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HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL CONTACTS NEEDED BETWEEN BRITAIN/CHINA

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IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THERE SHOULD BE HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL CONTACTS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A VISIT TO SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT, SIR DAVID SAID THE VISIT TO PEKING NEXT WEEK OF BRITISH MINISTER OF STATE OF FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, MR FRANCIS MAUDE, WAS IMPORTANT.

SIR DAVID SAID WHAT CONCERNED US WAS THAT MR MAUDE WOULD BE ESTABLISHING COMMUNICATION AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA.

"AND THAT I THINK IS HELPFUL TO US IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT WHETHER THE NATIONALITY PACKAGES AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS WOULD AFFECT THE ATMOSPHERE OF TALKS IN PEKING, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE DID NOT THINK THAT SHOULD SERIOUSLY INFLUENCE MR MAUDE'S VISIT.

ON THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, SIR DAVID SAID THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARRESTED HAD BEEN GOING WELL OVER A HUNDRED A DAY AND THAT WAS A SERIOUS SITUATION THAT WE MUST TRY TO DEAL WITH.

HE ATTRIBUTED THE REASON FOR THE PROBLEM TO PARTLY, UNEMPLOYMENT IN CHINA, AND PARTLY, A LACK OF LABOUR HERE.

TO PREVENT ILLEGAL USE OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, SIR DAVID SAID, "WE MUST NOT GIVE ANY IMPRESSION AT ALL THAT THERE WOULD BE A SLACKENING OF OUR EFFORTS IN DEALING WITH ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION PROBLEM. THERE WOULD BE NO SLACKENING AND THERE WOULD NEVER BE AN AMNESTY."

NOTING THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM OF OVERCROWDING IN OUR PRISONS WITH THE IMPRISONMENT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT WORKING IN HONG KONG, HE SAID, "WE'VE GOT TO TRY TO SEE BETTER WAYS OF DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO EMPLOY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AT WORK SITES."

"IT'S VERY DIFFICULT AT THE MOMENT TO PIN DOWN WHO PRECISELY IS RESPONSIBLE. IF WE CAN DO THAT, AND WE CAN IMPOSE PENALTIES ON THOSE PEOPLE, THEN, THAT MIGHT HELP TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM."

SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WORKING AT WAYS TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. AND IF THERE WOULD BE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO BE BROUGHT IN, THEN, THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHEN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RESUMED AFTER THE SUMMER RECESS.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO SAID THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN FREQUENTLY IN TOUCH WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES WHO ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEM.

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HE SAID THERE WAS A CONSTANT LIAISON ON THE PROBLEM IN BORDER LIAISON AND ALSO BETWEEN POLITICAL ADVISER'S OFFICE AND THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY.

ON THE QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, SIR DAVID SAID BRITAIN, ON BEHALF OF HONG KONG, WOULD CONTINUE TO DISCUSS WITH THE ASEAN COUNTRIES TRYING TO WORK OUT A COMMON POSITION TO DEAL WITH THESE PROBLEMS.

"AND WE ALSO TRY TO LIAISE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES FOR THE MEETING OF THE SC4 BECAUSE IT IS NOT JUST A QUESTION OF AN ISOLATED GROUPS OF FIRST ASYLUM COUNTRIES, WE HAVE SUPPORTS FOR OUR POLICIES FROM MANY OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL, LIKE AUSTRALIA, FOR INSTANCE.

"SO WE DON'T WANT TO BE JUST A SMALL GROUP, WE WANT TO TRY TO GET THE AGREEMENT OF AS MANY AS COUNTRIES TAKING PART IN SC4 AS POSSIBLY CAN.

"IN MANY WAYS, THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTIONS IS ALREADY SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF NOT HAVING FOUND A PROPER SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SCREENED OUT. AND THE LONGER IT GOES OUT WITHOUT A PROPER SOLUTION, THEN MORE THREAT THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF THE FIRST ASYLUM MUST COME UNDER."

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PROVISIONAL DATES FOR 1990-91 LEGCO SESSION

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THE 1990-91 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, WHEN THE GOVERNOR WILL GIVE HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PROVISIONAL DATES FOR THE COUNCIL'S SITTINGS IN THE NEW SESSION:

WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 10	OPENING OF THE 1990-91 SESSION (GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS)
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 17	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 24	DEBATE ON MOTION OF THANKS
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 25	(MEMBERS OTHER THAN OFFICIALS SPEAK)
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 31	DEBATE ON MOTION OF THANKS (OFFICIALS SPEAK)
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 7	REGULAR SITTING
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WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 21	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 28	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 5	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 12	REGULAR SITTING

(CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR RECESS)

WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 9	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 16	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 23	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 30	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 6	REGULAR SITTING

(LUNAR NEW YEAR RECESS)

WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 27	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 6	FIRST BUDGET SITTING (FINANCIAL SECRETARY PRESENTS BUDGET)
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 13	REGULAR SITTING

(SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON MARCH 21 AND 22)

WEDNESDAY	MARCH 27	SECOND BUDGET SITTING
THURSDAY	MARCH 28	(MEMBERS OTHER THAN OFFICIALS SPEAK)

(EASTER RECESS)

WEDNESDAY	APRIL 17	THIRD BUDGET SITTING (OFFICIALS SPEAK AND FINAL STAGES OF APPROPRIATION BILL 1991)
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 24	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	MAY 1	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	MAY 8	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	MAY 15	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	MAY 22	REGULAR SITTING
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WEDNESDAY	JUNE 5	REGULAR SITTING
(QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY RECESS)		
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 26	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	JULY 3	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	JULY 10	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	JULY 17	REGULAR SITTING

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EXTRA FC MEETING NEXT WEEK

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD AN EXTRA MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 25) DUE TO URGENT BUSINESS BEFORE THE SUMMER RECESS.

THE MEETING WILL COMMENCE AFTER THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING ON THAT DAY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE COMMITTEE'S PROCEEDINGS FROM THE CHAMBER'S PUBLIC GALLERIES AND THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TELEPHONING 844 0899.

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HK HEADING DETERMINATELY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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HONG KONG'S SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH IN SPITE OF EXTERNAL FACTORS BEYOND ITS CONTROL HAS PLACED IT IN AN IMPORTANT POSITION IN THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM THAT WILL CONTINUE BEYOND THE 20TH CENTURY, AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN HAVE BEEN TOLD.

ADDRESSING THE ASIAN FINANCIAL SOCIETY IN NEW YORK, THE FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, SAID FROM A "BARREN ROCK" HONG KONG HAD TRANSFORMED ITSELF INTO ONE OF THE MOST DYNAMIC CITIES IN THE WORLD, WITH A GDP PER CAPITA IN ASIA ONLY BEHIND JAPAN AND BRUNEI.

THE ASIAN FINANCIAL SOCIETY IS AN ORGANISATION OF INDIVIDUALS DOING BUSINESS AS REPRESENTATIVES OF FINANCIAL SERVICE AND INVESTMENT FIRMS, BANKS AND OTHER BUSINESSES.

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IN HIS ADDRESS ON "HONG KONG IN THE 1990s: RISK OR OPPORTUNITY?", MR LEUNG WHO IS TOURING MAJOR CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES AT THE INVITATION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT UNDER A MONTH-LONG INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAMME, DISCUSSED THE CURRENT AND PROJECTED FUTURE BUSINESS CLIMATE IN HONG KONG AND OTHER RELATED ISSUES.

HE SAID HONG KONG'S ECONOMY HAD ALWAYS BEEN HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON EXTERNAL TRADE. ITS TRULY OPEN ECONOMY HAD LED ITS TRADING POSITION TO ADVANCE TO THE 11TH PLACE BOTH AS AN EXPORTER AND AN IMPORTER.

HE SAID IN 1989 HONG KONG'S TOTAL TRADE WAS EQUIVALENT TO 231 PER CENT OF ITS ESTIMATED GDP. IN THE PERIOD FROM 1986 TO 1989 HONG KONG'S TOTAL TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES GREW BY 73.5 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS WHILE THE CORRESPONDING FIGURE FOR U.S. IMPORTS INTO HONG KONG REACHED A HIGHER GROWTH OF 99 PER CENT.

REGIONALLY, MR LEUNG SAID, HONG KONG WAS PLAYING A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC. HE SAID THERE WERE OVER 4,000 OVERSEAS COMPANIES IN HONG KONG AND AMONG THEM WERE MANY REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, OVER 130 LICENSED BANKS, NEARLY 160 REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES OF FOREIGN BANKS AND MORE THAN 600 MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS WITH OVERSEAS INTERESTS.

MR LEUNG SAID HONG KONG'S PIVOTAL IMPORTANCE WAS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED BY THE EXTENT OF U.S. AND JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

TOTAL U.S. INVESTMENT IN 1988 WAS THE LARGEST IN THE REGION, ACCOUNTING FOR 27 PER CENT OF THE U.S. TOTAL AND REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 28.5 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS FROM US\$3.9 BILLION IN 1986 TO US\$5 BILLION IN 1988. DURING THESE TWO YEARS JAPAN HAD ALSO INCREASED ITS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG BY 231 PER CENT.

"WITH HIGHLY DEVELOPED TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, CONVENIENT AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS WITH ALL THE MAJOR COMMERCIAL CENTERS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC, AND AN INFRASTRUCTURE WELL-GEARED FOR BUSINESS, HONG KONG IS AN IDEAL REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BASE," HE SAID.

AS EXAMPLES OF HOW HONG KONG WAS KEEPING UP WITH THE LATEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY, MR LEUNG TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT IT WAS THE FIRST PLACE IN THE WORLD TO INTRODUCE DATAFAX, A SERVICE WHICH ENABLES SUBSCRIBERS TO SEND FAX MESSAGES DIRECT FROM THEIR PERSONAL COMPUTERS TO ANY FAX MACHINE LOCALLY THROUGH THE PUBLIC PACKET SWITCHED SERVICE WITH NO ADDITIONAL HARDWARE. HONG KONG WAS ALSO THE FIRST TO INTRODUCE SUPERTELEX WHICH SENDS TELEXES THROUGH A PERSONAL COMPUTER AND WAS AMONG THE FIRST IN THE FAR EAST TO OFFER PUBLIC VIDEO-CONFERENCING.

TURNING TO HONG KONG'S CHINA DIMENSION, MR LEUNG SAID HONG KONG HAD PROVIDED MUCH OF THE CAPITAL THAT HAD FLOWED INTO THAT COUNTRY IN RECENT YEARS, ESPECIALLY SOUTHERN CHINA.

BETWEEN 1979 AND 1988, HONG KONG ACCOUNTED FOR TWO-THIRDS OF THE CONTRACTUAL VALUE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CHINA, AS WELL AS A LARGE PROPORTION OF CHINA'S FOREIGN LOANS.

AT THE END OF MARCH 1989, THE OUTSTANDING CLAIMS OF HONG KONG'S BANKING SECTOR ON CUSTOMERS IN CHINA AMOUNTED TO US\$5.4 BILLION. THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE OF GUANGDONG ATTRACTED THE LARGEST PROPORTION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CHINA AMOUNTING TO 45 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL WHILE HONG KONG IN TURN ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF REALISED FOREIGN INVESTMENT THERE AND NEARLY ALL OF ITS OUTWARD PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS.

MR LEUNG SAID INVESTMENT HAD LIKEWISE FLOWED INTO HONG KONG FROM CHINA WHICH WAS WIDELY REGARDED AS THE LARGEST NON-LOCAL INVESTOR WITH CUMULATIVE INVESTMENT IN ALL ECONOMIC SECTORS ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN US\$6 BILLION AND US\$8 BILLION.

HE SAID CHINA BECAME HONG KONG'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER IN 1985 AND LAST YEAR ACCOUNTED FOR 30 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL TRADE COMPRISING 19.3 PER CENT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 30 PER CENT OF RE-EXPORTS AND 35 PER CENT OF IMPORTS.

THESE FACTS, HE SAID, BORE OUT HONG KONG'S UNIQUE ROLE AS THE GATEWAY TO CHINA.

MR LEUNG SAID WITH THE IMPENDING REVERSION OF SOVEREIGNTY TO CHINA ON JULY 1, 1997 QUESTION MARKS BEGAN TO APPEAR, ESPECIALLY AFTER JUNE LAST YEAR AND THE WORLD WAS BEGINNING TO ASK, OPENLY OR INWARDLY, WHETHER HONG KONG WAS A RISK OR AN OPPORTUNITY?

"NOTHING CAN ALTER HONG KONG'S GEO-POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POSITION AS THE GATEWAY TO CHINA IN THE HUB OF THE DYNAMIC ASIA-PACIFIC REGION. THIS IS BORNE OUT BY THE FACT THAT SINCE MID-1989, WHILE SENTIMENTS HAVE BECOME MORE CAUTIOUS, THERE HAS BEEN A SIZEABLE LIST OF NEW INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG WORTH NEARLY US\$5 BILLION INVOLVING BOTH OVERSEAS AND LOCAL INTERESTS," HE SAID.

FOR ITS PART, MR LEUNG POINTED OUT, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD A CLEAR VISION OF WHAT IT WAS TRYING TO ACHIEVE, AND WAS CONTINUING TO PLAN FOR AND INVEST IN THE FUTURE TO TAKE HONG KONG THROUGH TO THE NEXT CENTURY.

HE SAID THERE WAS TO BE A NEW MARK-UP IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT YEAR AND THE GOVERNMENT WAS WORKING TO INTRODUCE A BILL OF RIGHTS. TERTIARY EDUCATION WAS BEING EXPANDED WITH AN EXPENDITURE OF US\$1.7 BILLION IN THE NEXT DECADE; A NEW WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE WAS BEING PREPARED; PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES WERE BEING EXPANDED; MORE THAN HALF A MILLION NEW PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS WERE TO BE BUILT FROM NOW UNTIL 2001 AND THE GOVERNMENT WAS TO SPEND US\$2.6 BILLION ON IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

MR LEUNG SAID THERE WOULD BE ENORMOUS INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG'S PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW AIRPORT AND PORT FACILITIES WHICH WILL ALSO SEE THE OPENING UP OF NEW AREAS FOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL USE.

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A NEW METROPLAN HAD ALSO BEEN LAUNCHED TO CHANGE THE SHAPE OF URBAN AND OTHER SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT BY 2011 AND US\$3 BILLION WOULD BE SPENT ON IMPROVING THE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE.

AMONG IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, A NEW UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WAS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN 1991; A NEW TECHNOLOGY CENTRE WAS EXPECTED TO BECOME OPERATIONAL IN 1993 TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR NEW AND SMALL HIGH-TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES TO GROW THROUGH PRODUCT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND A THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WAS TO BE DEVELOPED.

IN FINANCIAL SERVICES, THE GOVERNMENT HAD KEPT ITS REGULATORY MEASURES UNDER REGULAR REVIEW AND A SERIES OF CHANGES TO REINFORCE HONG KONG'S BANKING SYSTEM WERE BEING INTRODUCED.

MR LEUNG SAID THAT HONG KONG, LIKE OTHER HIGH-GROWTH ECONOMIES, ALSO HAD ITS FAIR SHARE OF DIFFICULTIES, AMONG THEM INCREASED EMIGRATION WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WAS TACKLING BY INCREASING TERTIARY AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND FACILITATING THE RETURN TO HONG KONG OF THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY OBTAINED AN INSURANCE POLICY IN THE FORM OF A FOREIGN PASSPORT. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TOO, HE ADDED, WAS ASSISTING BY PROVIDING PASSPORTS TO 50,000 HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS TO ENCOURAGE KEY PEOPLE TO STAY.

ON THE REPORTED PROBLEM OF CAPITAL OUTFLOW, MR LEUNG SAID IT WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT SOME PEOPLE WERE ACQUIRING ASSETS ABROAD AS A FORM OF INSURANCE, BUT THAT DID NOT APPEAR TO AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF DEPOSITS IN HONG KONG'S BANKING SYSTEM.

TOTAL DEPOSITS, HE SAID, HAD BEEN GROWING RAPIDLY AND CONTINUOUSLY, AT A RATE IN 1989 OF 20 PER CENT FOR ALL CURRENCIES AND 15 PER CENT FOR HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, HIGHER THAN THE GROWTH RATE OF HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN MONEY TERMS.

THE HONG KONG DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE TOO HAD REMAINED VERY STABLE, EVEN IN MID-1989, WITHOUT ANY SIGNIFICANT INTERVENTION.

"EVEN IF ONE IS NOT TO QUESTION THE RELIABILITY OF SOME OF THE MORE COMMONLY QUOTED 'ESTIMATES' PRODUCED, US\$2.87 BILLION A YEAR, THIS IS QUITE INSIGNIFICANT COMPARED WITH THE DAILY TURNOVER OF US\$49 BILLION IN HONG KONG'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC MIRACLE HAD NEVER BEEN A BED OF ROSES. "IN PARTICULAR, AS A TOTALLY EXTERNALLY ORIENTED ECONOMY, IT REMAINS HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO OUTSIDE EVENTS BEYOND ITS CONTROL. YET, THROUGH VICISSITUDES, THE ECONOMY HAS ALWAYS BOUNCED BACK WITH ENHANCED VIGOUR."

HE SAID HONG KONG MIGHT BE ENTERING INTO ANOTHER TROUGH AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF IMPRESSIVE GROWTH. "BUT WITH POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE, THE U.S.A. AND CANADA AND THE ASIA-PACIFIC, FURTHER NEW HEIGHTS ARE APPEARING ON THE HORIZON AND ARE WITHIN HONG KONG'S REACH.

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"MOREOVER, HONG KONG'S LONG-TERM ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS REMAIN. ITS MANY FORMAL AND INFORMAL INTERNATIONAL LINKS WILL CONTINUE BEYOND THE 20TH CENTURY, AND ITS ALREADY EXCELLENT BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE WILL HAVE BEEN EVEN BETTER DEVELOPED BY THE END OF THIS DECADE," HE SAID.

EARLIER MR LEUNG HAD ADDRESSED THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ORGANISATIONS OF CHINESE AMERICANS IN WASHINGTON DC AT WHICH THERE WERE ABOUT 150 GUESTS INCLUDING A SENATOR, THREE CONGRESSMEN AND OTHER NOTED MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY.

ON JULY 23, HE WILL SPEAK TO THE HONG KONG BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF THE MID-WEST IN CHICAGO.

DURING HIS VISIT HE HAD ALSO BEEN MEETING CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF U.S. CORPORATIONS AND SPEAKING IN COMPANY BOARDROOMS ABOUT HONG KONG. AMONG THESE CORPORATIONS WERE EXXON, MOBIL OIL, ALLIED SIGNALS, JOHNSON & JOHNSON, FORBES AND TEXAS INSTRUMENTS. APART FROM NEW YORK AND CHICAGO HIS ITINERARY COVERS PITTSBURGH, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, HOUSTAN, DALLAS AND SEATTLE.

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SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION MEETING TODAY

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THE 20TH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION WAS HELD ON JULY 19, 1990. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THE AVERAGE COST OF LAND PRODUCTION FOR THE 1990/91 FINANCIAL YEAR WOULD BE HK\$2,770 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE LAND COMMISSION ALSO AGREED TO ADJUST THE 1990/91 LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME SO AS TO PROVIDE 6.06 HECTARES OF LAND FOR THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

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GOVERNOR SEES IMPROVING LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAW FOR HIMSELF THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT.

SIR DAVID BEGAN HIS VISIT BY TOURING MEI FOO SUN CHUEN WHICH HOUSES MORE THAN 45,000 PEOPLE.

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THE GOVERNOR COMMENDED THE RESIDENTS OF MEI FOO SUN CHUEN FOR CONTRIBUTING TO EFFECTIVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND TO CREATING A PLEASANT LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR THEMSELVES.

HE WAS TOLD THAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO ALLAY RESIDENTS' CONCERN ON THE POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND FUTURE OPERATION OF THE CONTAINER TERMINALS 7 AND 8.

THESE WILL INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF AN OPEN SPACE AS A BUFFER BETWEEN THE ESTATE AND THE CONTAINER TERMINALS AS WELL AS THE PROPOSED ROUTE 3 HIGHWAY.

SIR DAVID WAS THEN TAKEN TO A ROOF-TOP ON TAI PO ROAD FOR A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE 38 BLOCKS OF FLATS SELECTED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE RENOVATION SCHEME INITIATED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE.

THE THREE-PHASE RENOVATION, WHICH STARTED LAST AUGUST, HAS BEEN MAKING STEADY PROGRESS. THE CONDITION OF THE BUILDINGS WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED ON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

THE GOVERNOR THEN VISITED A SITTING-OUT AREA AT NAM CHEONG STREET NULLAH DECK AND WAS TOLD THAT THE AREA WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A TEMPORARY MARKET TO FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SHAM SHUI PO MARKET AT PEI HO STREET.

"THE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME WILL BE A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN RESOLVING HAWKING PROBLEMS IN THE AREA," SIR DAVID SAID. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE SITTING-OUT AREA WILL BE BACK IN PLACE BY 1997 FOLLOWING RECONSTRUCTION OF THE NAM CHEONG STREET NULLAH DECK.

SIR DAVID THEN TOURED THE NEW NAM CHEONG ESTATE, COMPLETED IN EARLY 1989. "THE ESTATE HAS WELL-DESIGNED ACCOMMODATION AND MANY COMMUNITY FACILITIES. IT IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT," SIR DAVID SAID.

BEFORE LEAVING THE DISTRICT, THE GOVERNOR MET MEMBERS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL PERSONALITIES AT THE NAM CHEONG DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

SIR DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN; SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; AND SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK.

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JOINT EFFORTS TO HELP STREET SLEEPERS

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A JOINT GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO STREET SLEEPERS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HOME OF LOVE OF THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY AT NAM CHEONG ESTATE, SHAM SHUI PO.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAD SPECIAL TEAMS TO CONTACT STREET SLEEPERS INDIVIDUALLY AND TO HELP THEM TO FIND SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION OR TO ENTER INSTITUTIONS.

"WE HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS, AND THE NUMBER OF STREET SLEEPERS WITH THE DEPARTMENT HAS REDUCED FROM 1,300 TO 1,000."

SIR DAVID SAID SIX MORE SHELTER HOMES HAD BEEN SET UP RECENTLY FOR STREET SLEEPERS AND OTHER HOMELESS PEOPLE.

"THE EXPERIENCE IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS IS THAT WHILST THESE SHELTER HOMES CANNOT ON THEIR OWN RESOLVE THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF THE PEOPLE, THE SHELTER PROVIDES THEM WITH A LIFELINE FOR KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG COULD BE PROUD OF ITS MANY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS, SUCH AS THE NEW TOWNS, MODERN TRANSPORT FACILITIES, THE HOUSING PROGRAMME AND RISING EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, BUT RAPID DEVELOPMENT HAD ALSO BROUGHT WITH IT THE STRESSES AND STRAINS OF A MODERN SOCIETY.

"ALTHOUGH OUR SOCIAL SERVICES ARE EXTENSIVE AND WE CAN BE PROUD OF THE STANDARDS THEY ACHIEVE, THERE ARE STILL GROUPS OF PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - SUCH AS THE HOMELESS AND STREET SLEEPERS FOR WHOM A COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE IS NOT YET AVAILABLE," HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID MANY OF THEIR PROBLEMS WERE COMPLEX AND DEEP-ROOTED, AND THEY DID NOT FIT EASILY INTO THE CONVENTIONAL FACILITIES WHICH WERE PROVIDED.

ON THE WORK OF THE SISTERS OF MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY, SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THEY NOT ONLY PROVIDED PHYSICAL SHELTER TO STREET SLEEPERS, BUT DID SO WITH THE COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH WAS SO CRUCIAL TO BRING STREET SLEEPERS OUT OF ISOLATION AND BACK INTO THE FOLD OF THE COMMUNITY.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1985, THE HOME OF LOVE HAS SERVED ABOUT 600 HOMELESS ADULTS, PARTICULARLY THE OLD, THE INFIRM AND THE UNDERPRIVILEGED.

PREVIOUSLY LOCATED AT THE SHAM SHUI PO EX-ARMY CAMP UNTIL APRIL THIS YEAR, THE HOME HAS BEEN REPROVISIONED TO NAM CHEONG ESTATE TO MAKE WAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE CAMP SITE.

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THE NEW HOME HAS A CAPACITY OF 70 FOR THE HOMELESS WHO ARE IN NEED OF TEMPORARY SHELTER, CARE AND CONCERN.

AS A GESTURE OF ITS CHARITABLE MOVE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (CHARITIES) LIMITED HAS MADE A DONATION OF \$1.36 MILLION FOR THE FITTING-OUT AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE HOME OF LOVE AT ITS EXISTING PREMISES WHERE IT CAN CONTINUE WITH ITS SERVICE FOR THE DESTITUTE.

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CAREERS SEMINAR FOR POST-SECONDARY GRADUATES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A CAREERS SEMINAR NEXT MONTH SPECIFICALLY FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS GRADUATES WITH POST-SECONDARY QUALIFICATIONS TO MEET THEIR EMPLOYMENT NEEDS.

THE SEMINAR IS AIMED AT EQUIPPING PARTICIPANTS WITH THE NECESSARY JOB-HUNTING SKILLS AND PROVIDING THEM WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE JOB MARKET.

"IT WILL COMPRISE TALKS ON BASIC JOB-HUNTING TECHNIQUES SUCH AS CHOOSING THE RIGHT CAREERS, WRITING APPLICATION LETTER AND RESUME AS WELL AS ATTENDING JOB INTERVIEWS," LABOUR OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (HEES), MRS MIRANDA LAM, SAID.

"OTHER TOPICS INCLUDE CAREERS IN BANKING, ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING.

"THE TALKS AND RELATED WORKSHOPS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY SPECIALISTS FROM WELL-ESTABLISHED COMPANIES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR," SHE ADDED.

ADMISSION TO THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 11 AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, IS FREE.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT CAN NOW BE MADE AT THE HEES ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, OR BY TELEPHONING 852 3232 OR 852 3234.

THE HEES PROVIDES FREE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE TO BOTH EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS WITH POST-SECONDARY OR RECOGNISED PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS.

"OVERSEAS STUDENTS OF HONG KONG ORIGIN WHO WISH TO RETURN AND WORK IN THE TERRITORY MAY ALSO REGISTER FOR ASSISTANCE IN WRITING," MRS LAM SAID.

"WE NOW SEND A MONTHLY PUBLICATION 'PRIME JOBS IN HONG KONG' TO SOME 600 OVERSEAS UNIVERSITIES, TERTIARY INSTITUTES AND STUDENT BODIES TO HELP HONG KONG STUDENTS LOOKING FOR JOBS HERE.

"ANOTHER PUBLICATION 'CANDIDATE PROFILE' WHICH CONTAINS ESSENTIAL PARTICULARS OF SELECTED REGISTRANTS IS DISTRIBUTED TO SOME 1,000 EMPLOYERS EVERY MONTH," SHE SAID.

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ID CARD REMINDER FOR MEN BORN IN 1917 OR BEFORE

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1917 OR BEFORE TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE AUGUST 11.

"TO AVOID THE LAST-MINUTE RUSH, MEN OF THIS AGE GROUP WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD SHOULD COME FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS CAN GO TO ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO REPLACE THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS.

ALL OFFICES CLOSE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG	: BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI TEL. NO. 574 7070
EAST KOWLOON	: AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD NGAU TAU KOK TEL. NO. 755 3669
WEST KOWLOON	: CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI TEL. NO. 723 2424
TSUEN WAN	: EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET TEL. NO. 498 0117
SHA TIN	: SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE, 11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET TEL. NO. 605 9108
YUEN LONG	: HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD TEL. NO. 477 1543
TUEN MUN	: CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN TEL. NO. 458 0646

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SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI
TEL. NO. 672 7191

ENQUIRIES ABOUT DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED MAY BE MADE
ON THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE, 824 0303.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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REPORT ON 1988 SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL
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A STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED "1988 SURVEY OF BUILDING,
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS" HAS RECENTLY BEEN PUBLISHED BY
THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND IS NOW ON SALE AT \$26 PER
COPY.

IT IS ONE IN A SERIES OF REPORTS PUBLISHED ANNUALLY ON THE
SURVEY.

THE REPORT CONTAINS A WIDE RANGE OF STATISTICS ON THE
STRUCTURAL AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION
AND REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES FOR THE YEAR 1988, BASED ON THE DATA
COLLECTED FROM ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS REFER TO THE
INDUSTRIES OF BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION; REAL ESTATE
DEVELOPMENT; LEASING, BROKERAGE AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES;
AND ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING SERVICES.

EXAMPLES OF THE STATISTICAL ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE REPORT ARE:

- * NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF
EMPLOYEES;
- * GROSS OUTPUT, SERVICE INCOME AND OTHER INCOME;
- * VALUE ADDED (A MEASURE OF CONTRIBUTION TO GROSS DOMESTIC
PRODUCT);
- * PURCHASE OF GOODS AND MATERIALS;
- * OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES; AND
- * GROSS ADDITIONS TO FIXED ASSETS.

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APART FROM STATISTICS RELATING TO THE YEAR 1988, THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS SOME SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1986 AND 1987 TO SHOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE INDUSTRIES IN RECENT YEARS.

THE STATISTICS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT ARE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR POLICY FORMULATION, DECISION MAKING, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND MARKET RESEARCH.

COPIES OF THE REPORT MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 839 3204.

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YOUNG BRITONS VISIT HONG KONG

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SIX YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM ARE NOW IN HONG KONG FOR A THREE-WEEK VISIT UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME.

THE YOUNG VISITORS, AGED BETWEEN 19 AND 24, ARE FROM THE COUNTY OF SOUTH GLAMORGAN IN WALES. THEY ARRIVED IN THE TERRITORY YESTERDAY.

THE GROUP CALLED ON THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TODAY (THURSDAY), WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR BOWEN LEUNG, ON HONG KONG'S DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

DURING THEIR STAY IN HONG KONG, THE GROUP WILL TOUR NEW TOWNS, PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, YOUTH CENTRES, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES AND HOSPITALS.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE FORCE, THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG BEFORE RETURNING TO THE UK ON AUGUST 8.

SINCE 1977, THE CNTA HAS BEEN CO-ORDINATING HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME, WHICH IS AIMED AT ENABLING YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE COMMONWEALTH THROUGH BILATERAL EXCHANGE VISITS.

SO FAR, 42 LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE, SIX IN EVERY TWO YEARS, HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE UK, AND HONG KONG IN RETURN HAS RECEIVED 36 YOUNG FRIENDS FROM THE UK.

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YOUNG MUSICIANS TO PERFORM IN NORTH AMERICA

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SIXTY-SIX OUTSTANDING MUSICIANS FROM THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE ARE GETTING READY FOR PERFORMANCES IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES LATER THIS MONTH.

AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 23, THE YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL VISIT VANCOUVER, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES FROM JULY 23 TO AUGUST 7 AS PART OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME.

UNDER THE BATON OF ITS MUSIC DIRECTOR, MR TONG LEUNG-TAK, AND ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR, MR HO MAN-CHUEN, THE ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE A SERIES OF PERFORMANCES IN THE THREE CITIES.

THERE WILL BE TWO FUND-RAISING CONCERTS IN VANCOUVER AND SAN FRANCISCO ON JULY 25 AND AUGUST 1 RESPECTIVELY. THE FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO PROMOTE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES THERE.

"ALL OF US ARE VERY HAPPY AND EXCITED TO BE GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE CHINESE MUSIC TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH AMERICA," THE TOUR DIRECTOR, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK, SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY).

"TRADITIONAL CHINESE MUSIC IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF CHINESE CULTURE AND IS RECEIVING INCREASING RECOGNITION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

"WE HOPE THE PERFORMANCES OF OUR MEMBERS WILL HELP PEOPLE IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES TO BETTER APPRECIATE CHINESE MUSIC," SHE SAID.

"A BOOKLET INTRODUCING CHINESE MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS HAS BEEN PRINTED FOR THIS TOUR AND COPIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO MUSIC LOVERS IN THESE TWO COUNTRIES," SHE ADDED.

THE YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA WAS FORMED IN 1978 TO PROVIDE ORCHESTRAL TRAINING TO YOUNG PEOPLE PRACTISING CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS IN HONG KONG.

"OVER THE YEARS, OUR MEMBERS' PERFORMANCES IN THE UK, FRANCE, ISRAEL, SINGAPORE AND CYPRUS WERE HIGHLY ACCLAIMED BY MUSIC CRITICS AND CHINESE MUSIC LOVERS THERE," THE MUSIC DIRECTOR, MR TONG LEUNG-TAK, SAID.

HE SAID OVERSEAS PERFORMANCES WERE CERTAINLY A WAY TO BROADEN MEMBERS' MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION.

"MAKING MUSIC WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IS ALSO GREAT FUN - THEY ARE IMPROVING ALL THE TIME," MR TONG SAID.

THE ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR, MR HO MAN-CHUEN, SAID THE REPERTOIRE OF THE TOURING ORCHESTRA WILL COMPRISE 35 PIECES OF MUSIC RANGING FROM TRADITIONAL TO MODERN WORKS.

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"WE WILL TAKE ABOUT 120 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS WITH US. SOME OF THERE SUCH AS GUZHENG, SHENG, BIANQING AND BIANZHONG HAVE A HISTORY OF OVER 3,000 YEARS," HE SAID.

THE MUSICAL DELEGATION WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON AUGUST 8.

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SEVEN IMMIGRATION OFFICERS ON OVERSEAS TRAINING

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SEVEN OFFICERS OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL LEAVE LATER THIS MONTH AND IN AUGUST FOR TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE AND JAPAN.

CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS MR CHAN TIN-LUN AND MR YIM KWAN-HOI WILL SPEND NINE MONTHS IN THE STUDY OF SYSTEM ANALYSIS, PROJECT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, USA.

CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS MR IP HON-TONG AND MR HUI CHIU-YIN, AND SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS MR CHOW LAP-KWOK AND MR WAI CHUEN WILL LEAVE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM, NETHERLANDS AND WEST GERMANY ON AN EIGHT-WEEK STUDY OF THE IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES IN THESE COUNTRIES.

IMMIGRATION OFFICER MR TAM HON-CHUNG WILL TAKE UP A FOUR-MONTH TRAINING COURSE IN INFORMATION PROCESSING PERSONNEL (PERSONAL COMPUTER PROGRAMMING) IN JAPAN.

AT A BRIEFING TODAY (THURSDAY) BEFORE THE OFFICERS' DEPARTURE, THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR LAURENCE LEUNG, URGED THE OFFICERS TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIDEN THEIR HORIZON AND TO ACHIEVE SELF ENRICHMENT.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OFFICERS RECEIVING OVERSEAS TRAINING AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH AND LEARNING FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF FOREIGN IMMIGRATION SERVICES.

"THE STUDY TRIPS WILL ASSIST OFFICERS IN SELF DEVELOPMENT AND ENABLE THEM TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIFFERENT CULTURAL AND SOCIAL BACKGROUND OF OVERSEAS VISITORS WHOM THEY MET IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DUTIES," HE SAID.

"THE DEPARTMENT FULLY RECOGNISES THE LONG TERM BENEFITS THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THESE STUDY TRIPS AND EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO PROVIDE OFFICERS WITH SUCH OPPORTUNITIES, DESPITE STAFF SHORTAGE DUE TO RECRUITMENT AND WASTAGE PROBLEMS," HE ADDED.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN WAN CHAI TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE AT THE REAR LANE OF 118 JAFFE ROAD, WAN CHAI SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 20 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE TODAY (THURSDAY).

UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, A CLOSURE ORDER IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE DEMOLITION CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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NAM CHEONG STREET HALF-WAY HOUSE ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY WELFARE COMMITTEE WILL SEEK DETAILS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO BUILD A HALF-WAY HOUSE AT NAM CHEONG STREET FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY REPORT. THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR TSANG HING-KAY, WILL BE PRESENT TO BRIEF MEMBERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES IN SHEUNG KOK STREET OUTSIDE BLOCK 6 OF KWAI CHUNG ESTATE. THE PARKING METERS WILL COMMENCE OPERATION IN THREE STAGES:

- * STAGE ONE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 21), INVOLVING 30 METERS;
- * STAGE TWO WILL BEGIN OPERATION FROM 10 AM ON JULY 28, INVOLVING 27 METERS;
- * STAGE THREE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON AUGUST 4 INVOLVING 20 METERS.

THE TYPE OF PARKING METERS WILL BE TWO-HOUR METERED PARKING SPACES FOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN MEDIUM AND HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES, BUSES, MOTOR CYCLES AND PEDAL CYCLES. IT WILL OPERATE FROM 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, AND THE CHARGE WILL BE \$1 FOR EVERY 30 MINUTES.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 21), THE SECTION OF CONVENTION AVENUE BETWEEN FLEMING ROAD AND TONNOCHY ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY ON THE ABOVE SECTION OF CONVENTION AVENUE WILL BE CANCELLED.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN YUEN LONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 21), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY:

- * THE NORTHBOUND KERBSIDE LANE OF FUNG KAM STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH FUNG HEUNG STREET AND A POINT APPROXIMATELY 25 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE WESTBOUND KERBSIDE LANE OF FUNG HEUNG STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH FUNG KAM STREET AND A POINT APPROXIMATELY 100 METRES FROM THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS ON TAI HA STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 21), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF TAI HA STREET IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY:

- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF THE SECTION OF TAI HA STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI WO HAU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF THE SECTION OF TAI HA STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI WO HAU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

THE EXISTING 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE TWO KERBSIDE LANES OF THE SECTION OF TAI HA STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI WO HAU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CANCELLED.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 21), THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH WO TONG TSUI STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 230 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

THE EXISTING 24-HOUR RESTRICTED AREA ON THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH WO TONG TSUI STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CANCELLED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE SECTION OF LAI KING HILL ROAD FROM A POINT OPPOSITE LAI WAN GARDEN TO A POINT ABOUT 380 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LAI WAN ROAD WILL ALSO BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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