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HONG KONG PLAYS A VITAL PART IN GLOBAL ECONOMY

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HONG KONG AND ASIA DO NOT STAND STILL WHILE EUROPE IS BUSY WITH ITSELF, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID IN HAMBURG, GERMANY, ON FRIDAY (MARCH 15).

SPEAKING AT THE EAST ASIA ASSOCIATION DINNER, THE GOVERNOR SAID NEW OPPORTUNITIES BECKONED IN THE REGION, AT LEAST AS MUCH AS IN EUROPE, FOR ANYONE WHO WANTED TO BE A PLAYER IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY.

"NO BUSINESS OR BANK WISHING TO PLAY A ROLE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY CAN NOW AFFORD TO IGNORE THE ASIAN REGION," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG WHICH WAS AT THE HEART OF ASIA/PACIFIC REGION WOULD EXPERIENCE MAJOR GROWTH IN THE NEXT DECADE AND THIS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE SO DESPITE THE POLITICAL CHANGES IN 1997.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT HONG KONG HAD SOME ANXIOUS MOMENTS BEFORE IT GOT TO 1998, HOWEVER, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE TRADITION OF ADAPTABILITY AND RESILIENCE WOULD CARRY HONG KONG THROUGH.

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EDUCATION ESSENTIAL FOR HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AND STABILITY

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CONTINUING COMMITMENTS TO EDUCATION IS A CRUCIAL FACTOR IN MAINTAINING THE TERRITORY'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS ROSANNA TAM, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THIS YEAR'S CENTRAL AND WESTERN "GOOD STUDENT AWARD SCHEME", MRS TAM NOTED THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO CULTIVATE A SET OF VALUES AMONG YOUNGSTERS, SO AS TO ENABLE THEM TO FACE UP TO THE CHALLENGES AHEAD.

SHE PRAISED THE AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN SOCIAL SERVICE AND CRIME PREVENTION ACTIVITIES, IN ADDITION TO THEIR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC WORK.

"YOU HAVE SET VERY GOOD EXAMPLES FOR OTHER STUDENTS. THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE MORE HARMONIOUS IF MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED IN MEANINGFUL PROJECTS," SHE SAID.

HOWEVER, SHE REMINDED THEM NOT TO BE COMPLACENT, BUT TO CONTINUE THEIR GOOD EFFORTS IN THEIR STUDIES AND IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

"THROUGH SERVING THE COMMUNITY, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GAIN EXPERIENCE AND ACQUIRE THE SKILLS TO CO-OPERATE AND COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER PEOPLE," MRS TAM ADDED.

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SHE ALSO THANKED THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) FOR ORGANISING THE AWARD SCHEME, WHICH WAS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE SCHEME, WHICH WAS HELD FOR ITS FOURTH YEAR RUNNING, HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY POPULAR IN THE DISTRICT. THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 136 STUDENTS HAD BEEN NOMINATED BY THE DISTRICT'S 17 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME.

OF THE 50 SECONDARY STUDENTS COMMENDED THIS AFTERNOON, 10 WERE EACH PRESENTED WITH A TROPHY AND A \$1,200 SCHOLARSHIP.

THE TOP FOUR STUDENTS WHO WON A FREE STUDY TOUR TO SHANGHAI AND HANGZHOU LATER THIS MONTH WERE: CHAN CHI (YING WAH GIRLS SCHOOL); NG KIN-CHUNG (RAIMONDI COLLEGE); CHOI WAI-YEE (HONG KONG TRUE LIGHT COLLEGE) AND HAU HON-LAP (HON WAH SCHOOL).

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TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS DROP SEVEN PER CENT * * * * *

DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1990, THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 2,002 COMPLAINTS, A DROP OF SEVEN PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

A TCU SPOKESMAN TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID THE COMPLAINTS WERE MAINLY RELATED TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND ENFORCEMENT.

AS REGARDS THE ADEQUACY OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICE, HE SAID THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 184 COMPLAINTS COVERING HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. THERE WAS A DROP OF 11 CASES OR SIX PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIGURE FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

ON THE STANDARD OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICE, THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 302 COMPLAINTS, A DECREASE OF EIGHT PER CENT COMPARED WITH 329 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THESE COMPLAINTS WERE INDIVIDUALLY TAKEN UP WITH THE BUS COMPANIES CONCERNED.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST TAXI SERVICE DROPPED BY ONE PER CENT FROM 435 CASES TO 431 CASES.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RELATED TO RAIL TRANSPORT SERVICES DROPPED FROM 46 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 39 CASES. THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE FERRY SERVICES, ON THE OTHER HAND, ROSE FROM 22 TO 27.

THE MAIN AREAS OF COMPLAINT INCLUDED REGULARITY OF SERVICE, CONDITIONS OF VEHICLES/VESSELS, AND PASSENGERS SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION INCREASED BY FIVE PER CENT TO 172 CASES, 45 ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 81 IN KOWLOON, 42 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND FOUR IN TUNNELS OR OTHER AREAS.

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO ROAD CONGESTION INCLUDED TRAFFIC ENGINEERING MATTERS, VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION AND ROAD WORKS.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES DROPPED FROM 195 CASES TO 140 OR BY 28 PER CENT.

THE MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN INCLUDED PHASING OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND TRAFFIC LANE ARRANGEMENT, AND ADDITION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND AIDS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF ROADS DECREASED BY 32 PER CENT FROM 150 CASES TO 102 CASES.

THE MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINTS WERE DEFECTIVE ROAD SURFACES, FAULTY TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND DAMAGED TRAFFIC SIGNS OR AIDS.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CASES STOOD AT 346, ONE CASE MORE THAN THE NUMBER RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THESE WERE RELATED MAINLY TO REQUESTS FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL PARKING AND MOTORISTS FAILING TO COMPLY WITH TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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LOCAL PLAYWRIGHTS RECOGNISED

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LOCAL PLAYWRIGHTS WITH A FLAIR FOR ORIGINAL SCRIPT WRITING HAD THEIR TALENTS AND SKILL RECOGNISED AT A COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA) AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ORIGINAL SCRIPTS PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, DR WANG GUNGWU, SAID THE SCRIPT WRITING COMPETITION WAS LAUNCHED IN LAST SEPTEMBER WITH AN AIM TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG AND UPCOMING PLAYWRIGHTS AND TO PROMOTE ORIGINAL SCRIPT WRITING IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID A TOTAL OF 19 SCRIPTS WHICH HAD BEEN AWARDED PRIZES IN OTHER COMPETITIONS OR PERFORMANCES WERE RECEIVED.

"AS A RESULT OF THE ENCOURAGING RESPONSE, THE COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING ORGANISING A SIMILAR EVENT THIS YEAR," DR WANG SAID.

FOUR SCRIPTS WERE AWARDED PRIZES IN THE OPEN SECTION AND THREE OTHERS WON THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION.

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IN THE OPEN SECTION, THE FIRST PRIZE WAS AWARDED TO HENRY FONG'S "VIOLINISTS"; THE SECOND PRIZE WENT TO CHAN MING-HONG AND MAK CHUNG-WO'S "WISHED TO FLY"; AND THE THIRD PRIZE WAS SHARED BY LAW WAI-MING'S "RE-UNION" AND MABEL LEUNG'S "TURNING ROUND THE END".

THE CHAMPION IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION WENT TO "BULLFROG IN JULY" WRITTEN BY STUDENTS OF HOI PING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SECONDARY SCHOOL. THE SECOND PRIZE WAS WON BY CHOW CHUN OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE'S "AN AVERAGE PERSON THAT STANDS OUT FROM THE REST" AND NG WAH COLLEGE'S WONG CHI-LUNG'S "WHAT?" GOT THE THIRD PRIZE.

ALSO ADDRESSING AT THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PANEL OF JUDGES OF THE SCRIPT WRITING COMPETITION, DR LAM TAI-HING SAID THE SCRIPTS WERE OF A VERY GOOD STANDARD AND EACH HAD WON PRIZES IN VARIOUS LOCAL COMPETITIONS.

"THE WINNING SCRIPTS WILL BE PLACED IN THE HONG KONG ARTS RESOURCES AND INFORMATION CENTRE, WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY THE CFPA," HE ADDED.

DR WANG ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE ASSESSORS OF THE COUNCIL'S REPORT WRITING SCHEME FOR THEIR PART IN THE PROMOTION OF THE PERFORMING ARTS IN HONG KONG.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME ARE TO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH UP-TO-DATE APPRAISALS OF THE STANDARD OF PERFORMANCES OF LOCAL PERFORMING GROUPS AND TO HELP THE COUNCIL ASSESS APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

"THERE ARE NOW OVER ONE HUNDRED ASSESSORS WHO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN HELPING THE COUNCIL TO BUILD UP A REASONABLY CLEAR VIEW OF PERFORMING GROUPS IN HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

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TENDERS FOR SHEK WU HUI PROJECT

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN SHEK WU HUI.

THE WORKS WILL COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS A DISTRIBUTOR ROAD, ROAD D1 (JOCKEY CLUB ROAD), WHICH CONNECTS TO MAN KAM TO ROAD; TRAINING OF THE TRIBUTARY OF RIVER INDUS FLOWING THROUGH THE SHEK WU HUI SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS; CONSTRUCTION OF A ROADBRIDGE AND RELATED ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS; AND REHABILITATION OF THE SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN MOAT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JUNE AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 12.

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