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NEW GOVERNOR ARRIVING APRIL 9

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE NEW GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG IN THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 9. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON AND THEIR YOUNGER SON ANDREW.

FOLLOWING TRADITIONAL PRACTICE, SIR DAVID WILL INSPECT A GUARD OF HONOUR AT QUEEN'S PIER AND WILL BE SWORN-IN AT CITY HALL. DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS OF THE CEREMONY WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONCE THEY ARE FINALISED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT SIR DAVID HAS DECIDED WHEN HE ASSUMES THE GOVERNORSHIP TO ADOPT A NEW CHINESE NAME THAT IS A MORE ACCURATE REFLECTION IN CANTONESE OF HIS ENGLISH NAME. HE WILL BE KNOWN AS WEI YIXIN (CANTONESE WAI YIK-SHUN).

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APPOINTMENT OF ACTING GOVERNOR

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUITY OF SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES'S APPOINTMENT AS ACTING GOVERNOR.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SIR DAVID ASSUMED THE DUTIES OF ACTING GOVERNOR UNDER ARTICLE XVII(1)(B) OF THE LETTERS PATENT WHICH PROVIDES THAT WHEN THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR IS VACANT AND NO PERSON IS SPECIFICALLY APPOINTED BY THE QUEEN UNDER ARTICLE XVII(1)(A) THE DUTIES OF GOVERNOR SHALL FALL ON +THE PERSON LAWFULLY DISCHARGING THE FUNCTIONS OF CHIEF SECRETARY+.

WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF MR DAVID FORD TO THE SUBSTANTIVE RANK OF CHIEF SECRETARY ON FEBRUARY 12, IT BECAME NECESSARY TO REGULARISE SIR DAVID'S POSITION.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN HAS THEREFORE BEEN PLEASED TO DESIGNATE BY INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XVII(1)(A) OF THE LETTERS PATENT SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES TO ASSUME AND PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS AND OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG.

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WRONG TO PREDICT OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS - SIR DAVID  
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG NOW TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS ON HONG KONG'S POLITICAL REFORMS AND THE BASIC LAW.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING A BRITISH EDUCATION FAIR.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON REMARKS BY MR LU PING, DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE IN KUNMING YESTERDAY, SIR DAVID SAID THE HONG KONG AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE CONSULTING HONG KONG OPINION ON POLITICAL REFORMS LATER ON THIS YEAR.

HE NOTED THAT CONSULTATION WAS ALSO GOING ON WITH THE HONG KONG PEOPLE ABOUT THE BASIC LAW.

+NOW, THESE TWO PROCESSES OF CONSULTATION, WHILE THEY ARE GOING ON IN PARALLEL, THE CONSULTATION IS WITH THE SAME GROUP OF PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

+AND I HOPE THE HONG KONG PEOPLE WILL GIVE THE SAME SORT OF RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATIONS FROM THESE TWO DIRECTIONS.+

HE STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG NOW TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATIONS WHEN HONG KONG PEOPLE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THEM, AND A GREEN PAPER WAS TO BE PUBLISHED LATER ON.

SIR DAVID'S REMARKS WERE ECHOED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, WHEN HE SPOKE TO REPORTERS AFTER A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE YOUNGER MANAGERS' CLUB.

MR FORD SAID: +IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE DO NOT TRY TO LEAD PUBLIC OPINION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER ABOUT WHAT MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT HAPPEN AT THE END OF THIS EXERCISE.

+I THINK THERE IS A DANGER THAT BY DRAWING PEOPLE OUT AT THIS STAGE BEFORE THEY HAVE SEEN THE GREEN PAPER AND TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO ESTABLISH THEIR POSITIONS AT THIS STAGE BEFORE THE GREEN PAPER IS EVEN PUBLISHED IS NOT VERY HELPFUL DEVELOPMENT FOR HONG KONG.+

HE STRESSED THAT THE CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE GENUINE EXERCISES, AND HE ADVISED PEOPLE TO SPEAK THEIR MINDS FREELY ABOUT HOW THEY BEST SEE THE FUTURE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG, +AND I THINK THAT, AT THIS STAGE, WE CAN DO NO MORE.+

/MR FORD .....

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MR FORD ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO DISCUSS, AND THERE WAS NOT MUCH POINT TO SPECULATE AT THIS STAGE, ON WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN AT THE END OF THE CONSULTATION EXERCISES UNTIL PUBLIC OPINION WAS KNOWN.

HE SAID THE GREEN PAPER WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN MAY AND THERE WOULD BE A CONSULTATION PERIOD OF ABOUT FIVE TO SIX MONTHS, FOLLOWING WHICH A WHITE PAPER WOULD BE PUBLISHED PROBABLY EARLY NEXT YEAR.

ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ASSESSMENT OFFICE TO CONSIDER PUBLIC OPINION, HE SAID A DECISION WOULD BE MADE WITHIN ONE MONTH'S TIME.

+IT WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO BE IN PLACE BY THE TIME THE GREEN PAPER IS ISSUED, WHICH IS GOING TO BE IN MAY. SO ALL THE MECHANISMS, IF WE HAVE AN OFFICE, WILL OBVIOUSLY BE WELL ORGANISED IN TIME FOR THE ISSUE OF THE GREEN PAPER IN MAY,+ MR FORD ADDED.

SPEAKING ABOUT HIS FIRST DAY AS CHIEF SECRETARY, MR FORD SAID HE FELT +VERY PLEASED+ AND +HONOURED+.

HE SAID HIS FIRST PRIORITY WAS TO SEE THAT THE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY WAS IN GOOD HEART, WORKING WELL, SENSITIVE TO PUBLIC OPINION, HAD A HIGH MORALE AND WAS AN EFFICIENT ORGANISATION.

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AWARENESS OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS +A HEALTHY SIGN+  
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THE FACT THAT OUR COMMUNITY NOW HAS A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF ITS RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AND OF THE AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO LAY A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG UP TO AND AFTER 1997 IS A HEALTHY SIGN, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

IN HIS FIRST SPEECH AS CHIEF SECRETARY, MR FORD TOLD MEMBERS OF THE YOUNGER MANAGERS' CLUB THAT PUBLIC OPINION WOULD DECIDE THE FUTURE SHAPE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

+THE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY COMMITTED TO A GENUINE REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN 1987,+ HE SAID.

A GREEN PAPER WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN MAY TO CONSULT THE PUBLIC ON A WIDE RANGE OF OPTIONS FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

+WHATEVER EMERGES FROM THE 1987 REVIEW, IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT NOT ONLY IS THE FACE OF GOVERNMENT LIKELY TO CHANGE BUT ITS STYLE ALSO,+ HE CONTINUED.

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SPEAKING ON +THE CHANGING FACE OF GOVERNMENT+, MR FORD SAID CIVIL SERVANTS WOULD HAVE TO BECOME MORE DIRECTLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS AND BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO PUBLIC NEEDS; THE PATERNALISTIC STYLE OF GOVERNMENT WOULD NO LONGER MEET PRESENT DAY ASPIRATIONS.

+BUT THAT SAID, BOTH THE CIVIL SERVICE AND THE PUBLIC MUST LEARN TO ACCOMMODATE EACH OTHER IN THEIR CHANGING ROLES AND THERE ARE COMPROMISES TO BE MADE ON BOTH SIDES,+ HE ADDED.

DESCRIBING THE ECONOMY AS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR AFFECTING HONG KONG'S FUTURE, MR FORD SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD EXTEND ITS ACTIVITIES TO CREATE A FAVOURABLE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT AGAINST THE RISE OF PROTECTIONISM.

+QUITE UNPRECEDENTED HAS BEEN THE NEW ROLE OF THE GOVERNOR, SENIOR MEMBERS OF OMELCO AND OFFICIALS WHO HAVE ALL ENGAGED IN THE FREQUENT SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY BETWEEN HONG KONG, THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE AND THE ASIAN COUNTRIES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS,+ MR FORD SAID.

STRESSING THAT ALL WOULD CONTINUE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE UNITED EFFORT AGAINST PROTECTIONISM WHICH STILL THREATENED US IN 1987, MR FORD SAID THE MAIN CONCERN WOULD BE THE UNITED STATES WHICH ABSORBED OVER 45 PER CENT OF OUR EXPORTS.

A PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANTS FIRM HAD JUST COMPLETED A STUDY TO EVALUATE HONG KONG'S IMAGE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS STRATEGY IN THE U.S.

+IN EUROPE A HONG KONG CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN BRUSSELS IN MAY AND A HIGH POWERED DELEGATION WILL ATTEND FROM HONG KONG.

+IN ASIA OUR PRIMARY OBJECT IS TO OPEN UP THE JAPANESE MARKET AND HERE AGAIN THE GOVERNMENT IS CLOSELY INVOLVED IN CO-ORDINATING EFFORTS AND IN THE PLANNING OF THE STRATEGY.+

ON ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION, MR FORD SAID: +FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WILL BE EXTENDED BEYOND THE PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT AND TRAINING.

+WITH THE PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL ESTATES, WE HAVE NOW MOVED INTO THE AREA OF GRANTING LAND ON COMPETITORS TERMS TO INDUSTRIES WHICH WILL HELP HONG KONG DIVERSIFY ITS PRODUCTS AND BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED.

+MORE WILL BE DONE IN THE YEARS AHEAD TO PROVIDE BETTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR STAFF AT SUPERVISORY AND MID-MANAGEMENT LEVELS IN DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES.+

THE APPLICATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES WOULD BE PROMOTED AND THE SCOPE OF THE EXISTING CONSULTANCY SERVICES EXTENDED, HE SAID.

/+WE WILL .....

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+WE WILL MOVE AHEAD WITH QUALITY PROMOTION TO GAIN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR OUR CALIBRATION AND TEST CERTIFICATES AND EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF EXTENDING RECOGNITION FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN TESTING LABORATORIES TO RECOGNITION FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION,+ MR FORD SAID.

+AS REGARDS INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION, WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO IMPROVE THE MECHANISM FOR TARGETTING FOREIGN MANUFACTURING FIRMS, TO DEVELOP CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS WITH A VIEW TO FACILITATING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND TO STRENGTHEN OUR OVERSEAS PROMOTION OFFICES.+

TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, MR FORD SAID IN THE LAST TWO DECADES +OUR POLICY HAS BEEN ANYTHING BUT NON-INTERVENTIONIST+.

+AN ADMINISTRATION WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HOUSING HALF THE POPULATION THROUGH ITS PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME, WHICH PROVIDES COMPULSORY FREE EDUCATION AND PROTECTED LABOUR LEGISLATION, WHICH PROVIDES HEAVILY SUBSIDISED MEDICAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES CAN HARDLY BE DESCRIBED AS NON-INTERVENTIONIST IN SOCIAL TERMS.

+THERE SHOULD BE NO ILLUSION HOWEVER THAT HONG KONG IS MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF A WELFARE STATE WITH ALL THAT HAS COME TO MEAN IN TERMS OF WESTERN DEMOCRACIES.+

HOWEVER, MR FORD ADDED, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A CAPITALIST ECONOMY, WHICH THE JOINT DECLARATION HAS GUARANTEED FOR AT LEAST 50 YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE THE FIRST TO RECOGNISE MORE SHOULD BE DONE TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE WELFARE AND QUALITY OF THE COMMUNITY.

LOOKING AHEAD, HE SAID FRESH INITIATIVES AND A NEW DETERMINATION WERE NEEDED TO ACHIEVE WHAT THE NEW GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, HAD ALREADY INDICATED -- +THAT WE SHOULD BE A HUMANE GOVERNMENT+.

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OVERSEAS EDUCATION PURSUIT AN ENCOURAGING SIGN  
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THE PURSUIT OF OVERSEAS EDUCATION BY SOME 10 000 LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE EACH YEAR IS A SOURCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND STRENGTH FOR THEY WILL BRING BACK WITH THEM THE KNOWLEDGE TO BETTER EXPLOIT THE NATURAL ASSET OF HONG KONG'S GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

TO EXPLOIT SUCH AN ASSET OF HONG KONG'S LOCATION ON THE WORLD MAP, MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON HONG KONG'S ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEMS OF OTHER NATIONS, TO SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE AND TO MATCH THEIR STANDARDS.

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE BRITISH EDUCATION EXHIBITION SIR DAVID SAID WITH THE RETURN OF THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS, THEY COULD GO ON BUILDING THE HONG KONG OF THE FUTURE AND MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE REGION AND THE DESTINY OF THIS UNIQUE CITY.

+THEY WILL RETURN BRINGING WITH THEM A FAMILIARITY WITH THE TOOLS OF LEARNING, THE TOOLS OF INDUSTRY, AND MOREOVER FRIENDSHIP FOR THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY HAVE STUDIED,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE TWO MAJOR ASSETS OF HONG KONG WERE ITS GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND ITS PEOPLE.

+IF WE ARE GOING TO MEET THE GROWING ASPIRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE AND FULFIL OUR DESTINY, WE MUST EXPLOIT THEM TO THE FULL,+ HE SAID.

IT WAS, HOWEVER, MOST UNLIKELY THAT HONG KONG WOULD EVER BE ABLE TO MEET THE NEED AND THE DEMAND FOR HIGHER EDUCATION FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES.

SIR DAVID SAID THE FIRST BRITISH EDUCATION EXHIBITION, WITH THE OBJECT OF CULTIVATING HUMAN ASSET, CAME AT A MOST OPPORTUNE TIME.

+THIS EXHIBITION IS INDICATIVE OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM PLACES ON STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN US,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WERE NOW ABOUT 11 000 STUDENTS FROM HONG KONG IN BRITAIN AND 6 000 OF THEM WERE IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

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#### SIR DAVID VISITS WELFARE FACILITIES

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED WELFARE FACILITIES RUN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND A BOYS' HOME OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SIR DAVID FIRST VISITED PO LEUNG KUK WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY MEMBERS OF THE KUK'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MRS LISA CHEE, THEN LED THE PARTY ON A GUIDED TOUR OF THE BABIES SECTION AND THE SHELTERED WORKSHOP.

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THE SECTION PROVIDES DAY CARE AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES TO 112 BABIES WHILE THE WORKSHOP CATERS FOR 60 HANDICAPPED PEOPLE.

SIR DAVID THEN VISITED THE PUI CHI BOYS' HOME OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL TRAINING FOR 60 BOYS AGED SEVEN TO 14 WHO HAD BEEN SENT THERE EITHER UNDER PROBATION ORDER OR CARE AND PROTECTION ORDER.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HOME, MR TSANG YIU-CHO, BRIEFED SIR DAVID ON THE TRAINING PROGRAMME, THE EMPHASIS OF WHICH IS ON PREPARING BOYS FOR EVENTUAL RETURN TO NORMAL SCHOOLING.

HE ALSO TOURED THE PREMISES AND CHATTED WITH BOYS PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS CLASSES INCLUDING FOLK DANCE, MODEL-MAKING, FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND BASKETBALL TRAINING.

SIR DAVID THEN WENT TO THE BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE WHICH HE OPENED IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IN 1982.

HE TOURED THE SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE BUILDING WHERE A GROUP OF ELDERLY PEOPLE WERE LEARNING ENGLISH WHILE ANOTHER GROUP WAS HAVING THEIR BLOOD PRESSURE TAKEN.

SIR DAVID FINALLY VISITED THE LILY VALE COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP IN THE CENTRE WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE USUALLY GATHER FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE EVENING.

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#### CHIEF SECRETARY LOOKS AT WORK OF EPD

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT TO SEE HOW IT OPERATES AND HOW HONG KONG IS TACKLING THE FIGHT AGAINST POLLUTION.

HE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, AND SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS.

MR FORD WAS GIVEN A GENERAL VIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES SINCE ITS REORGANISATION AND EXPANSION IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

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THESE INCLUDE THE FORMULATION OF POLICY IN WATER AND AIR POLLUTION; NOISE, WASTES MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT; PLANNING FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTES AND WASTE WATERS; ENFORCEMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROL LEGISLATION AND THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF MAJOR POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

HE WAS ALSO TOLD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MORE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COMING 12 MONTHS WHICH INCLUDE THE ISSUE OF THE NOISE CONTROL BILL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, ENFORCEMENT OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS IN THE FIRST WATER CONTROL ZONE IN TOLO HARBOUR, THE REVISED AND REINFORCED SCHEME FOR VEHICLE SMOKE EMISSIONS CONTROL AND THE REVIEW OF THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL STRATEGY FOR THE TERRITORY.

THE BRIEFING WAS FOLLOWED BY A SHORT TOUR AROUND THE DEPARTMENT IN WHICH MR FORD WAS ABLE TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE WORK OF ITS TWO MULTIDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE-ENGINEERING DIVISIONS COVERING WASTE-WATER AND AIR-NOISE.

HE WAS ALSO SHOWN SOME OF THE SOPHISTICATED MONITORING AND TEST EQUIPMENT AND THE PROCEDURES THAT THE DEPARTMENT USES TO TACKLE EXISTING POLLUTION PROBLEMS AND HOW TO PREVENT THE OCCURENCE OF NEW ONES.

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UK EDUCATION SECRETARY VISITS TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
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THE VISITING SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SCIENCE, MR KENNETH BAKER, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE TANG SHIU KIN VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT SECONDARY LEVEL IN HONG KONG.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, MR BAKER WAS GIVEN A CONDUCTED TOUR OF THE SCHOOL PREMISES BY THE PRINCIPAL, MR PAUL LUI.

DURING THE HOUR-LONG VISIT, HE WAS TOLD HOW COMMERCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS COULD BE EFFECTIVELY BLENDED INTO THE CURRICULUM WHICH ALSO AIMED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH GENERAL ACADEMIC EDUCATION CONSISTING OF ENGLISH, CHINESE, MATHEMATICS, ARTS AND SCIENCE SUBJECTS.

HE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT BOYS IN THE SCHOOL WERE OFFERED A GENERAL DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY COURSE UP TO FORM 2 BEFORE THEY WERE STREAMED INTO EITHER METAL OR WOOD BIASED CLASSES. GIRLS WERE OFFERED THE OPTIONS OF EITHER THE SCIENCE, COMMERCE OR HOME ECONOMICS STREAM.

MR BAKER NOTED THAT THE SCHOOL OFFERED MATRICULATION CLASSES FOR STUDENTS PREPARED TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES IN ENGINEERING AND SOCIAL SCIENCE IN UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS.

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NEW HONG KONG ASSOCIATION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
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HONG KONG'S SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES, MR BILL DORWARD, TODAY (HK TIME) REITERATED THAT HONG KONG OFFERS OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN INTERESTS AS A PLACE TO DO BUSINESS.

MR DORWARD WAS SPEAKING IN LOS ANGELES AT THE FIRST SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THIS IS THE THIRD SUCH ASSOCIATION TO BE LAUNCHED IN THE UNITED STATES, AFTER NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO.

WELCOMING ITS FORMATION, HE SAID SUCH ASSOCIATIONS FURTHER STRENGTHEN HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC LINKS WITH THE UNITED STATES, BRINGING TOGETHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE A CONNECTION WITH OR AN INTEREST IN HONG KONG AND OFFERING SPEAKERS TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON HONG KONG'S FAST-CHANGING COMMUNITY.

HE SUGGESTED THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR TWO REASONS: +FIRST HONG KONG OFFERS AND WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN INTERESTS AS A PLACE IN WHICH, WITH WHICH AND THROUGH WHICH TO DO COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND MOST OTHER KINDS OF BUSINESS.

+SECONDLY, THE UNITED STATES HAS A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY IN FURTHERING STABILITY AND PROSPERITY THROUGH THE PROGRESSIVE INTERNATIONALISATION OF THIS REMARKABLE CITY WHICH SITS STRATEGICALLY AT THE CENTRE OF A WHEEL WHICH COMPASSES ONE THIRD OF THE POPULATION OF THIS PLANET.+

STRESSING THAT THE RELATIONSHIP IS TO MUTUAL ADVANTAGE, MR DORWARD SAID THAT HONG KONG OFFERS THE UNITED STATES THE FREEST MAJOR MARKET IN ITS OWN RIGHT AS WELL AS THE MOST EFFICIENT AND CONVENIENT BASE FOR REGIONAL ACTIVITIES ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE PACIFIC RIM.

+TODAY OVER 16 000 AMERICAN CITIZENS LIVE AND WORK IN HONG KONG AND OVER 900 AMERICAN OR AMERICAN-CONTROLLED FIRMS ARE LOCATED THERE, INCLUDING 19 BANKS, 46 INSURANCE COMPANIES AND OVER 140 MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS.+

MR DORWARD SAID THAT HONG KONG SOLD ABOUT \$8 BILLION OF ITS OWN PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR AND BOUGHT ABOUT \$3 BILLION WORTH OF U.S. GOODS.

YET NOTING THAT THIS MIGHT LOOK AS IF HONG KONG IS CONTRIBUTING DISPROPORTIONATELY TO THE U.S. TRADE DEFICIT PROBLEM, MR DORWARD CITED THREE FACTORS IN HONG KONG'S FAVOUR.

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+FIRST, THERE ARE NO BARRIERS TO U.S. EXPORTS, SO THAT THEIR VOLUME REFLECTS EITHER THEIR COMPETITIVENESS IN AN OPEN MARKET OR THE EFFORT WHICH HAS BEEN MADE TO SELL THEM.

+SECONDLY, THE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE THE VERY SUBSTANTIAL BUT UNQUANTIFIABLE EARNINGS FROM THE SALE OF U.S. SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

+AND THIRDLY, THE PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF U.S. PRODUCTS BY THE FIVE-AND-A-HALF MILLION PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IS, AT AROUND \$545, FAR HIGHER THAN IN THE MARKET OF ANY MAJOR U.S. TRADING PARTNER IN EUROPE OR ASIA.

+IF TAIWAN, SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN, FOR EXAMPLE, TOOK AS MUCH PER CAPITA, THE U.S. TRADE DEFICIT WOULD DISAPPEAR OVERNIGHT,+ MR DORWARD POINTED OUT.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER AND 1986 RELEASED  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED TRADE VALUE STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1986. COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1985, TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN DECEMBER 1986, VALUED AT \$55 459 MILLION, GREW BY 26 PER CENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT TO \$15 365 MILLION IN DECEMBER 1986 WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 33 PER CENT TO \$12 626 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN DECEMBER 1986 TO \$27 991 MILLION, 28 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN DECEMBER 1985. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT TO \$27 468 MILLION IN DECEMBER 1986.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BETWEEN DECEMBER 1985 AND DECEMBER 1986. THE GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS PARTICULARLY STRONG TO JAPAN (86 PER CENT), CHINA (54 PER CENT), FRANCE (37 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (34 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (25 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM MOST MAJOR SUPPLIERS GENERALLY INCREASED BETWEEN DECEMBER 1985 AND DECEMBER 1986 ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (78 PER CENT), TAIWAN (40 PER CENT), SWITZERLAND (32 PER CENT), CHINA (31 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (25 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE (-19 PER CENT) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (-1 PER CENT).

/RE-EXPORTS TO .....

RE-EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, TAIWAN, THE U.S., THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY BY 115 PER CENT, 63 PER CENT, 55 PER CENT, 47 PER CENT AND 43 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN THE YEAR OF 1986, VALUED AT \$552 484 MILLION, INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1985. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT TO \$153 983 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT TO \$122 546 MILLION SO THAT, FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, THE TRADE VALUE INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT.

IMPORTS INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT TO \$275 955 MILLION. WITH IMPORTS INCREASING SLIGHTLY MORE RAPIDLY THAN TOTAL EXPORTS, A SMALLER MERCHANDISE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$575 MILLION WAS RECORDED IN 1986 AS COMPARED TO THE SURPLUS OF \$3 733 MILLION IN 1985.

COMPARING 1986 WITH 1985, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL PRINCIPAL MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS. THE MARKETS WITH RAPID GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED FRANCE (45 PER CENT), JAPAN (39 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (38 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (35 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (25 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TWO LARGEST MARKETS, THE U.S. AND CHINA, HOWEVER, GREW LESS RAPIDLY, BY 11 PER CENT AND 19 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IMPORTS FROM MAJOR SUPPLIERS GENERALLY INCREASED BETWEEN 1985 AND 1986, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM SWITZERLAND (52 PER CENT), CHINA (38 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (32 PER CENT), ITALY (23 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (21 PER CENT). A DECREASE WAS, HOWEVER, RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE (-4 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE U.S., THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND TAIWAN INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY BY 102 PER CENT, 73 PER CENT, 52 PER CENT, 51 PER CENT AND 37 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. ON THE OTHER HAND, RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA RECORDED A DECLINE (-11 PER CENT).

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR 1986 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY MARCH 1987.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

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COMPARING 1986 WITH 1985, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$2 131 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$2 004 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 175 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$123 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$43 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT IN VALUE. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$1 529 MILLION OR 72 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$659 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); AS WELL AS CLOTHING (BY \$293 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$850 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT); AS WELL AS LEATHER, LEATHER MANUFACTURES AND DRESSED FURSKINS (BY \$26 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED BY 38 PER CENT IN VALUE. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1 767 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$412 MILLION OR 117 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$107 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE UP BY 16 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES IN CLOTHING (BY \$997 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$207 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN INCREASED BY 39 PER CENT, WITH GROWTH IN CLOTHING (BY \$731 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$330 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$249 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

IMPORTS FROM CHINA INCREASED BY 38 PER CENT IN VALUE IN 1986 AS COMPARED WITH 1985. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$6 024 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$5 083 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$2 285 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$525 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT; AS WELL AS TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$475 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM JAPAN INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 719 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$815 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$746 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$1 756 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT); AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$372 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN WAS UP BY 15 PER CENT. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$1 856 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$294 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR IRON AND STEEL (BY \$255 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE UP BY 6 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$767 MILLION OR 91 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$405 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ROSE BY 32 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES IN TEXTILES (BY \$935 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$511 MILLION OR 104 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$370 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING 1986 WITH 1985, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA DECREASED BY 11 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2 097 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT); ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$2 081 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 580 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$1 634 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); AND PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$504 MILLION OR 228 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. INCREASED BY 52 PER CENT IN VALUE. COMMODITIES WITH INCREASES INCLUDED CLOTHING (BY \$3 834 MILLION OR 98 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$1 780 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$394 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS (BY \$61 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT); AS WELL AS CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$50 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN WAS UP BY 22 PER CENT. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$392 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT); AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$244 MILLION OR 98 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$327 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN ROSE BY 37 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$906 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$122 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT).

THE INCREASE TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAS 51 PER CENT, WITH GROWTH IN TEXTILES (BY \$614 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$489 MILLION OR 94 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN OF NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$107 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE DECEMBER 1986 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND FEBRUARY 20 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 PER COPY. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN DECEMBER 1986 WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY MARCH AT \$13.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG, ON 5-214375 AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-444436.

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Table 1: Domestic exports by ten major markets

Major Market	Jan-Dec 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec '86 over Jan-Dec '85 ( % )	December 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Dec '86 over Dec '85 ( % )
U.S.A.	64,219	11	5,829	14
China	18,022	19	2,004	54
F.R. of Germany	11,003	38	1,343	23
U.K.	9,918	16	1,043	5
Japan	6,212	39	659	86
Canada	4,880	11	472	1
Australia	3,376	1	327	15
Netherlands	2,803	35	359	34
Singapore	2,794	25	235	25
France	2,640	45	288	37

Table 2: Domestic exports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Dec 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec '86 over Jan-Dec '85 ( % )	December 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Dec '86 over Dec '85 ( % )
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	52,162	16	5,849	16
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	25,430	24	2,166	34
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	13,041	21	1,106	16
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	11,681	30	1,231	64
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	11,214	12	1,070	37
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	10,955	40	1,176	39

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Table 3: Imports from ten major suppliers

Major Supplier	Jan-Dec . 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec '86 over Jan-Dec '85 ( % )	December 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Dec '86 over Dec '85 ( % )
China	81,633	38	8,746	31
Japan	56,398	6	5,637	25
Taiwan	23,977	15	2,592	40
U.S.A.	23,198	6	1,935	11
Republic of Korea	10,970	32	1,239	78
Singapore	10,882	-4	947	-19
U.K.	9,347	11	852	-1
F.R. of Germany	8,041	21	708	12
Switzerland	5,543	52	518	32
Italy	4,413	23	378	4

Table 4: Imports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Dec 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec '86 over Jan-Dec '85 ( % )	December 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Dec '86 over Dec '85 ( % )
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	42,585	27	4,423	17
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	23,642	24	2,482	73
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	19,701	51	1,970	40
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	16,360	23	1,482	11
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	14,714	32	1,485	34
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	13,870	14	1,548	55

/Table 5: .....

Table 5: Re-exports by ten major markets

Major Market	Jan-Dec 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec '86 over Jan-Dec '85 ( % )	December 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Dec '86 over Dec '85 ( % )
China	40,894	-11	4,658	20
U.S.A.	22,362	52	2,168	55
Japan	6,676	22	674	31
Taiwan	5,939	37	562	63
Republic of Korea	5,843	51	572	43
Singapore	5,259	20	465	5
F.R. of Germany	2,688	73	319	47
Macau	2,584	1	237	17
U.K.	2,489	102	294	115
Indonesia	2,407	5	188	4

Table 6: Re-exports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Dec 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Dec '86 over Jan-Dec '85 ( % )	December 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Dec '86 over Dec '85 ( % )
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	20,094	26	2,126	33
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	13,366	75	1,239	59
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	10,343	44	1,016	79
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	9,618	7	1,022	56
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	6,680	-5	791	68
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,735	4	588	28

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LATEST STATISTICS ON AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME RELEASED  
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ANOTHER FOUR PERSONS IN HONG KONG WERE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN INFECTED BY THE VIRUS WHICH CAUSES AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) DURING THE QUARTER FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1986.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WHEN RELEASING THE LATEST STATISTICS ON THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME FOR THE INFECTION.

THE FIGURES BRING TO 72 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS DETECTED BY HIV (HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS) ANTIBODY TESTS TO BE INFECTED BY THE AIDS VIRUS IN HONG KONG.

UP TO THE END OF DECEMBER 1986, 38 312 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR HIV ANTIBODIES (EVIDENCE OF INFECTION BY THE AIDS VIRUS) BY THE DEPARTMENT'S VIRUS UNIT, AS PART OF THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME.

THE TESTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED ON GROUPS WHO ARE AT RISK OF BEING INFECTED BY THE VIRUS AND INCLUDE SEXUALLY PROMISCUOUS INDIVIDUALS, MULTITRANSFUSED PATIENTS AND INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSERS.

OF THE 72 PERSONS FOUND TO HAVE HIV ANTIBODIES, 44 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, SEVEN WERE PATIENTS OF SOCIAL HYGIENE (SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE) CLINICS, 12 WERE REFERRALS FROM THE PRIVATE AND SUBVENTED SECTORS AND NINE WERE PATIENTS AT GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE REPORTED NO NEW POSITIVE HIV ANTIBODY TESTS IN THE SAME QUARTER. A TOTAL OF 37 366 UNITS OF BLOOD WERE SCREENED DURING THE PERIOD.

SINCE THE RED CROSS STARTED ITS MANDATORY SCREENING PROGRAMME OF BLOOD DONOR UNITS FOR THE PRESENCE OF AIDS VIRUS-HIV ANTIBODIES IN AUGUST 1985, A TOTAL OF 194 076 DONOR UNITS HAVE BEEN SCREENED. THREE OF THESE WERE DETECTED TO BE POSITIVE FOR HIV ANTIBODIES.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE LATEST FIGURES ON THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME HAD SHOWN NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE INCIDENCE OF AIDS VIRUS INFECTION IN HONG KONG.

OF THE FOUR PERSONS RECENTLY DETECTED TO HAVE AIDS ANTIBODIES, THREE WERE THOUGHT TO BE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED AND THE FOURTH WAS A HAEMOPHILIAC PATIENT, WHO HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY TESTED AND WAS PROBABLY INFECTED BY CONTAMINATED IMPORTED FACTOR VIII BEFORE AUGUST 1985 WHEN HEAT-TREATED BLOOD PRODUCTS WERE NOT YET AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG.

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LATEST STATISTICS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THE TWO MAJOR MODES OF INFECTION BY THE AIDS VIRUS IN HONG KONG ARE BY THE USE OF UNTREATED IMPORTED FACTOR VIII AND BY THE SEXUAL ROUTE AND THAT CASUAL NON-SEXUAL CONTACT DOES NOT TRANSMIT THE VIRUS, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SAFER HEAT-TREATED FACTOR VIII AND MANDATORY BLOOD DONOR UNIT SCREENING IN HONG KONG, TRANSFUSION RELATED INFECTION BY THE AIDS VIRUS SHOULD BE CURTAILED, HE ADDED.

+THE GREATEST RISK OF THE SPREAD OF AIDS IN HONG KONG CURRENTLY IS BY SEXUAL TRANSMISSION. PREVENTION OF SEXUAL TRANSMISSION CAN BE ACHIEVED BY AVOIDING PROMISCUOUS SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS. THE USE OF PHYSICAL BARRIERS LIKE CONDOMS AFFORD PROTECTION FROM INFECTION AND SHOULD BE USED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

INDIVIDUALS WHO FEAR THEY MAY HAVE CONTRACTED THE AIDS VIRUS CAN MAKE USE OF THE COUNSELLING SERVICE ON AIDS, A SPECIAL COUNSELLING CLINIC ESTABLISHED IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL.

THE CLINIC IS MANNED BY A SENIOR HEALTH NURSE AND A PHYSICIAN, AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-7102553. ALL INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND CALLERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO GIVE THEIR NAMES. WHEN NECESSARY, BLOOD SCREENING TEST CAN BE CARRIED OUT FOR CALLERS IN THE CLINIC.

SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 3 226 CALLERS WERE RECEIVED BY THE CLINIC AND 310 BLOOD TESTS WERE CONDUCTED FOR CALLERS.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY SET UP A COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS IN A BID TO STRENGTHEN THE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY EFFORTS ON THE DISEASE.

IT IS FELT THAT SINCE THERE IS AT PRESENT NO EFFECTIVE CURE FOR AIDS, MORE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON PREVENTION THROUGH PUBLIC EDUCATION.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE COMMITTEE WILL FORMULATE STRATEGIES ON PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY AND WILL ALSO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT THE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMME.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT A NEW PUBLICITY PROGRAMME ON AIDS WILL BE LAUNCHED IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

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TELEVISION, SOUND BROADCASTING SURVEY TO START MONDAY  
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THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY (TELA) HAS COMMISSIONED AGB MCNAIR, AN INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ORGANISATION IN HONG KONG, TO CONDUCT A SURVEY ON TELEVISION AND SOUND BROADCASTING. THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, MR HAROLD KWOK, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THIS IS A RESEARCH STUDY ON THE ATTITUDES OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TOWARDS THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF TELEVISION AND RADIO PROGRAMMES.

THE INTENTION IS TO USE THIS INFORMATION AS GUIDELINES FOR IMPROVING TELEVISION AND SOUND BROADCASTING.

BEGINNING ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 16), INTERVIEWERS WILL BE VISITING HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO SPEAK WITH A MEMBER OF EACH SELECTED HOUSEHOLD. THE RESEARCH COMPANY HAS SENT A LETTER TO THESE HOUSEHOLDS A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE VISIT. THE ENTIRE FIELD WORK IS EXPECTED TO LAST SIX WEEKS.

MR KWOK SAID THE SURVEY WAS DESIGNED IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THE STUDY IS BASED ON A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF THE POPULATION OF HONG KONG PREPARED BY PROBABILITY SAMPLING TECHNIQUES.

MR KWOK EMPHASISED THAT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE REPRESENTATIVENESS OF THE PREPARED SAMPLE, IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL HOUSEHOLDS SELECTED THROUGH THE SAMPLING PROCESS SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED. HE, THEREFORE, URGED FAMILY MEMBERS OF THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO ASSIST IN THE SURVEY BY CO-OPERATING WITH THE INTERVIEWERS IN ORDER THAT MEANINGFUL RESULTS COULD BE COLLECTED.

ANY INFORMATION GATHERED FROM THE INTERVIEWS WILL BE ANALYSED COLLECTIVELY AND WILL BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, HE ADDED.

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NEED FOR FIRST-CLASS CRAFTSMEN STRESSED  
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GRADUATING GOVERNMENT CRAFT APPRENTICES WERE TOLD TODAY (THURSDAY) THERE WAS LITTLE DOUBT THAT, AS HONG KONG WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY AN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY, THE NEED TO MEET THE DEMANDS FOR FIRST-CLASS CRAFTSMEN IN THE WORKFORCE WAS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF HONG KONG.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR MIAO CHI, WAS SPEAKING AT THE 26TH COMPLETION OF APPRENTICESHIP CEREMONY AT WHICH 89 GRADUATES WERE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES AND TROPHIES.

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+WE SHARE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE GOOD TRAINING FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMES, AND ENCOURAGE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN INDUSTRY SO THAT HONG KONG, WITH ITS SKILLED WORKFORCE, CAN COMPETE FAVOURABLY WITH OTHER COUNTRIES,+ HE SAID.

HE TOLD GRADUATING APPRENTICES AND THOSE STILL UNDER TRAINING THAT THERE WAS A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF THEM.

THE LAISHLEY CUP FOR THE BEST CRAFT APPRENTICE WAS AWARDED TO MR LAI CHUEN-CHEONG WHILE THE HOWES PLAQUE FOR THE BEST CRAFT APPRENTICE IN BASIC TRAINING WENT TO MR CHAN PUI-LAM.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR REPLACING AEROBRIDGES  
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THE FIXED AND MOVING AEROBRIDGES AT THREE PARKING BAYS AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARE TO BE REPLACED AT A COST OF \$15.6 MILLION.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR MIAO CHI, TODAY (THURSDAY) SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH MR A. ODAKE OF MITSUBISHI CORPORATION FOR THE PROJECT.

IT INCLUDES REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING SIX AEROBRIDGES AT BAYS 6, 7 AND 8 AND THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF THREE FIXED AND THREE MOVING BRIDGES.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO START AT THE END OF THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF 1988.

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FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL FOR KOWLOON CITY  
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KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT AT THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 14).

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, KOWLOON LOK SIN TONG AND SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB KOWLOON WEST, THE CARNIVAL WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

THERE WILL BE 21 GAMES STALLS, AN EIGHT-METRE-TALL INFLATABLE ELEPHANT FOR CHILDREN, A LUCKY DRAW, PERFORMANCES BY THE TAI TAM GIRLS' PRECISION MARCHING TEAM AND DANCING BY SCHOOL PUPILS.

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THE POLICE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU WILL ALSO SET UP A MOBILE EXHIBITION TO GIVE ADVICE ON CRIME PREVENTION TO RESIDENTS.

AT THE SAME TIME, 22 RECIPIENTS, AGED BETWEEN 17 AND 72, WILL BE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS, IN A +FRIENDS OF THE POLICE AND CITIZENS AWARD+ PRESENTATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MRS ROSANNA TAM, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR NG CHING-KWOK, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WOO-YICK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL AND THE PRESENTATION AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY.

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FOLK ART CARNIVAL FOR CENTRAL, WESTERN DISTRICT  
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A FUN-PACKED CARNIVAL, FEATURING TRADITIONAL FOLK ART, WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 15) AFTERNOON FOR RESIDENTS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

THE +YEAR OF THE RABBIT+ CARNIVAL IS TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY AMONG PARTICIPANTS UNDER A JOYOUS ATMOSPHERE.

APART FROM PERFORMANCES BY THE PAN ASIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, THERE WILL BE VARIOUS GAMES STALLS FEATURING PALM READING, LANTERN RIDDLES, CHINESE CHESS GAMES AND DRAWING FOR CHILDREN. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO, URBAN COUNCIL MEMBER, MR CHOW WAI-KEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE CARNIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR YUEN BUN-KEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), MR WU CHOR-NAM, AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELIZABETH TSE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL AT 1.30 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR BALL FOR 400 YOUTHS  
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ABOUT 400 YOUTHS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL CELEBRATE THE SPRING FESTIVAL AND ST. VALENTINE'S DAY AT A BALL ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 14).

THE BALL PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO GET TOGETHER TO ENJOY FRIENDSHIP AND THE FUN OF DANCING.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE FUNCTION ALSO AIMS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

PROGRAMMES INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY POP SINGERS, DISCO DANCES, GAMES AND A LUCKY DRAW. THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELIZABETH TSE, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE LUCKY DRAW.

THE BALL, STARTING FROM 7 PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT, WILL BE HELD AT THE ASIANIA RESTAURANT IN WAN CHAI.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS RENT AND ENVIRONMENT

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND THE RENT POLICY OF THE HOUSING SOCIETY.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN KA TIN, SHA TIN WAI, SHA TIN TAU, LEI UK TSUEN, FO TAN AND TAI SHUI HANG AND THE FORMATION OF ROADS AND DRAINS.

THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL FEASIBILITY REPORT WILL ALSO BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE SIXTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, KCR HOUSE TOMORROW AT 9.30 AM.

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DISCUSSION ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN PAK TIN

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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM THE PAK TIN AREA COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN-CROSSING FACILITY AT THE JUNCTION OF PAK TIN STREET AND PAK WAN STREET.

THE AREA COMMITTEE IS ALSO SEEKING INFORMATION FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON THE STANDARD FOR THE PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN-CROSSING FACILITIES.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS ALONG KWEILIN STREET AND PEI HO STREET- AND PROPOSED SHORTENING OF THE OPERATION PERIOD OF SOME GOODS VEHICLE PARKING METERS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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CARPENTER ROAD TO BE WIDENED  
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR WIDENING CARPENTER ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

STORMWATER DRAINS ALONG CARPENTER ROAD WILL BE DUPLICATED TO AVOID FLOODING IN LOW-LYING AREAS NEARBY.

WORK WILL START IN APRIL AND TAKE 13 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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PLB PROHIBITED ZONE SET UP IN YUEN LONG

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TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE MADE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONES 24 HOURS DAILY FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THEY ARE TONG YAN SUN TSUEN ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 150 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND MA FUNG LING ROAD.

NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PROHIBITED AREA.

MEANWHILE, TONG YAN SUN TSUEN ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 150 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A PLB RESTRICTED ZONE.

NO PLB WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS THERE.

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ROAD CLOSED FOR FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

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CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR PING SHAN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC INTERMITTENTLY FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 15).

THE MOVE IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE IN THE AREA.

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