITED STATES HAS ASKED HONG KONG TO ENTER BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING HONG KONG'S TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE STATES, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REQUEST WAS CONVEYED YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) IN WASHINGTON TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, BY AMBASSADOR CHARLES CARLISLE, THE CHIEF TEXTILES NEGOTIATOR IN THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE'S OFFICE.

+THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD WILL BE MEETING TOMORROW TO DISCUSS THIS DEVELOPMENT AND SUCH OTHER RELATED INFORMATION AS IS AVAILABLE,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

+CLEARLY THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE WITH POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS ALSO FOR THE MFA NEGOTIATIONS. WE SHALL BE ASSESSING THE POSITION VERY CAREFULLY.+

MR HO IS IN WASHINGTON HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS AND POLITICIANS AND PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HONG KONG-UNITED STATES ECONOMIC COOPERATION COMMITTEE.

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LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES
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THE OPERATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES MUST COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID SIX EMPLOYMENT AGENCY OPERATORS WERE CONVICTED AND FINED LAST YEAR FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY REGULATIONS.

THE OFFENCES INCLUDED OPERATING AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE, CHARGING JOB-SEEKER AN AMOUNT MORE THAN THE PRESCRIBED FEE AND COMMISSION, FAILING TO SUBMIT QUARTERLY RETURNS WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME AND FAILING TO MAINTAIN THE PRESCRIBED REGISTERS.

AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IS DEFINED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AS AN ESTABLISHMENT WHICH AIMS AT OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT FOR ANOTHER PERSON OR SUPPLYING PERSONNEL TO AN EMPLOYER BOTH WITHIN OR OUTSIDE HONG KONG, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE EMPLOYMENT IS OF PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME NATURE.

OPERATORS OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A LICENCE FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT BEFORE STARTING BUSINESS, AT A FEE OF \$300 A YEAR.

THE AMOUNT OF FEE AND COMMISSION THAT CAN BE CHARGED BY AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IS PRESCRIBED BY THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY REGULATIONS.

THE FEE TO BE CHARGED TO JOB-SEEKERS FOR FIRST REGISTRATION AND SUBSEQUENT RENEWAL AFTER THREE MONTHS IS LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF \$3, AND THE COMMISSION FOR A SUCCESSFUL JOB PLACEMENT TO 10 PER CENT OF THE FIRST MONTH'S RECEIVED SALARY.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO LIMIT THE FEE THAT CAN BE CHARGED BY AN AGENCY TO AN EMPLOYER TO A MAXIMUM OF \$10 FOR EACH TYPE OF VACANCY REGISTERED ON FIRST REGISTRATION AND \$5 PER RENEWAL OF SUCH REGISTRATION AFTER THREE MONTHS, WHILE THE COMMISSION TO BE PAID BY AN EMPLOYER ON SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINING FOR HIM AN EMPLOYEE BY AN AGENCY IS A MATTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOTH PARTIES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT AN OPERATOR MUST DISPLAY THE FEE SCHEDULES AND HIS LICENCE IN HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MUST SUBMIT QUARTERLY RETURNS WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME AND MAINTAIN THE PRESCRIBED REGISTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE AND THE REGULATIONS.

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

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DECEMBER ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL FIGURES OUT
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) IN THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN DECEMBER 1985 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MOST MAJOR INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES REPORTED INCREASES IN ORDERS BUT THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY REPORTED NO CHANGE.

THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS A WHOLE DECREASED SLIGHTLY. THIS DECREASE WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE DECLINE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FOOD AND DRINKS, WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES REPORTED A STABLE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

INCREASES IN BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE REPORTED BY ALL THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED. SUCH INCREASES WERE MAINLY DUE TO THE PAYMENT OF YEAR-END BONUSES AND MORE OVERTIME WORK PERFORMED.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THE EMPLOYMENT LEVEL WAS UNCHANGED. PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS SHOWED SOME INCREASE AS A FEW FIRMS PAID BONUSES TO THEIR EMPLOYEES.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES SECTORS REMAINED STABLE. HOWEVER, BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY BECAUSE MANY FIRMS USED TO DISTRIBUTING BONUSES AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLES BELOW.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH THEY SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

/THE SURVEY

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1985 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 3-7212854.

A. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR DECEMBER 1985
	OCT. 1985	NOV. 1985	DEC. 1985	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	*	-2	2	4.41
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	8	*	3	2.45
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-5	-2	2	3.80
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-3	*	*	3.15
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-2	-1	1	4.86
OTHERS	*	*	*	4.40
<u>ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4.17</u>

B. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED			PER CAPITA EARNINGS			PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR DECEMBER 1985 HK \$
	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)						
	OCT. 1985	NOV. 1985	DEC. 1985	OCT. 1985	NOV. 1985	DEC. 1985	
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3 332</u>
FOOD AND DRINKS	-1	-1	*	*	-4	13	4 102

/WEARING APPAREL,

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WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	*	*	*	5	*	8	2 841
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	*	*	*	3	1	14	3 620
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-2	-3	-1	1	-5	6	2 732
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	*	*	7	6	1	3 173
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-3	*	-2	*	2	6	3 079
OTHERS	-1	-2	*	2	5	5	4 551
CONSTRUCTION **	-1	-2	*	-4	1	4	4 597
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SERVICES	*	*	*	-4	-2	37	7 353
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BANKS	*	*	*	-1	*	71	8 406
HOTELS	1	1	X	2	-3	43	5 027
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	*	-6	-6	19	6 487
OTHERS	1	*	*	-1	-1	36	8 889

* CHANGES WITHIN + 0.5 PER CENT

** PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

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IMPROVED MEDICAL SERVICES FOR NORTHWEST NT

MEDICAL SERVICES FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE NORTHWEST PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED WHEN THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL AND THE POK OI HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROGRAMME PHASE III ARE COMPLETED BY MID-1988.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE POK OI HOSPITAL PHASE III EXTENSION PROGRAMME.

/THE PHASE III

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THE PHASE III EXTENSION PROGRAMME, WHICH COSTS \$14.6 MILLION, WILL INCLUDE A NEW OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT AND AN ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WITH THE MOST ADVANCED FACILITIES, DR THONG SAID.

EIGHTY PER CENT OF THE CAPITAL COST FOR THE PHASE III PROGRAMME IS BORNE BY THE GOVERNMENT WHILE THE REMAINING AMOUNT WILL BE RAISED BY THE HOSPITAL BOARD.

PHASE I OF THE POK OI HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROGRAMME WAS COMPLETED IN 1981 WHILE PART OF THE PHASE II PROGRAMME WAS COMPLETED IN 1984.

DR THONG PRAISED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ITS EFFORTS IN PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL SERVICE FOR THE PEOPLE IN YUEN LONG.

THE POK OI HOSPITAL HAS SERVED THE PEOPLE OF YUEN LONG FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS. THE BOARD HAS EMBARKED ON A FIVE-PHASE EXTENSION PROGRAMME FOR THE HOSPITAL TO COPE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG NEW TOWN AS WELL AS ITS POLICY IN PROVIDING A FULL RANGE OF MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS.

+UPON COMPLETION OF THE FIVE-PHASE EXTENSION PROGRAMME, POK OI HOSPITAL WILL BECOME A DISTRICT HOSPITAL WITH THE MOST ADVANCED AND UP-TO-DATE FACILITIES,+ DR THONG SAID.

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EPA EXPERTS TO TALK ON POLLUTION
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EXPERTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WILL GIVE TALKS ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND PROTECTION IN THE COMING TWO WEEKENDS.

DR KWAN SIU-HEI AND MR LEUNG PAK-MING WILL BE TALKING ABOUT NOISE POLLUTION AND AIR POLLUTION AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE YAU MA TEI PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NEXT SATURDAY (MARCH 1), MR CHOI CHI-CHUNG AND DR SHIN KAM-SHING WILL BE SPEAKING ON WASTE MANAGEMENT AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING AT THE KOWLOON CENTRAL LIBRARY AT PUI CHING ROAD AT 2.30 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE TALKS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, SAID THE TALKS WERE AIMED AT INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION ON HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENT.

/DR REED

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DR REED SAID MORE ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO INFORMING AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO REDUCE POLLUTION AND TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO DO THEIR PART IN AVOIDING OR REDUCING POLLUTION.

HE HOPED THAT INCREASED PUBLICITY ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WOULD EVENTUALLY BRING ABOUT AN IMPROVED PUBLIC ATTITUDE AND COMMITMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.

IN ADDITION TO THE TALKS, HE SAID, PUBLICITY MATERIALS WERE NOW BEING PREPARED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

THE PUBLICITY MATERIALS, INCLUDING A TELEVISION COMMERCIAL, POSTERS, RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESS RELEASES, WILL BE DISSEMINATED THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA STARTING FROM MAY.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LANDS RETIRES
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A MAN WHO CAME TO HONG KONG BECAUSE HE WANTED A CHANGE AND OVER THE PAST 26 YEARS HAS SEEN MORE CHANGES THAN EVEN HE IMAGINED RETIRES FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE IS MR PATRICK ANTHONY WARD, 59. PADDY TO HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES, MR WARD HAS BEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LANDS SINCE THE DEPARTMENT WAS SET UP IN 1982, SOMETHING IN WHICH HE PLAYED A MAJOR PART.

MR WARD AND HIS WIFE WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON THE LINER CANBERRA ON MARCH 8 AND WILL SETTLE IN THEIR HOME IN SUTTON COLDFIELD NEAR BIRMINGHAM.

FOR MR WARD IT WILL BE THE END OF A LIFETIME OF LIVING OVERSEAS. UNTIL HE WAS 12 HE LIVED IN SUDAN WHERE HIS FATHER WORKED. AFTER STUDYING IN ENGLAND HE SERVED IN THE BRITISH ARMY IN INDIA AND LATER WORKED IN EAST AFRICA BOTH IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS.

ASKED WHY HE CAME TO HONG KONG IN 1960, MR WARD REPLIED: +THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. I WANTED A CHANGE AND I'D READ A GOOD DEAL ABOUT HONG KONG BECAUSE IT WAS VERY MUCH IN THE NEWS IN THOSE DAYS. THERE WAS A VERY ACTIVE PROPERTY MARKET EVEN THEN. +

ON HIS ARRIVAL HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST THREE SURVEYORS SENT TO THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

+THE NEW TOWNS WERE JUST AN IDEA THEN, + HE SAID, +ALTHOUGH DEVELOPMENT HAD STARTED ON TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG. IT WAS FELT THE NEW TERRITORIES NEEDED PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT AND ADVICE AND THAT WAS WHY WE WERE SENT THERE. +

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AFTER FIVE YEARS IN WHICH HE SERVED IN EVERY NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT, MR WARD WAS POSTED TO THE CROWN LANDS OFFICE. HOWEVER, HE RETURNED TO THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IN 1977 AS PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT.

+WORK ON THE NEW TOWNS WAS STARTING THEN,+ HE SAID, +BUT THE GREATEST PHYSICAL CHANGES HAVE HAPPENED SINCE I WAS POSTED BACK TO HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY IN SHA TIN, FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI. ALTHOUGH I KNEW THE AREA WELL I GET LOST ON THE ROADS AROUND FANLING, THE CHANGES ARE TREMENDOUS.

+IT'S QUITE AN EXPERIENCE TO OBSERVE IT. IT'S ONE THING TO SEE THE NEW TOWNS ON A PLAN, BUT IT'S QUITE DIFFERENT WHEN YOU SEE THE END RESULTS.+

ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO DEFINITE PLANS FOR HIS RETIREMENT, MR WARD THINKS HE WILL BE DOING QUITE A BIT OF TRAVELLING.

+MANY OF THE FRIENDS I HAVE MADE IN HONG KONG HAVE RETIRED AND SETTLED DOWN IN CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND SPAIN AND I HOPE TO VISIT THEM,+ HE SAID.

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SECURITIES NOTICES PUBLISHED
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THE SECURITIES (RECOGNITION OF STOCK MARKETS) NOTICE 1986 AND THE SECURITIES (REGISTRATION OF DEALERS) (APPROVED EXAMINATIONS) NOTICE 1986 WERE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

ONE OF THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A DEALER IN SECURITIES UNDER THE NEW SECTION 65A OF THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE, WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 25, 1985, IS THAT THE APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN DEALING IN SECURITIES IN HONG KONG OR ANY OTHER STOCK MARKET RECOGNISED BY THE SECURITIES COMMISSION.

IF THE APPLICANT DOES NOT HAVE THE REQUISITE EXPERIENCE IN DEALING IN SECURITIES, HE SHOULD HAVE PASSED AN EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE SECURITIES COMMISSION.

THE SECURITIES (RECOGNITION OF STOCK MARKETS) NOTICE 1986 SETS OUT THE FOLLOWING STOCK MARKETS THAT ARE SO RECOGNISED BY THE SECURITIES COMMISSION IN ADDITION TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE, LONDON WHICH HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A SIMILAR NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ON DECEMBER 6, 1985:

/(A) AUCKLAND

- (A) AUCKLAND STOCK EXCHANGE
- (B) AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE
- (C) AMSTERDAM STOCK EXCHANGE
- (D) BRUSSELS STOCK EXCHANGE
- (E) COPENHAGEN STOCK EXCHANGE
- (F) FRANKFURT STOCK EXCHANGE
- (G) KOREA STOCK EXCHANGE
- (H) KUALA LUMPUR STOCK EXCHANGE
- (I) LUXEMBOURG STOCK EXCHANGE
- (J) MANILA STOCK EXCHANGE
- (K) MEMBER EXCHANGES OF AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATED STOCK EXCHANGE
- (L) MILAN STOCK EXCHANGE
- (M) MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE
- (N) NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS (USA)
- (O) NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
- (P) OSAKA STOCK EXCHANGE
- (Q) OSLO STOCK EXCHANGE
- (R) PARIS BOURSE
- (S) SECURITIES EXCHANGE OF THAILAND
- (T) SINGAPORE STOCK EXCHANGE
- (U) STOCKHOLM STOCK EXCHANGE
- (V) TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE
- (W) TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE
- (X) WELLINGTON STOCK EXCHANGE
- (Y) ZURICH STOCK EXCHANGE

THE SECURITIES (REGISTRATION OF DEALERS) (APPROVED EXAMINATIONS) NOTICE 1986 GIVES NOTICE THAT THE EXAMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF, OR REGISTRATION AS A REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE OR REGISTERED TRADER WITH, THE STOCK EXCHANGE, LONDON ARE APPROVED BY THE SECURITIES COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 65A(2)(B) OF THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE.

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FS (DESIGNATE) TOURS FACTORY

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, DESIGNATE, MR PIERS JACOBS, TODAY (FRIDAY) TOURED A TOY FACTORY IN KWUN TONG AS PART OF HIS PROGRAMME OF FACTORY VISITS TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH LOCAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

MR JACOBS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR PETER JOHNSON, VISITED PERFEKTA ENTERPRISES LTD AT CHONG YIP STREET, AND WAS WELCOMED BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT, MR EDMUND YOUNG.

PERFEKTA ENTERPRISES LTD, ESTABLISHED IN 1960, HAS A BRANCH FACTORY IN TSUEN WAN AND OTHER OPERATIONS IN CHINA AND MACAU. ITS TWO FACTORIES IN HONG KONG HAVE A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 29 300 SQUARE METRES AND EMPLOY A WORKFORCE OF ABOUT 2 000 PEOPLE.

EQUIPPED WITH MODERN MACHINERY SUCH AS ELECTRO-DISCHARGE MACHINES AND OTHER COMPUTER-CONTROLLED MOULD-MAKING MACHINES, THE COMPANY MAINLY PRODUCES PLASTIC DOLLS AND TOYS FOR EXPORT TO THE STATES AND EUROPE.

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JACOBS SEES IMMIGRATION OPERATIONS

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, DESIGNATE, MR PIERS JACOBS TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED AT THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AS PART OF HIS CURRENT SERIES OF FAMILIARISATION VISITS.

BEFORE TOURING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR JACOBS HAD A DISCUSSION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS.

MR JACOBS WAS SHOWN THE OPERATION OF VARIOUS SECTIONS INCLUDING THE CONTROL ADMINISTRATION SECTION, THE EXTENSION SECTION, THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS SECTION. HE WAS BRIEFED ON DETAILS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND THE TRAVEL RECORD AND IMMIGRATION CONTROL ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM WHICH WILL COST ABOUT \$174 MILLION FOR THE COMPUTERISATION OF ALL IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS.

THE SCHEME, TO BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN 1987 AND 1989, WILL BENEFIT HONG KONG RESIDENTS AS IDENTITY CARD HOLDERS WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CARDS.

MR JACOBS ALSO VISITED THE IMMIGRATION FACILITIES AT THE HONG KONG-CHINA AND MACAU FERRY TERMINALS BEFORE WINDING UP HIS TOUR.

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MODERN TECHNOLOGY IMPROVES CATCHES

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INCREASING USE OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY BY THE LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTED TO IMPROVED CATCHES IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1985, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

DR RIDDELL-SWAN WAS ADDRESSING FISHERMEN AT A SPRING DINNER PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR OF THE TIGER.

+LAST YEAR, THE WEATHER WAS FAVOURABLE FOR FISHING BUT DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR RESULTS WERE DISAPPOINTING.

+FORTUNATELY, CATCHES IMPROVED IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR MAINLY DUE TO THE HARD WORK OF OUR FISHERMEN FRIENDS AND TO THEIR INCREASING ADOPTION OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY,+ HE SAID.

REVIEWING THE AQUACULTURE SECTOR, DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THE TOTAL AREA OF FISH PONDS CONTINUED TO DROP DUE TO THE UNCEASING DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND, AS A RESULT, POND FISH PRODUCTION DECREASED.

/+HOWEVER,+

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+HOWEVER,+ HE SAID, +MARICULTURISTS DID VERY WELL AND THEIR TOTAL PRODUCTION INCREASED BY SOME 20 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR DESPITE A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED.+

HE STRESSED THAT HIS DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO LIAISE WITH MARICULTURISTS TO RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, HIS DEPARTMENT CONTINUED TO PROVIDE VARIOUS SERVICES TO THE FISHING INDUSTRY. THESE INCLUDE LOW-INTEREST LOANS FROM THE LOAN FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING, AND SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FROM THE MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION BOTH LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS.

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SPRING LANTERN CARNIVAL IN WAN CHAI

A SPRING LANTERN CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD FOR WAN CHAI RESIDENTS AT 7.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE LOCKHART ROAD PLAYGROUND TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THERE WILL BE A MAGIC SHOW, DRAMA PERFORMANCE AND SINGING. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE CARNIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ARTS, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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MANPOWER SURVEY OF MERCHANT NAVY TO START
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A SURVEY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE MANPOWER SITUATION OF THE MERCHANT NAVY WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 27 AND MARCH 27 BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S MERCHANT NAVY TRAINING BOARD.

+THE INFORMATION COLLECTED IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR FORMULATING MEANINGFUL TRAINING PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDUSTRY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRAINING BOARD SAID.

HE URGED SHIPPING AND MANAGEMENT COMPANIES AS WELL AS RECRUITMENT AGENCIES COVERED IN THE SURVEY TO COOPERATE BY SUPPLYING THE INFORMATION NEEDED.

INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL ONLY BE PUBLISHED AS STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY ONE COMPANY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS WERE RECENTLY SENT TO COMPANIES TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY. OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL BE CALLING AT THESE COMPANIES TO ASSIST IN THE COMPLETION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

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U.S. SETS NEW POSTAL RULES ON TEXTILES
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ALL POSTAL PACKETS AND PARCELS FROM HONG KONG CONTAINING TEXTILE PRODUCTS, REGARDLESS OF VALUE, WILL REQUIRE FORMAL ENTRY TREATMENT IN THE UNITED STATES FROM MARCH 7, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MEASURE, WHICH WILL APPLY ALSO TO SPEEDPOST PACKAGES, WAS RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE PRESENT POSTING PROCEDURES IN HONG KONG. THE ONLY CHANGE IS THAT SUCH ITEMS WHEN ARRIVING AT THE U.S. WILL BE RETAINED BY THE DESTINATION POST OFFICE AND THE ADDRESSEES WILL BE ADVISED TO FOLLOW THE FORMAL ENTRY PROCEDURE OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE BEFORE THEY CAN TAKE DELIVERY OF THE ITEM,+ HE SAID.

+CUSTOMERS WISHING TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE FORMAL ENTRY PROCEDURE IN THE U.S. SHOULD APPROACH THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE IN HONG KONG.+

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200 CHILDREN JOIN SINGING CONTEST
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ABOUT 200 CHILDREN WILL COMPETE AT THE SIXTH KWUN TONG CHILDREN SINGING CONTEST TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE CONTEST WILL BE IN THREE DIVISIONS -- THE SOLO, SMALL GROUP AND CHOIR DIVISIONS.

ADJUDICATORS FOR THE CONTEST WILL BE THE TUTORS OF THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN SINGING CONTEST IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE ART OF SINGING AMONG CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CONTEST TO BE HELD AT 2 PM IN THE HALL OF KEI CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SHUI NING STREET.

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FESTIVAL HELPS FOLK LYRICS REVIVAL
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THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING COMMENDED ORGANISERS OF THE SIXTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL FOR THEIR FAR-SIGHTEDNESS AND THOUGHTFULNESS FOR INCLUDING A RARE COLLECTION OF FOLK LYRICS AND BALLADS IN THE FESTIVAL.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 19-DAY FESTIVAL, MR NG SAID TRADITIONAL FOLK ARTS PREVALENT AMONG VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS RICH IN VARIETY AND THE LYRICS AND BALLADS WERE CONSIDERED +TREASURES+ IN THE FIELD OF MUSIC.

THE FOLK SONGS ABOUT HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE PLENTIFUL, BUT REGRETTABLY THE POPULARITY OF MANY LOCAL BALLADS AND FOLK SONGS OF INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS HAD GRADUALLY DECLINED BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF SYSTEMATIC COLLECTION AND REARRANGEMENT, THE URBANISATION OF THE VILLAGES AS WELL AS THE INTRUSION OF WESTERN CULTURE, HE ADDED.

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+IT IS PARTICULARLY COMMENDABLE FOR THE ORGANISERS OF THE YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL TO INCLUDE THE PRESENTATIONS OF BALLADS, LYRICS AND OTHER CANTONESE OPERATIC SONGS IN THE PROGRAMME, PROVIDING LOCAL RESIDENTS A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IN THIS RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE.

+THESE PERFORMANCES SHOULD HELP AROUSE PUBLIC INTEREST IN FOLK ARTS AND PROMOTE MORE RESEARCH IN THIS FIELD,+ MR NG SAID.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE FIRST PERFORMANCE OF THE ARTS FESTIVAL WAS HELD IN THE FORM OF +A NIGHT OF FOLK ARTS+ FEATURING A WIDE COLLECTION OF FOLK LYRICS AND BALLADS ORIGINATED FROM THE +WAI+ AND +TSUEN+ OF YUEN LONG AND KOWLOON AND HAKKA PEOPLE.

THERE WERE TRADITIONAL DRAGON AND LION DANCES TO MARK THE START OF THE ARTS FESTIVAL BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FOLK ARTS.

SINCE 1981, THE YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL HAS BECOME THE MOST COLOURFUL ANNUAL EVENTS OF THE YUEN LONG COMMUNITY.

THIS YEAR, THE FESTIVAL HAS DRAWN UP A PROGRAMME WITH MORE THAN 40 ACTIVITIES INCLUDING CONCERTS, DRAMAS, OPERAS, DANCES, FILMS AND EXHIBITIONS WHICH WILL CATER TO PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND WITH DIFFERENT ARTISTIC INTERESTS.

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE AND THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AT A TOTAL COST OF ABOUT \$500 000.

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STARTING CEREMONY FOR WALK
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LADY AKERS-JONES WILL BE OFFICIATING AT THE START OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAMILY WALK FOR THE DISABLED AT THE VICTORIA GAP CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ON THE PEAK AT 10 AM THIS SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

THE EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS DIVISION OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

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YOUTHS TO LEARN ABOUT ELECTIONS
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ABOUT 200 STUDENTS AND YOUTHS IN SAI KUNG WHO ARE TOO YOUNG TO BE REGISTERED AS VOTERS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO LEARN AND PARTICIPATE IN A DUMMY ELECTION TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

THE DUMMY ELECTION IS A PROGRAMME OF THE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT STUDY CAMP AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, WHICH IS AN ACTIVITY OF THE DISTRICT'S REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

DURING THESE TWO DAYS, YOUTHS WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SPIRIT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT THROUGH LECTURES GIVEN BY SAI KUNG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND LI, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR WONG KWOK-YEE.

APART FROM THE DUMMY ELECTION, THE YOUTHS WILL PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROCESS OF VOTER REGISTRATION, CANDIDATE NOMINATION, SETTING UP OF ELECTIONEERING GROUPS, FORUMS, CANVASSING AND VOTING. THERE WILL ALSO BE A POSTER AND SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION.

CANDIDATES WILL BE NOMINATED AMONG THEMSELVES AND THEY WILL START FROM THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE TO THE DECLARATION OF POLLS WITHIN TWO DAYS.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS OF THE GAME AND ALSO TO THE BEST POSTER DESIGNER. THE NOMINATED CANDIDATES WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NEXT SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 10.

PARTICIPANTS CAN ALSO ENJOY SPORTS ACTIVITIES AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE DURING THE CAMPING PERIOD.

THE CAMP WILL START AT 3 PM ON SATURDAY AND FINISH AT NOON ON THE NEXT DAY.

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NEW YEAR BANQUET FOR TUEN MUN ELDERLIES
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MORE THAN 1 000 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT WERE TREATED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO A NEW YEAR BANQUET ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT RESPECT FOR THE AGED ASSOCIATION, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE FEAST AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT WAS AIMED AT FOSTERING RESPECT FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO JOIN IN THE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

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SPEAKING AT THE BANQUET, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, THANKED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ORGANISING NUMEROUS CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ELDERLIES IN THE DISTRICT.

HE APPEALED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND CAST THEIR VOTES IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION ON MARCH 6.

GIFT PACKETS CONTAINING SWEATERS, SCARFS AND TOWELS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE TEN OLDEST PERSONS AGED BETWEEN 86 AND 97, WHILE ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED A LAI-SEE PACKET AND SOUVENIRS.

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VICTORIA PEAK WALKATHON ON SUNDAY * * * * *

MORE THAN 1 000 RESIDENTS FROM CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE VICTORIA PEAK WALKATHON 1986 ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

AIMED AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SHARE THE FUN OF HIKING AND LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSERVING THE GREENERY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE, THE ANNUAL EVENT WAS ORGANISED AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S LUNAR NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES.

THE ROUTE OF THE WALKATHON WILL START FROM THE CHIU SHEUNG SCHOOL AT 79B POKFULAM ROAD, VIA THE SERVICE RESERVOIR, HATTON ROAD, LUGARD ROAD, AND FINISH AT THE VICTORIA GAP CHILDREN PLAYGROUND AT THE VICTORIA PEAK.

THE ROUTE WILL TAKE PARTICIPANTS ALONG SOME OF THE BEAUTIFUL SCENERIES IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT AND WILL ENABLE THEM TO HAVE A PANORAMIC OF THE KOWLOON PENINSULA.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN FREE SOFT DRINKS AND WILL BE TREATED TO A LUCKY DRAW. SOUVENIRS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THEM.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, KENNEDY TOWN AREA COMMITTEE, KENNEDY TOWN KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, THE MOUNT DAVIS KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, THE CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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OFFICIATING AT THE START OF THE WALKATHON WILL BE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO; CHAIRMAN OF THE WALKATHON ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHOW YIN-SUM; THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR KAM YING-TONG, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE VICTORIA PARK WALKATHON 1986 WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 9.15 AM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 23) AT THE CHIU SHEUNG SCHOOL AT 79B POKFULAM ROAD, WESTERN DISTRICT.

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CELEBRATIONS IN TSUEN WAN LANTERN FESTIVAL
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RESIDENTS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TREATED TO VARIOUS CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT'S CELEBRATION FOR THE LANTERN FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

THE PROGRAMMES, WHICH INCLUDE STAGE PERFORMANCES, CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY DEMONSTRATION, LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION AND GAMES STALLS, ARE AIMED AT FOSTERING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AMONG PARTICIPANTS.

THEY ARE ORGANISED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES OF THREE COMMUNITY CENTRES WHICH COMPRISE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANGUS MIU, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LANTERN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION AT SHEK WAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL AT 1.30 PM.

ACTIVITIES IN THE LEI MUK SHUE COMMUNITY HALL WILL CENTRE AROUND THE THEME OF 'HOME IN LEI MUK SHUE' AND WILL START AT 3 PM.

AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME, WHICH INCLUDES A CANTONESE OPERA, WILL START AT 7.30 PM.

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DISTRICT PROBLEMS PRESENTED IN CONTEST
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SIX TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN THE TAI PO COMMUNITY RESEARCH PROJECT COMPETITION WILL PRESENT THEIR FINDINGS ON VARIOUS DISTRICT PROBLEMS IN THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE COMPETITION WAS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT WORKING GROUP ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDINGS TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS, YOUTH CENTRES, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT WERE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION.

TOMORROW, THE PARTICIPATING TEAMS WILL PRESENT THEIR FINDINGS ON THE DISTRICT'S TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, POLLUTION OF LAM TSUEN RIVER, SHOPPING FACILITIES IN KWONG FUK ESTATE, SOCIAL SERVICES FACILITIES, NEW ARRIVALS TO THE DISTRICT AND THE FLOATING POPULATION.

TAI PO ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS), MS ANISSA WONG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT WORKING GROUP ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, MR WONG MUK-LIN WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMUNITY RESEARCH PROJECT COMPETITION AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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ANTI-NARCOTICS DISCO NIGHT FOR YOUTHS
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ABOUT 800 YOUNGSTERS WILL ENJOY AN EVENING OF DISCO DANCING AT THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI ANTI-NARCOTICS DISCO NIGHT IN THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG TANG SHIU KIN INDOOR GAMES HALL TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE EVENT, ORGANISED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT WITH THE ASSISTANCE FROM THE POLICE, IS AIMED AT BRINGING HOME THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE TO YOUNGSTERS.

/THE CHAIRMAN

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR BRIAN COAK, AND THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR ISAAC CHOW, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING AT 7.30 PM.

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COOKING CONTEST FOR ELDERLY
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FIFTEEN ELDERLY RESIDENTS WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR COOKING SKILLS IN A LUNAR NEW YEAR COOKING CONTEST AT THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB IN TO KWA WAN TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

EACH PARTICIPANT, ACCOMPANIED BY AN ASSISTANT COOK, WILL PREPARE A SPECIAL DISH FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AT A COST OF NOT MORE THAN \$40.

THE CRITERIA FOR ADJUDICATION INCLUDE COOKING SKILLS, RECIPE, DESIGN, TASTE AND TEAM CO-OPERATION.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE WINNERS AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE PRESENTED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

THE CONTEST IS SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY, THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR COOKING CONTEST TO BE HELD IN THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB AT 42 SHING TAK STREET, TO KWA WAN, AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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PHOTO DISPLAY ON REGIONAL COUNCIL
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A MINI-PHOTO EXHIBITION DEPICTING THE WORK OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE STAGED IN KWAI CHUNG IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

+THE DISPLAY AIMS TO HELP PEOPLE TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, WHICH WILL COME INTO BEING ON APRIL 1, AND THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT, + AN RSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS, ALL IN COLOUR, SHOW VARIOUS TYPES OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND LEISURE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE EXHIBITION WILL FIRST BE STAGED IN THE LIFT LOBBY OF KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KWAI CHUNG, FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 24) TO THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 27). AFTER THAT IT WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM SATURDAY (MARCH 1) TO MARCH 6.

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WATER TANK FOR HIGH GROUND AREAS PLANNED
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY IS TO BE EXTENDED FURTHER UP TO THE HIGH GROUND AREAS AT SHEK KONG FOR PEOPLE LIVING THERE.

TO DO THIS, A WATER TANK THAT CAN HOLD 1 400 CUBIC METRES OF FRESH WATER WILL BE BUILT AT SHEUNG TSUEN.

THE PIPE THAT WILL CARRY THE WATER WILL BE LAID ALONGSIDE A 600-METRE FOOTPATH THAT WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE ACCESS.

THE PROJECT IS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WHICH IS NOW CALLING FOR TENDERS FOR THE WORKS THAT ARE EXPECTED TO START IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED IN 15 MONTHS' TIME.

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FANLING RECREATION GROUND CLOSURE
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THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 26 AND MARCH 14 IN CONNECTION WITH THE NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DURING THAT PERIOD ALL FACILITIES IN THE RECREATION GROUND WILL NOT BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

HE ADDED THAT AFTER THE FLOWER SHOW THE FOOTBALL PITCH WITHIN THE RECREATION GROUND WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 15 FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE, WHILE OTHER FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, VOLLEYBALL COURT, ROLLER-SKATING RINK AND THE REST GARDEN WILL BE REOPENED FOR PUBLIC USE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN
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VEHICLES ON TSUEN WAN ROAD KOWLOON-BOUND HEADING FOR TSING YI AND KWAI CHUNG WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM CUTTING INTO THE KERBSIDE LANE, BETWEEN THE SLIP ROAD FROM TEXACO ROAD LEADING TO TSUEN WAN ROAD AND THE SLIP ROAD TO KWAI TSING ROUNDABOUT, FROM 9 AM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 24).

THE MEASURE, TO LAST FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS, IS TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGN IN THE AREA.

MOTORISTS FROM TSUEN WAN HEADING FOR TSING YI AND KWAI CHUNG ARE ADVISED TO USE THE SLIP ROAD TO TEXACO ROAD, THE KOWLOON-BOUND KERBSIDE LANE OF TSUEN WAN ROAD AND KWAI TSING ROUNDABOUT.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON FEBRUARY 24 TO MARCH 10, THE EXISTING TWO-WAY TRAFFIC IN TSING HOI CIRCUIT IN TUEN MUN WILL BE CONVERTED TO ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF WATER MAINS AT THE NORTHERN JUNCTION OF TSING HOI CIRCUIT WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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CENTRAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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TO FACILITATE THE DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MTR SHEUNG WAN CENTRE CONCOURSE, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF WING LOK STREET BETWEEN RUMSEY STREET AND HILLIER STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 24) TO 5 AM THE NEXT DAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL HEADING FOR WING LOK STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, BONHAM STRAND AND HILLIER STREET.

THE CLOSURE WILL BE REPEATED BETWEEN 10 PM ON MARCH 7 (FRIDAY) AND 5 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY, THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEEN VICTORIA STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT 26 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK.

NO VEHICLE EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS IN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTION ON THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEEN VICTORIA STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE TEMPORARILY LIFTED FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK.

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