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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1985

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U.S. ORIGIN RULES TALKS ADJOURNED

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CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN HONG KONG AND UNITED STATES TRADE OFFICIALS ON THE U.S. ORIGIN REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN ADJOURNED FOLLOWING TALKS ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

MR HAMISH MACLEOD, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE WHO LED THE HONG KONG DELEGATION, SAID THE TALKS HAD FOCUSED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY (TSB) CONCERNING THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE REGULATIONS ON HONG KONG'S TRADE UNDER THE BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT.

HE SAID THAT HE HAD STRESSED TO THE AMERICAN DELEGATION THAT THE REGULATIONS WERE CONTINUING TO CAUSE SERIOUS DISRUPTION TO THE KNITWEAR TRADE UNDER THE AGREEMENT.

HE ADDED THAT HE HAD POINTED OUT POSSIBLE SIDE-EFFECTS OF THE NEW RULES WHICH WOULD BE UNWELCOME TO THE U.S. - FOR EXAMPLE, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE NEW RULES, IF UNCHANGED, WOULD IN FUTURE PERMIT HONG KONG TO EXPORT SWEATERS FREE OF QUOTA IF CERTAIN KNITTING PROCESSES WERE CARRIED OUT IN THE EEC OR OTHER QUOTA FREE COUNTRIES. IN SUM, THE REGULATIONS COULD LEAD TO A PROLIFERATION OF JUST THE SORT OF PROBLEMS WHICH THEY WERE SUPPOSEDLY DESIGNED TO PREVENT.

MR MACLEOD CONFIRMED THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY U.S. PROPOSALS, HONG KONG HAD PUT TWO PROPOSALS ON THE TABLE. THESE PROPOSALS ADDRESSED THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS OF UNCERTAINTY FACING HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS, AND SUGGESTED A SOLUTION TO THE OVERALL PROBLEM OF THE REGULATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CURRENT U.S. REVIEW.

HE SAID THAT THE U.S. HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GIVE A SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSALS DURING THE PRESENT ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS. HE HAD RESPONDED THAT THE ABSENCE OF ANY U.S. ATTEMPT TO ADDRESS THE TSB FINDINGS AND TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS WAS UNREASONABLE AND UNHELPFUL AND COULD NOT BE REGARDED AS AN ADEQUATE RESPONSE TO THE TSB RECOMMENDATIONS.

NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF THE U.S. POSITION, IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT THE TALKS SHOULD BE ADJOURNED TO ENABLE THE UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER FURTHER AND TO RESPOND TO THE PROPOSALS.

COMMENTING ON THE TALKS, MR MACLEOD SAID, +THE OUTCOME AT THIS STAGE IS STILL INCONCLUSIVE. THE U.S. MADE NO PROPOSALS DURING THE CONSULTATIONS, BUT I BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE NOW MORE AWARE OF THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE REGULATIONS AND POSSIBLE ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS.

+WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO OUR PROPOSALS, AND WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASSURED THAT FINAL DECISIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

/+WE MUST

+WE MUST NOW GIVE CONSIDERATION TO WHAT OUR NEXT STEPS WILL BE. THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, TO CONSIDER A FULL REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIONS AND POSSIBLE FURTHER ACTION TO BE TAKEN,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

THE WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 11 HAS BEEN SET AS A PROVISIONAL DATE FOR RESUMING THE TALKS. MR MACLEOD SAID HE DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SEEKING FURTHER TALKS WITH THE U.S. THIS MONTH.

THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING. MR STEPHEN CHEONG AND MR KENNETH FANG, WHO ACCOMPANIED THE DELEGATION AS INDUSTRIAL ADVISERS, WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG OVER THE WEEKEND.

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GREEN LIGHT FOR CAR PARK PLAN TALKS

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO A PROPOSAL FROM A FRENCH CONSORTIUM TO BUILD AN UNDERGROUND PUBLIC CAR PARK BENEATH SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND IN WAN CHAI, AND HAD GIVEN APPROVAL FOR DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS TO BE HELD WITH THE CONSORTIUM ON THE BASIS OF A PRIVATE TREATY GRANT.

THE CONSORTIUM, WHICH HAS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN BUILDING AND OPERATING UNDERGROUND CAR PARKS IN FRANCE, PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A 7-STORY STRUCTURE: THE LOWER FIVE FLOORS WOULD BE USED FOR CAR PARKING AND PROVIDE A TOTAL OF ABOUT 1 000 SPACES WHILE THE UPPER TWO FLOORS WOULD CONTAIN COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. THE ENTRANCE TO AND EXIT FROM THE CAR PARK WOULD BE ARRANGED TO AVOID DISRUPTION TO THE LOCAL TRAFFIC FLOW.

THE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO COST OVER \$200 MILLION AND THIS WOULD BE MET ENTIRELY BY THE CONSORTIUM.

THE BUILDING OF THE CAR PARK WOULD GIVE RISE TO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DISRUPTION DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD AND NECESSITATE THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE PLAYGROUND.

HOWEVER, THE CONSORTIUM HAS ADVISED THAT THE SURFACE OF THE PLAYGROUND WOULD BE RETURNED WITHIN 15 MONTHS AND HAS INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PLAYGROUND AT ITS OWN EXPENSE.

THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE PROPOSAL ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PLAYGROUND WOULD BE RETURNED WITHIN 15 MONTHS AND THAT IT WOULD BE CONSULTED ON THE RE-INSTATEMENT AND POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PLAYGROUND. THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE CONSULTED AND ITS VIEWS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CONSORTIUM WILL SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO BUILD UNDERGROUND CAR PARKS UNDER OTHER OPEN-SPACE SITES IN THE URBAN AREA. EACH PROPOSAL WOULD BE CONSIDERED ON ITS OWN MERITS, HAVING REGARD MAINLY TO THE DEMAND FOR PARKING IN THE AREA, THE DISRUPTION TO TRAFFIC DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, THE LOSS OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OR OPEN SPACE, AND THE VIEWS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE RELEVANT DISTRICT BOARD. HOWEVER, EVEN IF OTHER PROPOSALS ARE SUPPORTED IN PRINCIPLE, THERE IS NO COMMITMENT TO FURTHER PRIVATE TREATY GRANTS.

DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WILL BEGIN WITH THE CONSORTIUM ON THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT AND THE TERMS OF THE LAND GRANT.

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CHANCE TO MEET VOTERS

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CANDIDATES FOR THE COMING SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO MEET VOTERS THROUGH A SERIES OF VARIETY SHOWS ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT THEIR ELECTORAL PLATFORMS DURING THE VARIETY SHOWS FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS, ARTISTES AND LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS. THERE WILL ALSO BE QUIZZES, MAGIC SHOWS AND ACROBATIC ACTS.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST +CONSTITUENCY NITE+ FOR THE ABERDEEN - AP LEI CHAU CONSTITUENCY TO BE HELD IN THE ABERDEEN CENTRE SQUARE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING AT 7.45 PM.

MR CHAN SAID THE RECONSTITUTED DISTRICT BOARD WOULD BECOME MORE REPRESENTATIVE AND COULD BETTER REFLECT RESIDENTS' WISHES AS THERE WOULD BE MORE ELECTED MEMBERS ON THE BOARD.

+IN ORDER TO INCREASE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, RESIDENTS' SUPPORT, AS WELL AS THE WORK OF ENTHUSIASTIC DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, ARE IMPORTANT,+ HE SAID.

+RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND CAST THEIR VOTES ON POLLING DAY,+ MR CHAN STRESSED.

/THE FOLLOWING

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE CONSTITUENCY NITES-DAYS FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT:

<u>CONSTITUENCY DAY-NITE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU	FEBRUARY 8 (FRIDAY)	7.45 PM	ABERDEEN CENTRE SQUARE, ABERDEEN
WONG CHUK HANG AND BAYS	FEBRUARY 9 (SATURDAY)	7.30 PM	PLAYGROUND NO. 1, WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE
POK FU LAM	FEBRUARY 10	2.00 PM	CHI FU FA YUEN SKATING RINK, CHI FU FA YUEN
TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN	FEBRUARY 15 (FRIDAY)	8.00 PM	PLAYGROUND NO. 1, SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE
WAH FU	FEBRUARY 16 (SATURDAY)	8.00 PM	WAH HONG SQUARE, WAH FU ESTATE
STANLEY AND SHEK O	FEBRUARY 22 (FRIDAY)	2.00 PM	STANLEY PLAYGROUND, STANLEY NEW STREET

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MEET THE PUBLIC FORUMS ORGANISED
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CANDIDATES STANDING FOR THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL MEET THE PUBLIC IN A SERIES OF FORUMS STARTING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE FORUMS WILL BE ORGANISED ON A CONSTITUENCY BASIS AND OPEN TO ALL.

THE CANDIDATES WILL PRESENT THEIR INDIVIDUAL PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUERIES FROM THE PUBLIC.

THERE ARE 28 CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE 18 ELECTED SEATS ON THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD. AS FIVE OF THE SEATS - TWO IN LAI WAN, TWO IN NAM CHEONG EAST AND ONE IN SHEK KIP MEI - ARE UNCONTESTED, ONLY 23 CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTESTING FOR THE REMAINING 13 SEATS.

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THE DATES, TIMES AND VENUES OF THE FORUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CONSTITUENCY</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 8)	8 PM	PAK TIN	PAK TIN COMMUNITY HALL PAK TIN STREET, BLOCK 3, PODIUM, UPPER PAK TIN ESTATE, KOWLOON.
SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 10)	10.30 AM	CHEUNG SHA WAN	LAI KOK ESTATE CYCLING FIELD
SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 10)	2.30 PM	LEI CHENG UK AND SO UK	PO ON ROAD PLAYGROUND
SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 17)	3 PM	LAI CHI KOK AND UN CHAU	UN CHAU STREET ESTATE NO. 2 FOOTBALL PITCH
WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 27)	8 PM	NAM SHAN AND YAU YAT CHUEN	NAM SHAN ESTATE BASKET BALL COURT, NAM ON HOUSE, NAM SHAN ESTATE
THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 28)	8 PM	NAM CHEONG WEST	FRAGRANT CITY RESTAURANT, 226 CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD
FRIDAY (MARCH 1)	8 PM	NAM CHEONG NORTH	FRAGRANT CITY RESTAURANT, 226 CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD

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PUBLIC HOUSING A SOCIAL PROGRAMME FOR NEEDY

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A HOUSING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN TODAY EMPHASISED THAT PUBLIC HOUSING WAS A SOCIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE WHO COULD NOT AFFORD MORE EXPENSIVE HOUSING IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

AS SUCH, HE SAID, IT SHOULD NOT BECOME A PERPETUAL HEREDITARY PRIVILEGE OF SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY NEED SUCH HOUSING.

+PUBLIC HOUSING IS HEAVILY SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FORM OF FREE LAND GRANTS AND SPECIAL LOANS WHICH ENABLE ESTATE RENTS TO REMAIN BELOW PREVAILING MARKET LEVELS.

+THE PRINCIPLE SHOULD THEREFORE BE TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS GO TO THOSE FAMILIES IN MOST NEED.+

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT AUTOMATIC INHERITANCE WOULD MEAN A FAMILY COULD HAVE PUBLIC HOUSING FOR EVERY GENERATION FOREVER.

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+IT GIVES RISE TO A SITUATION WHEREBY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS COMMITTED TO AN OPEN-ENDED RESPONSIBILITY OF HOUSING SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS ALTHOUGH SOME CAN WELL AFFORD TO MOVE INTO PRIVATE HOUSING OR BUY HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS.

+PEOPLE MAY WELL WONDER: WHY NOT ASK THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD AN HOS FLAT TO BUY ONE SO THAT THEIR RENTAL ESTATE FLATS CAN BE RELEASED FOR REALLOCATION TO FAMILIES IN GENUINE NEED?+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AUTOMATIC INHERITANCE WAS AMONG THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICIES SET OUT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION IN A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT LAST YEAR.

AS A RESULT, HE SAID, IT WAS DECIDED THAT UPON THE DEATH OF THE PRINCIPAL TENANT OR SPOUSE, THE REMAINING FAMILY SHOULD BE MEANS-TESTED TO DETERMINE ITS CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING. THE MAXIMUM INCOME LIMIT IS \$7 500 A MONTH.

+THIS LIMIT FOR INHERITANCE IS ALREADY VERY GENEROUS - IT IS THE TOP LIMIT OF HOS ELIGIBILITIES AND IS EVEN MORE GENEROUS THAN THE RENTAL HOUSING WAITING LIST LIMITS WHICH ARE \$4 800 FOR A 4-PERSON FAMILY OR \$5 200 FOR A 5-PERSON FAMILY.

+SHOULD THE REMAINING HOUSEHOLDS BE OVER-INCOME, THEY WILL BE GIVEN ONE YEAR IN WHICH TO EITHER MOVE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR OR BUY A HOS FLAT USING THE GREEN FORM WHICH ALLOWS THEM A MUCH IMPROVED CHANCE OF GETTING A HOS FLAT OF THEIR CHOICE.+

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CLOSURE OF ROOFTOP ILLEGAL STRUCTURES

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (THURSDAY) DECLARED TWO ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE ROOF AREA OF A BUILDING AT 106-108 FIRST STREET, HONG KONG, TO BE CLOSED IN ORDER THAT THE STRUCTURES COULD BE DEMOLISHED, WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR THE PUBLIC.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER AT THE VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 7 AT 9.30 AM WAS POSTED TODAY.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING THAT RECENT INSPECTIONS SHOWED THAT THE DEMOLITION ORDERS SERVED ON THE OWNERS HAD NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH. IT WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE STRUCTURES FOR THE INTENDED WORK.

THE LAST INSPECTION WAS MADE ON DECEMBER 1, 1984.

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BOARD REVIEWS ITS WORK

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL REVIEW ITS WORK AND THAT OF ITS COMMITTEES FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS AT THE FINAL MEETING OF THE SESSION TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO REVIEW SCHEMES THAT ENABLE RESIDENTS TO REFLECT THEIR PROBLEMS AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND THE WORK PROJECTS COMMITTEE.

THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ORGANISING SPRING FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES IN POK FU LAM, SHEK O AND AP LEI CHAU.

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WAN CHAI CANDIDATES TO MEET PRESS

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CANDIDATES STANDING FOR THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 7, WILL BE INTRODUCED AT A +MEET THE PRESS+ SESSION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE 21 CANDIDATES, WHO ARE CONTESTING THE 10 SEATS IN THE ELECTIONS, WILL SPEAK ABOUT THEIR POLITICAL PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS.

THEY WILL BE INTRODUCED BY WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, WHO WILL ALSO BRIEF THE MEDIA ON THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

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ANTI-CRIME DRIVE CLOSES WITH SHOW

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AN EVENING VARIETY SHOW AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 9) WILL BRING TO A CLOSE THE 1984-85 TAI PO DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN.

THE THREE-MONTH CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN FOCUSED ON THREE SPECIFIC AREAS OF CRIME -- THEFT FROM PARKED VEHICLES, CRIME IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AND BURGLARIES AND ROBBERIES IN HIGH RISK PREMISES, SUCH AS BANKS AND GOLDSMITH SHOPS.

THE VARIETY SHOW, FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS, MAGIC ACTS AND ACROBATICS, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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AMONG THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED DURING THE CAMPAIGN WERE AN EXHIBITION ON SECURITY SYSTEMS AND CRIME PREVENTION, TALKS ON CRIME PREVENTION AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY BY SOCIAL WORKERS AND POLICE OFFICERS, BOOKMARK DESIGN AND ESSAY COMPETITIONS, AND VARIETY SHOWS HELD IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN THE DISTRICT.

A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME, AIMED AT ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO REPORT CRIME IN THEIR BUILDINGS, WAS ALSO LAUNCHED DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

VIEWS COLLECTED FROM SEMINARS AND TALKS ON THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION, AND ON CRIME PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT, WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

THE DISTRICT BOARD CONTRIBUTED \$20 000 TOWARDS THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE.

OFFICIATING AT THE VARIETY SHOW AND CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN, THE REGIONAL POLICE COMMANDER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR R.C. SMALLSHAW, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR DONALD YAP.

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DANGEROUS BUILDINGS TO BE CLOSED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (THURSDAY) DECLARED NOS. 1 AND 5, WING SING STREET, HONG KONG, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

THE AUTHORITY ALSO DECLARED THAT NOS. 1A AND 3, THE SECOND FLOOR OF NO. 4, THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR OF NO. 6, WING SING STREET, AND THE EXTENSION PORTIONS AT REAR OF FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF 187 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT NOS. 1, 3 AND 5 WING SING STREET WERE THREE-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED OF TIMBER FLOORS AND TIMBER PITCHED ROOFS ON LOAD-BEARING BRICK WALLS. NO. 1A WING SING STREET CONSISTED OF TWO CONCRETE AND ONE TIMBER RIDING FLOORS BUILT OVER ITS OWN LOT. THESE BUILDINGS HAD BEEN UNDER OBSERVATION FOR MANY YEARS.

RECENT INSPECTIONS HAD SHOWN THAT THE KITCHEN BLOCK OF NO. 5 WING SING STREET HAD UNDERGONE OUTWARD MOVEMENT WITH A SEVERE BULGE ON THE REAR MAIN WALL AT FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS. THE FLANK WALL OF NO. 1 WAS BULGED AT GROUND FLOOR NEAR THE REAR MAIN WALL AND THERE WERE SIGNS OF MOVEMENT SIDWARD.

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HENCE, THERE WAS POTENTIAL DANGER OF A COLLAPSE OF NOS. 5 AND 1. NOS. 3 AND 1A WERE UNLIKELY TO SUSTAIN THE EFFECT OF DEMOLITION OF BOTH NOS. 5 AND 1 BECAUSE OF THEIR CONSTRUCTION AND STRUCTURAL CONDITION. IT WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE FOUR BUILDINGS.

THE EXTENSION PORTIONS AT THE REAR OF FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF NO. 187 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WERE CONSTRUCTED AS RIDING FLOORS OVER THE GROUND STOREY WITH THEIR SUPPORTS ON NOS. 1A AND 2 WING SING STREET. THEREFORE IN DEMOLISHING NO. 1A IT WAS NECESSARY TO DEMOLISH THESE RIDING FLOOR EXTENSIONS. UPON REMOVAL OF THE RIDING FLOOR EXTENSIONS TO NO. 187 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, THE ONLY MEANS OF FIRE ESCAPE FROM THE SECOND FLOOR OF NO. 4 WING SING STREET AND FROM THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF NO. 6 WING SING STREET WHICH PASSED THROUGH THE ABOVE MENTIONED RIDING FLOOR EXTENSIONS WOULD BE DENIED AND IT WAS ALSO NECESSARY TO CLOSE THESE FLOORS IN ONE OPERATION.

HOWEVER, THE OWNERS OF THESE AFFECTED FLOORS OF NO. 4 AND 6 WOULD BE ADVISED TO PROVIDE ACCEPTABLE FIRE ESCAPES AND UPON SATISFACTORY PROVISION, CLOSURE ORDERS IN RESPECT OF NO. 4 WING SING STREET, SECOND FLOOR AND NO. 6 WING SING STREET, FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS WOULD BE LIFTED.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON MARCH 7, 1985 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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SAI KUNG MAPS OUT ELECTION STRATEGY

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ORGANISED A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 7.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE DISTRIBUTING POSTERS AND INFORMATION PAMPHLETS, ERECTING BANNERS AND SIGNBOARDS IN PROMINENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, AND ISSUING LETTERS TO REGISTERED VOTERS URGING THEM TO VOTE.

THE ANNUAL SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD BETWEEN FEBRUARY 23 AND MARCH 3, WILL ALSO CONTAIN ACTIVITIES AIMED AT PROMOTING THE ELECTIONS.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY) TO INTRODUCE THE 12 CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE DISTRICT'S ELECTIONS, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, ALSO ANNOUNCED DETAILS OF THE ELECTION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

+ABOUT 10 000 COPIES OF A BOOKLET ON THE WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT,+ MR HO SAID.

REGISTERED VOTERS WILL ALSO RECEIVE AN APPEAL LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICER, THE FIRST ISSUE OF A DISTRICT NEWSPAPER WHICH WILL HAVE SPECIAL FEATURES ON THE CANDIDATES, AND AN INFORMATION PAMPHLET ABOUT CANDIDATES IN THE FIVE CONSTITUENCIES.

+TO BRING ABOUT A MORE FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE TO THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL DISTRIBUTE 4 000 COPIES OF LUNAR NEW YEAR POSTERS WHICH CONTAIN MESSAGES URGING PEOPLE TO VOTE,+ HE ADDED.

THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE 12 CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE DISTRICT'S FIVE SINGLE-SEAT CONSTITUENCIES IS 45, THE OLDEST BEING 66 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGEST 31 YEARS OLD.

+WE HAVE SIX MERCHANTS, TWO SOCIAL WORKERS, TWO PROFESSIONALS, A HEADMASTER AND AN ELECTRONIC DESIGNER, FOUR OF WHOM ARE INCUMBENT ELECTED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTION,+ HE SAID.

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SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED FOR RESEARCH IN UK
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UNIVERSITY GRADUATES WHO WILL BE UNDERTAKING POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1985/86 CAN APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THE OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS AWARDS SCHEME.

SOME 750 NEW OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS AWARDS WILL BE OFFERED ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS IN 1985. EACH AWARD WILL COVER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TUITION FEES FOR A HOME POSTGRADUATE STUDENT AND AN OVERSEAS POSTGRADUATE STUDENT.

SUBJECT TO THE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS OF AN AWARD HOLDER, AN AWARD MAY BE RENEWED FOR A SECOND AND THIRD YEAR.

APPLICANTS MUST NORMALLY BE GRADUATES OF A RECOGNISED UNIVERSITY AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED CONDITIONALLY BY ONE OF THE 95 PARTICIPATING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR ADMISSION IN 1985/86 AS REGISTERED RESEARCH STUDENTS TO A COURSE OF FULL-TIME STUDY FOR A HIGHER DEGREE.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE REGISTRAR OR SECRETARY OF THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTION. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE REGISTRAR OR SECRETARY ON OR BEFORE MAY 2, 1985.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 15TH FLOOR, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG OR BY TELEPHONE 5-7903869.

THE AWARDS SCHEME WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1979 BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SCIENCE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR OVERSEAS POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS WITH OUTSTANDING MERIT AND RESEARCH POTENTIAL.

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YEAR-END CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN GETS OFF THE GROUND

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NINETEEN URBAN COUNCILLORS WILL TAKE THE LEAD TO KICK OFF THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN ON SATURDAY.

THE CAMPAIGN, ORGANISED BY THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE 11 URBAN DISTRICTS.

TO MARK THE OCCASION A LAUNCHING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN EACH DISTRICT. DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HK ISLAND:

9.30 A.M.	CENTRAL MARKET(ENTRANCE)	MISS MARIA TAM
10.00 A.M.	LOK KU ROAD RCP, WESTERN	MR PAO PING-WING
10.00 A.M.	AP LEI CHAU PLAYGROUND	MR JOSEPH CHAN
11.00 A.M.	GLOUCESTER ROAD RCP	MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN MR SAMUEL WONG
2.30 P.M.	OPEN SPACE AT LAI TAK TSUEN, TAI HANG ROAD	MR SHUM CHOI-SANG

KOWLOON:

9.10 A.M.	HANG ON STREET REST GARDEN, KWUN TONG	MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT MR WALTER SULKE MR LAM CHAK-PIU
9.15 A.M.	CHUNG KING MANSION, NATHAN ROAD	DR PHILIP KWOK
9.30 A.M.	KWONG CHEONG STREET RCP, SHAM SHUI PO	MR HOWARD YOUNG MR TONG KAM-BIU MR FREDERICK FUNG MR LI CHIK-YUET
10.00 A.M.	SHUNG LING STREET PLAYGROUND, WONG TAI SIN	MISS CECILIA YEUNG MR AUGUSTINE CHUNG
10.30 A.M.	32-38 CHUNG WAI STREET, TAI KOK TSUI	DR RONALD LEUNG MR EDMUND CHOW
10.40 A.M.	HOI SHAM PARK, YUK YAT STREET, KOWLOON CITY	MR PETER C.K. CHAN

APART FROM URBAN COUNCILLORS, MEMBERS OF VARIOUS DISTRICT BOARDS AND LOCAL CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEE AS WELL AS OTHER VOLUNTEERS WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE CAMPAIGN TO CLEAN UP THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY 19, TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AND ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

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BANKING TRAINING COURSE OFFERED
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SERVING TRAINERS IN THE BANKING SECTOR ARE NOW INVITED TO APPLY FOR A COURSE IN IDENTIFICATION OF TRAINING NEEDS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE'S DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, THE COURSE AIMS TO HELP BANKING TRAINERS IDENTIFY TRAINING NEEDS WITHIN THEIR ORGANISATIONS.

IT COMPRISES FOUR LECTURES, THREE HOURS EACH, AND WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAYS, FROM MARCH 5 TO 26.

CONTENTS OF LECTURES WILL COVER INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES, GROUP CONFERENCES, MERITS OR PERFORMANCE RATINGS, BUSINESS AND PRODUCTION REPORTS AND LONG-RANGE ORGANISATIONAL PLANNING.

THE FEE IS \$120 A PERSON, AND ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 25. APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 20.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR S.M. WOO, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD AT 5-8932341 EXT. 255 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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COLLEGE MARKS JUBILEE WITH DISPLAY
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AN EXHIBITION OF TEXTBOOKS AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND SATURDAY AT THE SHA TIN ANNEXE OF SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES TO COMMEMORATE ITS SILVER JUBILEE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE EVENT, WHICH WILL INCLUDE EXHIBITS FROM 30 PUBLISHERS.

OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON BOTH DAYS, AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE SHA TIN ANNEXE IS LOCATED AT 8 YUEN CHAU KOK ROAD, AREA 5B, SHA TIN.

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EDUCATION GRANTS

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THE FIRST PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF BURSARY CERTIFICATES AND GRANTS FROM THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES CHILDREN'S EDUCATION TRUST WILL BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY AT 4.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUST COMMITTEE, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN; THE TRUSTEE, MR THOMAS GARNER; AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, MR WILLIAM MONG.

MRS MONG WILL PRESENT THE CERTIFICATES.

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PHOTO CONTEST TO HELP BOOST ELECTIONS

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE HAS LAUNCHED A PHOTO COMPETITION WITH THE DUAL AIM OF URGING THE PUBLIC TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 7 AND PUBLICISING THE OUTLYING ISLANDS.

THE +BE FAMILIAR WITH THE ISLANDS DISTRICT+ PHOTO CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE CHEUNG CHAU PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE CONTEST BY SUBMITTING RECENTLY TAKEN COLOUR PICTURES OF ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE OUTLYING ISLANDS, SUCH AS THE DIFFERENT CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS OF THE ISLANDERS OR JUST A SIMPLE PHOTO OF THE SCENERY OF THE ISLANDS.

THE PANEL OF JUDGES WILL COMPRISE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CHEUNG CHAU PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY AND WELL KNOWN PHOTOGRAPHERS.

ATTRACTIVE PRIZES ARE OFFERED BY THE CONTEST WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, TAMRON (HONG KONG) LIMITED AND FUJI PHOTO PRODUCTS COMPANY.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PHOTO COMPETITION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICES IN CHEUNG CHAU AND MUI WO AND ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF BROADWAY PHOTO SUPPLY LIMITED. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SENT TO THESE OFFICES BY MARCH 1.

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YEAR-END CLEAN-UP

MR HOWARD YOUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEE WILL LAUNCH THE UC'S YEAR-END CLEAN-UP AT 9.30 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 9) AT SHAM SHUI PO'S KWONG CHEONG STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

COUNCILLORS MR TONG KAM-BIU, MR FREDERICK K.K. FUNG AND MR LI CHIK-YUET WILL JOIN MR YOUNG IN CLEARING THE COLLECTION POINT OF DISCARDED HOUSEHOLD JUNK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

JOINT EXERCISE

A JOINT GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 6, 13, 14 AND 15. THIS IS ONE OF A SERIES OF ROUTINE EXERCISES DESIGNED TO TEST THE USE OF GOVERNMENT, POLICE AND MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS.

THERE WILL BE NO DEPLOYMENT OF POLICE OR MILITARY UNITS ON THE GROUND DURING THE EXERCISE, AND THERE WILL BE NO INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC OR INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

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BETTER ROAD FACILITIES FOR FANLING

MORE ROADS AND DRAINS WILL BE PROVIDED IN SHEK WU HUI AND FAN LENG WAI TO COPE WITH THE NEEDS OF FANLING NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ROADS TOTALLING 1 300 METRES IN LENGTH, A KILOMETRE OF SEWER AND 1.3 KILOMETRES OF STORMWATER DRAINS.

A SUBWAY FOR PEDESTRIANS AS WELL AS FOR CYCLISTS AND A CYCLE PARK WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED. THE SITE WILL BE EXTENSIVELY LANDSCAPED.

A \$19.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FIRST TRIAL-PERIOD ENDS

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THE INITIAL TRIAL PERIOD FOR ONE-MAN-OPERATION OF BUSES ON NEW LANTAO BUS ROUTE NO. 1 (MUI WO - TAI O) WILL END ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 9).

FROM SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 10) BUSES WILL OPERATE, AS BEFORE, WITH CONDUCTRESSES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED DURING THIS FIRST TRIAL PERIOD AND THESE WOULD BE EXAMINED BY THE COMPANY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

A REVISED SCHEME WAS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED FOR A TRIAL PERIOD AFTER EASTER.

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