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DECEMBER ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES

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IN DECEMBER 1987, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME AS IN NOVEMBER 1987 BUT SHOWED SOME DECREASE OVER DECEMBER 1986, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND, MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS, REFERS TO THE POSITION AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1987, THE ORDERS POSITION IN DECEMBER 1987 DROPPED SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, WHILE THAT IN THE OTHER INDUSTRIES SURVEYED SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE.

COMPARING DECEMBER 1987 WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1986, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS DECREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, IN THE TEXTILES AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SLIGHT INCREASES IN THE VOLUME OF ORDERS WERE RECORDED IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED IN DECEMBER 1987 WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH NOVEMBER 1987 AND DECEMBER 1986.

COMPARING DECEMBER 1987 WITH NOVEMBER 1987, EMPLOYMENT IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES SHOWED SLIGHT DECREASES, WHILE THAT IN THE OTHER INDUSTRIES SURVEYED REMAINED STABLE.

WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1986, EMPLOYMENT DROPPED SLIGHTLY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY BUT MUCH MORE SHARPLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

PARTLY OFFSETTING THESE DECREASES WERE THE SLIGHT INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, TEXTILES AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN DECEMBER 1987, BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER BOTH NOVEMBER 1987 AND DECEMBER 1986.

COMPARING DECEMBER 1987 WITH NOVEMBER 1987, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PAYROLL AND IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN MOST INDUSTRIES SURVEYED MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES IN SOME MANUFACTURING FIRMS.

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THE INCREASES WERE LARGEST IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, TEXTILES AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1986, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ALSO ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN MOST INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, EXCEPT THE WEARING APPAREL AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES IN WHICH A SLIGHT DROP IN PAYROLL WAS RECORDED.

THE MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, WHILE PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY ALSO INCREASED SHARPLY.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT IN DECEMBER 1987 WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN NOVEMBER 1987, WHILE PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1986, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHILE PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS SHOWED MUCH LARGER INCREASES.

IN ALL THE SERVICES SECTORS SURVEYED, THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN DECEMBER 1987 REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME AS IN NOVEMBER 1987. HOWEVER, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS SHOWED VERY SHARP INCREASES DUE TO THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES, PARTICULARLY IN THE BANKING SECTOR.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1986, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES SECTORS SHOWED A SLIGHT INCREASE. PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ALSO INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN HOTELS.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 AND 2 BELOW.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT THE MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.

NEVERTHELESS, THESE RESULTS ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1987 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234820.

TABLE 1: ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	FOR DECEMBER 1987 (MONTHS)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH NOV. 87 (%)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH DEC. 86 (%)
ALL INDUSTRIES	4.33	*	-3
WEARING APPAREL	4.89	*	+2
TEXTILES	2.82	-1	-11
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2.60	-2	-30
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.23	-2	-5
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	4.97	*	+1
OTHERS	4.21	*	-3

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TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF DECEMBER 1987		PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH		IN DECEMBER 87	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	NOV. 87	DEC. 86		NOV. 87	DEC. 86
	(%)	(%)	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
MANUFACTURING	-1	-3	4,219	+12	+11
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	+1	5,076	+18	+7
WEARING APPAREL	*	-7	3,691	+10	+5
TEXTILES	*	+1	4,400	+18	+5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	*	-16	3,634	+4	+19
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-2	+1	3,839	+4	+18
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-1	-1	4,014	+13	+15
OTHERS	*	-2	5,434	+10	+10
CONSTRUCTION <sup>#</sup>	*	+1	5,929	+8	+18
SERVICES	*	+2	8,903	+42	+8
BANKS	*	+3	10,194	+72	+12
HOTELS	*	*	5,645	+39	+25
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	-1	8,700	+38	+8
OTHERS	*	+8	8,643	+18	-2

\* CHANGES WITH +/- 0.5%

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

NOTE: UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS" WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE FIRMS SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE FIRMS SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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STATEMENT ON LEGCO COMPOSITION

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TO AVOID POSSIBLE CONFUSION ARISING FROM A NUMBER OF APPARENTLY CONFLICTING REPORTS, THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 43 OF THE WHITE PAPER PUBLISHED ON FEBRUARY 10, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHICH IS TO BE CONSTITUTED IN SEPTEMBER 1988, AND WHICH WILL SERVE UNTIL 1991, WILL COMPRISE, IN ADDITION TO THE PRESIDENT, 10 OFFICIAL MEMBERS, 20 APPOINTED MEMBERS, 14 MEMBERS ELECTED BY FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES AND 12 MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO BE CONSTITUTED IN SEPTEMBER 1991:

- \* THERE WILL BE 10 DIRECTLY ELECTED MEMBERS ELECTED FROM 10 GEOGRAPHICALLY-BASED CONSTITUENCIES;
- \* THE 10 SEATS CURRENTLY FILLED BY INDIRECT ELECTIONS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE WILL BE ABOLISHED;
- \* TWO SPECIAL CONSTITUENCIES WILL BE RETAINED FOR THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS EACH TO ELECT ONE MEMBER TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

APART FROM THE THREE ITEMS SET OUT ABOVE, THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT AT PRESENT ENVISAGE ANY FURTHER CHANGES, BUT DOES NOT WISH TO RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED NEARER THE TIME.

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GOVERNOR TO SPEAK ON RADIO, TV

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL DELIVER HIS NEW YEAR MESSAGE ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THIS WILL BE SIR DAVID'S FIRST LUNAR NEW YEAR MESSAGE SINCE BECOMING GOVERNOR.

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THE MESSAGE WILL BE BROADCAST AS FOLLOWS:

DAY AND TIME  
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TELEVISION -----	TUESDAY (FEB 16) -----	WEDNESDAY (REPEAT) (FEB 17) -----
ATV (GOLD)	1855	1300
TVB (JADE)	1900	1315
TVB (PEARL)	2000	1140
ATV (DIAMOND)	2030	1140
RADIO -----		
RTHK 1 AND 2 (CHINESE)	1900	1300
RTHK 3 (ENGLISH)	1755	0820
RTHK 5 (CHINESE)	/	1500
COMMERCIAL RADIO 1 (CHINESE)	1800	1200
COMMERCIAL RADIO 2 (ENGLISH)	1900	/

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LIVESTOCK FARMS SURVEY COMPLETED

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A DETAILED SURVEY COVERING ALL THE LIVESTOCK FARMS IN THE PROHIBITION AREAS - HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND URBAN PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES - AND STAGE I OF THE CONTROL AREAS, HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

THE STAGE I CONTROL AREAS ARE NAMELY THE TOLO HARBOUR AREA, MUI WO AND THE HINTERLAND OF SILVERMINE BAY BEACH AND THE TIU YUE WAN (ANGLER'S BEACH) AREA.

CONDUCTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD), THE SURVEY IS AIMED AT OBTAINING DETAILED MEASUREMENTS OF ALL FARM STRUCTURES USED FOR LIVESTOCK KEEPING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE AREAS COVERED.

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DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD BETWEEN DECEMBER 1, 1987, AND JANUARY 30, 1988, A TOTAL OF 1,516 FARMS AND 5,224 STRUCTURES WERE RECORDED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE, CAPITAL GRANT AND LOANS UNDER THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

LIVESTOCK FARMERS WHOSE FARMS ARE LOCATED IN THE SURVEY AREA BUT WHO HAVE NOT BEEN SURVEYED ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE EPD EITHER IN WRITING OR BY TELEPHONE ON 3-7332285, 3-7332286 AND 3-7332292, BEFORE MARCH 2 THIS YEAR.

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#### ELECTORS TO RECEIVE POLL CARDS

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THE 1.4 MILLION ELECTORS RESIDING IN THE 136 CONSTITUENCIES WHERE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 10 WILL RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL POLLING NOTIFICATION BETWEEN TODAY (MONDAY) AND FEBRUARY 25.

THE NOTIFICATION IS BEING ISSUED BY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, IN THE FORM OF A POLL CARD, GIVING THE TITLE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE NAME OF THE CONSTITUENCY, THE DATE AND TIME OF THE ELECTION AND THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE DESIGNATED POLLING STATION.

IT ALSO REMINDS THE ELECTORS TO TAKE ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND THEIR POLL CARDS TO THE DESIGNATED POLLING STATION ON MARCH 10 AND CAST THEIR VOTE BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 10.30 PM.

"AN ELECTOR IS REGISTERED ACCORDING TO HIS RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, AND MAY ONLY VOTE IN RESPECT OF THE CONSTITUENCY OF HIS RESIDENCE," EXPLAINED THE REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR LAI KWAN-TAT.

"IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT ELECTORS SHOULD KEEP THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION INFORMED OF CHANGES OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS," HE SAID.

"IN VIEW OF THE HIGH MOBILITY OF THE POPULATION, THE DIVISION HAS ALSO STARTED USING THE LATEST INFORMATION ON RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES OBTAINED FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO UPDATE THE ELECTORAL ROLL," HE ADDED.

ELECTORS WHO HAVE THEIR ELECTORAL PARTICULARS UPDATED IN THIS WAY ARE INFORMED IN WRITING WITHIN TWO WEEKS IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ANY REALLOCATION OF DISTRICT, CONSTITUENCY AND/OR POLLING STATION.

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THEY CAN NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION IF THEY DO NOT AGREE TO THE CHANGE OF ANY OF THE PARTICULARS.

MR LAI ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE 21 CONSTITUENCIES WHERE ELECTIONS WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED DID NOT EXCEED THE NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS IN THAT CONSTITUENCY.

ELECTORS IN THESE CONSTITUENCIES WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY POLL CARD NOTIFICATION.

ELECTORS WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES SHOULD CONTACT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION ON 5-270380 AND 5-270369.

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#### BUS PARADE, LEAFLETS SPREAD ELECTION MESSAGE

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THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE MESSAGE OF "VOTE ON MARCH 10" REACHES ALL VOTERS.

A PUBLICITY LEAFLET -- GIVING DETAILS OF VOTING PROCEDURES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS WELL AS A MAP OF POLLING STATIONS IN THE DISTRICT'S FIVE CONSTITUENCIES -- WILL BE MAILED TO VOTERS TOGETHER WITH A POLL CARD AND ELECTION PLATFORMS OF CANDIDATES.

THE DISPLAY WINDOW OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND INFORMATION SIGNBOARDS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ARE BEING USED TO PROMOTE THE ELECTION.

POSTERS AND BANNERS SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF "VOTE ON MARCH 10" AS WELL AS INFORM RESIDENTS OF THE DATE AND VENUE OF ELECTION FORUMS TO BE HELD IN THE CONSTITUENCIES.

CANDIDATES WILL PRESENT THEIR PLATFORMS AT THESE FORUMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

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DATES AND VENUES OF THE ELECTION FORUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE ----	TIME ----	CONSTITUENCY -----	VENUE -----
FEB 27 (SATURDAY)	3 PM	TSIM SHA TSUI	WELLINGTON COLLEGE, 1 KNUTSFORD TERRACE, TSIM SHA TSUI.
FEB 29 (MONDAY)	8 PM	JORDAN	JORDAN ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 1B NANKING STREET, YAU MA TEI.
MARCH 1 (TUESDAY)	8 PM	YAU MA TEI EAST	THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, GROUND FLOOR, MORSE HOUSE, 9 COX'S ROAD.
MARCH 4 (FRIDAY)	8 PM	FERRY POINT	HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, YAU MA TEI.
MARCH 6 (SUNDAY)	10.30 AM	YAU MA TEI NORTH	HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, YAU MA TEI.

ON MARCH 5 (SATURDAY), A PARADE OF CARTOON CHARACTERS WILL TAKE PLACE TO REMIND VOTERS OF ELECTION DAY.

THE DECORATED BUS WILL LEAVE FROM THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 2.30 PM AND STOP AT STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, NEW WORLD CENTRE, PARK LANE BOULEVARD AND HAMILTON STREET TENNIS COURT.

BALL-PENS BEARING AN APPEAL TO VOTE AND PUBLICITY LEAFLETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE CARTOON CHARACTERS AT THE VARIOUS STOPS.

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### WAN CHAI LAUNCHES PUBLICITY DRIVE FOR DB ELECTIONS

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A SERIES OF PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH 10 TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

FOUR ELECTION FORUMS WILL BE HELD FROM NEXT WEEK FOR CANDIDATES TO STATE THEIR PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM VOTERS.

THE DATES AND VENUES OF THE FORUMS, TO BEGIN AT 8 PM, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE -----	CONSTITUENCY -----	VENUE -----
FEBRUARY 22 (MONDAY)	HAPPY VALLEY	ST PAUL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, VENTRIS ROAD
FEBRUARY 23 (TUESDAY)	WAN CHAI WEST	DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, HENNESSY ROAD
FEBRUARY 25 (THURSDAY)	TAI HANG AND SO KON PO	WING ON CULTURAL CENTRE, MORETON TERRACE
MARCH 3 (THURSDAY)	CAUSEWAY BAY CENTRAL	SPORTSLIGHT CHILDREN EDUCATION CENTRE, HYSAN AVENUE

A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION FEATURING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 5 AND 6 AT THE HENNESSY CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

"THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE PUBLICITY PACKAGE IS A CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON MARCH 6 IN SOUTHOON PLAYGROUND, DURING WHICH A NUMBER OF WELL-KNOWN POP SINGERS AND BANDS WILL PERFORM AND HELP PUBLICISE THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

"IT WILL ALSO FEATURE GAMESTALLS AND A DRAMA PERFORMANCE BY ARTISTS FROM RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ADMISSION TO THE CARNIVAL IS FREE. ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

MEANWHILE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL PUT UP BANNERS AND BUNTING THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY ITEMS TO RESIDENTS, AND PUBLICISE THE ELECTIONS IN THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER.

ON ELECTION DAY, A BUS AND A TRAM EQUIPPED WITH LOUDSPEAKERS WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT TO REMIND RESIDENTS TO CAST THEIR VOTES.

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### WAN CHAI FERRY PIER FOOTBRIDGE OPENS

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THE FOOTBRIDGE LEADING FROM THE WAN CHAI FERRY PIER IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM TODAY (MONDAY).

ANNOUNCING THIS, A HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW FOOTBRIDGE EXTENDED SOUTHWARDS FROM THE WAN CHAI FERRY PIER TO THE PODIUM LEVEL OF HARBOUR CENTRE, CROSSING OVER CONVENTION AVENUE AND THE ADJACENT TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE.

THERE ARE STAIRS AND RAMPS LEADING TO THE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE AND THE FERRY PIER.

THE \$3.5 MILLION FOOTBRIDGE, INCLUDING THE RAMPS AND STAIRWAYS, IS 280 METRES LONG.

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### \$1 M RAISED FOR CHARITY FUND FOR ELDERLY

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MORE THAN \$1 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED FOR THE HEART TO HEART CHARITY FUND WHICH WILL BE USED FOR THE WELL BEING OF ELDERLY PEOPLE.

THE CHARITY FUND WAS SET UP LAST YEAR BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND THE COMMERCIAL RADIO AS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE "CARE FOR THE ELDERLY CAMPAIGN".

OF THE MONEY RAISED, \$600,000 WAS DONATED TO THE SIN TIN DAO HOUSE FOR THE AGED IN SHA TIN FOR IT TO PROCEED WITH A RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE A BETTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND ADDITIONAL CARE AND ATTENTION SERVICE TO THE 50 OCCUPANTS THERE.

WORK ON THE PROGRAMME WILL START NEXT MONTH AND WILL BE COMPLETED THIS SUMMER.

THE REMAINING \$400,000 WAS GIVEN TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR USE ON PROJECTS CATERED FOR THE OLD PEOPLE.

AT A CEREMONY HELD IN THE POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH TODAY (MONDAY), THE POLICE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER/PUBLIC RELATIONS, MR JOHN DUNN, AND THE ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMERCIAL RADIO, MR PETER C.Y. PUN, PRESENTED CHEQUES FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,001,000 TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, AND MR CHAN CHIU OF THE SIN TIN DAO HOUSE FOR THE AGED.

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NEW TAI PO POLICE STATION TO OPEN  
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THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MANAGEMENT, MR ERIC BLACKBURN AND OTHER GUESTS, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE NEW TAI PO DISTRICT POLICE STATION ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 22).

THE 16-STORY COMPLEX, BUILT AT A COST OF \$37 MILLION, IS AT 4 ON PO LANE, TAI PO.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE ATTENDED BY THE REGIONAL COMMANDER, NEW TERRITORIES, MR RICHARD SMALLSHAW AND THE DISTRICT COMMANDER, TAI PO, MR BASIL LIM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT POLICE STATION AT 3 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 22). THOSE COVERING THE EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO BE IN POSITION BY 2.45 PM.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. A COACH WILL LEAVE THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN WAN CHAI FOR TAI PO AT 1.45 PM. PPRB OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICES  
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THERE WILL BE NO OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINIC SERVICES DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 17 AND 18), THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

HOWEVER, ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 19), EIGHT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM.

THEY ARE: VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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POPULAR 'BIRDS OF HONG KONG' ON SALE AGAIN

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A BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED BOOK CONTAINING ORIGINAL PAINTINGS OF HONG KONG BIRDS HAS PROVED SO POPULAR THAT A FOURTH EDITION HAS BEEN PRINTED AND IS NOW ON SALE.

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1977, "BIRDS OF HONG KONG" HAS BECOME A STANDARD SOURCE OF REFERENCE ON THE RICH VARIETY OF 430 SPECIES OF BIRDS RECORDED IN THE WILD STATE IN HONG KONG.

IT IS WRITTEN BY CLIVE VINEY, AN AUTHORITY ON BIRDS OF THE SOUTH CHINA REGION, AND IS ILLUSTRATED WITH 82 ORIGINAL PAINTINGS BY KAREN PHILLIPPS, A LOCAL ARTIST SPECIALISING IN NATURAL HISTORY WHO HAS GAINED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR HER WORK.

THE COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS ILLUSTRATES ALL THE BIRDS OF HONG KONG -- FROM THE HUGE PELICANS WINTERING IN DEEP BAY TO THE DIMINUTIVE SUNBIRDS FEEDING ON THE AZELEAS OF THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE GARDENS.

THE AUTHOR POINTS OUT THAT IN ADDITION TO THE 430 SPECIES ALREADY SEEN HERE, NEW SPECIES ARE ADDED TO THE LOCAL LIST EVERY YEAR. "THIS IS NOT SURPRISING, AS SUPERB NATURE RESERVES EXIST AT MAI PO AND TAI PO KAU, AND MUCH OF THE COUNTRYSIDE IS PROTECTED AS COUNTRY PARKS," HE ADDED.

FULL INFORMATION IS ALSO GIVEN ON HOW TO IDENTIFY THE BIRDS AND WHERE TO WATCH THEM.

THE BOOK IS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

THE LATEST EDITION HAS A NEW COVER DESIGN, SEVERAL NEW PLATES AND A FULLY UPDATED TEXT.

IT IS ON SALE AT \$80 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL HONG KONG, AND LEADING BOOKSTORES.

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STAMP TO MARK CENTENARY OF CATHEDRAL

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THE POST OFFICE TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT A 50 CENTS STAMP WILL BE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 30 THIS YEAR TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL AT 16 CAINE ROAD.

THE CATHEDRAL, FOUNDED IN 1888, IS OF GOTHIC DESIGN AND IS ONE OF THE OLDEST BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG.

THE CENTENARY ISSUE WILL BE THE FIFTH SPECIAL STAMP ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE IN 1988. FULL DETAILS OF THIS ISSUE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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TENANCIES SOUGHT FOR TWO SITES  
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TWO COMMERCIAL SITES AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION IN KOWLOON ARE TO BE LET ON SHORT-TERM TENANCY BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

ONE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 26,900 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR USE AS A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC PARKING AREA FOR THE PARKING OF GOODS VEHICLES CURRENTLY LICENSED UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

THE OTHER SITE, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 8,000 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR OPEN STORAGE INCLUDING THE STORAGE OF UNLICENSED VEHICLES.

THE TENANCY FOR THE TWO SITES IS ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE AFTERWARDS ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS FOR BOTH SITES IS NOON ON MARCH 4.

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MURRAY BARRACKS CARPARK SPACES SUSPENDED  
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TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS, PARKING SPACES NO. 21 TO 40 IN THE MURRAY BARRACKS OPEN-AIR CAR PARK IN CENTRAL WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 20) TO 8 PM THE NEXT DAY.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 53.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 314.626 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 334.285 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 57 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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