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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 1985

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MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS CONTINUED TO INCREASE IN FEBRUARY, ACCORDING TO MONETARY STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY.

THE INCREASE IN THE MONEY SUPPLY ON THE NARROWEST DEFINITION (M1), WHICH COMPRISES LEGAL TENDER NOTES AND COIN IN THE HANDS OF THE PUBLIC AND MONEY ON CURRENT ACCOUNT WITH BANKS, WAS PARTICULARLY RAPID, REFLECTING THE LARGE SEASONAL DEMAND FOR CASH AROUND LUNAR NEW YEAR.

BOTH HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED. THE INCREASE IN FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT WAS MORE RAPID, BUT PART OF IT REFLECTED THE CONTINUED EXPANSION IN FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE SHOWED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN FEBRUARY, AFTER DECREASING FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE MONTHS. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ALSO SHOWED SOME INCREASE.

(A TABLE SETTING OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1985 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTH, IS BEING SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK. IT WILL ALSO BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION).

DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE BY 0.7 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY, FOLLOWING A RISE OF 0.5 PER CENT IN JANUARY. THESE DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 4.4 PER CENT IN THE THREE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY, AND BY 13.7 PER CENT IN THE TWELVE MONTHS. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW BY 1.9 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY, AFTER SHOWING NO INCREASE IN JANUARY. THESE DEPOSITS WERE 6.5 PER CENT HIGHER OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY AND 29.0 PER CENT HIGHER OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS.

TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH BANKS CONTINUED TO GROW, ALBEIT AT A LESS RAPID RATE OF 0.9 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY, COMPARED WITH 1.8 PER CENT IN JANUARY. TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REGISTERED A MORE SIGNIFICANT RISE OF 2.6 PER CENT, AFTER A FALL OF 5.9 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. THE WIDER DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN HKAB RATES AND MONEY MARKET RATES TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH WAS PROBABLY A CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR. HOWEVER, DEPOSITS WITH BANKS STILL GREW BY 7.6 PER CENT OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY, WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 3.2 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

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STATISTICS ON SWAP DEPOSITS COLLECTED FROM BANKS INDICATE A FURTHER INCREASE TO \$23.4 BILLION AT THE END OF FEBRUARY, FROM \$22.7 BILLION AT THE END OF JANUARY. THE PERCENTAGE SHARE OF THESE DEPOSITS IN TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH BANKS REMAINED LITTLE CHANGED AT 16.3 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 16.1 PER CENT IN JANUARY.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY CONTINUED TO GROW ON ALL DEFINITIONS IN FEBRUARY. HK\$M1 (THE NARROWEST DEFINITION), AFFECTED BY THE SEASONAL INCREASE IN CASH DEMAND AROUND LUNAR NEW YEAR, ROSE BY 9.3 PER CENT. HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 (THE BROADER DEFINITIONS) ALSO ROSE, ALBEIT AT MORE MODERATE RATES OF 1.8 PER CENT AND 2.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN JANUARY WERE 5.1 PER CENT, 1.5 PER CENT AND 0.5 PER CENT.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY, HK\$M1 ROSE BY 19.7 PER CENT, HK\$M2 BY 7.9 PER CENT AND HK\$M3 BY 5.9 PER CENT. OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THE RESPECTIVE GROWTH RATES WERE 25.3 PER CENT, 12.9 PER CENT AND 14.1 PER CENT.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ALSO ROSE ON ALL DEFINITIONS. WHILE TOTAL M1 ROSE SHARPLY BY 9.6 PER CENT, THE INCREASE WAS LARGELY SEASONAL. TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 ALSO GREW, ALBEIT LESS RAPIDLY, BY 1.7 PER CENT AND 2.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. IN JANUARY, THEIR GROWTH RATES WERE 3.9 PER CENT, 2.0 PER CENT AND 0.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY WERE 20.0 PER CENT, 8.6 PER CENT AND 6.5 PER CENT, AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS WERE 26.7 PER CENT, 19.4 PER CENT AND 20.7 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES CONTINUED TO GROW SLOWLY, BY 0.5 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY FOLLOWING 0.1 PER CENT IN JANUARY. OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY, THESE GREW BY ONLY 1.0 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS BY 7.6 PER CENT.

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WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE RECOVERED SOMEWHAT, GROWING BY 2.5 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY AFTER A DECREASE OF 6.3 PER CENT IN JANUARY. WHILE THEY FELL BY 4.7 PER CENT OVER THE LATEST THREE MONTHS, THEY WERE STILL 6.5 PER CENT HIGHER OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG CONTINUED TO GROW SLOWLY BY 0.6 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 0.8 PER CENT IN JANUARY. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO FEBRUARY, THEY ROSE BY 2.1 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS BY 6.5 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

THE SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY POSITION OF THE MONETARY SECTOR SHOWED NET ASSETS AT \$4.6 BILLION AT THE END OF FEBRUARY, VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED FROM THAT AT THE END OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH. SIMILAR STATISTICS COLLECTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (ON THE BASIS OF SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS) SHOWED A RISE IN NET SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS OF \$4.3 BILLION TO \$9.0 BILLION AND A FALL IN NET FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS OF \$6.0 BILLION TO \$15.5 BILLION.

LIQUIDITY RATIO

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS WAS SLIGHTLY LOWER, AT 49.1 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 49.9 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WAS 47.1 PER CENT, SOMEWHAT BELOW 48.3 PER CENT A MONTH EARLIER.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF BANKS LICENSED ROSE BY ONE TO 141, BUT THE NEW ONE WAS NOT YET OPERATING. THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES IN OPERATION STAYED AT 33. THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL TO 306.

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SEVEN NEW APPOINTMENTS TO HOUSING AUTHORITY, COMMITTEES
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED SEVEN NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND ITS COMMITTEES FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1.

THE NEW APPOINTMENTS COMPRISE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARDS AS WELL AS PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN HOUSING MATTERS AND A RECORD OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

OF THEM, FOUR ARE APPOINTED TO THE FULL HOUSING AUTHORITY. THEY ARE MR CARLOS CHEUNG HON-KAU, MR CHEUNG KIN-CHUNG, MR PAO PING-WING AND MISS LEUNG WAI-TUNG.

THE OTHER THREE WILL SERVE IN THE AUTHORITY'S COMMITTEES. THEY ARE MR NORMAN LEUNG NAI-PANG, J.P., WHO IS APPOINTED TO THE HOME OWNERSHIP AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEES; MR THOMAS KWOK, TO THE HOME OWNERSHIP COMMITTEE; AND MR FUNG KIN-KEE, TO THE MANAGEMENT AND THE APPEALS COMMITTEES.

ALSO WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, FIVE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAVE BEEN RE-APPOINTED. THEY ARE DR DENNY HUANG, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM, MR CHAN YING-LUN AND MR WAI HON-LEUNG.

THE FOUR NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOLLOW THE RETIREMENT OF MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT, MR GERALD FORSGATE AND MR KENNETH T.C. LO FROM THE AUTHORITY AND ITS COMMITTEES AFTER MANY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS MR BROOK BERNACCHI, MR ALAN KWAN, MRS LEE KONG WAI-MUI AND MR DENIS S.T. WONG WILL ALSO BE RETIRING FROM THE AUTHORITY'S COMMITTEES.

AS A RESULT, MR CHARLES SIN WILL SUCCEED MR KENNETH LO AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. HIS CHAIRMANSHIP AT THE HOME OWNERSHIP COMMITTEE WILL IN TURN BE TAKEN UP BY DR PHILIP C.K. KWOK. MR LAU WAH-SUM WILL BECOME CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE SUCCEEDING MR FORSGATE.

ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, MR PANG YUK-LING, SAID THE NEW APPOINTMENTS WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATION ON THE AUTHORITY AND ITS COMMITTEES, AND PROVIDE IT WITH THE NECESSARY EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE TO MEET THE IMPORTANT TASKS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

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+THROUGH THEIR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND THEIR WIDE CONTACTS, THE NEW MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE SOUND ADVICE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE FORMULATION OF EFFECTIVE AND BALANCED DECISIONS.+

MR PANG POINTED OUT THAT OF THE AUTHORITY'S UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, MANY ALSO SERVED AS MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, URBAN COUNCIL, HEUNG YEE KUK AND DISTRICT BOARDS.

+TOGETHER, HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERS HAVE A BROAD BASE OF EXPERIENCE AND REPRESENTATION AND ARE ABLE TO APPLY A CRITICAL AND CONSCIENTIOUS PERSPECTIVE IN DETERMINING THE POLICIES OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.+

MR PANG PAID A WARM TRIBUTE TO ALL THE RETIRING MEMBERS AND SAID MANY OF THEM HAD SERVED THE AUTHORITY AND THE FORMER HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND HAD CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE AUTHORITY'S PHENOMENAL GROWTH AND SUCCESS.

+INDEED, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS VERY GRATEFUL TO THEM FOR THEIR WORK AND EFFORTS,+ HE SAID.

THE FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES OF THE SEVEN NEW APPOINTEES:

MR CARLOS CHEUNG HON-KAU -- MR CHEUNG, WHO IS 47, HAS BEEN A CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE SINCE 1.4.1984. HE IS A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BY PROFESSION AND A MEMBER OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

MR CHEUNG KIN-CHUNG -- MR CHEUNG, WHO IS 38, HAS BEEN A CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE SINCE 1.10.83. HE IS A TEACHER BY PROFESSION AND AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

MR PAO PING-WING -- MR PAO, WHO IS 37, IS A SOCIAL WORKER BY PROFESSION, AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND A MEMBER OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD. HE IS A CONSULTANT TO THE HOLY CARPENTER COMMUNITY CENTRE. HE HOLDS A MASTER DEGREE IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FROM THE ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (BANGKOK).

MISS LEUNG WAI-TUNG -- MISS LEUNG, WHO IS 39, IS A LECTURER IN SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. SHE IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING. SHE IS VERY ACTIVE IN HOUSING MATTERS AND HAS DONE A NUMBER OF STUDIES IN SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENTS, PUBLIC HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION, AS WELL AS RESIDENTIAL CHOICE AND SATISFACTION OF TENANTS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

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MR NORMAN LEUNG NAI-PANG, J.P. -- MR LEUNG, WHO IS 44, IS A PRACTISING SOLICITOR. HE IS THE KOWLOON REGIONAL COMMANDER OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, A MEMBER OF THE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD, THE INLAND REVENUE BOARD OF REVIEW AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG.

MR THOMAS KWOK -- MR KWOK, WHO IS 33, IS THE ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SUN HUNG KAI PROPERTIES LTD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEW TOWN PROPERTIES LTD AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS' ASSOCIATION. HE WAS TRAINED AS AN ARCHITECT AND AN ENGINEER AND HOLDS A MASTER DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON'S GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS STUDIES.

MR FUNG KIN-KEE -- MR FUNG, WHO IS 33, IS AN ELECTED URBAN COUNCILLOR AND A MEMBER OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD. HE IS ALSO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL ON PUBLIC HOUSING POLICY. HE IS A SOCIAL WORKER HOLDING A DEGREE IN SOCIAL POLICY AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BEDFORD.

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GREEN LIGHT FOR TWO MORE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

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THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB), CHAIRED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMIDGE, HAS RECOMMENDED THE GO-AHEAD FOR TWO MORE GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROJECTS, AIMED AT PROMOTING ASPECTS OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG.

THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY SAID THAT THE FIRST OF THESE NEW PROJECTS IS A TECHNO-ECONOMIC AND MARKETING RESEARCH STUDY ON THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY. IT WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY STANFORD RESEARCH INTERNATIONAL ASSISTED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL.

HE SAID +THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY IS VITAL TO HONG KONG AND IT MAKES GOOD SENSE FOR THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND THE GOVERNMENT TO BE BETTER INFORMED ABOUT THE INDUSTRY. THE STUDY WILL INCLUDE NOT ONLY THE EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE INDUSTRY BUT ALSO RESEARCH ON THE MARKET SITUATION AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT TRENDS.

+IN ADDITION, THE STUDY WILL COVER ISSUES RELATING TO RAW MATERIALS SUPPLY, THE APPLICATION OF SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY, INTER-INDUSTRIES RELATIONSHIPS, INDUSTRY SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS AND THE TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS.+

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THE STUDY WHICH WILL COST ABOUT \$1.25 MILLION WILL START NEXT MONTH, AND TAKE ABOUT TEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE SECOND PROJECT WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOFTWARE PACKAGE FOR MOULD AND DIE DESIGN TO PROMOTE COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN (CAD) AND COMPUTER-AIDED MANUFACTURE (CAM) FOR THE HONG KONG MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, SUCH AS ELECTRONICS, TOYS AND OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS WHICH DEPEND HEAVILY ON PRECISION AND SPEED IN THE PRODUCTION OF TOOLING.

THE PROJECT WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE AND WILL COST \$1.97 MILLION.

MR YAXLEY EXPLAINED THAT THESE TWO PROJECTS ARE THE LATEST IN THE SERIES OF ON-GOING TECHNO-ECONOMIC STUDIES OF THE MAJOR SECTORS OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AND OF GOVERNMENT SPONSORED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AT THE UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS.

THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD ALSO CONSIDERED TWO OTHER PROPOSALS. THE FIRST IS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPANY, INITIALLY SUPPORTED BY GOVERNMENT, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRODUCT INNOVATION AND DESIGN. THE SECOND PROPOSAL WAS IN RESPECT OF THE EXPANSION OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE TO ENABLE IT TO IMPLEMENT ON A UNIFIED BASIS CERTAIN ASPECTS OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS ALREADY RECOMMENDED BY THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

MR YAXLEY STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT NO FUNDS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR EITHER OF THESE TWO PROJECTS AT THIS TIME.

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DB APPOINTMENTS NOT ARBITRARY - LIAO

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THE PRIME OBJECTIVE IN THE SYSTEM OF APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS IS TO ENSURE THAT THE BOARDS WILL BE ABLE TO FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO SAID TODAY.

ADDRESSING THE BI-WEEKLY ASSEMBLY OF NEW ASIA COLLEGE, HE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING ARBITRARY IN THE RECENT APPOINTMENTS OF THE 132 MEMBERS WHO WILL JOIN THE 237 ELECTED MEMBERS ON THE 19 BOARDS FROM MONDAY (APRIL 1).

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+THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE A BALANCED REPRESENTATION ON EACH BOARD, THAT IS, IT SHOULD CONSIST OF PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE WHO ARE COMMITTED TO THE DISTRICT AND WHO ARE PREPARED TO WORK UNSELFISHLY FOR THE LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, HE SAID, BALANCE DID NOT MEAN PERFECT SYMMETRY OR NUMERICAL EQUALITY.

+BALANCE CAN ONLY MEAN A BALANCE OF ALL THE RELEVANT FACTORS SUCH AS OCCUPATION, AGE, SEX, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL BACKGROUND, KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISTRICT, EXPERIENCE, PAST COMMUNITY SERVICE, EXTENT OF CONTACTS WITH LOCAL PEOPLE, AND ALL THOSE PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES THAT CANNOT BE QUANTIFIED.+

WHILE MEMBERS SHOULD COME FROM AS WIDE A RANGE OF SOCIAL SECTORS AS POSSIBLE, IT WAS OFTEN NOT POSSIBLE, TO HAVE AN EQUAL OR SIMILAR NUMBER OF MEMBERS FROM ALL OCCUPATIONS OR PROFESSIONS.

NOR SHOULD IT BE UNEXPECTED, HE SAID, THAT THE BUSINESS SECTOR HAD PRODUCED THE MOST MEMBERS, BOTH IN THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED MEMBERSHIP, GIVEN THE INDISPUTABLE IMPORTANCE OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG.

MR LIAO STRESSED THAT THERE COULD NOT BE ANY RIGID CRITERION IN THE NOMINATION OF APPOINTED MEMBERS AS HEED MUST BE GIVEN TO THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS.

JUDGING FROM THE MORE EVEN SPREAD OF OCCUPATION AMONG THE ELECTED MEMBERS, HE SAID, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE WORK OF THE BOARDS DURING THE PAST YEARS HAD ATTRACTED CAPABLE PEOPLE FROM A WIDER SOCIAL SPECTRUM.

HE HOPED THAT THOSE WHO HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN THE ELECTIONS EARLIER THIS MONTH WOULD NOT LOSE HEART, BUT CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

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THE FEES, WHICH ARE UNIFORM AND IMPOSED WORLDWIDE, ARE 10 POUND STERLING FOR AN ORDINARY ENTRY CERTIFICATE, 20 POUND STERLING FOR A MULTIPLE-ENTRY CERTIFICATE AND EIGHT POUND STERLING FOR A TRANSIT ENTRY CERTIFICATE. THEY WILL BE CHARGED IN HONG KONG ALSO FROM MONDAY, AND WILL BE COLLECTED IN LOCAL CURRENCY AT AN OFFICIAL RATE OF EXCHANGE.

AN ENTRY CERTIFICATE IS AN ENDORSEMENT PLACED IN A COMMONWEALTH OR BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES PASSPORT. IT INDICATES THAT THE ENTRY CLEARANCE OFFICER AT OVERSEAS VISA POSTS (SUCH AS THE HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT) IS SATISFIED ABOUT THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO ENTER THE UNITED KINGDOM. BUT IT DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT A TRAVELLER HOLDING AN ENTRY CERTIFICATE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE UK.

ALTHOUGH PERSONS SEEKING TO ENTER THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR SETTLEMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUSINESS MUST HAVE ENTRY CERTIFICATES, IT IS PURELY OPTIONAL FOR VISITORS, STUDENTS AND TRANSITEES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT OUT OF THE 16 000 ENTRY CERTIFICATES ISSUED EACH YEAR, ONLY 1 000 ARE MANDATORY.

DURING 1983, 50 900 HONG KONG PASSPORT HOLDERS ENTERED THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, ISSUED ONLY 15 588 ENTRY CERTIFICATES. THIS MEANS THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF HONG KONG PASSPORT HOLDERS VISITED UK WITHOUT BOTHERING TO GET AN ENTRY CERTIFICATE.

+GENERALLY SPEAKING, HONG KONG PASSPORT HOLDERS WHO ARE BONA FIDE VISITORS OR STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO GAIN ADMISSION TO THE UK WITHOUT ENTRY CERTIFICATES IF THEY ARE ABLE TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES REASONABLY CLEARLY IN ENGLISH,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NEW DB MEMBERS GET TOGETHER

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MEMBERS OF THE NEW KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HELD THEIR FIRST INFORMAL GATHERING THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND EXCHANGE VIEWS.

THE 32 MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED BY THE OUT-GOING BOARD CHAIRMAN, WHO IS THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, ON PROCEDURES TO ELECT THEIR CHAIRMAN AT THE FIRST FORMAL BOARD MEETING, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ON MAY 6.

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THE BOARD MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSSED THE FUTURE FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD, SUCH AS DECIDING ON THE NUMBER AND NATURE OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS TO BE SET UP, THE DB STANDING ORDERS, AND THE SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ORGANISED ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES FOR MEMBERS TO LEARN ABOUT THE WORK IN THE BOARD AND TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY AND THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE.

EARLIER, NEWLY ELECTED AND APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MET IN THE AFTERNOON AT A RECEPTION TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

THE NEW DB MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND THE USE OF DB FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD IS SCHEDULED ON APRIL 12, IN WHICH THE ELECTION OF THE DB CHAIRMAN WILL TAKE PLACE.

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LEARNING MORE ABOUT THEIR DISTRICT
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NEWLY-ELECTED AND APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) WENT ON A TOUR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE WORK ACHIEVED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, AND HIS STAFF, THE GROUP VISITED MA HANG SQUATTER AREA IN STANLEY AND NAM FUNG SHEUNG VILLAGE IN WONG CHUK HANG WHERE THEY INSPECTED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS UNDERTAKEN BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THEY LATER VISITED THE WONG CHUK HANG FACTORY AREA TO SEE THE OPERATION OF MOBILE FOOD VANS WHICH HAVE HELPED EASE THE CATERING PROBLEM FOR WORKERS, AND INSPECTED A SITE EARMARKED FOR A COOKED FOOD CENTRE.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR STANLEY VALLEY AND THE WAH FU ESTATE PLAYGROUND PROJECT.

THEY ALSO HAD A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PROGRESS OF SEVERAL MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES SUCH AS THE ABERDEEN AND NORTHERN AP LEI CHAU RECLAMATION PROJECTS, THE ABERDEEN THROUGH ROAD PROJECT AND THE TELEGRAPH BAY. AT THE END OF THE TOUR, THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS HAD AN INFORMAL GATHERING AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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APRIL 1 REMINDER FOR HK RESIDENTS

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LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE REMINDED THAT FROM MONDAY (APRIL 1), THEY WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO BRING IN ONE LITRE OF STILL WINE AND 100 CIGARETTES OR 25 CIGARS OR 125 GRAMS OF TOBACCO FREE OF DUTY WHEN RETURNING TO HONG KONG.

AS FOR PERFUME AND TOILET WATER, THE DUTY FREE CONCESSION WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. LOCAL RESIDENTS CAN STILL BRING IN 60 MILLILITRES OF PERFUME AND 250 MILLILITRES OF TOILET WATER FREE OF DUTY AS BEFORE.

THIS NEW MEASURE WILL APPLY TO LOCAL RESIDENTS ONLY. VISITORS COMING TO HONG KONG CAN STILL CLAIM THE ENTITLED DUTY FREE CONCESSION FOR LIQUOR, TOBACCO, PERFUME AND TOILET WATER.

A CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE PERMITTED DUTY FREE STILL WINE INCLUDES WHITE WINE, RED WINE, PORT, SHERRY AND ROSE.

+CHAMPAGNE AND OTHER SPARKLING WINES AND BRANDY, WHISKY, GIN CARRIED BY RETURNING RESIDENTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DUTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE FROM APRIL 1.+

HE EXPLAINED THAT A LOCAL RESIDENT IS ANY PERSON WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO LAND IN HONG KONG AND TO REMAIN FREE OF CONDITIONS OF STAY, OR WHO HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN HONG KONG FOR SIX MONTHS OR MORE, OR WHO IS A HOLDER OF IDENTITY CARD OR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION ISSUED UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE.

PERSONS WHO CLAIM TO BE VISITORS AND WISH TO HAVE ENTITLEMENT TO FULL DUTY FREE CONCESSIONS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR INSPECTION BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

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NEED SEEN FOR INDIGENOUS MANAGERS

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HONG KONG NEEDED INDIGENOUS MANAGERS WITH THE RIGHT ACUMEN AND SKILLS FOR ITS CONTINUED COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS, MR HORACE KNIGHT, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, SAID TODAY.

HOWEVER, THE CONCEPT OF PLANNED TRAINING MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL WAS ACCEPTED BY ONLY A RELATIVELY FEW ORGANISATIONS, HE SAID.

IN A TALK TODAY TO THE ROTARY CLUB, KOWLOON NORTH, MR KNIGHT POINTED OUT THAT LESS THAN 15 PER CENT OF ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED IN A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE COUNCIL HAD FORMAL TRAINING FOR MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS.

FINDINGS OF ANOTHER SURVEY ON MANAGEMENT TRAINING NEEDS ALSO INDICATED THAT THERE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL DEMAND FOR MANAGEMENT EDUCATION IN QUALITY AS WELL AS IN QUANTITY, HE SAID.

THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OF HONG KONG ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNCIL LAST YEAR HAD THE JOB OF IDENTIFYING HONG KONG'S CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS FOR MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND CO-ORDINATING THE EFFORTS AIMED AT MEETING SUCH NEEDS.

HIGHLIGHTING THE WORK OF THE CENTRE, MR KNIGHT SAID THAT IT HAD ALREADY UNDERTAKEN PROJECTS IN RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND CO-ORDINATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

+ONE SUCH PROJECT IS THE SETTING UP OF A COMPREHENSIVE REPOSITORY OF MANAGEMENT LITERATURE AS WELL AS DETAILED INFORMATION ON HONG KONG BUSINESSES, LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MANAGEMENT COURSES, MANAGEMENT TEACHERS AND TRAINERS, RESEARCH PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING MATERIALS INCLUDING FILMS AND AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS.

+THIS LIBRARY CUM INFORMATION UNIT IS OPEN TO ALL INSTITUTIONS, EMPLOYEES, MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS,+ SAID MR KNIGHT.

THE CENTRE, STAFFED AND SUPPORTED BY MANAGEMENT TEACHERS AND TRAINERS OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTE, WAS NOW OPERATING A GENERAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME TO DEVELOP A PROGRAMME TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF LOCAL GENERAL MANAGERS.

THE SIX-MONTH PROGRAMME USED ACTION LEARNING, PROJECT ORIENTATED TECHNIQUES WHICH WERE NEW TO HONG KONG, SUPPLEMENTED BY MORE CONVENTIONAL STUDY AND BRIEFINGS, MR KNIGHT SAID.

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SEVEN RESIDENTS COMMENDED FOR CIVIC WORK
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TRIBUTE WAS PAID TODAY TO SEVEN RECIPIENTS OF THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY.

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION TO MRS ADA CHUNG LAU SHIN-YEE, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG, REV. ISAAC LIU CHI-SAN, MR LAI CHI-KIN, MR WONG CHE-KEUNG, MR CHANG BUTE AND MR LU KWONG-FAI.

MRS ADA CHUNG, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, WAS COMMENDED FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD AND HER ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY IN WAN CHAI.

MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG, HEADMASTER OF PO YAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, WAS RECOGNISED FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY BUILDING IN WONG TAI SIN THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF SPORTS AND RECREATION IN THE DISTRICT.

REV. ISAAC LIU, MINISTER OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH AND SUPERVISOR OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH TA TUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL, WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROMOTION OF WELFARE FOR THE AGED IN KOWLOON WALLED CITY THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP HE PROVIDES TO A CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE AREA.

MR LAI CHI-KIN, A CARETAKER OF LOK SIN TONG PRIMARY SCHOOL, WAS RECOGNISED FOR HIS ZEAL IN ASSISTING VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS AT A TEMPORARY SHELTER IN KOWLOON CITY AND THE ORGANISATION OF COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

MR LU KWONG-FAI, PRINCIPAL OF KEI KOK PRIMARY SCHOOL, WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS IN SHA TIN, IN PARTICULAR HIS PROMOTION OF LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL AS A SPORT FOR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PERSONS IN THE DISTRICT.

MR WONG CHE-KEUNG, AN ARTISAN OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WAS RECOGNISED FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN HANG HAU, SAI KUNG AND IN PARTICULAR FOR HIS EFFORT IN SETTING UP A YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE IN THE VILLAGE.

MR CHANG BUTE, A RETIRED VOLUNTARY SOCIAL WORKER, WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS UNTIRING EFFORT IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF THE AGED THROUGH HIS VOLUNTEER WORK IN THE ST JOSEPH OLD PEOPLE'S RECREATION CLUB AND THE MA ON SHAN HOME FOR THE AGED.

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1982 TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO THOSE WORTHY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO MAKE OUTSTANDING AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION THROUGH THEIR PHYSICAL EFFORTS OR INNOVATIVE IDEAS. TWENTY PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED THE COMMENDATION SINCE THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED.

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A LOOK INTO IMMIGRATION WORK
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR MARTIN ROWLANDS VISITED THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY TO MEET THE STAFF AND SEE THEM AT WORK.

MR ROWLANDS HAD AN HOUR-LONG DISCUSSION WITH STAFF REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE TOURING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE OVERSEAS VISA SECTION, THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS SECTION AND THE EXTENSION SECTION.

THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER BRIEFED MR ROWLANDS ON WORKSHOPS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PRODUCTIVITY AND COURTESY. MR ROWLANDS LEARNED THAT THE WORKSHOPS RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH HAD HELPED IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED ABOUT HOLIDAY
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT REMINDED EMPLOYERS TODAY THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE CHING MING FESTIVAL, WHICH FALLS ON APRIL 5, IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

HE SAID UNDER THE ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, AND THOSE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$9 500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY, AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS, SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY-TO-DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS TO 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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GRAVE SWEEPERS WARNED ABOUT FIRES

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PEOPLE VISITING THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL WERE URGED TODAY TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO START ANY HILL FIRES.

MAKING THE REQUEST, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID THAT LAST YEAR 26 FIRES WERE RECORDED ON CHING MING DAY, DUE MAINLY TO THE CARELESSNESS OF GRAVE SWEEPERS AND PICNICKERS.

HE URGED WORSHIPPERS NOT TO LEAVE ANYTHING BURNING UNATTENDED AT THE GRAVE SITES.

WORSHIPPERS SHOULD BURN ALL ITEMS IN METAL CONTAINERS WHEREVER POSSIBLE, AND MUST MAKE SURE THAT ALL FIRES ARE PROPERLY EXTINGUISHED, HE SAID.

AND PICNICKERS, HE SAID, SHOULD PUT OUT ALL BARBECUE FIRES AND CIGARETTE BUTTS BEFORE LEAVING.

ANYONE CAUSING A FIRE IN THE COUNTRY PARK IS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION, HE SAID.

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FIREMEN COMMENDED

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A STATION OFFICER AND TWO FIREMEN WILL BE RECEIVING COMMENDATIONS AT A CEREMONY AT THE KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD, ON TUESDAY (APRIL 2) MORNING.

STATION OFFICER CHO WING-NIN WILL RECEIVE THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES' HIGH COMMENDATION FOR HIS +LEADERSHIP AND FIRM CONTROL OF A DIFFICULT FIRE SITUATION,+ RESULTING IN THE RESCUE OF SIX PERSONS, ONE OF WHOM HE PERSONALLY RESCUED FROM A BLAZE AT A TSIM SHA TSUI FLAT ON FEBRUARY 20.

FIREMEN YU KWOK-FAI AND FUNG CHUNG-KAM WILL RECEIVE THE DIRECTOR'S COMMENDATION FOR THEIR +SKILL, INITIATIVE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY+ RESULTING IN THE RESCUE OF FOUR PERSONS STRANDED ON A CANOPY OUTSIDE THE 3RD FLOOR LEVEL OF A BURNING FLAT AT 11-A HAU FOOK STREET, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE PRESENTATIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND, MR M. KINGDOM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM AT THE KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD.

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TAI PO ZONING PLAN AMENDED FOR HOUSING SITES

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TWO AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR TAI PO, TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HOUSING SITES.

THEY INVOLVE THE REZONING OF A SITE TO THE WEST OF TAI PO MARKET, COMPRISING A GROSS AREA OF 15.7 HECTARES, FROM 'INDUSTRIAL' AND 'OU' (ANNOTATED 'FUNERAL PARLOUR') TO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)'.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE; CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (TAI PO), TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO MARKET, NEW TERRITORIES.

PERSONS AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BY APRIL 18.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN NO. S/TP/1 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG- AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$60 EACH COLOURED.

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LEARNING TO PROMOTE MORAL EDUCATION

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CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A WORKSHOP ON MAY 25 TO HELP THEM PROMOTE MORAL EDUCATION THROUGH TEACHING.

THEY WILL BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES DURING THE WORKSHOP, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

THERE WILL BE A KEYNOTE SPEECH DURING THE SESSION, AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS TOUCHING ON THE PROMOTION OF MORAL EDUCATION THROUGH READING, WRITING, SUPPLEMENTARY READING AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

THE WORKSHOP HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE SECTION AND THE RELIGIOUS-ETHICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE APRIL 20 TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR OF THE RELIGIOUS-ETHICAL EDUCATION SECTION AT FIFTH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE SECTION ON 5-8392483.

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PLANT TREES FOR A GREENER HONG KONG, PUBLIC URGED

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A MASSIVE TREE PLANTING EFFORT BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, HELPED BY 6 000 YOUNG PEOPLE, WILL GET UNDERWAY ON SUNDAY (MARCH 31), STARTING OFF THE 1985 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME.

UNDER THE SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, TREE SEEDLINGS WILL BE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO INTERESTED PERSONS FOR PLANTING AT SELECTED SITES IN SIX COUNTRY PARKS, HELPED, IF NECESSARY, BY THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF.

THE SEEDLINGS WILL BE GIVEN ON THREE CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS FROM MARCH 31, AND ALSO DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS ON APRIL 5 TO 8, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARK), MR K.C. IU, SAID TODAY.

HE INVITED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO JOIN IN THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING EFFORT, AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC INTEREST IN BEAUTIFYING HONG KONG'S COUNTRYSIDE, MAKING IT A NICER AND GREENER PLACE.

AMONG THE 6 000 YOUTHS WHO WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME WILL BE MEMBERS OF SCOUT GROUPS, COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUBS, AND THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE +CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME+.

THE SIX PLANTING SITES ARE LOCATED AT TWISK, TAI MO SHAN BRIDE'S POOL IN TAI PO; QUARRY BAY AND POK FU LAM ON HONG KONG ISLAND, NAM SHAN ON LANTAU AND PAK TAM CHUNG IN SAI KUNG.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR IU SAID, WILL UNDER ITS OWN PROGRAMME, BE PLANTING ABOUT 450 000 SEEDLINGS IN THE 21 COUNTRY PARKS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG THIS YEAR, AS AGAINST 330 000 PLANTED LAST YEAR.

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EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL INAUGURATED
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THE PROMOTION OF ARTS AND CULTURE IN ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR TASKS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THIS WAS STATED THIS EVENING BY EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE FIRST TERM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL.

HE SAID THAT THE COUNCIL'S FORMATION WAS TIMELY AND MARKED A MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT.

THE CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE SHOUSON THEATRE OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, A CULTURAL ORGANISATION FORMED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATIONS, HAS THE CHARACTERISTICS OF POOLING TOGETHER RESOURCES OF LOCAL ARTISTS FROM VARIOUS ARTISTIC FIELDS TO HELP PROMOTE CULTURAL LIFE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS, MR LUI SAID.

+I AM HAPPY TO SEE THAT PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT, WHO COME FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE JOIN TOGETHER TO PROMOTE CULTURE IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC, DANCE, FLORAL ARRANGEMENT, DRAMA, AND MANY OTHER FORMS OF ART,+ HE ADDED.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MADAM CHRISTINA TING SAID THE ARTS COUNCIL, A NON-PROFIT MAKING ORGANISATION, SOUGHT TO PROMOTE ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE DISTRICT, AND STRENGTHEN LINKS BETWEEN THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER CULTURAL AND ARTS ASSOCIATIONS.

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WELFARE PAYMENTS ADVANCED
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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE EARLIER TO PERSONS WHOSE PAYMENT DATES FALL ON THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT PERSONS DUE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS ON APRIL 5, 6, 7 AND 8 MAY CASH THEIR COUPONS ON APRIL 2, 3 AND 4 RESPECTIVELY OR AFTER, AT THE DESIGNATED POST OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES OR TREASURY SUB-OFFICES.

OLD AGE AND DISABILITY ALLOWANCES DUE ON APRIL 5 UNDER THE BANK PAYMENT SYSTEM WILL BE PAID ON APRIL 3.

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CHARITY WALKS RAISE FUNDS FOR ELDERLY
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S +CHARITY WALKS FOR THE ELDERLY+ ORGANISED LAST NOVEMBER BROUGHT IN SOME \$800 000 FOR PURCHASE OF A WIDE VARIETY OF EQUIPMENT FOR OLD PEOPLE.

THE EQUIPMENT, RANGING FROM WASHING MACHINES TO BLOOD PRESSURE MEASURING APPARATUS, WILL BENEFIT SENIOR CITIZENS NOW IN THE CARE OF ABOUT 100 HOSTELS AND SOCIAL CENTRES RUN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

AT A CEREMONY AT LUNG HANG ESTATE COMMUNITY HALL TODAY, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR FRED PANG, OFFICIALLY HANDED OVER SOME OF THE ITEMS TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE RECIPIENT AGENCIES.

ADDRESSING THE CEREMONY, MR PANG UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF CARE AND RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY AND SAID THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S POLICIES CATERED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

+WORTHY OF SPECIAL MENTION IS THE SPECIAL QUOTA UNDER THE ELDERLY PRIORITY SCHEME WHERE RELATED OR UNRELATED PERSONS OVER THE AGE OF 60 CAN PAIR UP TO OBTAIN A FLAT.

+THE AVERAGE WAITING TIME IS TWO YEARS AND TO DATE OVER 2 300 PERSONS HAVE SO QUALIFIED.

+APART FROM THIS, IN COLLABORATION WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION AND RELATED SERVICES HAVE LONG SINCE BEEN PROVIDED.+

MR PANG WARMLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE +SPONTANEOUS AND OVERWHELMING+ COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE CHARITY WALKS ORGANISED ON SEVEN ESTATES AS PART OF LAST YEAR'S HOUSING FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS.

+THE RESULT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF -- IN OUR JOINT EFFORTS WE SUCCEEDED IN RAISING MORE THAN \$800 000.

+THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT THOUGHT THAT THE BEST WAY OF SPENDING THE MONEY WAS TO ASK WHAT THE ELDERLY PEOPLE, THEMSELVES, WHAT THEY REQUIRED. WE THEREFORE APPROACHED OVER 100 CENTRES AND HOSTELS.

+THE RESULT: A LONG AND VARIED LIST INCLUDING FURNITURE, SEWING MACHINES, VACUUM CLEANERS, TV SETS, ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS, DEHUMIDIFIERS, WASHING MACHINES, SPOT-LIGHTS, SLIDE PROJECTORS, PHYSICAL EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, AND EVEN BLOOD PRESSURE MEASURING APPARATUS. SOME OF THE ITEMS BOUGHT ARE ON DISPLAY HERE.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE WALKS WILL AGREE THAT THE MONEY HAS BEEN WELL SPENT ON THESE ITEMS TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT, EXERCISE AND ENJOYMENT FOR THE ELDERLY.+

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TWO GAMES HALLS

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TWO URBAN COUNCIL INDOOR GAMES HALLS IN KOWLOON WILL BE CLOSED FOR TWO DAYS EARLY NEXT MONTH FOR MAINTENANCE WORK.

THE MORSE PARK INDOOR GAMES HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON APRIL 9 AND 10 AND THE KAI TAK EAST INDOOR GAMES HALL ON APRIL 11 AND 12.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO REPAINT THE LINE MARKINGS AT THESE VENUES WHICH HAVE FADED DUE TO NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR.

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ELEVATED ROADS BEING BUILT

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ROADWORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO PROVIDE ACCESS BETWEEN THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION AND GLOUCESTER ROAD AND HARCOURT ROAD.

THE WORKS WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED ROAD FROM FENWICK PIER STREET TO HARCOURT ROAD, AN ELEVATED ROAD FROM HUNG HING ROAD TO GLOUCESTER ROAD, A SEAFRONT ROAD FROM TONNOCHY ROAD TO FLEMING ROAD, AND THE EXTENSION OF FENWICK PIER STREET, LUNG KING STREET AND WAN SHING STREET.

A NEW TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING BUS TERMINUS AT THE WAN CHAI FERRY PIER.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE AND TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES
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FROM MONDAY TO THURSDAY (APRIL 1 TO 4) TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC AT INTERVALS BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5.45 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

THIS IS TO ENABLE CONSULTANTS TO CARRY OUT INVESTIGATIVE WORK.

THE SAME MEASURE WILL BE CARRIED OUT AGAIN FROM APRIL 9 TO 11, 15 TO 18, 22 TO 25, 29 TO 30, AND FROM MAY 1 TO 2.

AND FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS FROM MONDAY, TWO LANES OF THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD IN CHAI WAN KOK, TSUEN WAN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ROAD WORKS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR REFRESHMENT KIOSK
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF A LIGHT REFRESHMENT KIOSK AT THE HONG NING ROAD RECREATION GROUND IN KWUN TONG.

THE RECREATION GROUND, LOCATED BETWEEN HONG NING ROAD AND SHUI NING STREET, PROVIDES BOTH ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE AWARDED A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT STARTING FROM AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR. AT PRESENT THE KIOSK CARRIES A MONTHLY RENTAL OF \$6 280.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, 5TH FLOOR, GOVERNMENT BRANCH OFFICES, TUNG YAN STREET, KWUN TONG.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE AND PLACED BY HAND IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECEPTION COUNTER, 12TH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), ICE HOUSE STREET, BEFORE 9 A.M. ON APRIL 19, 1985. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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WATER MAINS WORK FOR ESTATE

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ABOUT 5 000 METRES OF FRESH WATER MAINS WILL BE LAID ALONGSIDE THE ACCESS ROAD BEING CONSTRUCTED FROM THE END OF TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD IN SHA TIN TO MA ON SHAN.

THE PROJECT MAKES UP THE SCHEME TO SUPPLY FRESH WATER FROM THE AH KUNG KOK SERVICE RESERVOIR TO THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN MA ON SHAN, AND IS PART OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE HANG ON ESTATE, NOW BEING BUILT, IS DUE FOR COMPLETION IN OCTOBER NEXT YEAR.

WORK WILL START IN JUNE THIS YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 13 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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