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MUTUAL RESPECT, TRUST BETWEEN HK AND CHINA VITAL

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THE HON ALLEN LEE TODAY (WEDNESDAY) URGED MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO SEEK WAYS AND MEANS TO FOSTER MUTUAL RESPECT AND TRUST BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA WHICH HE SAID ARE VITAL TO THEIR UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP.

COMMENTING ON THIS RELATIONSHIP, AS HE LED OFF DEBATE ON HIS MOTION THAT THE GOVERNOR BE THANKED FOR HIS POLICY ADDRESS, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL SAID, "CHINA'S FUTURE IS OUR FUTURE".

HE SAID, "WE MUST MAKE THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP UNDERSTAND WHAT HONG KONG IS ALL ABOUT.

"WE, AS A COMMUNITY, ENJOY COMPLETE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND SPEECH AND THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR SUCCESS IS THE 'RULE OF LAW'.

"THESE MAY NOT BE UNDERSTOOD BY THE POWERS OF CHINA. WE MUST UPHOLD THESE PRINCIPLES REGARDLESS OF THE COST."

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, WE MUST NOT ACT IN SUCH A WAY AS TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HONG KONG WAS BEING USED AS A BASE OF SUBVERSION AGAINST CHINA WHEN THERE WAS NO SUCH INTENTION AT ALL.

MR LEE BELIEVED THERE WAS A GREAT AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE DONE ON BOTH SIDES TO RESTORE TRUST AND RESPECT, WITHOUT WHICH THERE WOULD BE NO CONFIDENCE TO SPEAK OF.

HE MAINTAINED THAT AS LEADERS OF THE COMMUNITY, MEMBERS MUST ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY, NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT IT WAS TO ESTABLISH AN UNDERSTANDING AND DIALOGUE WITH THE CURRENT CHINESE REGIME.

"IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL TO PROVIDE A CONCRETE BASIS FOR HOPE FOR A STABLE FUTURE," HE SAID.

MR LEE SAID THE KEY TO HONG KONG'S FUTURE LAY IN THE CONFIDENCE OF ITS PEOPLE. AND RIGHT-OF-ABODE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WAS A FORM OF GUARANTEE THAT THE HONG KONG PEOPLE WERE LOOKING FOR.

HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET MADE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE SUBJECT OF NATIONALITY DESPITE THE PROMISE MADE BY THE PRIME MINISTER LAST JUNE.

HE SAID, "NOW IT IS NOVEMBER AND ALL WE HEAR IS THAT IT IS POLITICALLY IMPRACTICAL TO GRANT THE RIGHT OF ABODE TO 3.25 MILLION PEOPLE AND THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO COME UP WITH A NATIONALITY PACKAGE FOR THE HONG KONG PEOPLE."

NO COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, HE SAID, WOULD DENY CITIZENSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF ABODE TO THEIR SUBJECTS.

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HE HOPED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, INSTEAD OF FIDGETING OVER FIGURES AND NUMBERS, WOULD FULFIL ITS RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

TURNING TO CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE FOR 1991, MR LEE SAID THERE WAS A CLEAR CONSENSUS AMONG OMELCO MEMBERS THAT THE PROPOSAL THEY HAD PUT FORWARD SUGGESTED A PACE OF DEMOCRATISATION IN HONG KONG MOST SUITABLE FOR REALISING "HONG KONG PEOPLE RULING HONG KONG WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY" AS PROMISED BY THE CHINESE LEADERS.

THE OMELCO PROPOSAL WAS CLEARLY SUPPORTED BY MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS, HE SAID.

"IT IS NOW UP TO THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROPOSAL IN 1991."

MR LEE BELIEVED THERE WAS A NEED FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW THE ROLE OF DISTRICT BOARDS NOW BECAUSE THEY WERE WELL ESTABLISHED AND THEIR INFLUENCE HAD CHANGED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.

IN HIS OPINION, THE BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ASSUMING THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR DISTRICTS.

"THIS IS THE PURPOSE OF BEING ELECTED AND BEING ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE," HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS THE "NUMBER ONE CONCERN OF OUR COMMUNITY", MR LEE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS THE WISH OF MOST MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO SEE THE EARLY REPATRIATION TO VIETNAM OF THOSE SCREENED OUT AS NON-REFUGEES.

"WE MUST ACT IN THE INTEREST OF OUR COMMUNITY. REPATRIATION MUST START AND START SOON," HE SAID.

HE FELT THAT THE CONFERENCES IN GENEVA HAD NOT BEEN EFFECTIVE IN TACKLING THE PROBLEMS AS NO AGREEMENT HAD YET BEEN REACHED ON REPATRIATION.

MEANWHILE, MR LEE SAID, THE SITUATION WAS FRUSTRATING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. MANY PEOPLE HAD QUESTIONED THE ABILITY OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN HANDLING THE PROBLEM.

AN EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WAS ESSENTIAL, HE ADDED.

SPENDING ON MAMMOTH PROJECTS SHOULD BE PROPERLY MONITORED

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WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BUILDING OF A MODERN AIRPORT, THE NEW HARBOUR FACILITIES AND INVESTMENTS IN VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS TOTALLING \$127 BILLION, A VIBRANT AND PROSPEROUS HONG KONG CAN BE ENVISAGED TOWARDS THE END OF THIS CENTURY, THE HON PETER POON SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR POON, HOWEVER, NOTED THAT HONG KONG HAD TO GUARD AGAINST INFLATION AND ENSURE THAT THE VAST INVESTMENTS WERE PROPERLY MONITORED AND BUDGETS OF THE MAJOR PROJECTS DID NOT OVERRUN.

SPEAKING IN THE POLICY DEBATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR POON SAID WE MUST HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OURSELVES BEFORE OTHERS COULD HAVE CONFIDENCE IN US.

"LET US ALL WORK TOWARDS SUCH A GOAL AND ENSURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE THE 'PEARL OF THE ORIENT' THROUGH 1997 AND BEYOND," HE SAID.

ON THE BRAIN DRAIN ISSUE, MR POON SAID THE PROBLEM WAS QUITE SERIOUS, AND HONG KONG STOOD TO LOSE MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE WHICH WOULD BE HARD TO REPLACE.

"HENCE, WE MUST CONTINUE TO PRESS THE UNITED KINGDOM TO RESTORE FULL BRITISH CITIZENSHIP TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, TO EXPLAIN OUR PREDICAMENTS TO OTHER NATIONS, AND TO TAKE A LEAD IN EFFORTS AT RESTORING THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

MR POON SAID IF THE FINAL PACKAGE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM INCLUDED CONDITIONS THAT THE PEOPLE CONCERNED COULD ONLY BE GIVEN THE SAFETY-LINE AFTER 1997, IT WOULD ONLY DEFEAT THE PURPOSE OF THE WHOLE EXERCISE AND DRIVE PEOPLE TO LEAVE EARLIER.

ON EDUCATION, MR POON SAID THE GOVERNOR'S AMBITIOUS PLAN TO EXPAND TERTIARY PLACES TO 67,000 IN 1995 FOR 25 PER CENT OF THE RELEVANT AGE GROUP WAS VERY ENCOURAGING.

HE SAID HIS MAIN CONCERN ON THE EXPANSION OF TERTIARY EDUCATION WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE PROBLEMS IN RECRUITING SUITABLE LECTURERS AND STAFF.

ON THE ECONOMY, MR POON NOTED THAT APART FROM SOME SLOWDOWN IN CERTAIN SECTORS, BUSINESS WAS GOING ON AS USUAL AND THAT A LITTLE COOLING OFF OF THE OVERHEATED ECONOMY MIGHT NOT BE A BAD THING IN THE SHORT TERM.

"OUR NEWLY RE-ORGANISED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS HAVE WEATHERED THE RECENT CRISIS AND THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM HAS AGAIN PROVED ITS WORTH," HE SAID.

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SENTIMENT ON RIGHT OF ABODE IN UK RUNNING HIGH

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SENTIMENT IS RUNNING HIGH IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM TO HONOUR ITS MORAL OBLIGATIONS WHICH GO HAND-IN-HAND WITH SOVEREIGNTY TOWARDS HONG KONG PEOPLE, THE HON CHEUNG YAN-LUNG SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

UNLESS A SATISFACTORY SCHEME WAS FORTHCOMING IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, FRUSTRATION COULD BUILD UP TO A POINT WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY AFFECT THE GOVERNABILITY OF THE TERRITORY, HE ADDED.

SPEAKING IN THE POLICY DEBATE, MR CHEUNG URGED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO MAKE AN EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE RIGHT OF ABODE ISSUE SO THAT PEOPLE MIGHT BE REASSURED ON THE FUTURE.

HE ALSO URGED THAT THE SCHEME SHOULD BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE ALTHOUGH BRITAIN HAD ALL ALONG ARGUED THAT IT WAS IMPRACTICABLE TO RESTORE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN THE UK TO ALL THE BRITISH SUBJECTS IN HONG KONG.

"ONLY A GENEROUS SCHEME WILL BOOST THE CONFIDENCE OF A SUFFICIENTLY LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO STAY AND CONTINUE SUPPORTING THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

"SUCH A SCHEME SHOULD NOT BE CONDITIONAL UPON ANY FUTURE EVENTUALITIES EITHER, LEST IT WOULD DEFEAT ITS PURPOSES," HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG NOTED THAT BRITAIN HAD NEVER BEEN A FAVOURED DESTINATION COUNTRY FOR HONG KONG EMIGRANTS AS MANY WOULD OPT FOR THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA.

HE SAID HONG KONG PEOPLE WERE ONLY SEEKING AN INSURANCE POLICY AND NOT ACTUALLY MOVING OVERSEAS NOW.

ON SINO-HONG KONG RELATIONSHIPS, MR CHEUNG URGED ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO PUT ASIDE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND PUT ALL THEIR EFFORTS INTO MAINTAINING HONG KONG'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY BEFORE AND BEYOND 1997.

HE SAID ANY UNCERTAINTY DURING THE TRANSITION WOULD HAMPER NOT ONLY THE CONFIDENCE OF HONG KONG PEOPLE BUT ALSO THAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

ON VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, MR CHEUNG SAID THE CONCEPT OF SCREENING HAD NOW BEEN ADOPTED BY ALL OTHER PLACES OF FIRST ASYLUM IN THE REGION AND THE LOGICAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO REPATRIATE THOSE WHO WERE NOT GENUINE REFUGEES.

"I ALSO URGE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, BEFORE IT TRIES TO POINT FINGERS AT HONG KONG, TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ACTUAL SITUATION IN HONG KONG, AND OFFER BETTER ALTERNATIVES IF THEY CAN THINK OF ANY," HE SAID.

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ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MR CHEUNG SAID THAT OVERSEAS POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS WERE IMPORTED DIRECTLY INTO HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC LEGISLATION WITH LITTLE MODIFICATIONS AND SUCH A MOVE MIGHT AFFECT LOCAL INDUSTRY.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT HAD PROVIDED INSUFFICIENT ASSISTANCE TO THOSE AFFECTED.

"I THEREFORE REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT TO CRITICALLY EXAMINE OUR OVERALL APPROACH TOWARDS POLLUTION CONTROL BEFORE EMBARKING ON ANY MASSIVE NEW PLANS TO IMPROVE OUR ENVIRONMENT," HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG ALSO NOTED THAT RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES RELIED HEAVILY ON GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION AND COMMERCIAL SPONSORSHIP BUT, WITH THE PROPOSED BAN ON TOBACCO SPONSORSHIP, THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

AND WITH AN INCREASE IN THE DEMAND ON RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES, HE SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDE MORE FUNDS TO MEET THIS GROWING DEMAND.

MR CHEUNG WELCOMED THE GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVE IN SETTING UP A COMMISSION ON YOUTH.

"A COMMISSION TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF OUR VALUABLE AND GROWING ASSETS WILL HELP DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS PUT TOGETHER THEIR EFFORTS TO DEVISE CO-ORDINATED POLICIES TO NURTURE THE TALENTS AND POTENTIALS OF THE YOUNGSTERS," HE SAID.

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CHINA AND BRITAIN MUST DEMONSTRATE CONFIDENCE

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IN ASKING OUR PEOPLE TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE, CHINA AND BRITAIN MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT FUTURE, THE HON SELINA CHOW SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

"IT IS THE BEST CONFIDENCE BOOSTER FOR THIS MOMENT," MRS CHOW SAID IN THE POLICY DEBATE.

SHE SAID OPENING UP OF THE SYSTEM WAS A MATTER OF URGENCY, AND DEMOCRATIC REFORM ALONG THE LINES OF THE OMELCO CONSENSUS MUST BE SET IN MOTION RIGHT AWAY.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD HOLD BACK NO MORE AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SHOULD OBSTRUCT NO FURTHER.

/SHE SAID .....

SHE SAID SHE SUPPORTED THE OMELCO CONSENSUS BECAUSE IT CLEARLY AND UNEQUIVOCABLY SPELLED OUT THE REALISATION OF THE COMMITMENT TO A DEFINITE TIME-TABLE.

IT WAS THE ONLY FORMULA THAT RESOLVED THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE WHOLE ISSUE - THAT WAS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LEGISLATURE AND THE EXECUTIVE BY LINKING SELECTION OF BOTH BY UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE AT A TARGET DATE ACCEPTABLE TO MOST, SHE SAID.

"OF ALL THE PROPOSALS SO FAR PUT FORWARD BY VARIOUS GROUPS, THIS ONE IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE MOST DEMOCRATIC, AND IS IDENTIFIED AS THE MOST DESIRABLE BY THE MAJORITY OF OUR PEOPLE," SHE SAID.

MRS CHOW SAID THERE WOULD INEVITABLY BE DISAGREEMENT AND DEBATES IN HONG KONG OVER VARIOUS ISSUES, BUT THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION THAT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED WOULD HELP THE PEOPLE TO EXERCISE THEIR RESTRAINT AND BALANCE IN ARRIVING AT THEIR OWN DECISION.

THEREFORE, THERE WOULD BE A NEED TO ESTABLISH A MUTUAL TRUST AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA BECAUSE OF THEIR INSEPARABLE TIE, SHE SAID.

SHE ADDED: "WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ONE COUNTRY TWO SYSTEMS CAN ONLY BE GIVEN ITS TRUE MEANING IF BOTH CHINA AND HONG KONG CO-OPERATE TO UPHOLD IT TOGETHER, AND ANY OVERT MOVE ON OUR PART TO UNDERMINE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WOULD FORCE HER HAND AND GIVE HER NO CHOICE BUT TO INTERFERE IN OUR AFFAIRS.

"BUT APPEASEMENT AT ALL COSTS IS HARDLY THE ANSWER, FOR EVEN IF IT BUYS SHORT-TERM PEACE, IT CAN ONLY MEAN AN EROSION OF THE DEGREE OF FREEDOM WE CURRENTLY ENJOY.

"THE ANSWER LIES IN TACTFUL PRESENTATION AND AFFIRMATION OF PRINCIPLES THROUGH CONVINCING REASONING, WHICH CALL FOR CALM THINKING, COOL COURAGE AND IMMENSE POLITICAL SKILL, QUALITIES WHICH ARE NOT ALWAYS APPARENT IN OUR MORE VOCAL POLITICAL LEADERS," SHE SAID.

MRS CHOW SUGGESTED THAT BY THE END OF THE DAY THE PRESERVATION OF THE TRUE ECONOMIC VALUE OF HONG KONG TO CHINA WOULD DETERMINE THE DEGREE TO WHICH CHINA WAS PREPARED TO LEAVE HONG KONG ALONE, AND NOT HARSH WORDS, MASS RALLIES AND STREET DEMONSTRATIONS.

"TO ACHIEVE THIS, THE SINGLE MOST EFFECTIVE ROUTE IS TO PLACE ABOVE ALL ELSE OUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION IN THE PRODUCTIVE EFFORTS WE HAVE PUT IN ALL THESE YEARS TO STRENGTHEN OUR OWN FOUNDATION.

"IT IS THE BEST LEGACY WE CAN LEAVE TO OUR CHILDREN," SHE SAID.

ON THE NATIONALITY ISSUE, MRS CHOW SAID SHE WAS STILL COMMITTED TO THE CAUSE OF FIGHTING FOR RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF ABODE FOR HONG KONG BRITISH SUBJECTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

/SHE SAID .....

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SHE SAID IT WOULD BE THE MOST URGENT TASK OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO REAFFIRM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO COME UP WITH A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF ACTION NO LATER THAN JANUARY.

IT WOULD THEN BE SEEN INTERNATIONALLY THAT BRITAIN WAS TAKING THE LEAD TO ARREST HONG KONG'S BRAIN DRAIN BY PROVIDING AS MANY KEYS AS POSSIBLE TO THE IMAGINARY PRISON OF THE FUTURE, SHE ADDED.

MRS CHOW SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE A MORE CO-ORDINATED EFFORT TO ASSIST THOSE DETERMINED TO OBTAIN A SECOND PASSPORT AND TO ATTRACT THE RETURN OF THOSE WHO HAD OBTAINED THEIR FOREIGN PASSPORT.

"A PACKAGE OF MEASURES RANGING FROM THE PROVISION OF ENGLISH SPEAKING SCHOOLS TO ASSISTANCE FOR JOB PLACEMENTS SHOULD BE DRAWN UP, BASED ON WELL RESEARCHED AND PROFESSIONALLY SURVEYED INFORMATION BY GOVERNMENT WITH INPUT FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM THOROUGHLY," SHE SAID.

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#### CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICAL SPECIALIST REGISTER

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HONG KONG NEEDS A HIGH STANDARD OF POSTGRADUATE CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS OWN SPECIALIST REGISTER, DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING IN THE POLICY DEBATE, DR IP WELCOMED THE FORMATION OF A HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE THE PLANNING FOR THE ACADEMY AND TO DETERMINE ITS COMPOSITION.

HOWEVER, SHE REGRETTEED THAT THE WORKING PARTY ON POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING, IN THEIR RECOMMENDATION OF WHICH SPECIALTY SHOULD BE AWARDED COLLEGE STATUS, FAILED TO MEET THEIR OWN RATIONAL GUIDELINES.

"CERTAIN SPECIALTIES WERE AWARDED COLLEGE STATUS ALTHOUGH THEY FAILED TO HAVE A WELL ESTABLISHED TRAINING PROGRAMME, AND A MINIMUM OF 50 FULLY QUALIFIED DOCTORS OF SPECIALIST STATUS. WHEREAS, PAEDIATRICS, ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY AND GENERAL PRACTICE WERE EXCLUDED, ALTHOUGH THEY FULFILLED ALL CRITERIA.

"IT IS WITH GREATER REGRET TO LEARN THAT IN SPITE OF STRONG VIEWS RECEIVED ON THE EXCLUSION OF PAEDIATRICS, ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY AND GENERAL PRACTICE, DURING THE CONSULTATIVE EXERCISE, THE WORKING PARTY REFUSED TO CHANGE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS," SHE SAID.

DR IP URGED THE GOVERNOR TO ENSURE THAT THE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WOULD BE BALANCED IN COMPOSITION AND UNBIASED IN ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES IN THE FORMATION OF COLLEGES, TO WHICH IT MUST CONFORM.

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TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF HEALTH, DR IP NOTED THAT THE PHYSICAL RECREATION AND HEALTH REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT HAD ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR A CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING BODY TO LAUNCH PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT TESTS, TO PRESCRIBE PHYSICAL RECREATION FOR ALL AND TO OFFER PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARDS AS AN ONGOING EXERCISE.

"THE PUBLIC MUST BE EDUCATED THAT PHYSICAL RECREATION IS BENEFICIAL TO HEALTH. THEY MUST BE ENCOURAGED TO UNDERGO PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTS SO THAT APPROPRIATE EXERCISES CAN BE RECOMMENDED TO RECTIFY THEIR DEFICIENT AREAS," DR IP SAID.

SHE SAID THAT IT WAS DISAPPOINTING TO LEARN THAT DUE TO FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS THE BUDGET FOR THE MUCH EXPECTED FULL-TIME SPORTS TEACHERS FOR DEVELOPING EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS, AND THE ACTIVITIES, IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAD BEEN SLASHED.

IT WAS ALSO UNLIKELY THAT SPORTS COACHES IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS WOULD BE EMPLOYED AS RECOMMENDED IN THE SPORTS IN EDUCATION REPORT PUBLISHED ALSO BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, SHE ADDED.

ON URBAN RENEWAL, DR IP SAID THAT WITH THE PROSPECT OF TAKING OVER SITES WITHIN DENSELY POPULATED DISTRICTS, IT SEEMED A GOOD IDEA TO REVERT PART OR WHOLE OF THESE SITES FOR PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, AND THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD RECONSIDER ADOPTING THIS AS PART OF ITS LAND POLICY OR MAKE SUCH LAND EXCHANGE FOR THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

SHE ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT TO OPERATE UNDER COMMERCIAL PRINCIPLES, SOME SPACE MUST BE LEFT FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS SO THAT DEVELOPERS WOULD CONTINUE TO SHOW THEIR INTEREST AND COMMIT THEMSELVES TO LDC PROJECTS.

"DECISIONS SHOULD THEREFORE FIRST BE MADE ON HOW MUCH SPACE SHOULD BE ALLOCATED FOR GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY (GIC) FACILITIES WITHIN A DESIGNATED SCHEME. THEN, AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM WITHIN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE SET UP WHEREBY DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS ARE VETTED TO DECIDE WHAT GOES INTO A PARTICULAR SCHEME WITHIN THE SPACE ALLOCATED," SHE SAID.

DR IP NOTED THAT WHEN DEALING WITH DEVELOPERS WHO HAD COMMITTED THEMSELVES FINANCIALLY TO THE LDC, TIME WAS THE ESSENCE AND TIME WAS MONEY, BUT LEGISLATION DICTATED THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THE CORPORATION'S PLAN TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD RESTED NOT WITH THE LDC BUT WITH THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT, AND LANDS.

FURTHERMORE, WHILE THE APPROVAL OF SCHEMES AND THE DECISION WHEN TO RECOMMEND RESUMPTION RESTED RIGHTLY WITH GOVERNMENT, THERE WAS NO TIME LIMIT WHEN SUCH DECISION WERE TO BE MADE, IN THIS CRITICAL AREA.

TO SAVE TIME, ONE SUGGESTION WAS FOR THE LDC TO BE DELEGATED THE POWER TO SUBMIT PROJECTS TO TOWN PLANNING DIRECT, OR FOR AN IN-HOUSE RULE THAT DECISIONS MUST BE MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT WITHIN AN AGREED TIME-FRAME, SHE SAID.

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STABILITY AND PROSPERITY THE PRIME OBJECTIVE

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FOR ALL THOSE WHO LOVE HONG KONG, THE PRESERVATION OF THE TERRITORY'S STABILITY AND THE CONTINUATION OF ITS PROSPERITY MUST BE OUR PRIME OBJECTIVE, THE HON RITA FAN SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SHE SAID IN SPITE OF THE RECENT HAPPENINGS BETWEEN CHINA AND HONG KONG, WITH ALL THE NEGATIVE FEELING AROUND US, IT WOULD BE ALL THE MORE NECESSARY FOR US TO RECOGNISE THAT THE REAL STRENGTH TO BUILD HONG KONG WAS IN HONG KONG ITSELF.

SPEAKING IN THE POLICY DEBATE, MRS FAN SAID HONG KONG COULD RELY ON NEITHER CHINA NOR THE WESTERN WORLD TO BUILD UP ITS OWN CONFIDENCE BUT SHOULD MAP OUT ITS OWN FUTURE PLANS.

"TO BOW TO CHINA AND FOLLOW THEIR EVERY WISH IS UNNECESSARY. TO CHALLENGE CHINA IN AN OPENLY CONFRONTATIONAL POSTURE IS EQUALLY UNNECESSARY.

"TO WIN FAVOUR WITH CHINA, OR TO GAIN A COURAGEOUS PUBLIC IMAGE, IF I MAY SAY SO, MAY NOT BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY.

"WE SHOULD TAKE THE NECESSARY DECISION RESOLUTELY, IMPLEMENT OUR PLANS EFFICIENTLY, HANDLE DISPUTES PRAGMATICALLY, AND EXERCISE SELF-RESTRAINT AND DISCRETION," SHE SAID.

MRS FAN WELCOMED THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS TO IMPROVE EDUCATION IN BOTH QUANTITY AND QUALITY AS ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SKILLED MANPOWER WOULD BE THE ESSENTIAL FOUNDATION FOR HONG KONG'S ROLE AS AN INTERNATIONAL TRADING AND FINANCIAL CENTRE.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE EXPANSION IN DEGREE PLACES HAD SATISFIED SOCIAL NEEDS. BUT BY DOUBLING THE INTAKE, THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS WOULD HAVE TO IMPROVE THEIR TEACHING METHODS TO ENSURE THAT THE GRADUATES WERE TO ACHIEVE THE SAME HIGH STANDARD.

"I BELIEVE UPGC SHOULD CONSIDER PLACING STRONG EMPHASIS ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS, SO THAT ACADEMICS ARE REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR TEACHING ROLE," SHE SAID.

MRS FAN NOTED THAT THE QUALITY OF TEACHING STAFF WOULD ALSO BE IMPORTANT IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS.

SHE SUGGESTED THAT A DETAILED STUDY INTO THE FUTURE OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION WITH A VIEW TO ATTRACTING, TRAINING AND RETAINING GOOD TEACHERS SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY.

AS FOR THE COMMISSIONING OF OVERSEAS EXPERTS TO REVIEW HONG KONG'S EDUCATION SYSTEM, MRS FAN FELT THAT HONG KONG HAD THE EXPERTISE AND COMMITMENT TO FULFIL THE ASSIGNMENT.

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"OUR POPULATION IS SUBJECTED TO DEMANDS WHICH ARE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE LIVING IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

"I FEEL THEREFORE WE SHOULD PUT TO OUR ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND THOSE BODIES EXPERIENCED IN EDUCATION AN AGENDA REFLECTING OUR BASIC PRIORITIES IN TERMS OF BOTH THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF EDUCATION.

"THE ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS FROM OVERSEAS, IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THE PANEL OF VISITORS IN 1982, IS NO LONGER NECESSARY. I BELIEVE WE DO HAVE THE EXPERTISE AND COMMITMENT WITHIN OUR OWN EDUCATION SYSTEM TO ENABLE US TO MOVE CONFIDENTLY INTO THE NEXT CENTURY," SHE SAID.

ON POLITICAL REFORM, MRS FAN SAID THERE WAS WIDESPREAD CONSENSUS FOR THE INCREASE OF DIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN 1991 FROM 10 TO 20.

"IT IS NOW UP TO THE GOVERNMENT TO ACT RESOLUTELY IN THIS DIRECTION AND PROCEED TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS EFFICIENTLY.

"I DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE POSSIBILITY OF WAVES OF CRITICISMS, EVEN A PROPAGANDA WAR, BUT IF THESE DO MATERIALISE, WE JUST HAVE TO WITHSTAND IT IN A FIRM AND DETERMINED MANNER," SHE SAID.

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#### POLICY SPEECH SETS NEW DIRECTION

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THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY ADDRESS HAS NOT ONLY DEMONSTRATED THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO RESTORE THE CONFIDENCE OF HONG KONG PEOPLE BUT HAS ALSO SET A NEW DIRECTION FOR BUILDING A MORE PROSPEROUS HONG KONG, THE HON CHENG HON-KWAN SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR CHENG SAID THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY SENSITIVE, ESPECIALLY UNDER THE PRESENT UNCERTAIN POLITICAL CLIMATE.

"IT IS THEREFORE ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SHOULD STEER TOWARDS THE SAME DIRECTION IF THEY ARE TO MAINTAIN THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF THE TERRITORY NOW AND AFTER 1997," HE SAID.

MR CHENG SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE THE GOVERNMENT'S PROMPT DECISION ON THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

HE SAID THE PROJECT HAD CLEARLY SHOWN THE GOVERNMENT'S UNRESERVED COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG'S FUTURE - A MOVE WHICH WOULD DEFINITELY HELP STRENGTHEN THE CONFIDENCE OF HONG KONG PEOPLE.

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HE NOTED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW AIRPORT AND THE ASSOCIATED EXPANSION OF THE PORT AND TRANSPORT FACILITIES OFFERED AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS DEVELOPERS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THESE LARGE-SCALE AND CHALLENGING PROJECTS.

AS THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME REQUIRED ENORMOUS FINANCIAL COMMITMENT, MR CHENG SUGGESTED THAT THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION LAND FUND SHOULD BE USED TO PARTIALLY FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE.

BESIDES, AS THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AFTER THE CLOSURE OF THE KAI TAK AIRPORT WOULD BENEFIT THE FUTURE SAR GOVERNMENT, HE SAID IT WAS APPROPRIATE FOR THE SAR GOVERNMENT TO SHOULDER PART OF THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF BUILDING THE NEW AIRPORT AND ITS ASSOCIATED FACILITIES.

TO GUARANTEE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF HUMAN RESOURCES, HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD FURTHER RELAX THE IMPORT OF MANPOWER.

AS REGARDS LAND RESOURCES, MR CHENG FULLY SUPPORTED THE CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI RECLAMATION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE MORE LAND FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

HE HOPED THAT THE RECLAMATION WOULD RELIEVE THE MOUNTING PRESSURE IMPOSED BY THE SKYROCKETING RENTALS AND ATTRACT FIRMS TO SET UP OFFICES HERE.

TURNING TO THE PROBLEM OF "BRAIN DRAIN", HE SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSED TO PROVIDE MORE HIGHER EDUCATION PLACES.

HE HOPED THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD CONTRIBUTE IN CONSOLIDATING THE STRENGTH OF HONG KONG TO FACE FUTURE CHALLENGES.

BEING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC'S COUNCIL, MR CHENG WELCOMED IN PARTICULAR THE BREAKTHROUGH IN LIFTING THE EXISTING 40 PER CENT LIMIT ON DEGREE PLACES OFFERED AT THE TWO POLYTECHNICS.

HE HOPED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD OFFER BETTER CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR STAFF IN NON-UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONS IN ORDER TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN QUALIFIED ACADEMIC STAFF.

REGARDING THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW HONG KONG TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, MR CHENG BELIEVED IT WOULD HELP OUR INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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POLICY ADDRESS SHOWS DETERMINATION, FORESIGHT

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THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY ADDRESS HAS DEMONSTRATED TO OVERSEAS COUNTRIES THE DETERMINATION AND FORESIGHT WITH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS GUIDING HONG KONG THROUGH THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AND ENSURING THAT IT WILL REMAIN PROSPEROUS IN THE 21ST CENTURY, THE HON HUI YIN-FAT SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR HUI SAID IN THE POLICY DEBATE HE WAS PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED TO SEE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT ONLY FORWARD-LOOKING BUT HAD AT HEART THE WELFARE OF ITS PEOPLE.

HE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD ASKED FOR A REVIEW OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES WITH A VIEW TO PUBLISHING A WHITE PAPER IN THE SECOND HALF OF NEXT YEAR SETTING OUT PROPOSALS ON THE WAY AHEAD. THE SUBVENTED SECTOR COULD MAKE A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THIS EXERCISE.

AS FAR AS SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE 1990'S WERE CONCERNED, MR HUI SAID THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONTINUE TO BUILD ON THE EXISTING SYSTEM SO THAT OUR POLICY WOULD ACHIEVE THE LONG-TERM GOAL OF UNIVERSAL SERVICES.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL ENSURE ADEQUATE SERVICES FOR EVERYONE IN NEED. ALSO, THE QUALITY OF SERVICE SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PEOPLE'S BASIC RIGHTS, DEVELOPMENT AND DIGNITY," HE NOTED.

MR HUI SAID THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD DEVOTE A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION TO IDENTIFYING THE NEEDS OF SOCIETY AND DRAWING UP PRACTICAL PROPOSALS, INCLUDING THOSE FOR NEW SERVICES.

"THE 1990 WHITE PAPER SHOULD PROVIDE A NEW, REALISTIC BASE FOR SETTING PLANNING STANDARDS AND STAND AND COSTS FOR EACH TYPE OF SOCIAL SERVICE," HE SAID.

"THE COMPONENTS OF THIS BASE SHOULD BE REVIEWED REGULARLY, AT LEAST ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS, TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES WHILE THE STANDARDS FOR EACH SERVICE AREA SHOULD BE ADJUSTED MORE FREQUENTLY, PERHAPS ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS.

"THERE SHOULD ALSO BE SOME FORM OF INCOME PROTECTION AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR OUR RAPIDLY GROWING AGED."

MR HUI CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO PREPARE ITS FIVE-YEAR FORECAST ON SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES SPENDING WITH CARE, ACCURACY AND VISION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN UPWARD ADJUSTMENT OF ITS ALLOCATION FOR SOCIAL SERVICES IN ITS 1990 WHITE PAPER.

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HE SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS GLAD THE GOVERNMENT HAD APPROVED FUNDS TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THE INTAKE OF SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS INTO THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS EACH YEAR FROM THIS YEAR TO 1991, HE FELT IT WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO DEVISE MEASURES TO RETAIN EXISTING RESOURCES BOTH IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND IN THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE AT SOURCE, HE SUGGESTED THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF SOCIAL WORKERS, ESPECIALLY TO BRINGING THE PROMOTION PROSPECTS AND FRINGE BENEFITS OF THE SUBVENTED SECTOR IN LINE WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

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#### PROPOSAL FOR BICAMERAL SYSTEM CRITICISED

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THE ONCE BEAUTIFUL DREAM OF HONG KONG PEOPLE RULING HONG KONG WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY WOULD SOON BECOME A NIGHTMARE OF "HONG KONG PUPPETS RULING HONG KONG WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF CONTROL" IF THE PROPOSED BICAMERAL POLITICAL SYSTEM IS ADOPTED, THE HON MARTIN LEE SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR LEE SAID IN THE POLICY DEBATE THE NOTION OF "ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS" WOULD BECOME "ONE COUNTRY, NO SYSTEM" UNDER THE BICAMERAL SYSTEM.

HE SAID FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY CONSTITUTED THE CORNERSTONE OF THE JOINT DECLARATION. BUT REGRETTABLY SOME PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WERE QUITE PREPARED TO SACRIFICE SOME OF THE FREEDOMS TO PLEASE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

"HENCE THE RECENT SUGGESTION FROM SOME OF OUR OPINION LEADERS THAT THE HONG KONG ALLIANCE IN SUPPORT OF PATRIOTIC DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT OF CHINA BE WOUND UP, THINKING NAIVELY THAT IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, CHINA WOULD GIVE US EVERYTHING ELSE," HE SAID.

HE SAID IT WOULD BE VERY SAD INDEED IF THE HONG KONG ALLIANCE WERE TO BE WOUND UP SIMPLY BECAUSE CHINA WISHED IT -- FOR CHINA ALSO WISHED TO CONTROL THE PRESS AND, INDEED, ALL THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

"WHAT WE MUST DO THEREFORE IS TO STAND UNITED AND MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE IN HONG KONG WILL LOSE ANY OF OUR FREEDOMS, IN THE FIRM BELIEF THAT IF TODAY WE DO NOTHING WHEN ONE FREEDOM IS DENIED TO ANY OF OUR BRETHREN, THEN TOMORROW IT WILL BE DENIED TO ALL OF US," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE MAJOR FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUCCESS OF HONG KONG WERE ITS FREE MARKET ECONOMY, THE RULE OF LAW AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL.

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FURTHER, THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN OUR SUCCESSFUL ECONOMY. FOR SUCCESS IN BUSINESS DEPENDED ON NEW IDEAS. BUT THERE COULD BE NO NEW IDEAS WITHOUT A COMPLETELY FREE ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT COULD FLOURISH.

HE SAID THAT AFTER THE JUNE 4 MASSACRE AND THE SUBSEQUENT CRACKDOWN WHICH WAS CONTINUING UNABATED IN CHINA, CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG WAS AT ITS LOWEST.

THE RESTORATION OF CONFIDENCE MUST THEREFORE BE THE IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE OF THE BRITISH, CHINESE AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS.

MR LEE SAID THERE SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN AN ENCOURAGING CHANGE OF POLICY IN BRITAIN RECENTLY, FOR IT SEEMED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD NO LONGER ALLOW THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO LEAD IT BY THE NOSE OVER HONG KONG.

AND IT HAD SHOWN A READINESS TO MAKE DECISIONS IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, SOMETIMES EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF OFFENDING THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. BUT MUCH STILL REMAINED TO BE DONE BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

AS FOR THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, IT HAD DECIDED TO LAUNCH HONG KONG FORWARD INTO THE 21ST CENTURY IN A VERY BOLD AND AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME DISCLOSED IN THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY SPEECH.

BUT THESE AMBITIOUS PROJECTS WOULD NOT SUCCEED WITHOUT THE FULLEST CO-OPERATION OF CHINA. AND IT WAS PERTINENT TO REFER TO CLAUSE 4 OF THE JOINT DECLARATION WHICH CAST ON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ADMINISTERING HONG KONG UNTIL JUNE 30, 1997 "WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF MAINTAINING AND PRESERVING ITS ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND SOCIAL STABILITY; AND ..... THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL GIVE ITS CO-OPERATION IN THIS CONNECTION."

"BUT WHAT HAS THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT DONE?" HE QUESTIONED.

IT APPEARED THAT CHINA HAD GIVEN UP ALL EFFORTS TO WIN BACK THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND HAD RESORTED INSTEAD TO INTIMIDATION.

HE SAID THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN EXERTING GREAT PRESSURE ON THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO DISSOLVE THE HONG KONG ALLIANCE, THEREBY SEEKING POSITIVELY TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF HONG KONG, AND IN CLEAR BREACH OF CLAUSE 4 OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAD ALSO ACCUSED THE HONG KONG ALLIANCE AND ITS LEADERS OF HAVING ADOPTED AN "ANTAGONISTIC STAND AGAINST THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT".

BUT WHAT THE HONG KONG ALLIANCE HAD DONE SO FAR WAS TO EXERCISE THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, WHICH WAS A RIGHT PROVIDED FOR IN THE CHINESE CONSTITUTION, HE SAID.

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HE ADDED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE YANG YANG INCIDENT, HONG KONG PEOPLE WERE WORRIED THAT AFTER 1997, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT MIGHT UNILATERALLY INTERPRET A PROVISION IN THE BASIC LAW AND ACCUSE THE SAR GOVERNMENT OF HAVING CONTRAVENED IT, AND USE THAT AS JUSTIFICATION FOR ITS OWN BREACHES OF THE BASIC LAW.

ONE LESSON HONG KONG HAD LEARNT WAS THAT CHINA WOULD MAKE, KEEP OR BREAK AN AGREEMENT AS IT PLEASED.

TURNING TO THE BASIC LAW, MR LEE SAID THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WOULD NOT LIKE THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY TO BE STATIONED IN THE HONG KONG SAR AFTER SEEING ON TELEVISION WHAT THOSE TROOPS HAD DONE TO THEIR OWN PEOPLE.

THEY WOULD LIKE THEIR CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO BE GIVEN THE EXCLUSIVE POWER OF DECIDING WHETHER TO DECLARE THE SAR TO BE IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY; AND THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THE POWER OF INTERPRETING THE BASIC LAW TO BE DELEGATED TO AND BE EXCLUSIVELY EXERCISED BY THE COURTS OF THE SAR, SO THAT THESE VERY IMPORTANT POWERS WOULD NOT BE EXERCISED IN PEKING.

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POLICY SPEECH OFFERS VISION FOR FUTURE

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THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY ADDRESS HAS OFFERED HONG KONG A VISION WITH WHICH THE TERRITORY CAN IDENTIFY -- A VISION WHICH IS BOTH THOUGHTFUL AND COURAGEOUS, THE HON DAVID LI SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE POLICY SPEECH ALSO OFFERED FOCUS AND HOPE, MR LI SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DURING THE POLICY DEBATE.

HE SAID THE FINANCIAL COMMUNITY WELCOMED THE GOVERNOR'S SENSE OF VISION, ADDING THAT CERTAINLY THERE WOULD BE OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME.

FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WAS THE DANGER OF INFLATION. BUT THIS COULD BE GUARDED AGAINST BY PHASING IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OVER TIME AND BY CLOSE FINANCIAL CONTROL.

HE SAID THERE WAS ALSO CONCERN ABOUT THE OVERALL COST OF THE PROGRAMME. "HERE, PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IS VITAL," HE NOTED.

"THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROJECTS. BIDDING MUST BE OPEN TO ALL. THIS WILL REINFORCE HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A FREE MARKET AND AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CENTRE," HE SAID.

THIS WOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT THE PROJECTS WERE HANDLED BY THE BEST CONTRACTORS, DEVELOPERS AND OPERATORS, HE ADDED.

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MR LI SAID EMIGRATION WAS DRAINING AWAY VALUABLE HUMAN RESOURCES. BUT ALSO SIGNIFICANT WAS HONG KONG'S OTHER "BRAIN DRAIN" -- THE LOSS OF TALENT CAUSED BY AN OUTDATED, UNDER-FINANCED EDUCATION SYSTEM.

HE SAID IT WAS REFRESHING TO SEE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS FINALLY TAKING STEPS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT SIMPLY RAMMING MORE BODIES THROUGH THE SYSTEM WAS NOT THE ANSWER.

"THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE SYSTEM ITSELF. WE NEED A SYSTEM WHICH TEACHES STUDENTS TO THINK FROM PRIMARY ONE ONWARDS -- A SYSTEM WHICH CREATES INDIVIDUALS, NOT ROBOTS," HE SAID.

MR LI BELIEVED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SET OUT IN THE POLICY SPEECH WAS A CREDIT TO THE CENTRAL POLICY UNIT.

THE PROGRAMME'S COMPLEXITY AND SCALE WOULD POSE A CHALLENGE TO THE HONG KONG ECONOMY. THEREFORE, HE SAID, IT MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL TO SET UP SPECIALIST CENTRAL POLICY SUB-UNITS TO ADVISE ON KEY ISSUES, PARTICULARLY CAPITAL PROJECT CO-ORDINATION, FISCAL AND FINANCIAL POLICY, AND EDUCATION.

"THE FUTURE IS OURS FOR THE MAKING. WE SHARE THE VISION OF A STRONGER, MORE PROSPEROUS HONG KONG. TOGETHER LET US MAKE THAT VISION A REALITY," HE CONCLUDED.

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CALL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

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THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER REPLACING THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL, PROFESSOR THE HON C.K. POON SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE SAID THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL WOULD BE TO FORMULATE OVERALL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, TO ADMINISTER PROGRAMMES AND TO OVERSEE THE ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN RESEARCH GRANTS.

BUT IT SHOULD NOT ENCROACH ON THE FIELDS WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN COVERED BY THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AND THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNICS GRANTS COMMITTEE.

SPEAKING IN THE POLICY DEBATE, PROF POON CRITICISED THE GOVERNMENT FOR NOT PAYING MUCH ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG-TERM STRATEGY ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND SAID ITS IMPORTANCE HAD ALWAYS BEEN NEGLECTED.

"PROMOTING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS NO LONGER A MERE LUXURY WHICH HONG KONG CAN DO WITHOUT. I STRONGLY FEEL THAT IT IS OUR LIFELINE FOR THE FUTURE," HE SAID.

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PROF POON SUGGESTED THAT A TWO-PRONGED APPROACH SHOULD BE ADOPTED TO OBTAIN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FROM ABROAD, AND ADAPT AND DEVELOP THAT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH HONG KONG NEEDED MOST.

HE SAID SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REPRESENTED A LONG-RANGE ENDEAVOUR AND THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE A FAR-SIGHTED APPROACH IN PROMOTING THEM IN ORDER TO KEEP LOCAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PACE WITH OTHER ASIAN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

HE NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, OF WHICH HE WAS CHAIRMAN, HAD IDENTIFIED POSSIBLE TECHNOLOGY DIRECTIONS OF IMMEDIATE RELEVANCE OR POTENTIAL LONG-TERM BENEFIT TO HONG KONG.

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WHEN AVAILABLE AND ACT UPON THEM WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY, HE SAID.

PROF POON POINTED OUT THAT ANOTHER AREA OF PRIME IMPORTANCE FOR HONG KONG WAS MANPOWER TRAINING.

HE WELCOMED THE PLANNED INCREASE OF FIRST-YEAR, FIRST-DEGREE PLACES TO OVER 18 PER CENT OF THE RELEVANT AGE GROUP BY 1995, BUT HE STRESSED THAT THE QUALITY OF GRADUATES WAS ALSO IMPORTANT.

HE ADDED THAT HIGH QUALITY ACADEMIC STAFF WOULD BE NEEDED TO PRODUCE QUALITY GRADUATES, AND THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD LOOK FOR WAYS TO HELP IN RECRUITING AND KEEPING QUALITY STAFF.

HE CRITICISED THE GOVERNMENT FOR NOT PROVIDING ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR RESEARCH AS THIS LED TO A WASTE OF "BRAIN POWER" RESOURCES AMONG ACADEMIC STAFF.

HE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALLOCATED \$120 MILLION TO THE FIVE SUBVENTED TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS FOR RESEARCH IN THE 1988-91 TRIENNIUM, REPRESENTING A MERE \$8 MILLION PER INSTITUTION PER ANNUM.

"IT IS IRONICAL THAT ACADEMIC STAFF ARE RECRUITED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR PROVEN RESEARCH RECORDS AND POTENTIAL, AND YET THEY ARE NOT PROVIDED WITH ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO ENABLE THEM TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR RESEARCH WORK," HE SAID.

PROF POON SAID IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WOULD LIE PARTIALLY IN THE STRENGTHENING OF ITS ECONOMIC LINKS WITH CHINA AND THE ASSISTANCE IT COULD OFFER TOWARDS CHINA'S MODERNISATION PROGRAMMES.

IT WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT HONG KONG SHOULD REMAIN A COMPETITIVE LINK IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION WHICH CONTAINED THE FASTEST GROWING ECONOMIES IN THE WORLD.

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"AKIN TO THE ROLE OF A BROKER AND FACILITATOR, HONG KONG IS IN A STRATEGICAL POSITION TO PROVIDE TERTIARY SERVICES TO CHINA AND COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

"TERTIARY SERVICES INCLUDE FINANCING, COMMUNICATIONS, MARKETING, MANAGEMENT, PROJECT EVALUATION, AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING. ALL THESE TERTIARY SERVICES INVOLVE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DIFFERENT DEGREES OF SOPHISTICATION. SO WE NEED TO HAVE TECHNOLOGY," HE SAID.

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EXPANSION IN TERTIARY EDUCATION MOST STRIKING

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THE MOST STRIKING POLICY INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS IS THE RAPID EXPANSION OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, THE HON TAI CHIN-WAH SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING IN THE POLICY DEBATE, MR TAI SAID THAT THE GRADUATES WOULD BE ASSETS FOR A PROGRESSING HONG KONG, AND THE EXPANSION WOULD PROVIDE EXTRA MANPOWER AND EXPERTISE TO ENABLE THE TERRITORY TO COMPETE SUCCESSFULLY WITH OTHER TECHNOLOGICALLY-ADVANCED COUNTRIES.

COMMENTING THAT A NUMBER OF EMOTIONAL ISSUES HAD BEEN RAISED DURING THE PAST MONTHS, SUCH AS THE STATIONING OF PLA TROOPS IN HONG KONG AND THE IMMEDIATE INTRODUCTION OF MORE DEMOCRACY IN CHINA, MR TAI SAID THAT HONG KONG SHOULD AVOID SUCH ISSUES AND CONCENTRATE ON THE MORE IMPORTANT ONES SUCH AS GETTING THE BASIC LAW RIGHT.

HE SAID THAT GIVEN HONG KONG'S UNIQUE GEOGRAPHIC, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION, ADOPTING A CONFRONTATIONAL STAND TOWARDS PEKING WAS COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AND NOT IN OUR BEST OR LONG-TERM INTEREST.

HE SAID HONG KONG PEOPLE SHOULD RECOGNISE THAT THEY HAD A SIGNIFICANT PART TO PLAY IN ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF THE ONE-COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS BLUEPRINT.

HE SAID PEOPLE NEEDED TO DEMONSTRATE THE CONFIDENCE THAT THEY COULD MAKE IT A SUCCESS BEFORE THEY COULD EXPECT THE WORLD AT LARGE TO SHOW CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE SUCCESS AND VIABILITY OF HONG KONG.

MR TAI ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO CONCENTRATE THEIR THOUGHTS AND EFFORTS TOWARDS HAVING A REALISTIC, PRACTICAL AND DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE FOR LOCAL PEOPLE TO GOVERN THEMSELVES AFTER 1997.

TURNING TO MEDICAL SERVICES, MR TAI SAID THAT NO DOUBT COST EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY WERE VERY MUCH IN THE MIND OF THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY IN PROMOTING ITS POLICY, BUT THE STAFF MORALE WAS NOW VERY LOW BECAUSE OF A LACK OF CAREER PROSPECTS AND A POOR SALARY SCALE.

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HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A DEDICATED MEDICAL WORK FORCE IF WE WERE TO ACHIEVE A HIGH QUALITY OF SERVICE AND HEALTH-CARE DEVELOPMENT.

"IF WE WANT TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT TO THE QUALITY OF OUR MEDICAL SERVICES, WE CANNOT AFFORD TO HAVE AN OPEN-FOR-ALL HEALTH CARE PROVISION, EVEN WITH A SUBSIDISED MEDICAL SERVICE.

"THE POLICY BRANCH SHOULD EXAMINE THE PROS AND CONS OF A NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME," HE SAID.

REGARDING THE PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES AT PRESENT BURDENED BY A SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER AND LOW MORALE, MR TAI SAID THE PRESENT SALARY SCALE AND PROMOTION PROSPECTS SHOULD BE REVIEWED.

HE ALSO SAID THAT DUE TO THE CHANGING OF THE FAMILY STRUCTURE, THE WELFARE PROGRAMME SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO OTHER WAYS IN WHICH FAMILY FUNCTIONS COULD BE STRENGTHENED, SUCH AS MORE DAY-CARE PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN AS WELL AS SERVICES AIMED AT HELPING FAMILIES WITH PROBLEMS, SUCH AS FAMILY COURTS AND FAMILY DROP-IN CENTRES.

NOTING THAT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IN THE NEW TOWNS WAS AN INCREASING PROBLEM, MR TAI SAID THAT THERE WAS AN URGENT NEED TO STRENGTHEN COUNSELLING SERVICES.

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BRAIN DRAIN AND EMIGRATION PROBLEMS DISTURBING  
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THE ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE WHO ARE EMIGRATING OR ARE EXPECTED TO EMIGRATE ARE TOO HIGH FOR THE WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG, AND THE "BRAIN DRAIN" ARISING FROM EMIGRATION IS EVEN MORE DISTURBING, THE HON ROSANNA TAM SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MRS TAM SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DURING THE POLICY DEBATE THAT HONG KONG'S FUTURE DEPENDED ON WHETHER THE PEOPLE WOULD STAY TO PLAY A PART IN IT.

"AND THIS IS WHY WE MUST PROVIDE THEM NOT ONLY WITH INCENTIVES BUT WITH THE CONFIDENCE TO STAY," SHE SAID.

SHE NOTED THAT ONE WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS WAS BY RESTORING FULL BRITISH CITIZENSHIP TO HONG KONG BRITISH SUBJECTS SO THAT THEY COULD REMAIN RESIDENT IN HONG KONG WITHOUT FEAR FOR THEIR WELFARE AFTER 1997.

SHE SAID THE JOINT DECLARATION HAD STATED THAT DURING THE CURRENT PERIOD OF TRANSITION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG WITH THE OBJECT OF MAINTAINING AND PRESERVING ITS ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND SOCIAL STABILITY.

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"STEMMING THE OUTFLOW OF HUMAN RESOURCES FROM THE TERRITORY BY THE BESTOWAL OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP IS, WE BELIEVE, THE MOST PRACTICABLE AND SATISFACTORY WAY OF ACHIEVING THAT OBJECT. ANYTHING LESS -- AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IS FALLING DOWN ON THE JOB," SHE SAID.

MRS TAM EMPHASISED THAT ANY SELECTION AT ALL OF CATEGORIES OR INDIVIDUALS FOR GRANTING THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN BRITAIN WOULD BE DIVISIVE.

"THE MOST GENEROUS POSSIBLE SCHEME IS ONE WHICH GIVES THE RIGHT OF ABODE TO ALL HONG KONG BRITISH SUBJECTS, AND THAT IS THE SCHEME TO WHICH I AM FIRMLY COMMITTED," SHE SAID.

TURNING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO SET UP A COMMISSION ON YOUTH, MRS TAM SAID THE MOVE CLEARLY AFFIRMED THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

SHE SUGGESTED THAT ONE ASPECT WHICH MUST RECEIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WAS CIVIC AND POLITICAL EDUCATION.

"MUCH NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ENHANCE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL AWARENESS AND INCREASE THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AMONG THE POPULATION; AND IT IS TO THE YOUTH OF TODAY THAT WE SHALL INCREASINGLY TURN TO SUPPLY THE CALIBRE OF LEADERSHIP AND POLITICAL UNDERSTANDING THAT WILL BE REQUIRED."

TO ACHIEVE THIS, MRS TAM SUGGESTED THAT THE LEGAL VOTING AGE SHOULD BE LOWERED AND THE FRANCHISE EXTENDED TO ALL THOSE WHO HAD REACHED THE AGE OF 18.

SHE ALSO WANTED TO SEE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE HOLDING OFFICE IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ENABLE THE YOUTH OF HONG KONG TO BROADEN THEIR OUTLOOK THROUGH EXPOSURE TO INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

SHE SAID THE TIME HAD COME FOR IMPLEMENTING NOT ONLY THE NEW POLICY FOR YOUTH, BUT ALSO FOR REVIEWING HONG KONG'S SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN THEIR ENTIRETY. THE FORMULATION OF A SOCIAL WELFARE STRATEGY FOR THE 1990'S WAS URGENTLY NEEDED.

"WE NEED A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE TRENDS IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OUR PRESENT SERVICES ARE RELEVANT TO TODAY'S CONDITIONS AND WE MAY WELL NEED TO REDESIGN SERVICES AND CONSTANTLY RE-EVALUATE THEM SO AS TO ACCOMMODATE FUTURE SOCIAL CHANGE," SHE SUGGESTED.

CALL TO REVIEW SIXTH FORM EDUCATION

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DR THE HON DANIEL TSE SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THERE MIGHT BE A NEED TO REVIEW THE CONTENT AND THE MODE OF DELIVERY OF SIXTH FORM EDUCATION FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO EXPAND TERTIARY EDUCATION.

SPEAKING IN THE POLICY DEBATE, DR TSE SAID IN A FEW YEARS TIME THE MAJORITY OF A-LEVEL STUDENTS WOULD ENTER TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS FOR DEGREE COURSES, WHICH WOULD BE A REVERSED SITUATION FROM THAT AT THE TIME OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION NO. 2 REPORT.

"IN THE LIGHT OF THIS DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT, WOULD IT NOT BE PRUDENT TO RE-EXAMINE THE OBJECTIVE AND THE MODE OF DELIVERY OF SIXTH FORM EDUCATION TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE STUDENTS ARE PROPERLY PREPARED TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, WHILE THE OTHERS WOULD STILL GET THE BENEFIT OF PREPARATION FOR LIFE AND WORK?" HE SAID.

DR TSE SAID THE PLAN TO EXPAND TERTIARY EDUCATION TO ALLOW 18 PER CENT OF THE RELEVANT AGE GROUP TO GET TERTIARY EDUCATION SHOWED THAT THE ASPIRATION OF THE COMMUNITY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION WAS GIVEN DUE RESPECT.

AND THE NEED FOR MORE DEGREE EDUCATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMY WAS GIVEN PROPER RECOGNITION, HE ADDED.

DR TSE SAID THE EXPANSION PLAN WOULD MEAN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS HAD TO RECRUIT SOME 2,700 SCHOLARS FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARABLE NUMBER OF OTHER STAFF.

THE RECRUITMENT OF TEACHING AND OTHER STAFF WOULD BE A CHALLENGE, BUT A WELCOME ONE, TO ALL THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, HE SAID.

DR TSE SAID THE PROPOSED EXPANSION WOULD, EVENTUALLY, LEAD TO THE POSSIBLE LIBERALISATION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION.

"THE UNREASONABLE PRESSURE WILL BE GONE, SCHOOLS WILL BE FREE TO CLAIM THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE AS EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS WHERE THE MIND AND THE CHARACTER OF THE YOUNG ARE DEVELOPED THROUGH PROPER LEARNING PROCESSES.

"I WOULD LIKE TO APPEAL TO THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS TO TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT THE NEW HORIZON IN HONG KONG'S TERTIARY EDUCATION, SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE HEALTH OF THE SCHOOLS AND THE WELL-BEING OF THE STUDENTS.

"IN THIS REGARD, I DO HOPE THAT THE DIRECT SUBSIDY SCHEME WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED WILL ALLOW SOME INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS TO REALLY EXPERIMENT AND EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY AND LIBERALISING EDUCATION TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE," HE SAID.

ON PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION, DR TSE SAID THAT ALMOST ALL CHILDREN IN HONG KONG WOULD GO THROUGH KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION AND THERE WAS A NEED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN.

22 MEMBERS SPEAK IN POLICY DEBATE

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TWENTY-TWO MEMBERS SPOKE IN THE FIRST DAY OF DEBATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) ON THE GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL POLICY ADDRESS.

THE SITTING BEGAN AT 2.30 PM AND ENDED AT 8.10 PM.

A FURTHER 23 MEMBERS ARE LISTED TO SPEAK WHEN THE DEBATE RESUMES TOMORROW.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE COUNCIL, THAT THE GOVERNOR BE THANKED FOR HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS, WAS MOVED BY THE SENIOR MEMBER, THE HON ALLEN LEE.

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THIRD REPORT ON HONG KONG SUBMITTED TO UN

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HONG KONG'S THIRD REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE WAS TABLED AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

"THE UNITED KINGDOM SUBMITTED THE REPORT ON HONG KONG, TOGETHER WITH REPORTS ON THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER DEPENDENT TERRITORIES, TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS LAST WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 25)," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ENGLISH AND CHINESE COPIES OF THE REPORT HAVE BEEN PLACED AT ALL PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COPIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE MARKETING OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, CENTRAL, HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"THE REPORTS WILL BE STUDIED BY THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE WHICH WILL THEN SET A DATE TO MEET A DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND DEPENDENT TERRITORIES TO DISCUSS THE REPORTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE REPORT ON HONG KONG COVERS THE MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE RIGHTS RECOGNISED IN THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND ON THE PROGRESS MADE SINCE THE SUBMISSION OF THE LAST REPORT.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE GOVERNOR, IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF 1989-90 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH, SAID THAT A BILL OF RIGHTS WOULD BE ENACTED TO GIVE EFFECT IN LOCAL LAW TO THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN IS TO PUBLISH A DRAFT BILL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION BY JULY 1990," HE ADDED.

THE UNITED KINGDOM LAST SUBMITTED ITS REPORTS ON THE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES INCLUDING HONG KONG IN AUGUST LAST YEAR. THEY WERE DISCUSSED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE LAST NOVEMBER.

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## MONETARY STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER PUBLISHED

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ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH, BOTH HONG KONG DOLLAR AND FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS INCREASED IN SEPTEMBER COMPARED WITH AUGUST.

IN LINE WITH THE RISE IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS REGISTERED INCREASES DURING SEPTEMBER.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS INCREASED IN SEPTEMBER COMPARED WITH AUGUST. MOST MAJOR CATEGORIES OF LOANS, EXCEPT LOANS FOR TRADE FINANCING, RECORDED INCREASES DURING SEPTEMBER.

AN ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR INDICATES THAT LOANS TO WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE AND INDIVIDUALS FOR OTHER PURPOSES SHOWED NEGATIVE GROWTH IN THE THIRD QUARTER WHILE GROWTH IN LOANS TO FINANCE MANUFACTURING SLOWED DOWN IN THE THIRD QUARTER AS COMPARED TO THE SECOND QUARTER.

TABLE 1 SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1989 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS. TABLE 2 PRESENTS FIGURES FROM THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG.

## DEPOSITS

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HONGKONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS INCREASED BY 2.1 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 0.3 PER CENT IN JULY AND A DECLINE OF 0.4 PER CENT IN AUGUST.

OF THESE DEPOSITS, DEMAND AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS ROSE BY 10.8 PER CENT AND 2.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHILE TIME DEPOSITS DROPPED BY 0.1 PER CENT. DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1989, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 17.8 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS ROSE BY 0.8 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 2.2 PER CENT IN JULY AND AN INCREASE OF 1.1 PER CENT IN AUGUST.

AMONG THESE DEPOSITS, U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS DECLINED BY 0.6 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER WHILE NON-U.S. DOLLAR GREW BY 2.4 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 22.7 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS GREW BY 4.1 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, AFTER INCREASES OF 3.5 PER CENT AND 0.6 PER CENT IN JULY AND AUGUST RESPECTIVELY. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 2.4 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER AND BY 22.1 PER CENT COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, ADJUSTED TO EXCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS, INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER AND BY 19.5 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

DEPOSITS OF ALL CURRENCIES WITH BANKS ROSE BY 1.3 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 1.7 PER CENT. OVER THE 12 MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1989, THE FORMER ROSE BY 22.1 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER GREW BY 4.8 PER CENT.

#### MONEY SUPPLY

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HK\$M1, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 GREW BY 7.4 PER CENT, 2.4 PER CENT AND 2.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SEPTEMBER. THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN AUGUST WERE 0.8 PER CENT, 0.1 PER CENT AND -0.3 PER CENT. DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1989, HK\$M1, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 ROSE BY 13.8 PER CENT, 19.2 PER CENT AND 17.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF SWAP DEPOSITS, HK\$M2 GREW BY 2.6 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER AND BY 23.3 PER CENT COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER. HK\$M3 INCREASED BY 2.3 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER AND BY 21.3 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

TOTAL M1, M2 AND M3 GREW BY 7.0 PER CENT, 1.3 PER CENT AND 1.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SEPTEMBER. THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN AUGUST WERE 0.3 PER CENT, 0.7 PER CENT AND 0.5 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1, M2 AND M3 GREW BY 11.8 PER CENT, 21.8 PER CENT AND 20.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

#### LOANS AND ADVANCES

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TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS GREW BY 11.3 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING A DECREASE OF 0.4 PER CENT IN JULY AND AN INCREASE OF 2.5 PER CENT IN AUGUST. OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS, THOSE DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 1.4 PER CENT WHILE THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES INCREASED BY 19.5 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG FELL BY 4.1 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING A FALL OF 0.2 PER CENT IN JULY AND AN INCREASE OF 2.5 PER CENT IN AUGUST. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 21.5 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW BY 1.2 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER COMPARED WITH INCREASES OF 1.9 PER CENT AND 1.8 PER CENT IN JULY AND AUGUST RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 34.3 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG GREW BY 30.2 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, AFTER A FALL OF 5.4 PER CENT IN JULY AND AN INCREASE OF 4.0 PER CENT IN AUGUST. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 42.4 PER CENT.

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LOANS TO FINANCE MERCHANDISING TRADE NOT TOUCHING HONG KONG INCREASED BY 11.4 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 3.1 PER CENT IN JULY AND A FALL OF 5.8 PER CENT IN AUGUST. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 49.2 PER CENT.

IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989, LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ROSE BY 0.7 PER CENT AFTER AN 8.6 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 27.6 PER CENT.

LOANS TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE DECREASED BY 4.8 PER CENT FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 0.7 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 21.6 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCIAL CONCERNS (OTHER THAN BANKS AND DTC'S) ROSE BY 10.8 PER CENT THIS QUARTER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 6.1 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 61.6 PER CENT.

LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (OTHER THAN FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME) GREW BY 5.0 PER CENT THIS QUARTER, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 4.0 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 25.4 PER CENT.

LOANS TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR INCREASED BY 5.7 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989, FOLLOWING A GROWTH OF 8.6 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS INCREASED BY 116.5 PER CENT

#### NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

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THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS INCREASED BY FOUR TO 166. THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 35 AND 208 RESPECTIVELY.

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TABLE 1 : MONETARY STATISTICS - SEPTEMBER 1989

	Sep 1989	Earlier months (% change to September 1989)		
		Aug 1989	Jun 1989	Sep 1988
(HK\$mm)				
<u>Money Supply</u>				
M1 - HK\$	85,383	79,478 ( 7.4 %)	78,459 ( 8.8 %)	75,009 ( 13.8 %)
Foreign currency	8,989	8,695 ( 3.4 %)	9,365 ( -4.0 %)	9,409 ( -4.5 %)
Total	94,372	88,172 ( 7.0 %)	87,823 ( 7.5 %)	84,418 ( 11.8 %)
M2 - HK\$	387,027	377,983 ( 2.4 %)	375,639 ( 3.0 %)	324,671 ( 19.2 %)
Foreign currency	536,745	534,011 ( 0.5 %)	516,186 ( 4.0 %)	433,681 ( 23.8 %)
Total	923,772	911,994 ( 1.3 %)	891,825 ( 3.6 %)	758,352 ( 21.8 %)
M3 - HK\$	419,243	410,901 ( 2.0 %)	411,364 ( 1.9 %)	357,261 ( 17.3 %)
Foreign currency	572,346	567,824 ( 0.8 %)	550,262 ( 4.0 %)	465,925 ( 22.8 %)
Total	991,588	978,724 ( 1.3 %)	961,626 ( 3.1 %)	823,186 ( 20.5 %)
Notes and coins in circulation	36,668	36,192 ( 1.3 %)	36,727 ( -0.2 %)	31,549 ( 16.2 %)
of which held by public	32,271	31,563 ( 2.2 %)	31,721 ( 1.7 %)	27,563 ( 17.1 %)
<u>Total Deposits</u>				
Total Demand deposits	62,101	56,610 ( 9.7 %)	56,102 ( 10.7 %)	56,855 ( 9.2 %)
Total Savings deposits	175,364	173,163 ( 1.3 %)	172,232 ( 1.8 %)	162,590 ( 7.9 %)
Total Time deposits with banks	637,212	633,727 ( 0.5 %)	614,635 ( 3.7 %)	496,856 ( 28.2 %)
Total Time deposits with dtcs	65,770	64,694 ( 1.7 %)	67,744 ( -2.9 %)	62,781 ( 4.8 %)
HK\$ deposits	374,378	366,626 ( 2.1 %)	366,942 ( 2.0 %)	317,813 ( 17.8 %)
US\$ deposits	300,585	302,263 ( -0.6 %)	297,824 ( 0.9 %)	248,013 ( 21.2 %)
Other foreign currency deposits	265,483	259,305 ( 2.4 %)	245,946 ( 7.9 %)	213,256 ( 24.5 %)
All deposits	940,446	928,194 ( 1.3 %)	910,713 ( 3.3 %)	779,082 ( 20.7 %)
Foreign currency swap deposits	61,982	59,561 ( 4.1 %)	57,200 ( 8.4 %)	39,527 ( 56.8 %)
<u>Total Loans and advances</u>				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	64,423	67,201 ( -4.1 %)	65,687 ( -1.9 %)	53,010 ( 21.5 %)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	10,023	8,998 ( 11.4 %)	9,262 ( 8.2 %)	6,719 ( 49.2 %)
Other loans for use in H.K.	561,481	554,892 ( 1.2 %)	535,224 ( 4.9 %)	418,022 ( 34.3 %)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	503,896	386,980 ( 30.2 %)	393,037 ( 28.2 %)	353,784 ( 42.4 %)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	90,043	87,277 ( 3.2 %)	79,789 ( 12.9 %)	64,430 ( 39.8 %)
Loans in HK\$	507,120	500,363 ( 1.4 %)	485,485 ( 4.5 %)	372,506 ( 36.1 %)
Loans in foreign currencies	722,744	604,986 ( 19.5 %)	597,514 ( 21.0 %)	523,460 ( 38.1 %)
Total loans and advances	1,229,865	1,105,349 ( 11.3 %)	1,082,999 ( 13.6 %)	895,966 ( 37.3 %)

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TABLE 2 : QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR - SEPTEMBER 1989

(HK\$mn)

	Sep 1989	Earlier quarters (% change to September 1989)		
		Jun 1989	Mar 1989	Sep 1988
Manufacturing	47,618	47,291 ( 0.7 %)	43,529 ( 9.4 %)	37,324 ( 27.6 %)
Transport and transport equipment	33,435	27,043 ( 23.6 %)	26,608 ( 25.7 %)	23,140 ( 44.5 %)
Building, construction, property development and investment	96,772	91,518 ( 5.7 %)	84,243 ( 14.9 %)	44,697 (116.5 %)
Wholesale and retail trade	62,729	65,874 ( -4.8 %)	65,390 ( -4.1 %)	51,579 ( 21.6 %)
Financial concerns *	74,919	67,625 ( 10.8 %)	63,740 ( 17.5 %)	46,370 ( 61.6 %)
Individuals:				
to purchase flats in the Home Ownership Scheme and Private Sector Participation Scheme	9,880	9,209 ( 7.3 %)	8,887 ( 11.2 %)	8,147 ( 21.3 %)
to purchase other residential property	89,957	85,635 ( 5.0 %)	82,327 ( 9.3 %)	71,710 ( 25.4 %)
other purposes	52,756	53,420 ( -1.2 %)	50,920 ( 3.6 %)	52,100 ( 1.3 %)
Others	93,414	87,608 ( 6.6 %)	83,103 ( 12.4 %)	82,955 ( 12.6 %)
Total	561,481	535,224 ( 4.9 %)	508,748 ( 10.4 %)	418,022 ( 34.3 %)

# Starting from December 1988, more detailed statistics on loans to the transport sector, to building, construction, property development and investment and to financial concerns are available. They will be published in the Monthly Digest of Statistics from the January 1989 issue onwards.

+ In December 1988, the return for reporting loans for use by sector was revised. As a result of this, some authorized institutions have now more properly classified their loans according to intended usage rather than the business of the loan recipients. This reclassification is an important reason accounting for the significant increase in loans to certain sectors, for example, the building, construction and property development sector and financial concerns.

\* This excludes funds advanced to banks and deposit-taking companies

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1989

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1989 PILOT CENSUS TO START ON FRIDAY

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THE PUBLIC WAS REMINDED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT A PILOT CENSUS INVOLVING SOME 40,000 HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE NEXT 10 DAYS STARTING FRIDAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT CENSUS WAS TO TEST THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF A FULL POPULATION CENSUS OPERATION TO BE CONDUCTED IN MARCH 1991.

DURING THE 10-DAY PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 3 TO 12, CENSUS OFFICERS WILL VISIT 40,000 RANDOMLY SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS TO OBTAIN BASIC INFORMATION SUCH AS AGE, SEX AND RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD.

AMONG THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS, ONE-SEVENTH WILL IN ADDITION BE ASKED MORE DETAILED QUESTIONS SUCH AS HOUSING AND RENT, AND QUESTIONS CONCERNING THEIR MEMBERS, SUCH AS MARITAL STATUS, EDUCATION ATTAINMENT, PLACE OF BIRTH, NATIONALITY, DURATION OF RESIDENCE, LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS AND INCOME.

THE 40,000 HOUSEHOLDS WERE SELECTED FROM NINE DISTRICTS, NAMELY: EASTERN, MONG KOK, YAU TSIM, KOWLOON CITY, WONG TAI SIN, TSUEN WAN, ISLANDS, KWUN TONG, AND TAI PO. DIFFERENT DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO ENABLE OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS OF DIFFERENT NATURE TO BE STUDIED IN THE PILOT CENSUS.

A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN POSTED TO SIX-SEVENTHS OF THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS FOR THEM TO FILL IN THEMSELVES AND THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE CENSUS OFFICERS.

HOUSEHOLDS SELECTED FOR THE DETAILED ENUMERATION, HOWEVER, WILL NOT RECEIVE A QUESTIONNAIRE IN ADVANCE. IT WILL BE FILLED IN BY THE CENSUS OFFICERS DURING THEIR VISIT TO THE HOUSEHOLDS.

THE LEGAL BASIS FOR CONDUCTING THE PILOT CENSUS IS THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE 1978. A CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER FOR THE OPERATION WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL. UNDER THE ORDINANCE, IT IS A LEGAL OBLIGATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ANSWER THE CENSUS QUESTIONS CORRECTLY AND ACCURATELY TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE.

THE SPOKESMAN ASSURED THE PUBLIC THAT ALL PERSONAL INFORMATION COLLECTED IN THE PILOT CENSUS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OR PRIVATE ORGANISATION.

QUESTIONNAIRES CONTAINING PERSONAL PARTICULARS FROM THE PILOT CENSUS WILL BE DESTROYED BEFORE NOVEMBER NEXT YEAR.

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"LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS FOR THE PILOT CENSUS, INFORMING THEM OF THE NAMES (AND HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS) OF THE CENSUS OFFICERS WHO WILL VISIT THEM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"CENSUS OFFICERS WILL IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH A CENSUS OFFICER CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY.

"HOUSEHOLDERS SHOULD CHECK THEIR IDENTITY AGAINST THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE LETTER BEFORE ADMITTING THEM INTO THEIR HOME," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE PUBLIC TO CO-OPERATE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT CENSUS BY PROVIDING FULL AND ACCURATE INFORMATION.

A HOTLINE SERVICE HAS BEEN SET UP TO ANSWER ANY ENQUIRY WHICH HOUSEHOLDERS MAY HAVE CONCERNING THE PILOT CENSUS. THEY MAY TELEPHONE 5-564091 OR 5-564472 FOR ENQUIRIES.

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AIMS AND DIRECTION OF SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN HK  
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THE PROVISIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD (PSDB) IS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED TODAY (NOVEMBER 1) TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE SETTING UP OF THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD (SDB) IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG SPORTS PRESS ASSOCIATION THIS AFTERNOON, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, INTRODUCED THE ROLE OF THE PSDB AND SDB AND THEIR IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS IN HONG KONG.

"THE PROVISIONAL BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION AND MAKING ALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL AND STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE STATUTORY BOARD SO THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY FROM DAY ONE.

"THE DUTIES OF THE SDB INCLUDE CO-ORDINATING A TERRITORY-WIDE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, ENCOURAGING CO-OPERATION AMONG THE MAJOR SPORTS ORGANISATIONS AS WELL AS STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATION AND CONSENSUS AMONG THESE BODIES TO ENSURE A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT IN THE TRAINING OF LOCAL ELITE ATHLETES AND IN THE PROMOTION OF SPORTS AT THE GRASSROOT LEVEL," HE SAID.

MR CHUI SAID THE SDB, TO BE FORMALLY SET UP ON APRIL 1, 1990, WOULD ENJOY A HIGH DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY. IT WOULD SEEK TO IMPROVE THE STANDARDS OF AND SERVICES FOR SPORTS THROUGH AN ANALYTICAL REVIEW OF CURRENT PROBLEMS.

MR CHUI POINTED OUT SOME IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF SPORTS DEVELOPMENT WHICH REQUIRED EARLY ATTENTION.

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THESE INCLUDED TRAINING OF ELITE ATHLETES; PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF SPORTS VENUES; PROMOTION OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL; PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELITE ATHLETES TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS SO AS TO ENHANCE HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL STATUS IN SPORTS; ASSISTING GOVERNING BODIES OF SPORTS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR ADMINISTRATION AND DRAW UP LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES; AND ENCOURAGING SPONSORSHIP OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

ON THE TRAINING OF ELITE ATHLETES, MR CHUI SAID IT WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE WHICH WOULD ALSO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR COACHES AND SPORTS ADMINISTRATORS. IT WAS INTENDED THAT THE CENTRE WOULD EVENTUALLY BECOME AN INSTITUTE OF SPORT.

HE SAID THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF SPORTS VENUES WOULD REMAIN UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS.

ON THE FORMULATION OF THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, THE SDB WOULD CONSULT AND WORK CLOSELY WITH THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS TO STRIVE FOR CONSENSUS SO AS TO ACHIEVE THE MAXIMUM UTILISATION OF RESOURCES IN THE BEST OVERALL INTEREST OF SPORTS, HE SAID.

"I MUST STRESS THAT THE POINTS MENTIONED HERE ARE MERELY BROAD CONCEPTS AND POLICY VISION," MR CHUI SAID.

"THE FORMULATION OF STRATEGY, ITS DETAILED PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION, THE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES AND THE DETERMINATION OF PRIORITIES WILL BE TAKEN UP BY THE SDB AFTER ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IS NOT TO INTERFERE BUT TO ASSIST, PARTICULARLY IN MAKING AVAILABLE NECESSARY RESOURCES FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS," HE SAID.

MR CHUI STRESSED THAT THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH AND THE SDB WOULD WORK TOGETHER CLOSELY.

"THE FUTURE OF SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG WILL STILL DEPEND ON THE COMMUNITY'S RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SPORT," HE ADDED.

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APA ADVISED TO WORK TOWARDS DEGREE GRANTING STATUS

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ADVISED THAT THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS (APA) SHOULD WORK TOWARDS BECOMING A DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTION SUBJECT TO VALIDATION BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

"THE ADVICE CAME AFTER FULL CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY AN INDEPENDENT ACCREDITATION ADVISORY PANEL COMPRISING INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS FROM PERFORMING ARTS INSTITUTIONS IN AUSTRALIA, CHINA, UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES, CHAIRED BY DR RAYSON HUANG.

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"THE PANEL SOUGHT TO EVALUATE THE APA'S ABILITY TO ACHIEVE ITS APPROVED OBJECTIVES, ITS OVERALL LEVEL IN PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, AND ITS COMPARABILITY WITH OTHER RELEVANT INSTITUTIONS OVERSEAS," HE EXPLAINED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID DEGREES WERE NOW CUSTOMARY IN MOST PERFORMING ARTS COURSES IN AUSTRALIA, CANADA, CHINA AND THE USA, AND THAT IN THE UK DEGREES WERE NOW BECOMING COMMON AS THE APPROPRIATE AWARD FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION IN PERFORMING, TECHNICAL AND FINE ARTS.

IN HONG KONG, DEGREE COURSES AT THE APA WOULD HELP RETAIN STUDENTS WHO AT PRESENT SOUGHT QUALIFICATION OVERSEAS, HE SAID. THEY WOULD ALSO GO SOME WAY TOWARDS ENHANCING THE STATUS OF THE PERFORMING ARTS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN THE TERRITORY'S DEVELOPING CULTURAL SCENE.

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## SURVEY FINDINGS SHOW KWAI TSING NEEDS CIVIC CENTRE

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MORE THAN 95 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS TO A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CONSIDERED THAT A CIVIC CENTRE SHOULD BE BUILT IN THE DISTRICT FOR CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE MAJORITY AGREED THAT THE IDEAL VENUE WOULD BE THE GOVERNMENT SITE ADJACENT TO THE KWAI FONG MTR STATION.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE SURVEY RESULTS TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CIVIC CENTRE WORKING GROUP, MR SO HOI-PAN, SAID THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

ABOUT 15,000 QUESTIONNAIRES WERE RETURNED FROM THE 35,000 DISTRIBUTED TO SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

THE RESPONSE RATE WAS AROUND 42 PER CENT, MR SO SAID.

HE SAID AT PRESENT THE THREE ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRES AND FOUR COMMUNITY HALLS IN THE DISTRICT PROVIDED THE VENUES FOR HOLDING CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

HOWEVER, EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST THREE YEARS INDICATED THAT THESE CENTRES COULD NOT ATTRACT THE TARGET AUDIENCE BECAUSE OF THEIR INCONVENIENT LOCATIONS, UNSATISFACTORY LIGHTING, AND POOR ACOUSTICS AND STAGES.

MR SO SAID THE LIMITED SEATING CAPACITY AT THESE CENTRES ALSO MADE IT NOT COST-EFFECTIVE TO ORGANISE EVENTS THERE, HE SAID.

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THE CIVIC CENTRE WORKING GROUP CONCLUDED THAT A CIVIC CENTRE WITH A THEATRE, A LECTURE HALL, AN EXHIBITION HALL AND SEVERAL REHEARSAL ROOMS WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE DISTRICT.

MR SO SAID THE SURVEY RESULTS TOGETHER WITH A PROPOSAL TO BUILD A CIVIC CENTRE AT THE SITE ADJACENT TO THE KWAI FONG MTR STATION WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS  
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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE PAK TIN AREA AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THESE INCLUDE THE MANAGEMENT OF A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, PARKING SPACES FOR GOODS VEHICLES, SALT WATER SUPPLY AT PAK TIN ESTATE AND THE PROBLEM OF OVERGROWTH AT THE JUNCTION OF PAK TIN STREET AND PUI TAK STREET.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SHAM SHUI PO PARK'S REFRESHMENT KIOSK AND THE YEN CHOW STREET TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA. THE LATTER, WHICH IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, IS EXPECTED TO BE AFFECTED BY THE NOISE GENERATED BY THE NEARBY CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, NAM CHEONG STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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LRT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE 1990-91 LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 3).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF TRANSPORT MATTERS, INCLUDING GOODS VEHICLE PARKING AT LONG PING ESTATE, TRANSPORT FACILITIES FOR KAI TEI, AND CAR PARKING FACILITIES AND VILLAGE ACCESS FOR HANG HAU TSUEN IN SAN TIN.

A PROGRESS REPORT PREPARED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON CONSTRUCTION WORKS AND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 3) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO REVIEW TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW THE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN KWUN TONG AFTER THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE NEW HONG KONG TUNNEL LIMITED, MR VICTOR LEUNG, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT THE PING SHEK INTERCHANGE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 6 TUNG YAN STREET. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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MERCHANT FINED FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS

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A FRUIT MERCHANT WAS FINED \$2,000 AT THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY TODAY (WEDNESDAY) FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS.

THIS WAS THE SECOND PROSECUTION BROUGHT UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE SINCE IT CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE DEFENDANT PLEADED GUILTY TO A COUNT OF HAVING IN POSSESSION FOR USE OF TWO DEFECTIVE SLANTED DIAL SPRING BALANCES AS WEIGHING EQUIPMENT IN HIS RETAIL FRUIT BUSINESS.

THE COURT HEARD THAT OFFICERS OF THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, ACTING ON A COMPLAINT, CARRIED OUT AN INSPECTION IN THE DEFENDANT'S SHOP LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF 80 CHUNG ON STREET, TSUEN WAN ON JANUARY 31, 1989.

AS A RESULT, TWO DEFECTIVE SPRING BALANCES WERE SEIZED AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY FORFEITED.

ON MAY 31, 1989, THE OFFICERS CARRIED OUT ANOTHER INSPECTION IN THE SHOP AND FOUND TWO SLANTED DIAL SPRING BALANCES, WHICH WERE USED IN THE SELLING OF FRUITS.

A PRELIMINARY CHECK REVEALED THAT THOSE SPRING BALANCES WERE INACCURATE AND THE BALANCES WERE KEPT FOR FURTHER INQUIRIES.

GOVERNMENT LABORATORY EXAMINATION OF THE TWO SPRING BALANCES CONFIRMED THAT THEY WERE DEFECTIVE AND WERE NOT CAPABLE OF DETERMINING A WEIGHT ACCURATELY.

THE HIGHEST ERRORS IN THE BALANCES WERE FOUND TO BE +24.56 PER CENT AND +8.47 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IT MEANT THAT THE READINGS SHOWN ON THE SPRING BALANCES WERE RESPECTIVELY 24.56 PER CENT AND 8.47 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHT OF THE GOODS.

THE CHIEF TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE CUSTOMS' CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION, MR ANDREW WONG, SAID THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 67 COMPLAINTS CONCERNING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DURING THE INITIAL NINE-MONTH IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD OF THE ORDINANCE.

"OF THESE COMPLAINTS, 37 ARE NOT SUBSTANTIATED, 21 ARE SUBSTANTIATED AND NINE OTHERS ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

"AS FOR THE COMPLAINTS WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIATED, WRITTEN WARNINGS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO 15 TRADERS, TWO TRADERS HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED AND FOUR OTHERS WILL BE PROSECUTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

/"THE ORDINANCE .....

"THE ORDINANCE CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT," MR WONG SAID.

IF ANY PERSON WANTS TO MAKE ANY COMPLAINT ABOUT MALPRACTICES IN RESPECT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, HE MAY CONTACT EITHER THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 3-7146146) OR THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

COMPLAINTS MAY ALSO BE MADE TO THE DUTY OFFICER OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8523185 AFTER NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

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#### SCHOOL DRAMAS TO PROMOTE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE

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WINNERS IN THE 1989-90 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN INTER-SCHOOL DRAMA COMPETITION RECEIVED THEIR PRIZES TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY) AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THE TWO-DAY COMPETITION, WHICH MARKED THE CLIMAX OF THE "CLEAN SCHOOL" PHASE OF THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

"WITH KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN AS ITS THEME, THE COMPETITION CALLS FOR STUDENTS' SUPPORT IN DISSEMINATING THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE IN THE FORM OF DRAMA," A SPOKESMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE SAID.

"IT ALSO AIMS AT ENHANCING STUDENTS' CIVIC-MINDEDNESS THROUGH THE DRAMATISATION OF CHARACTERS AND INCIDENTS," HE ADDED.

THE COMPETITION WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS -- PRIMARY SCHOOL AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTIONS. PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS COMPETED FOR THE BEST PERFORMANCE, BEST SCRIPT, BEST DIRECTOR AND BEST PERFORMER AWARDS IN EACH SECTION.

"THE RESULT OF THE COMPETITION IS ENCOURAGING. MOST OF THE SCRIPT-WRITERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COMBINE EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING ELEMENTS IN A WELL-THOUGHT OUT AND ORIGINAL THEATRICAL PRODUCTION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SIX CELEBRITIES IN THE LOCAL THEATRICAL CIRCLE FORMED TWO PANELS FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF THE COMPETITION. THEY WERE MR CHAN YIU-HUNG, MR QUENTIN FONG AND MR WONG CHAU-SANG FOR THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION; AND MS FU YUET-MEI, MR JAMES CHEUNG AND MR LAM SHEUNG-MO FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION.

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"THE ADJUDICATORS GENERALLY FELT THAT THE STUDENTS HAVE DISPLAYED THEIR HUMOUR, IMAGINATION AND KEEN OBSERVATION OF REAL LIFE SITUATIONS BOTH IN THEIR SCRIPTS AND IN THE PORTRAYAL OF THE CHARACTERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OFFICIATING AT TONIGHT'S PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WERE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, DR PANG HOK-TUEN; VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, MR TONG KAM-BIU; AND DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MRS C.H. KONG.

IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION, HOI PING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SECONDARY SCHOOL WON THE FIRST PRIZE OF BEST PERFORMANCE IN ADDITION TO WINNING THE BEST SCRIPT AND BEST DIRECTOR AWARDS.

THE SECOND PRIZE OF BEST PERFORMANCE WENT TO KAU YAN COLLEGE WHICH ALSO RECEIVED THE BEST PERFORMER AWARD, PUI KIU MIDDLE SCHOOL WON THE THIRD PRIZE OF BEST PERFORMANCE, WHILE METHODIST COLLEGE AND PENTECOSTAL LAM HON KWONG SECONDARY SCHOOL RECEIVED MERIT PRIZES.

IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION, PO YAN SCHOOL (AM), N.T.W.J.W.A. LEUNG SING TAK PRIMARY SCHOOL (PM) AND N.T.W.J.W.A. LEUNG SING TAK PRIMARY SCHOOL (AM) WERE THE CHAMPION, FIRST RUNNER-UP AND SECOND RUNNER-UP FOR THE BEST PERFORMANCE AWARD RESPECTIVELY.

WONG TAI SIN GOVERNMENT PRIMARY PM SCHOOL WAS THE MERIT PRIZE WINNER.

PO YAN SCHOOL (AM) WAS ALSO AWARDED THE PRIZE OF BEST SCRIPT WHILE N.T.W.J.W.A. LEUNG SING TAK PRIMARY SCHOOL (PM) WON BOTH PRIZES FOR BEST DIRECTOR AND BEST PERFORMER IN ADDITION TO THEIR PRIZES FOR BEST PERFORMANCE.

IN THIS SECTION, TWO PRIZES FOR BEST PERFORMER WERE AWARDED AND THE OTHER PRIZE WINNER WAS CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY PM SCHOOL.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE FIRST PRIZE WINNERS OF BEST PERFORMANCE FROM BOTH SECTIONS PRESENTED THEIR PLAYS TO THE AUDIENCE.

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#### TRAINING COURSE FOR STEAM RECEIVER OPERATORS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A TRAINING COURSE JOINTLY WITH THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR STEAM RECEIVER OPERATORS IN MID-NOVEMBER TO ENSURE SAFETY IN THE USE OF THE EQUIPMENT.

THE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE OPERATORS WITH THE NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS OF THE MOST COMMON STEAM RECEIVERS USED IN INDUSTRY.

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ACCORDING TO STATISTICS COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT, FOUR WORKERS WERE KILLED IN THREE ACCIDENTS INVOLVING THE USE OF STEAM RECEIVERS, ALSO KNOWN AS KIERS, IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

IT WAS FOUND THAT THE ACCIDENTS WERE DUE MAINLY TO THE LACK OF DIRECT SUPERVISION BY COMPETENT PERSONS WITH RELEVANT CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY DURING THE OPERATION OF THE KIERS.

THE KIERS WERE LEFT MERELY IN THE HANDS OF UNQUALIFIED OPERATORS WHO HAD LITTLE KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS OF THEIR OPERATIONAL SAFETY AND PRECAUTIONS.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COURSE ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 702 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, KOWLOON. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 3-615161 EXT. 121.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, APPLICANTS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT HARBOUR BUILDING, 17TH FLOOR, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL OR ON TEL. 5-8524189.

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#### TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR KING'S ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 3), THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN NORTH POINT WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS BECAUSE OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF KING'S ROAD:

- \* KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN SHELL STREET AND OIL STREET;
- \* OIL STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES TO THE NORTH; AND
- \* THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SHELL STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES TO THE WEST.

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

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY ON CONDUIT ROAD  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 3), THE EXISTING 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONDUIT ROAD IN THE MID-LEVELS FROM A POINT ABOUT EIGHT METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 74 METRES TO THE EAST (EXCLUDING THE LAYBY OUTSIDE HOUSE NUMBER 54), WILL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR ANOTHER SIX WEEKS.

THIS MEASURE IS NECESSARY FOR CARRYING OUT DRAINAGE WORKS THERE.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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